



City of Highland Weekly Report

November 19, 2010

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Public Services

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While it may seem harmless, pouring the oil from your deep-fried turkey down the drain can harm wildlife and wreak havoc on local sewage systems.



Plan ahead when planning to recycle. Don't wait until you have a pan of leftover oil to dump. Make a designated waste oil container, label it and put it somewhere everyone in your home can easily access.

Grease clings to pipes in small particles that latch onto each other, collecting until the mass is large enough to block sewage lines.

If you're not collecting your excess grease in a cup beside the stove for later use (just like Grandma!), chances are your drain has some substantial clumps. In fact, cooking oil and kitchen grease is the No. 1 cause of clogged sewer pipes.

That cooking grease you normally pour down the drain can be reused. It is used by many companies to make some [biofuel](#) or biodiesel and

and it's also an additive to many types of dog food.

To recycle your used cooking oil/grease, you may drop it off at the San Bernardino County Fire Department Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at 2824 East "W" Street San Bernardino, CA. Monday - Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information, please call 909-382-5401 or 1-800 OILY CAT

For general recycling question or for more information on what items can be dropped off at a household hazardous waste collection facility, please contact Andrea Saavedra, Public Services Coordinator at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

Volunteer Services

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE. Final Blood Drive of 2010 - Tuesday, November 23rd. The City of Highland will host its last Blood Drive of the year at the Jerry Lewis Community Center - 7793 Central Avenue - from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



In honor of Thanksgiving, every

donor will receive a slice of pie as a special thank you for your contribution to our community.

Please remember that our community needs and uses approximately 500 units of blood per day. All blood received and used in our community comes from volunteer blood donors. We can all be proactive in our quest to increase Highland's blood donations by spreading the word to family, friends and co-workers. Ask them to come down to Highland's Community Blood Drive and do something special for someone in need—**Donate Blood Today.** For more information, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey at (909) 864-6861 extension 203.

CANCELED - November H.I.T. Cleanup. The November Highland Improvement Team cleanup has been postponed due to impending stormy weather. Highland Improvement Team cleanups will  resume in December pending weather conditions.

Highland Improvement Team. The Highland Improvement Team needs your help. We are searching for Highland homeowners who need help with yard cleanup and minor landscaping. The Highland Improvement Team's first priority is to aid residents in need. There are only a few qualifications:

1. Must be 55 years and older or disabled
2. 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 8:00 am to Noon.

Please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203 to find out if you could be our next HIT Cleanup!

Library News

Family Science Explores the Fall Harvest! Patrons of all ages are invited to get dirty as Family Science Exploration investigates the Fall Harvest. Join the Highland Environmental Learning Center on Saturday, November 27, 2010 at 10:30 am in the ELC Science Lab as we learn how organic gardening can help make the holiday season eco-friendly. Get a worm's eye view of how plants grow in the lab, venture up to the Rooftop Gardens to see how they change with the seasons, and plant your own seeds to take home and enjoy! This program is **FREE**; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Program begins promptly at 10:30 am.

For more information, please contact Lauren Bergh, Environmental Program Specialist at the Highland Sam J Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center at (909) 425-4706 or HGLENV@lib.sbcounty.gov.

Eco-Matinee Goes to Eco-Friendly Brazil! Take a Journey to the eco-friendly City of Curitiba, Brazil with the Highland Environmental Learning Center during Eco-Matinee on Monday, November 29, 2010 at 1:00 pm in the Community Room. 

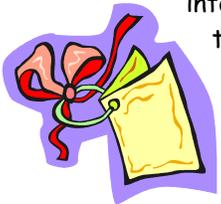
Adults are invited to view *A Convenient Truth: Urban Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil*, an award-winning documentary "aimed at sharing ideas to provoke environment-friendly and cost-effective changes in cities worldwide." After the movie, stick around to discuss which solutions from Curitiba could be employed here in San Bernardino.

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Shakespeare's Tempest visits Highland Library. The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival is bringing **THE TEMPEST** to life at the Highland Sam J Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center! Patrons of all ages are invited to explore the high seas during this traveling performance on Thursday, December 02, 2010 at 3:30 pm in the Community Room. The performance will begin promptly at 3:30 pm so arrive early for a good seat. Stick around after the performance for a question and answer session with the cast!

