



City of Highland Weekly Report

October 18, 2013

SANBAG has New Residential Program To help make energy upgrades affordable

Planning

SANBAG is offering a new program titled "HERO." HERO is a government financing program that helps homeowners and their local communities by making energy efficient home upgrades affordable. Typical projects that would be covered include solar photovoltaic systems, air conditioning and heating, water heaters, cool roof systems, windows, skylights and doors; air sealing and weatherization, insulation, pool equipment, indoor energy efficient light fixtures, and water efficiency measures. Here are the financing details:



1. It provides financing that is not based on a credit score.
2. The financing is through the property tax, interest is tax deductible and transferable if you sell your home (in most cases).
3. For solar, they fund many pre-paid leases and Power Purchase Agreement.
4. It takes less than 2 minutes to see if your property is eligible.

For more information contact HERO at heroprogram.com or you can please E-mail: info@heroprogram.com, or call 855-HERO-411.

Volunteer Services

Highland Improvement Team...
October HIT Cancelled... The HIT Cleanup scheduled for this Saturday, October 19, 2013 is cancelled. Cleanups will resume next month. The next scheduled HIT Cleanup is Saturday, November 16, 2013 from 8am to noon.

Residential Cleanups Wanted... The Highland Improvement Team needs your help. We are searching for Highland homeowners who need help with yard cleanup and minor landscaping. There are no income eligibility requirements and absolutely no charge to the homeowner. A fabulous team of volunteers completes all work and repair during HIT projects/cleanups.

Here are the few qualifications:

- Must be 55 years and older or disabled
- Must own and reside in your home

The Highland Improvement Team schedules one cleanup per month. Each cleanup requires

enough work to fill the allotted four-hour period, usually from 8:00am to Noon.

For more information and/or to sign up please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

OPEN HOUSE - Fire Station #3 invites you to attend their annual Open House this Saturday, October 18th from 9am to 2pm. This is always a fun filled day for both kids and adults.



- Visit the Fire Station
- Meet your local Firefighters
- Tour the Facility and Fire Engines
- Free Blood Pressure Checks
- Fire Prevention Information
- Refreshments

There will also important information available to residents regarding fire prevention as well as free blood pressure checks, games and refreshments. Fire Station #3 is located at 7649 Sterling, Highland. Hope to see you there!

Questions or information, please contact Fire Station #3 at 909-884-4100.

VOLUNTEER - Volunteer Services will be at booth #14 at Discover Highland Night on Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 3pm to 7pm. Discover Highland Night will be in the LOWE's Shopping Center located at 27847 Greenspot Road, Highland, CA 92346. Stop by and find out more information about our Community Blood Drives, Highland Improvement Team Cleanups and how you can become a Highland Volunteer!

Administration

Emergency Preparedness - Caring for Animals. If you are like millions of animal owners nationwide, your pet is an important

member of your household. Unfortunately, animals are also affected by disaster.

The likelihood that you and your animals will survive an emergency such as a fire or flood, tornado or terrorist attack depends largely on emergency planning done today. Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling an animal emergency supply kit and developing a pet care buddy system, are the same for any emergency. Whether you decide to stay put in an emergency or evacuate to a safer location, you will need to make plans in advance for your pets. Keep in mind that what's best for you is typically what's best for your animals.

If you evacuate your home, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND!** Pets most likely cannot survive on their own and if by some remote chance they do, you may not be able to find them when you return.

If you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets; consider loved ones or friends outside of your immediate area who would be willing to host you and your pets in an emergency.

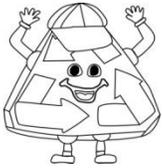
Make a back-up emergency plan in case you can't care for your animals yourself. Develop a buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets if you are unable to do so. Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days, maybe longer. Don't forget to include pet supplies when planning your disaster supply kit and figuring out your water needs.

