



City of Highland Weekly Report

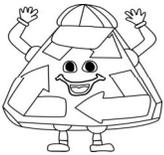
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Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK

-What are Nurdles? Nurdles are the raw material for almost every plastic product on Earth, from the keys on your keyboard to the juice jug in your fridge. They are sometimes known as pre-production plastic pellets, referencing the fact that they are a raw material, or "plastic resin pellets." As these alternate names imply, nurdles are tiny pellets of plastic which can be melted down and formed into new shapes.



Did you know... Approximately 60 billion pounds of nurdles are manufactured annually in the United States alone. One pound of palletized HPDE contains approximately 25,000 nurdles.

Nurdles are one of the single most contributors to marine debris. During a three month study of Orange County beaches researchers found them to be the most common beach contaminant. Nurdles comprised roughly 98% of the beach debris collected in a 2001 Orange County study.

Waterborne nurdles, also known as mermaid tears, may either be a raw material of plastic production, or from larger chunks of plastic that have been ground down. A major source of plastic may be the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a growing trash pile that is twice the area of Texas, 30 feet deep, known for its high concentrations of floating plastic litter.

Nurdles that escape from the plastic production process into waterways or oceans have become a significant source of ocean and beach pollution. Marine life is severely threatened by these small pieces of plastic: the creatures that make up the base of the marine food chain, such as krill, are prematurely dying by choking on nurdles. Nurdles have frequently been found in the digestive tracts of various marine creatures, causing physiological damage by leaching plasticizers such as phthalates. Nurdles can carry two types of micropollutants in the marine environment: native plastic additives and hydrophobic pollutants absorbed from seawater.

Volunteer Services

The Volunteer Services Division is hard at work planning the next Highland Improvement Team clean up project. The project is scheduled for Saturday, November

21, 2009 and will primarily consist of yard work at a residential property. We will meet at Highland City Hall, 27215 Baseline at 8:00am. There will be a light breakfast consisting of pastries and juice before we

depart for the clean up destination at 8:15am.



Please remember to join us back at City Hall following the clean up for a barbecue, held as a token of appreciation to all those volunteering their time to this clean up.

The Highland Improvement Team looks forward to seeing you there!

If you are interested in scheduling a cleanup specifically for your community group or club or would like more information regarding the Highland Improvement Team and how you can help, please contact the Volunteer Services Division at 909-864-8732 at extension 203.

Thanksgiving Food Drive. Fall is here, let's show our Thanksgiving cheer! It's a time for giving and caring, friendship and sharing. We couldn't think of a better way to give thanks, than by donating non-perishable food items to the Thanksgiving Food Drive, for those in need.

Between **October 26, 2009 and November 13, 2009**, you may drop off your donations to any of the following locations:

- **Highland City Hall: 27215 Baseline**
- **Highland Branch Library: 7863 Central Ave.**
- **Highland YMCA: 7793 Central Ave.**
- **Police Station: 26985 Baseline**
- **Straightahead Chiropractic: 7245 Boulder Ave, Suite A-2**

If you would like your business to be a drop off location for future Food Drives or to donate a perishable food item, please contact the Volunteer Services Division at (909) 864-8732 ext 203.

Community Development

Planning Commission determination: At its November 3, 2009, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Applications / Items:

1. A Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP-008-002) to adopt a Planned Development Document and a Tentative Tract Map Application (TTM-008-002) consistent with the Planned Development Document to subdivide a 22.92 gross acres parcel of land into 133 detached single-family residential lots with various community amenities. The proposed Project is located on the southeast corner of Greenspot Road and Orange Street. (APN: 1201-401-01.) Representative: Hal Woods, Centerstone Communities, Inc.(Denied by the Planning Commission on October 20, 2009.)

The Planning Commission Adopted Resolution 09-023, as amended, Denying Conditional Use Permit (CUP-008-002) and its associated Planned Development Document; and; Deny Tentative Tract Map (TTM-008-002) subject to the recommended Findings of Fact.

2. MCA-009-004 - The City of Highland Municipal Code is being amended to add Chapter 16.80 prohibiting the establishment and operation of Medical Marijuana dispensaries in all Zoning Districts within the City of Highland. The location is City-Wide.

