

# City of Highland Weekly Report



September 30, 2016

## Volunteer Services

### BIKE SAFETY

All student aged children are invited to join us on Friday, October 7, 2016 to participate in a free Bicycle Safety Course from 4pm to 5pm at the Highland YMCA, 7793 Central Avenue. Bring your bike, tricycle or scooter to ride the course.

Learn rules of the road along with bike safety tips, and pedestrian safety information. Helmets must be worn on the course. Helmets will be available to borrow if you do not have one. We don't want to leave anyone out and hope that you will come down for a fun time.

Please contact Volunteer Services for more information at 909-864-6861 ext. 203.



*This special event is sponsored by the City of Highland, Highland Police Department and the Highland YMCA.*

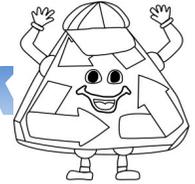


### OPEN HOUSE AT FIRE STATION #3

Fire Station #3 is hosting its annual Open House this Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9am to 2pm. This is always a fun filled day, both for the kids and adults. Come down and meet your local firefighters, tour the facility and sit in a real fire truck. There will also be important information available to residents regarding fire prevention, games and refreshments. Fire Station #3 is located at 7649 Sterling Avenue in Highland. Hope to see you there!

Questions or information, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 or Fire Station #3 at 909-884-4100.

# Repete's Wisdom of the Week



## ECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPING

Landscaping adds curb appeal and can boost a home's value but it also takes its toll on the environment.

On a global level, magazine-worthy landscaping efforts require seven billion gallons of water per day and three million tons of fertilizer annually, not to mention the [herbicides](#) to control weeds and pesticides to keep roses, peonies, hostas, and other landscape plants from being assaulted by bugs. But this level of water and fertilizer consumption is not sustainable.

You could instead let the lawn turn brown, skip colorful flowers, and let the weeds take over. Or you could implement some green landscape techniques to keep the lawn and garden healthy and beautiful with minimal environmental impact.

**GET RID OF GRASS** — A patch of lawn is great for tossing a ball, hosting a picnic, or giving pets a place to roam. More grass requires more irrigation, fertilizer, and gas-guzzling, emission-spewing lawn equipment to maintain. Using satellite images, NASA [estimates](#) that, to keep lawns well-watered, each U.S. household would suck up 200 gallons of fresh water per day! Replacing turf with natural areas planted with trees and drought-tolerant native plants reduces the need for irrigation and fertilizer.

To maintain the grass that remains, set the mower to a higher setting (the shorter the grass is, the more the roots struggle to retain moisture) and leave the clippings on the lawn. Allowing clippings to decompose after the grass is mowed helps store up to 37 billion pounds of carbon – the weight of 147,000 blue whales – each year. Storing carbon, called carbon sequestration, helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**GO NATIVE** — Choosing native plants, or plants indigenous to a region and adapted to its growing conditions, has a number of benefits. In addition to being naturally drought tolerant, native plants improve soil fertility and reduce erosion, provide food and shelter for wildlife, and offer improved pest resistance.

Just because native plants are indigenous to a specific region doesn't mean that the options are limited. It's possible to design a garden in styles ranging from a woodland garden to a desert landscape using native plants. Curious about which plants are native to your landscape? Websites like Calscape, Find-NativePlants.com and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center offer online databases listing native plants by geographic region.



Even though native plants are adapted to a specific growing environment, it's still important to pay attention to sunlight, soil quality, and drainage when choosing plants. If you can't find native plants at your retail nurseries or big box stores, don't get discouraged. Specialty nurseries often carry excellent selections of native plants. For more information, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Carlos Florez at 909-864-8732 ext. 271. Information courtesy of [www.fix.com](http://www.fix.com)

# Public Works



During the period of September 12, 2016 through September 22, 2016, graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:

