



City of Highland Weekly Report

October 25, 2012

Discover Highland Night at Lowe's Saturday, October 27th

Library News



Discover Highland Night - Join the Highland Environmental Education Coalition and the Highland Environmental Learning Center on October 27, 2012 from 3pm to 7pm at Discover Highland Night. Located in the Lowe's Shopping Center: 27847 Greenspot Road Highland, CA. Stop by and get your pumpkin growing kit and observation guide. Don't forget to grab a newsletter with upcoming programs and events. Take a few minutes to learning about our organization and donation opportunities. We look forward to seeing you Saturday!

Family Science Explores Earthquakes - Saturday, October 27, 2012 at 10:30am, **Family Science Exploration: Earthquake Science** will shake things up with videos, models, and science experiments to learn why quakes happen and how people can be prepared and stay safe during the next earthquake. Family Science Exploration will occur in the Science Lab, children must be accompanied by an adult to participate.

The Highland Sam J Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center is located at 7863 Central Ave. Highland, CA 92346.

For more information about the Family Science Exploration, please call the Highland Sam J Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center at 909-425-4700.

Adult Crafters Learn to Make Creative Gifts for the Holidays! Ever need a last minute gift for a co-worker or family member for the holidays and wish you could whip up something inexpensive yet classy? Then we have just the solution for you! Join the Highland Environmental Education Coalition (HEEC) on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 10am in the Community Room as we present Creative Craft for Adults, "Upcycled Holiday Gifts." Join us as we demonstrate how to make several simple holiday gifts from common household items such as oatmeal milk bath sachets made with coffee filters and a picture frame & travel game made with a DVD case. Then you will get to make one item of the demonstrators choosing to take home.

This craft program is **FREE** to participate and all necessary supplies will be provided. Patrons are

encouraged to bring and any embellishments they like.

For more information please call (909) 425-4706 or email us at heecinfo@yahoo.com.



Highland Library & ELC Presents a Creepy Crawly Halloween. It is the time of year for Creepy Crawlies and the Highland Sam J Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center invites you to meet their newest critters! Join us for a special Halloween Animal Ambassadors on Friday, October 26 at 3:30pm for the Creepy Crawly Halloween Challenge. See if you and your friends have what it takes to complete a series of tasks and conquer your fears of the creepy crawlies... it may mean getting up close and personal with some of the ELC's rescued critters! Be sure to check out the newest members of the ELC animal family in the insect exhibit while you wait. So claw your way over to the Discovery Zone and step up to the Creepy Crawly Halloween Challenge to claim your victory.

The Highland Sam J Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center is located at 7863 Central Ave. in Highland, CA. This program is free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate.

For more information about the Highland Environmental Learning Center Creepy Crawly Halloween Challenge, please call the Highland Sam J Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center at 909-425-4700.

Volunteer Services

VOLUNTEER SERVICES - Find out how You Can VOLUNTEER! Visit Volunteer Services at Discover Highland Night this Saturday. Discover Highland Night takes place on Saturday, October



27, 2012 at Lowe's Home Improvement Center - 27847 Greenspot Rd, Highland. You can find us at Booth #5 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. See you there!

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM.

Saturday, October 20, 2012, Volunteers with the Highland Improvement Team participated in a community cleanup in honor of Make a Difference Day. HIT cleanups are always on the third Saturday of each month. The cleanup in October is always dedicated to Make a Difference Day, officially Saturday, October 27th.

HIT volunteers have decided to focus on community cleanups and beautifying their neighborhoods. This past Saturday, HIT members cleaned out a flood channel located on the west side of Palm Avenue, North of Baseline and South of Main Street. They were able to clear the entire channel, filling 40+ trash bags with weeds and litter. Volunteers thought it was a perfect cleanup to get ready for the rainy season.

Please join us at the next Highland Improvement Team cleanup on Saturday, November 17, 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 the age of 18 years old 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. Exciting News! Two schools on the City's east end have upcoming Safe Routes to School events planned for the next week.



