



City of Highland Weekly Report

September 27, 2012

10 Tips for Saving Money and Time for DIY Projects at home

Public Services



REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK - 10 Money and Time Saving Tips for Those DIY Projects at Home. Many of us avoid home improvement projects due to their expense. However, doing the entire project yourself is by far the best way to save. Here are a few tips to help you save money and time along the way:

1. Detail Stainer: Use a cheap spray bottle from a discount store to stain the tight, difficult-to-get-at parts of a lattice. It works great and when you are done just save the bottle for touch ups.

2. Push-Pin Pilot Holes: Some folks have a problem with the thin molding trim splitting when nailing them up. Use a push pin to make a small pilot hole for a nail. It will save you from having to buy more trim.

3. Fabric-Store Tile Trimmer: When redoing a bathroom or kitchen floor use a rotary fabric cutter instead of a utility knife to cut the vinyl tiles. It works like a charm and is easy on the hands.



4. Ballpoint Nozzle Extender: If the tip of a caulk-tube nozzle isn't long enough to

reach into a corner, simply take apart an old pens and attach the lower barrel to the tube's nozzle with electrical tape. The additional 2 to 3 inches of nozzle saves from having to apply the caulk with your fingers.

5. Carpet-Scrap Knee Pads: To protect your knees while refinishing a floor, cut 8-by-8-inch squares out of an old piece of carpeting and stacked two pieces together, plush side down, for each knee. They are soft, slide easily on the wood floor, and picked up extra dust as you scoot around.



6. Splatter Stopper: Whenever mixing a 5-gallon bucket of paint with a drill and paddle attachment, put the paddle's shaft through a hole in a large cardboard square before attaching the shaft to the drill. Then lay the cardboard directly on the container before turning on the drill. No splatters!

7. Tidy Patio Joint Filler: Here's an easy way to fill joints between pavers or patio flagstones: Simply take an empty screw-top wine bottle and punch a hole in the top of the cap near its edge. Fill the bottle with sand, mortar mix, or polymeric sand; screw on the cap; and pour the contents into the joints rather than on the

pavers. There's no waste and no cleanup.

8. Photographic Memory Aid: Whenever are going to take apart something complex that you will need remember how to put back together, take pictures at each step of the disassembly. Then arrange the photos in reverse order to see step-by-step how to reassemble it.



9. New Path from Old Stone: Make a brand-new-looking flagstone pathway to a gazebo just by flipping over the weathered stones that are there and wash them off. The tricky part was fitting the shapes back together, but with a little finessing you will be finished in not time.

10. Hand Protection: Reuse those long, narrow plastic bags that newspapers are delivered in as protective gloves and sleeves when spray painting and pulling weeds. They're really good for uprooting and containing poison ivy and other stuff you shouldn't touch with bare hands; just remove the bags by pulling them inside out.

Stayed tuned next week for 10 more money and time saving tips.

Community Development

Community Trails Committee Members appointed. On August 14, 2012, the City Council declared three (3) seats vacant on the Community Trails Committee (CTC) and directed the City Clerk to advertise the vacancies. On September 25, 2012, the City Council reappointed Mr. Michael Haynes, Mr. Brent Merideth and Mr. Julio Silva . Their terms will end in November, 2014. Staff is looking forward to continue working with Michael, Brent and Julio in their new positions. Congratulations, Gentlemen!!!

Public Nuisance Hearing Board (PNHB) Members appointed. On August 14, 2012, the City Council declared two (2) vacancies on the Public Nuisance Hearing (PNHB) and directed the

City Clerk to advertise the vacancies. On September 25, 2012, the City Council reappointed Mr. Melvin Abeyta and Mr. John Lorei as the new Members and their terms will expire in 2016. Congratulations, Gentlemen!!!

Volunteer Services

September Blood Drive - On Monday, September 24, 2012, the City of Highland in cooperation with LifeStream hosted its 5th blood drive of the year at our new location, the Highland Police Station. Thanks to our many dedicated donors, 38 sign in's were present along with 6 deferrals, providing a total of 32 units of blood.

The demand for blood never stops. Our region needs to collect at least 600 donations a day to ensure that our local hospitals get the lifesaving treatments they need. Giving blood provides community members with the opportunity to contribute a live saving donation.

The success of each blood drive would not be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers, Pearl Crump, Eileen Gutierrez, Ada Scott, Yolanda Werts and Sylvia Yzaguirre and the great staff from LifeStream.



A special thank you to the Highland Police Station for providing the conference rooms, tables and chairs for the blood drive.

