

# City of Highland

## Weekly Report



November 17, 2016

### *Reduce, Reuse and Recycle This Holiday Season*

**D**id you know that half of the paper America consumes each year is used to wrap and decorate consumer products? In the US, the annual trash from gift wrap and shopping bags totals over 4 million tons. If everyone wrapped just three gifts in reused paper or fabric gift bags, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 hockey rinks. If every family reused just 2 feet of holiday ribbon, the 38,000 miles of ribbon saved would tie a bow around the entire planet.

The best way to protect the planet is to avoid waste in the first place. This can be done simply by reducing your consumption of energy and of products over the season. Every time you don't throw something in the garbage and don't have to use something new you are reducing the effects your consumption has on the environment. Below is a list of efficient ways to be environmentally friendly over the holidays:

**BYOB! (Bring Your Own Bag):** Take your own bag with you, or it will cost you, when you go shopping. Don't load up on plastic bags that will end up in landfills. If you have to take a bag with your purchase, save it and use it again.



**Rewrap:** Use last year's Christmas wrapping. Unwrap presents carefully and neatly fold the paper to wrap another gift with later.

**Make a Postcard:** Personalize last year's Christmas cards. You can cut a Christmas card in half and write a message on the back of the picture to use it as a Christmas post card.

**Tag it:** Use old Christmas cards as gift tags.

**Only Buy Rechargeable:** Buy gifts with rechargeable batteries. It's always better to reuse a battery than throw it out.

**Give it Away:** Donate old Christmas gifts to charity.

**Reuse your Tree:** Use your Christmas tree as a shelter for birds and animals. You can also use the tree as mulch or wood chips.

**Reuse Packaging:** Save the foam and packaging from Christmas gifts to use later for shipping or mailing. You can also take these items to a shipping or mailing store and they will reuse them.



If you work to be environmentally friendly all through the year it will be easy for you to come up with tons of ideas to reduce the amount of waste and pollution caused by the holidays.

## Public Services

### Can Wet Wipes Be Recycled?



Baby wipes, moist towelettes, wet naps — whatever you call them, they all serve essentially the same purpose. Wet wipes are single-use, moist, sanitary paper products used for personal hygiene or household cleaning. These handy inventions are often used to clean up during diaper changes, to sanitize surfaces in the home or workplace, or even to use in place of toilet paper for extra cleanliness.

Though they can be convenient for you, wet wipes are quite problematic for the planet, no matter how they end up there.

**Thrown Away** ~ The synthetic fibers that make up wet wipes prevent them from being compostable or recyclable. So, after a single use, they head to the landfill. There, they are out of sight for most, but certainly should not be out of mind. Due to those pesky synthetic fibers, wet wipes do not break down and represent a hefty proportion of non-biodegradable waste in landfills.

**Littered** ~ Regrettably, our trash doesn't always make it to the garbage can. On-the-go wet wipe users often end up tossing their used wipes into the environment. A beach clean-up done by the Marine Conservation Society discovered a 50 percent increase in wet wipes littering U.K. beaches between 2013 and 2014. Wet wipes that find their way into the oceans can be fatal for marine animals, commonly settling in their stomachs and leading to starvation. It is clear that wet wipes are quickly becoming a leading environmental pollutant.

**Flushed** ~ Some wet wipes are advertised as “flushable,” making them a convenient toilet paper replacement for those who wish to feel exceedingly squeaky clean. However, the idea that wet wipes can be flushed down the toilet has been contested by wastewater officials everywhere. It turns out, wet wipes do not disintegrate in the same way toilet paper does and can form congealed masses that block drains and clog sewer systems, costing city governments millions of dollars and potentially contaminating our oceans and beaches.

**Plus! Not So Healthy** ~ In addition to negatively impacting the environment, wet wipes can be detrimental to human health. Wet wipes contain a mixture of chemicals to enhance their cleaning abilities. These chemicals can be toxic and harmful to those who come in contact with them. Many wet wipes contain certain fragrances, preservatives and cleaning agents that irritate the skin, causing painful rashes and inflammations. Because wet wipes are often used in direct contact with skin, this is a nasty combination.

This era's increasing obsession with convenience seems to be coming with a significant environmental cost, which is exemplified by these negative impacts posed by wet wipes. It's obvious that we need to move away from convenient disposables and consider reuse. There are many excellent alternatives to wet wipes, including good old-fashioned washcloths. I also suggest investing in paperless towels or even making your own. For more information, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Carlos Florez at 909-864-8732 ext. 271. *Information courtesy of [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com)*

# Blood Drive

Highland's last Blood Drive of 2016 is upon us! Highland hosts six blood drives a year in cooperation with LifeStream blood bank. Now is your chance to give back to your community by donating the gift of life...donate blood this November!