For more information regarding pets during a disaster, please visit the following website

http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/tips/pets-disaster.html and for more information regarding disaster preparedness in general, please visit <http://www.ready.gov>

Public Services

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Please visit the City of Highland Public Services Division Booth during Discover Highland Night on Saturday, October 26, 2013, between 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.



A representative will be on hand from the San Bernardino County Fire Department's Household Hazardous Waste program to answer your household hazardous waste questions and concerns. This will be a great opportunity to ask City staff any questions you may have regarding solid waste services, recycling, street sweeping and stormwater pollution prevention.

For those of you Do-It-Yourself mechanics, we will be giving away FREE used oil drain pans, filter buckets and creepers. For those of you who have home generated sharps, we will have FREE approved sharps container and information on proper disposal. Feel free to stop by and see us.

For more information please contact the Public Services Division at 909-864-8732 ext. 271.

Five of the Trashiest Documentaries - Next time you're at a loss for what to watch, get in touch with your low-waste side and stream one of these five films about waste-fighting efforts big and small.

No Impact Man - From the opening frame of *No Impact Man*, it's obvious that Colin Beavan will stop at nothing to live a life in line with his environmental values. Not the reasoned pleas of his wife. Not the pointed criticism of the broadcast and online media. Not the flies in the house, so, so very many flies.

Beavan and his wife and toddler daughter commit to banishing any and all activities that impact the environment in their lives and New York City home. That means eating locally sourced, seasonal meals; no packaged food; no automobiles or planes; no electricity; and, much to the chagrin and mockery of commenters on Beavan's running blog account of the whole experiment, no toilet paper.

The movie is a funny, brutally honest inside look at a fairly far-fetched experiment in low-waste living. Some real lessons are learned by the Beavans and viewers alike.

Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home. If Beavan and family dive headfirst into a low-waste lifestyle in *No Impact Man*, the five members of the McDonald clan at the center of *Garbage! The Revolution Starts at Home* dip their toes and scowl at the notion.

The Canadian family was handpicked by director Andrew Nisker for a three-month experiment: collect every bit of trash, recycling and organic waste and hope to learn something. By the end of it, it's not clear whether the McDonalds learned or changed much of anything — dad Glen McDonald's sarcastic scowl while loading 83 bags of garbage and recycling into a hauler's truck says it all — but some of the side stories about ocean and air pollution are interesting, if not eye-opening.

Plastic Planet - Thirty-two million tons of plastic waste was produced in the U.S. in 2011, according to the EPA, but only 8 percent of the total plastic waste generated was recovered for recycling. Shocking, yes.

But if you want to get a little dirtier and a lot scarier, watch Werner Boote's in-depth documentary *Plastic Planet*. The movie details the world's love affair with the material, the massive scope of how it's used and reused and,

in its most disturbing and controversial sequences, how plastic affects human health and the environment.

TED Talks: Environment: Project Makeover - There are TED Talks about the environment. Not a hard sell, folks. Watch them all, but we recommend starting with Eben Bayer's "Are Mushrooms the New Plastic?" We can't get enough of that mushroom packaging.

Carbon Nation - The slant of *Carbon Nation* is as clear as it is unique: Whether or not you believe in climate change, you probably have a stake in alternative forms of energy.

That's the contention of a slew of businesspeople, thought leaders, politicians and everyday folks who argue that, no matter where you stand on the hot-button issue, there are important matters of human health, natural beauty and, most compelling and underrepresented, finances tied directly to initiatives designed to curb climate change.

Visit the website for more information <http://earth911.com/art-entertainment/five-of-the-trashiest-documentaries-streaming-on-netflix/5> to see the video trailers for the 5 documentaries listed above.

Engineering

Completion of Base Line Town Center Beautification Project! Construction was in full swing this week. The contractor completed installation of the decorative pavers at Base Line and Palm and up-lighting on the medians. Construction of river rock on the medians and installation of trees on the parkway is also underway. The contractor will complete the remaining items of work next week. Thank you for your patience and cooperation with this project!