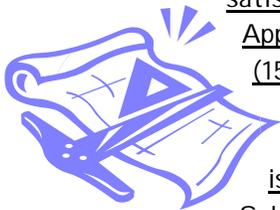
The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 09-024 recommending the City Council approve the following:

1. Adopt a Notice of Exemption and Instruct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk of the Board, and;

2. Introduce an Ordinance to Amend Title 16, Land Use and Development Code, adding Chapter 16.80 "Medical Marijuana Dispensaries."

The Application may now proceed forward in the process and the Application will be scheduled for a future City Council Meeting.

3. Toll Brothers has submitted the "La Costa" Floor Plan for Tract 16914 (SUB 04-001) for the Planning Commission's consideration. Toll Brothers is proposing the La Costa Floor Plan as an alternative to satisfying the Condition of Approval that fifteen percent (15%) of the houses within Tract 16914 be single-story units. Tract 16914 is a sixty (60) Lot Subdivision located on an approximate 54-acre Site on the north side of Oak Creek Channel and east of Plunge Creek at the terminus of San Benito Street. Representative: Brad Hare, Senior Project Manager for Toll Brothers



The Planning Commission:

1. Denied the La Costa Floor Plan, including three (3) Building Elevations, as an alternative to satisfy the Condition that fifteen percent (15%) of the units in Tract 16914 be single-story units, subject to the Conditions of Approval, and;
2. Denied the Findings of Fact.

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Planning

Applications Submitted. The following Applications were submitted to the City for review:

APP 009-007 - Appeal of Planning Commission's Determination on TTM 008-002 and CUP 008-002. App.: CenterStone

Communities

DRA 009-011 - Co-location on existing AT&T Tower located behind Albertson's and the address is: 7187½ Boulder Avenue. App.: ClearTalk Wireless

The above referenced Applications have to be reviewed by the Planning Staff for completeness prior to proceeding any further in the process.

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 October, 2009.

<u>Description / No. of Units</u>	
Electrical, Mechanical, Pools, Walls, Miscellaneous, etc. / 48	
Other Structures / 7	
Single Family Additions, Alterations / 5	
Grand Total Valuation \$ 216,238.00	

Building and Safety Division in Total Fees collected

Plan Check	\$ 1,642.00
Building Permits	\$ 14,926.19
S.M.I.	\$ 8.18
Microfilm	\$ 145.50
Business License	\$ 30.00
Green Building	\$ 38.00
Code Enforcement	\$ 3,325.18
Sheriff	\$ 443.70
Lien Release	\$ 252.00

Total Inspections Performed for the month of October: 249

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

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 October, 2009.

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

Plan Check	\$ 1,270.00
Inspection	\$ 1,110.00
Micro Film	\$ 33.60
Total	\$ 2,413.60

Total Inspections Performed for the month of October:21

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Public Works

October 2009 - Maintenance Report

Total Man-hours	1,600.5
Compensated Man-hours	938.5
Un-compensated Man-hours	662

MAN-HOURS PER ACTIVITY

General Clean-up	31.25
Parkway Maintenance	0
Potholes	57.5
Sidewalk	0
Storm Drains	262.75
Signs/Traffic Control	32.25
Trees Trimmed	8.5
Vehicle/Tool Maintenance	41.5
Building/Grounds Maintenance	349.5
Landscape Maintenance District	84
Park Maintenance	192.3
Trail Maintenance	10
Special Maintenance	70.25
Crack Sealing	0

Graffiti	273.75
USA Markings	17.25
Weed Spraying	0
Staff Meetings	159
Safety Training	11.5

SPECIAL: Service requests; repair work at Greenspot iron bridge; remove fallen tree on Argyle Ave.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers



Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Veterans Day - City Offices are closed

Thursday, November 12, 2009

5pm - Community Trails Committee has been cancelled

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, November 23, 2009

1:30 pm to 6:30 pm - Community Blood Drive
Jerry Lewis Community Center
7793 Central Ave

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

November 26 - 27, 2009

Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices are closed



Tuesday, December 1, 2009

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

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

Thursday, December 3, 2009

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

Tuesday, December 08, 2009

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, December 10, 2009

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

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Friday, December 25, 2009

Holiday - City Offices are closed

Friday, January 1, 2010

Holiday - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, January 7, 2010

5:30pm - Joint Study Session with the HCPB and Chamber of Commerce in the Upright Conference Room

Friday, January 8, 2010

COPS Meeting at Kay's Cafe at 7:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, January 14, 2010

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

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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