The blood drive takes place at the Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line, on Monday, November 21, 2016 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. Appointments are available through Friday, November 18th. Give us a call to book your donation appointment now!

As a special incentive, each donor will receive a slice of pie in the canteen as well as a free movie ticket (courtesy of LifeStream) in honor of the Thanksgiving holiday!



## FINANCE

### Commercial Business License Applications

There were no new Commercial Business Licenses for the Week Of 11/14/16 to 11/18/16



For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 ext. 203.



# Public Works



**During the period of November 7, 2016 through November 10, 2016,** graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:

**Routine observation by Public Works:**

W/S Sterling Ave. N/O Base Line, 7272 Sterling Ave., Base Line & Cunningham St., Elm St. & Base Line, Del Rosa Ave. & 9<sup>th</sup> St., 7321 Golondrina Ave., Del Rosa Ave. & Base Line, Eucalyptus Dr. & Channel, Boulder Ave. & Greenspot Rd., Knights Inn, McKinley St. N/O 9<sup>th</sup> St., Lynwood Way & Base Line, Church Ave. & Base Line, Bonnie St. & 9<sup>th</sup> St., Golondrina & 9<sup>th</sup> St.

# Public Services

## Thanksgiving Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule



Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2016 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Therefore, solid waste, green waste and recycling collection service will be delayed by one day. Your regularly scheduled collection service will resume the following week. Please keep in mind that your street sweeping services will also be delayed by one day as well.



**If regular pickup day falls on:** Thursday, November 24  
**Trash will be picked up on:** Friday, November 25



**If regular pickup day falls on:** Friday, November 25  
**Trash will be picked up on:** Saturday, November 26

Should you have any questions regarding the holiday delay with collection services, please contact:

- ◆ Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. at (909) 889-1969
- ◆ City of Highland, Public Services Division at (909) 864-8732 ext. 271

## ADMINISTRATION



### Preparing Makes Sense

Preparing makes sense. The likelihood that you and your family will survive a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy, as on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving a natural disaster or other emergency.

We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own, at least for a period of time, no matter where we are when disaster strikes. FEMA urges all Americans to: build a kit of emergency supplies; make a plan for what you will do in an emergency; and be informed about what might happen. Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense. Get Ready Now. For more information, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).



# Calendar of Events

## November 21, 2016

1:30pm to 6:30pm — Highland Blood Drive  
Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line

## November 22, 2016

6pm—City Council Meeting, 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 13, 2016

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## December 20, 2016

6pm - Planning Commission, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## January 10, 2017

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## January 24, 2017

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## February 14, 2017

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

## February 28, 2017

6pm—City Council Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers



### THE CITY OF HIGHLAND FACEBOOK PAGE

The City of Highland has a new and improved Facebook page that we would like for you all to follow us on. This is where you will find important information regarding road closures and construction projects that may affect your travel time, scheduled power outages, emergencies, events such as: Community Blood Drives, Highland Improvement Team projects, Compost Give-A-Way, Used Oil Filter Exchange & Recycling Events and much more. Please "Like" City of Highland - City Hall (<https://www.facebook.com/cityofhighland.cityhall>) as the official page.



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## CITY OF HIGHLAND - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### NOTICE OF WORK

**DATE:** Thursday, November 17, 2016  
**CONTACT:** Alondra Muñoz  
**PHONE:** (909) 864-8732 ext. 217

#### CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: TRAFFIC IMPACTS

Details of work for November 21 to November 23, 2016 are as follows:

PROJECT NO.	WORK DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	DIRECTION	TRAFFIC IMPACT
Str07002	Installation of wiring for new traffic signal	5 <sup>th</sup> Street/Central Avenue	All 4-way directions	Temporary lane closure Monday thru Wednesday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Swk13001	Construction of Curbs, Gutters, sidewalk, driveway, retaining wall, curb ramp	North side of Base Line from Hillview Street to Central Avenue	Westbound	Temporary curb adjacent lane closure Monday thru Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Swk12001	Grading, construction of retaining wall, sidewalk and trail	North side of Base Line from Church Street to Palomino Street	Westbound	Temporary curb adjacent lane closure Monday thru Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Swk13001	Construction of sidewalk, driveway and curb ramp	South side of Base Line from Barnes Court to Valaria Drive	Eastbound	Temporary curb adjacent lane closure Monday thru Friday 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Str08002	Temporary striping to remove lane closure for westbound Base Line. Lower sewer manholes and gate valves	Base Line from SR-210 to Boulder Avenue	Eastbound/ Westbound	Maintain existing lane closures for eastbound direction. Improve traffic circulation for eastbound direction by opening additional thru lane.

#### ADVISORIES:

- Weather may impact construction
- For your safety and the safety of workers, drive with caution at these work zone locations