Friday, October 26, 2012: Arroyo Verde will kick-off the SRTS Program to coincide with their Red Ribbon Week Recognition Ceremony and their monthly "College Pep Rally." They will also be honoring fire, police, and government officials that morning at the Pep Rally. They will have their first "Walk to School" in the morning directly before school starts and the start of the rally. Students and Parents will meet at Apple Tree Learning Center beginning at 7:30 and begin the walk to school at 7:40am. Our Highland Fire Department will be at Apple Tree to encourage the walkers.

Monday, October 29, 2012 and Tuesday, October 30, 2012: Cram Elementary School will have "Safe Moves City and Bicycle Workshops" for their students throughout both days. These hands-on workshops teach pedestrian and bicycle skills and safety. The 4th and 5th grade students will ride bicycles through the course to learn bicycle skills and rules needed when riding a bike on the street. These skills will be helpful when students bike on the new bicycle lanes, soon to be constructed on the east end of Highland. The bicycle lane improvements are a part of a Safe Routes to School grant the City has received.

FRIENDLY REMINDER - Please be on the lookout for extra pedestrians in the morning as students are waking 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 - Water Conservation Tip of the Month: Container Gardening with Water Wise Plants. With cooler temperatures on the way, why not try container gardening this season? Here are some great suggestions about how to select a plant, choose a pot, get the best soil, and water your plants appropriately.



Selecting the Plants. The plant you choose is an important part of how you conserve water. Here are some suggestions for plants you might enjoy that will add interest to your garden, as well as save water.

- Consider cacti, agaves, and a great selection of other succulents such as aloes, which will provide spikes of winter blooms that attract hummingbirds.
- Small, colorful shrubs are good performers. Look for verbena, oxalis, sedum, zinnia, pansy and many more.
- Herbs also do well in containers and provide the benefit of fragrance or spicing up your cooking. Some sturdy winter plants include trailing rosemary, lavender, oregano, thyme, and lemon grass. Many will cascade nicely over hanging baskets.
- Do not hesitate to combine plants together in pots. Just don't mix cacti and succulents with plants that will need more water.

Choose the Right Pot. The right pot is important for the look and health of your new plant. Here are some tips on choosing the right pot for your new addition.

- Clay pots are the most popular, but they don't always hold up well to moisture. To preserve them, line the inside with plastic before putting

in soil and plants. Punch a hole through the plastic in the bottom of the pot to allow water to drain. Inserting a plastic pot inside a clay planter is also an option.

- Pots made of lightweight Styrofoam-type materials make it easier to move plants to a protected location on colder nights. They also allow you to move your plants in and out of the shade as the seasons change.
- Plants don't like to be crowded so buy the bigger pot. Plant roots will stay cooler during warmer months and will also dry out less quickly.
- Whichever pot you choose, allow for drainage. Make sure there are holes in the bottom of the pot, place screens over the holes so you're draining water but not soil, and place pots on pot feet, bricks, or iron stands rather than saucers.

Maximize Your Soil. A good quality soil mix is probably the most important ingredient to successful container gardening. Choose a cactus/succulent mix for those varieties. For everything else use a lightweight packaged potting soil or a blend of one-third potting soil, one-third vermiculite and one-third pre-moistened peat moss. Use a timed-release fertilizer. Typically, a three- or four-month release fertilizer is sufficient for container gardening.

Water Appropriately. Container plants have restricted root systems and less soil compared to plants established in the ground, so they typically need more frequent watering than your landscape plants. Be sure to water thoroughly each time, and then allow the soil to dry moderately in between. Keep in mind that weather and plant growth over time will change water needs.



Stay tuned for next months water conservation tip.

