



City of Highland Weekly Report

October 11, 2012

Fire Station #3 Hosts Open House Saturday, October 13th

Volunteer Services

FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE

Fire Station #3 is hosting its Annual Open House this Saturday, October 13th 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 Fire Station #3 at 909-884-4100.



HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Please join us at the next Highland Improvement Team cleanup on Saturday, October 20, 2012. Once again, Highland Improvement Team members will participate in a community cleanup. Community cleanups will concentrate on areas in the City that require weed abatement, litter pickup and graffiti removal. Interested volunteers can sign-up the morning of the cleanup from 7:30am to 8:00am at Highland City Hall, 27215 Baseline. The cleanup will take place from 8:00am to noon. The City provides all

equipment and supplies needed for the project. Please remember, volunteers must provide their own transportation to and from the cleanup and anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

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

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

In honor of International Walk to School Day, Cypress Elementary held its first Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 3rd. Once again, many students and parents participated on this special day. Cypress began their Safe Routes to School program last school year. They currently have an active Safe Routes to School committee, which consists of both parents and school staff. Everyone was excited to hear that Monica Gutierrez is the new parent chair for the committee this year. In addition to actively volunteering in the Cypress Safe Routes to School program, she has been walking groups of students to school for quite sometime prior to the program starting last year.



Please be on the lookout for extra pedestrians in the morning as students are walking to school. Remember to yield to pedestrians and most importantly respect and follow the speed limits in school zones. We want our students to be **SAFE** on their walk to school.

Anyone interested in more information about the Safe Routes to School program or volunteering can contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK

10 More 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. Grass Saver: Put a window screen over a spot in your lawn that you're reseeding and you won't have to worry about birds eating the seeds.

2. Vacuum Out Clogs: To remove a clog in a bathtub. Stick the nozzle of a wet-dry vac into a roll of electrical tape to get a tight seal against the tub's drain, and covered the tub's overflow hole with a flexible rubber pad. Then turn on the vacuum and, voilà: the clog was sucked out of the pipe, saving the floor, ceiling or wall—and your bank account.

3. Preventing Stuck Bulbs: Screw-in bulbs in outdoor fixtures can corrode and become stuck in their sockets, and will often break when you try to twist them out. Rub Vaseline on the bulbs' threads before screwing them in. You will never have a problem replacing the bulb when the time comes.

4. Knot Loosener: The next time you have an impossible-to-loosen knot, try giving it a squirt or two of spray lubricant, the kind meant for rusty nuts and bolts. Knots in nylon and other synthetic rope come loose as if by magic.

5. Brush Conditioner: To keep a synthetic-bristle brushes in good shape after cleaning, rub them with hair conditioner stored in a handy hotel-size bottle. And always rinse them out before using them again.

6. Pastry Bag for Epoxy: When you need to put two-part epoxy precisely in cracks or holes, squirt both parts into the corner of a sandwich bag, twist it up like a cake-frosting bag, then roll it around between my fingers to mix it up. Once both parts are blended, clip a tiny hole in the bag's corner and squeeze the epoxy out.

7. Rebar sinker: Next time you want to sink rebar into the ground, don't pound on it with a hammer. Instead, chuck the rod into a drill and drive it in like a screw. (It helps if you soften the ground first by pouring a little water on it.) The rebar spins in easily and doesn't get bent or beat up from hammering. And if it hits an obstruction, such as a sewer pipe, you'll feel it before you break anything.

8. Hang the hose: Rather than lay our garden hoses flat on the garage floor, take a heavy-duty 101/2-inch plastic pot and screwed its base to a stud with a washer and lag bolt. Then coil the hose around it. The pot's tapered shape keeps the hose neatly in place.

9. Trap wasp nests: Rather than try to knock off wasp nests under the eaves while standing on a ladder, take a long plastic downspout, attach a plastic bag to one end with a rubber band, and squirt a shot of flying insect spray into the other end. Then place that end over the nest and scoot the pipe sideways to dislodge it. The nest and any wasps fall down the pipe and into the bag for disposal.

10. Swab wall holes: Before you spackle nail holes, cut a cotton swab in half and push it into the hole, stick end first. For larger holes, fold the swab in half and use it all. Then trim the excess and spackle. You won't need to go back for a second pass.

Re-Pete hopes that you will find these time and money saving tips helpful in future projects!

Engineering

Project Up-Date; Gas Main Replacement in Highland Ave.

The Gas Company's contractor has completed the installation of the new Gas main pipe in Highland Ave., between Summertrail Place and Orchard Road, and they are due to complete the process of removing the recalled pipe and base paving the trench, by early next week. Then they will begin the street resurfacing procedure. It is estimated that all of the work for this project is to be completed by the end of October, 2012.

Residents and commuters are reminded that this portion of Highland Avenue will be closed to thru traffic during the construction hours of 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday thru Friday until construction is complete by the end of October. Traffic is detoured to Boulder Ave. and Church Street. Road closures within the limits of the work are necessary because Highland Avenue is a narrow two-lane road. Highland Avenue is open to traffic everyday before 8:15 a.m. and after 4:15 p.m., and all day the on weekends. The City wishes to thank Highland residents and commuters in advance for their patience and cooperation during the temporary closure of Highland Avenue.

Autumn Chase Drive Slope Drainage/Hydroseed Project

Work is almost complete for the Autumn Chase Slope Drainage/Hydroseed project, which began September 10, 2012. The construction of the concrete drainage channel has been completed

and the hydroseeding of the cleared slopes east of Autumn Chase Drive began this week. All that remains is the completion of the concrete drainage, outlet box and reconstruction of a portion of the block wall on the south side of Base Line. Work for this project is scheduled to be completed by October 19, 2012. The purpose of this project is to reduce damage to private property and homes from mud and debris flows generated by a proximate large slope during periods of heavy rainfall. This is to be accomplished by the construction of concrete interceptor ditches and down drains along the slopes which will empty onto Base Line, and application of hydroseeding.

Finance

New commercial business license applications for the week of October 8-12

- Manuel's Automotive Repair Center- 7354 Stoney Creek Dr. Unit C
- Super Dollar Mart- 26498 Base Line
- East Valley Nephrology- 7223 Church Street Suite A-20

Mark Your Calendar



Thursday, October 11, 2012

4pm - Oversight Board Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

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

Thursday, October 24, 2012

4pm - Oversight Board 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,

Thursday, October 31, 2012

4pm - Oversight Board Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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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