Mark Your Calendar! The last community blood drive for this year is set for November 26, 2012 at the Highland Police Station. Come out and show your support by bringing family and friends to make a lifesaving donation. You can help increase blood donations in Highland!

For more information, please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL -

International Walk to School Day is next Wednesday, October 3rd. Cypress Elementary will celebrate by hosting a Walk to School Day beginning at 8:15am. Please, be on the lookout for extra pedestrians on this morning. Remember to yield to pedestrians and most importantly respect and follow the speed limits in school zones. We want our students to have a fun and **SAFE** walk to school..

There is still time to be involved with this event. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.



Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention Division Activity Update. The following statistics were provided by the Fire Prevention Division for the number of Permit Totals and Valuations for the month of August, 2012

Some of the Permits / Inspections include, but are not limited to the following: Fire Suppression, Various Types of Fire Sprinklers, UL 300, Fire Alarms, Various Types of Certificates of Occupancy, and Fire Construction Review.

Fire Prevention Division in Total Fees collected

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| Inspection | \$1,376.00 |
| Plan Check | \$ 946.00 |
| Micro Film | \$ 25.40 |
| Total | \$2,347.40 |

Total Inspections Performed for the month of August: 22

Administration

Scam: Misleading E-mails Target: All Seniors. Scam Artists are attempting to get your personal information through e-mails that appear to be from the Social Security Administration. The e-mails often appear as invitations for you to receive on-going Federal benefits. These e-mails include a link for you to follow that leads to a high-risk site. Replying or clicking on the link may infect your computer. Do not provide any personal or contact information in response to these e-mails. Beware! These e-mails are a scam!

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) recommends: Do not reply to these e-mails. Do not follow or click on any of the links in the e-mail.

Contact the Social Security Administration directly with questions.

You may report these e-mails to the OIG at: 1-800-269-0271 (Toll Free) or at the following 1-866-501-2101 (Toll Free TTY)

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 877-565-2020 or your local police department.

Building and Safety

Building and Safety Division Activity Update. The following statistics were provided by the Building and Safety Division for the number of Permit Totals and Valuations for the month of August, 2012.

Description / No. of Units

Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Reroofs, Patio Covers, Special Inspections, etc. / 72
New Single Family Residences / 1
Other Buildings and Structures / 15

Single Family Additions, Alterations / 17
 Commercial Additions, Alterations / 2
 Demolition / 1

Grand Total Valuation \$788,005.00

Building and Safety Division in Total Fees collected

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|------------------|--------------|
| Plan Check | \$ 23,311.10 |
| Building Permits | \$ 27,375.97 |
| S.M.I.P. | \$ 60.92 |
| Microfilm | \$ 429.29 |
| Green Building | \$ 88.00 |
| Code Enforcement | \$ 2,652.16 |
| Police Fee | \$ 97.10 |
| Lien Release | \$ 160.00 |

Total Inspections Performed for the month of August: 230

| Year 2012 | Number of Permits | Total Fees Collected | Total Inspections | Plan Checks |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Jan | 83 | \$37,386.07 | 141 | 11 |
| Feb | 71 | \$24,480.74 | 288 | 11 |
| March | 106 | \$45,808.87 | 220 | 15 |
| April | 114 | \$36,245.48 | 288 | 5 |
| May | 97 | \$38,966.03 | 322 | 16 |
| June | 86 | \$30,799.93 | 321 | 19 |
| July | 91 | \$37,290.34 | 329 | 20 |
| Aug | 108 | \$54,237.54 | 230 | 19 |

If you want additional information, please contact the Building and Safety Division at (909) 864-8732.

Finance

Commercial Business License Applications - There were no new business licenses for the week of 9/24/12-9/28/12.

Mark Your Calendar



Tuesday, October 2, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, October 4, 2012

4pm - Oversight Board Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

5pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Friday, October 5, 2012

5:30pm - 19th Annual Volunteer Dinner, Jerry Lewis Community Center, Highland

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, October 11, 2012

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, October 13, 2012

9am to 2pm - Open House at Fire Station #3 - 7649 Sterling, Highland

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, October 20, 2012

8am to 12pm - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet @ Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line, Highland

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, October 27, 2012

3pm to 7pm - Discover Highland Night, Lowe's Home Improvement Center located at 27847 Greenspot Road, Highland,

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 -

Election Day

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, November 8, 2012

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, November 12, 2012

Veterans Day Holiday Observed - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 20, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday - Friday, November 22-23, 2012

Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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