If you have any questions on what you can do to conserve water and prevent storm water

pollution, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

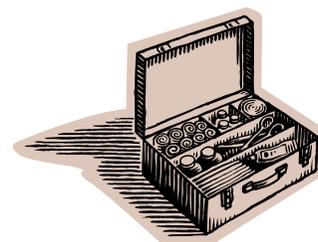
Administration

What is Emergency Preparedness?

Emergency preparedness means taking action to be ready for emergencies before they happen. The concept of emergency preparedness encompasses actions aimed at enhancing safety and stability when an emergency occurs, such as an earthquake, hazardous material spill, or wildfire. Think of it as insurance. A person may have car insurance, homeowners insurance and health insurance. While these are not items that are used every day, they are there for a reason; to provide a safety net and make life easier in the times that they are needed. Emergency preparation is just another form of insurance.

During a disaster or emergency, many systems you rely on may not function as well as they usually do. Familiar landmarks, bridges and roads may be altered or closed. Utilities like electricity, water, gas and phone service may be disrupted. In a situation like this, it will be easy for no one.

However, those that have a stocked emergency kit and a well thought out plan ahead of time will have an easier time dealing with the situation compared to those that have taken no time to prepare at all. The time to get prepared is NOW. Remember, a disaster or emergency can happen at any time. Next week we will cover basic supplies that everyone should have on hand. In the meantime, check out www.ready.gov for more information on getting prepared today.



Finance

Commercial Business License Applications - There was one new commercial business license for the week of 10/22/12 to 10/26/12. AT Thrift Store, 25494 E. Base Line

Public Works

Graffiti Report: During the period of 10/1/12 - 10/17/12, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed:



Reported to Hotline: Flamingo/Bonnie, 7790 Palm, Hillview alley, 7793 Central, 7001 Roddick Dr.;
Reported by Staff: Community Park;
Routine Observation by Public Works: 7402 Palm, west side of Palm w/o 11th St.,

Clifton/Orange, Central s/o 13th, Victoria s/o SR210, Pacific/Victoria, Jolly Boys Liquor Store on Sterling, Sterling/Fisher, Del Rosa Ave./Base Line, 26869 9th St., 26789- 26843-27024-26940 Base Line, Central/14th, Central/Fisher, Messina/Cole, Knights Inn on Highland Ave., Jane St. to Byron, Base Line/Vine, 26118 9th, Sterling n/o 6th, Del Rosa Dr./5th, 5th St. at Flood Control, Shirley/5th, Tippecanoe, 9th e/o Tippecanoe, Palm s/o Norwood, Norwood e/o Palm, at LMD #37, Base Line w/o Central, Goodman Ct./Victoria, 27409 5th, 7933-7790 Palm, Base Line Burgers, Palm s/o 9th, YMCA, Cypress/Central, 13th/Central, 7632-7510 Central, Central/9th, 26772-26762-26732-26678-26651 Cypress, Central/13th, Church/5th, Cypress/Cole, 27001-27011 Cypress, Lillian/Cypress, Sterling between Jane & 13th; 9th e/o Elmwood to Golondrina, Del Rosa Ave./9th, Rogers/9th, 25840-25614 9th, Central/6th, Central @ Cypress to 13th, 26765 Pacific, Cunningham/7th, USA Checks on Base Line, Orange n/o Fisher, 7464 Victoria, 26408-26356 9th, 9th St. "westbound", Pacific/Miller, Pacific w/o Olive, Cal Disposal on 6th St., 8023 Del Rosa Dr., gazebos and backstops at Community Park, liquor store at Cole/Base Line, Buchanan/Byron.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 27, 2012

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

Monday, October 29, 2012

4pm to 5pm - Blood Drive Committee Meeting
Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line

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

Saturday, November 17, 2012

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

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

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

4pm - Public Nuisance Hearing Board Special
Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, December 6, 2012

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

Thursday, December 13, 2012

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

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, December 25, 2012

Christmas Holiday - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, January 1, 2013

New Year's Day Holiday - City Offices are
closed



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