For more information, please contact Liz Smith, Children's Specialist at the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center at (909) 425-4715 or lsmith@lib.sbcounty.gov.

Adult Craft Turns Cereal Boxes into Gift Bags for the Holidays! Tired of boring old gift bags? Then turn an empty cereal box into an attractive gift bag with a little time, imagination and fun accessories.



The Highland Environmental Education Coalition (HEEC) and the Highland Environmental Learning Center are pleased to present Creative Crafts for Adults, "Cereal Box, Gift Bag" on Saturday, December 04, 2010 at 10:00 am in the Community Room. With a few well chosen newspaper, magazine pages or scrap fabric, a cereal box, and string or ribbon you can put together a sturdy, environmentally friendly, virtually free gift bag for the holidays or other special occasions. Patrons are encouraged to bring in cereal boxes and any embellishments to use.

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Public Works

Graffiti Report. During the period of 11/1/10 - 11/5/10, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** 9th St. w/o Valaria, 26235 9th, 26250 9th, Community Park, back of Corporate Yard, Victoria s/o Millar, Cypress/Church, Church/Powell, Millar/Victoria, 28250 Cornus Ct. (Horse trail), North Fork Trail, 6924 Rogers Ln., across from 26579 6th; **Reported by Staff:** YMCA/Community Center; **Routine Observation by Public Works:** 5th St. w/o Webster, 27869 5th, Central s/o Cypress, Pacific/San Francisco, Pacific east, Sterling s/o Jane, Sterling n/o Jane to Byron, McKinley n/o 9th, Del Rosa Dr. s/o 9th, Del Rosa Ave./9th, Del Rosa Ave. to Golondrina, Golondrina/9th, 25573 9th, Sterling s/o Fisher to Jane, Base Line e/o Central, Central/14th, 7710 Church, Church/5th, 7th/Del Rosa Ave., Seeley Ct./Base Line, Church/Pacific, Stratford/Church, Pacific w/o San Francisco, Clifton/Orange, Alice/14th, 14th/Bangor, s/o 7329 Sterling, Colwyn/Pacific, 7505 Golondrina, Golondrina/Flamingo, Pacific w/o Rogers Ln., 6969 Buchanan, Lynwood/Base Line, Pacific to Olive, Pacific/Orange, McKinley/Base Line, Base Line/Barnes, 25520 6th.

What's New in Public Works? The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 11/1/10 - 11/18/10: Routine City vehicle checks; installed sign/pole at Tiara Ave./Tiara Ct.; cleaned weeds/trash and used backhoe to remove trees growing in Bledsoe Channel; routine trash/maintenance cleanup at City parks; worked on exterior lighting at Corporate Yd., worked on repairing roof leaks at Environmental Learning Center; checked USA tickets; LMDs and City facilities irrigation/landscape maintenance; checked polling place for removal of graffiti and trash; replaced broken sign lighting fixture and



security backup lighting at Community Park; filled potholes at various locations; repaired roof drain lines at cracked areas at City Hall; delivered palm tree and other plants to YMCA for Volunteer Dinner; checked service requests; removed graffiti and re-painted public restrooms at Community Park; changed parking lot timers, reviewed video surveillance cameras at Aurantia Park & Community Park;; took PARSAC training; cleaned Flintlock & Via Deldene drains; anchored shelving to wall, moved boxes at Corporate Yd.; dug sand w/backhoe from drain basin at Summertrail Pl, & Country Oaks Dr. and stockpiled sand on north side of ditch; stacked filled sandbags to prevent getting into storm drain pipes at large grate n/o Base Line, e/o Aplin St.; picked-up fallen tree limbs (due to wind damage) at various locations; replaced post/sign at Cypress/Palm; installed a rail and checked chiller/water filtration system at ELC; loaded trash/greenwaste dumpsters; repaired pvc fence at LMD #30 at Santa Ana Canyon Rd. and also on Marianne Ln.; worked on flag pole and parking lot light pole lighting at Sheriffs Station; checked e.t. manager systems at all parks; checked pvc fencing on horse trails at east end for repairs; picked-up dumped tires/furniture on Greenspot Rd.; picked-up rolls of straw waddle/wood staked in place to be placed around sand piles at 6th/Victoria and at Fire Station #2.