**Routine observation by Public Works:** West side of Church Avenue south of Pacific, North side of Base Line at Caldwell Banker, North side of Base Line west of Central, Northside of Baseline west of Knobhill, Seeley Court and Base Line, North side of Base Line west of Osbun, East side of Elmwood north of Base Line, Pacific east of Victoria 25308 Base Line, Base Line and Cunningham, Olive and Base Line, West side of Del Rosa Drive, North of 4<sup>th</sup>, North side of Flood Control, 8023 Del Rosa Drive, 5<sup>th</sup> and Shirley, Southside of Pacific east of Orange, Victoria south of Base Line, 7335 Base Line, West side of Del Rosa Avenue along Flood Control Channel south of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Marylyn and 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Del Rosa, Eastside of Del Rosa Drive, Elm and Base Line, Del Rosa Drive and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 7576 Sterling, 26341 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Northside of Base Line and Guthrie, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tippecanoe northbound Marilyn, Tippecanoe and 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Eastbound 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Sterling and 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Northside Base Line and Golondrina, Eastside of Del Rosa Drive eastside of Channel northbound, City of Highland side of Channel, West end of Paloma at Channel, McKinley and 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Eastside of Central, 7201 Central, 14<sup>th</sup> and Victoria, 25091 Base Line, McKinley and Base Line Northside, Del Rosa Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Fleming and Bonnie.

**Hotline:** East side of Church Avenue north of Base Line, North bound Boulder north of Atlantic, Northwest corner of Boulder at Base Line, Messina and Seine, Corporation Yard, Seeley Court and Base Line, Seeley Court and Base Line, East side of Orange and 219 O.P. West side.

**Staff:** South side of Base Line west of Yarnell.

## Business License

### Commercial Business License Applications

There were no new Commercial Business Licenses for the Week Of  
9/26/16 to 9/30/16

# ADMINISTRATION

## *September is National Preparedness Month!*

**Emergency Preparedness - Earthquakes.** One of the most frightening and destructive phenomena of nature is a severe earthquake and its terrible after effects. An earthquake is the sudden, rapid shaking of the earth, caused by the breaking and shifting of subterranean rock as it releases strain that has accumulated over a long time.

For hundreds of millions of years, the forces of plate tectonics have shaped the earth, as the huge plates that form the earth's surface slowly move over, under and past each other. Sometimes, the movement is gradual. At other times, the plates are locked together, unable to release accumulated energy. When the accumulated energy grows strong enough, the plates break free. If the earthquake occurs in a populated area, it may cause many deaths and injuries and extensive property damage.

The 2011 East Coast earthquake illustrated the fact that it is impossible to predict when or where an earthquake will occur, so it is important that you and your family are prepared ahead of time.

The following are things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your property in the event of an earthquake.

- To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit and make a family communication plan
- Fasten shelves securely to walls.
- Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves.
- Store breakable items such as bottled foods, glass, and china in low, closed cabinets with latches.
- Fasten heavy items such as pictures and mirrors securely to walls and away from beds, couches and anywhere people sit.
- Brace overhead light fixtures and top heavy objects.
- Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections. These are potential fire risks. Get appropriate professional help. Do not work with gas or electrical lines yourself.
- Install flexible pipe fittings to avoid gas or water leaks. Flexible fittings are more resistant to breakage.
- Secure your water heater, refrigerator, furnace and gas appliances by strapping them to the wall studs and bolting to the floor. If recommended by your gas company, have an automatic gas shut-off valve installed that is triggered by strong vibrations.
- Repair any deep cracks in ceilings or foundations. Get expert advice if there are signs of structural defects.
- Be sure the residence is firmly anchored to its foundation.
- Store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products securely in closed cabinets with latches and on bottom shelves.
- Locate safe spots in each room under a sturdy table or against an inside wall. Reinforce this information by moving to these places during each drill.
- Hold earthquake drills with your family members: Drop, cover and hold on.

For more information about disaster preparedness, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

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# alendar of Events

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## **Saturday, October 1, 2016**

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

## **October 4, 2016**

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **October 6, 2016**

5pm - Historic Board, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **Friday, October 7, 2016**

4pm to 5pm—FREE Bicycle Safety Course,  
Highland YMCA – 7793 Central Avenue

## **October 8, 2016**

9am to 2pm—Used Oil Filter Exchange &  
Recycling Day, AutoZone – 27292 Base Line

## **October 11, 2016**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **October 13, 2016**

5pm - Community Trails Committee, Donahue  
Council Chambers

## **October 18**

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **October 19, 2016**

5pm - Historic Board, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **October 25, 2016**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **November 1, 2016**

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **November 2, 2016**

4pm - Public Nuisance Hearing Board, Donahue  
Council Chambers

## **November 8, 2016**

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **November 10, 2016**

5pm - Community Trails Committee,  
Donahue Council Chambers

## **November 15, 2016**

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **December 1, 2016**

5pm - Historic Board, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **December 6, 2016**

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## **December 8, 2016**

5pm - Community Trails Committee, Donahue  
Council Chambers

## **December 20, 2016**

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council  
Chambers