Boulder Avenue Bridge Construction. Boulder Avenue has been paved with rubber

asphalt concrete. Next week, the project will be substantially complete as the contractor will install striping and signing. They will also construct concrete driveways. Only minor items of work remain, which are anticipated to be completed by mid-November of 2013.

Community Development

Community Trails Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman elected. At the October 10, 2013, Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, the Committee went through the election process and selected a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Board elected Brent Merideth as Chairman and Margaret Wright as Vice Chairwoman. This is Brent's first term as Chairman and Margaret's fourth term since 2002, as Vice Chairwoman, respectively. Staff is continuing to look forward to working with Margaret and Brent in their new positions. Congratulations!!!

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 September, 2013.

Code / Description / No. of Units

OS - Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, reroofs, Patio Covers, Special Inspections, etc. / 60
325 - Public Works & Utilities Bldgs. / 1
329 - Structures Other than Buildings, Pools, Walls, Fences / 13
434 - Single Family Additions, Alterations / 11
437 - Commercial Additions / Alterations / 1
649 - Demolition of All Other Buildings, Structures / 4
Grand Total Valuation: \$999,630.00

Building and Safety Division in Total Fees collected

Plan Check	\$10,853.28
Building Permits	\$25,260.11
S.M.I.P.	\$ 82.25
Archiving	\$ 790.30
Green Building	\$ 82.00
Code Enforcement	\$ 7,312.95
Police Fee	\$ 2,099.79
Lien Release	<u>\$ 258.00</u>
Total Fees Collected	\$46,738.68

Total Inspections Performed for the month of September: 318

Year 2013	Number of permits	Total fees collected	Total inspections	Plan Checks
Jan	88	\$35,226.10	394	25
Feb	106	\$38,995.07	411	20
March	90	\$35,461.36	331	16
April	85	\$36,828.68	441	26
May	97	\$32,774.87	335	25
June	79	\$31,932.00	317	26
July	103	\$53,997.31	392	27
Aug	84	\$37,365.48	325	39
Sept	90	\$46,738.68	318	34

Finance

Commercial Business License

Applications - There were two new commercial business licenses for the week of 10/14 to 10/18/13. We R Pizza, Inc. located at 27208 Base Line, Highland and Forever Green located at 25955 9th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410

Public Works

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Total Man-hours	900.5
Compensated Man-hours	816.5
Un-compensated Man-hours	84
Man-hours per Activity	
General Clean-up	60.5
Parkway Maintenance	21.5
Potholes	68.5

Sidewalk	0.75
Storm Drains	51.25
Signs/Traffic Control	19
Trees Trimmed	7.25
Vehicle/Tool Maintenance	38
Building/Grounds Maintenance	186
Landscape Maintenance District	26.75
Park Maintenance	127.3
Trail Maintenance	22
Special Maintenance	11.25
Crack Sealing	0
Graffiti	136.5
USA Markings	18
Weed Spraying	12.5
Staff Meetings	83.8
Safety Training	0.75
Personal Time Off	0

SPECIAL: Service Requests; put-up banner over Base Line; moved file boxes from City Hall to Sheriff's Station.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 19, 2013

Canceled Highland Improvement Team Clean Up 9am to 2pm - Open House at Fire Station #3 - 7649 Sterling, Highland

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

4:45pm - Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room
 5:15pm - Special Joint Meeting of the Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the RDA
 6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, October 26, 2013

3pm to 7pm - Discover Highland Night, Highland Crossing Shopping Center in front of Lowe's Home Improvement Center

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Election Day - Go out and vote!
 6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, November 14, 2013

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday / Friday, November 28-29, 2013

Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, December 5, 2013

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

Thursday, December 12, 2013

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

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

Christmas Holiday - City Offices are closed

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

New Year's Day Holiday - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, January 9, 2014

Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting is cancelled

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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