Community Development

Planning Commission determination: At its November 16, 2010, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Items:

1. A Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP 008-012) for the Entitlement of a Three (3) Phased Project which includes:

a. Phase I - Service Station / Convenience

Store

b. Phase II - Conversion of an existing Apartment Complex into a 36 room Motel

c. Phase III- New Three-story, 36 room Motel adjoining Phase II Motel for a combined total of 72 rooms

The Planning Commission initially opened the Public Hearing for this Item at its August 17, 2010 Regular Meeting, but the Applicant requested the Item be continued to the Commission's September 21, 2010 Meeting. At the Planning Commission's September 21, 2010 Meeting, the Applicant requested the Item be continued to the Commission's November 16, 2010 Meeting.

The Applicant is now requesting the Item be continued to the Planning Commission's December 7, 2010 Meeting. The location is an approximate 2.11-acre Site consisting of four (4) adjoining properties located at the northwest corner of Highland and Victoria Avenues (26492 Highland Avenue, and 6446 & 6476 Victoria Avenue) (APN's: 0285-742-07, -08, -09 & -10). Representative: Balbir Jhawar, Applicant

The Planning Commission continued this Item to its December 7, 2010, Regular Meeting.

2. Highland Crossings II - Updated Monument Signs. The location is 27811 Greenspot Road, Highland, California. Representatives: Tom Robinson and Ed Horowitz (Property Owners) and Milton Solomon (Sign Company - ADS Companies)

The Planning Commission Determined the Minor Modifications to the Highland Crossings Monument Signs to be consistent with the Approved Sign Program and Directives.

The Application may proceed through the process.

3. Revision to Condition Application (REV-010-

002): A request to delete and/or modify Engineering Condition Number 17 related to a Major Design Review Board approval Case Number DRB-98-010. The Project is located at 27160 Meines Street, Highland, California (generally located between Meines Street and the City Creek bypass Channel, east of Palm Avenue). Representative: KCB Tower, Inc., Miles Bogh, Vice President (Molly Bogh, representative)

The Planning Commission Approved Option No. 1 and Adopted Resolution No. 10-018 approving the Applicant's request to delete the existing DRB-98-010 Engineering Condition No. 17.

4. Municipal Code Amendment 010-006 (MCA 010-006), a City initiated Municipal Code Amendment to Update and Amend the existing Sign Regulations, Chapter 16.56 of Title 16, the Land Use and Development section of the City of Highland Municipal Code (Sign Code Update) - a City Council Goal. The Municipal Code Amendment 010-006 (Sign Code Update) will apply to all Zoning Districts City Wide.

The Planning Commission opened the Public Hearing and received public testimony on the Sign Code Update (MCA 010-006) and provided Staff with the Commission's comments then continued the Public Hearing to December 7, 2010.

Code Enforcement

Monthly Activity Report for the Month of October, 2010. The following is a very brief synopsis of some of the violations.

Case Category	Total Number of Inspections
Total Open Cases	1,152
Inspections	280
New Complaints	67
Closed Cases	70

Administrative Citations	48
Notice of Violations	75
Parking Tickets	9

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

Mark Your Calendar



Tuesday, November 23, 2010

City Council Meeting - Canceled
1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Community Blood Drive,
Jerry Lewis Community Center
7793 Central Avenue

Thursday & Friday, November 25-26, 2010

City Offices are closed

Thursday, December 2, 2010

5pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board
Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers
5:30pm - Joint Study Session with the Historic
and Cultural Preservation Board and Highland
Area Chamber of Commerce, Upright
Conference Room

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

5pm - Joint Study Session with the Planning
Commission and Historic and Cultural
Preservation Board, Donahue Council Chambers
6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, December 9, 2010

Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting
is canceled

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, December 28, 2010
City Council Meeting - Canceled

Assembled by: Elena Rodrigues

*Have a Safe and
Happy Holiday*

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