



# City of Highland Weekly Report

November 21, 2013

## Blood Drive ~ Monday, November 25th At Highland Police Station

### Volunteer Services



**Blood Drive** - Highland's next Blood Drive is this Monday, November 25, 2013. There is always a demand for blood in our community...especially during the holiday season. Please consider joining us to donate the "Gift of Life". All donors will receive a \$5 Target gift card and slice of pie to celebrate the season and as well as receive points to be used at LifeStream's online store.

The blood drive is scheduled this Monday, November 25, 2013 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm at the Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line. For more information contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

**Highland Improvement Team** - The November HIT Cleanup went off without a hitch this past Saturday. Our Highland Improvement Team members were able to help a senior resident clean out her garage. Although it was not a large project, it was a project that the resident was not able to do alone. HIT members got in there and up in the rafters hauling out old items to the dumpster, sweeping, dusting and re-

shelving items to be kept. The garage was left in tip top shape. If you would like to join the HIT volunteers to help out with a project like this, contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 ext. 203. New volunteers are always welcome!

**We Want To Help You!** 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 at H.I.T. cleanups.

To qualify:

- You must be 55 years or older OR disabled (no age requirement)
- 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.

Please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 if you qualify or know someone who may qualify for a HIT cleanup.

**2013 Thanksgiving Food Drive - Today is the last day!** The Highland Police Station will be accepting food drive donations through today, Friday, November 22, 2013. Donations can be dropped off at the Highland Police Station, located at 26985 Base Line. Food baskets will be put together and given to pre-selected families next week. We thank you for your support in making Highland's food drive a success!

Anyone wishing to donate PERISHABLE ITEMS or GIFT CARDS please contact Lisa Henley at the Highland Police Station at 909-425-9793.

## **Administration**

**San Bernardino National Forest to start Winter Prescribed Fire Program.** The Forest Service will begin its winter prescribed burn program in the San Bernardino National Forest with the predicted favorable weather conditions.

Winter burning projects also will resume as part of a continuing effort to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and improve forest health, the San Bernardino National Forest has started this season's prescribed burning program. The prescribed fire program will continue through the winter months as weather and conditions permit.

Prescribed fires and pile burning are intended to reduce the amount of vegetation, such as needles, small plants, brush, and small trees, which can carry fire from the forest floor into the treetops. Studies and experience have shown that prescribed fires will stimulate the growth of grasses, forbs and shrubs that provide food for deer, mountain quail and other wildlife.

The ignition of all prescribed burns is dependent on the availability of personnel and equipment, appropriate conditions, and in coordination with the National Weather Service and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) before and during prescribed burns in order to

manage smoke production and minimize impacts as much as possible.

Fire managers follow a burn plan that outlines the "prescription" or environmental conditions such as temperature, wind, fuel moisture, ventilation, and relative humidity that need to be present before the project begins. When the criteria are met, crews implement, monitor, and patrol each burn to ensure it meets the goals and objectives outlined by managers.

Firefighters will be burning slash and debris piles adjacent to Forest Service Fire Stations. Signs will be posted along the roadways to alert passerby's to the burning activity. The Forest Service will send out occasional reminders to the public, alerting to potential smoke in the air.

In addition to the station pile burning, the public may also see smoke from pile burning activities in the following forest locations over the winter months:

### **San Bernardino Mountains:**

- Prescribed fire - State Highway 38 as part of the Angelus Oaks Community Defense Project

Slash and debris piles burning:

- Forest Road 1S07 Pisgah Peak Road, Oak Glen near Pisgah Peak
- Yucaipa Ridge, north of Oak Glen
- Forest Road 2N10, Southside of Big Bear Lake, west of Bear Mountain
- Forest Road 2N93, south of Sugarloaf, west of Erwin Lake
- Forest Road 2N19, south of Green Valley Lake
- SR173 north of Grass Valley Rd in Lake Arrowhead
- SR18 near Heaps Peak Helibase and Arboretum
- Slash and pile burning near various fire stations.

### San Jacinto Mountains:

- Prescribed fire - Near Lake Hemet, north of Highway 74 as part of the on-going Bonita Vista fuels reduction project

Slash and debris piles burning:

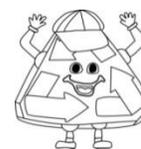
- Lawler Lodge west of SR243 north of Idyllwild
- Keenwild north of Mountain Center
- Southridge, East of Fern Valley and Idyllwild
- Slash and pile burning near various fire stations

We appreciate the public's tolerance of some smoke impacts in order to achieve the San Bernardino National Forest's fire prevention and resource management goals, and the public can call our local offices to find out where we are burning at the following numbers:

- Big Bear Ranger Station & Discovery Center 909-382-2790
- Lytle Creek Ranger Station 909-382-2851
- Idyllwild Ranger Station 909-382-2922
- Mill Creek Work Center 909-382-2882
- Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument 760-862-9984

About the U.S. Forest Service: The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to state and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. Public lands the Forest Service manages contribute more than \$13 billion to the economy each year through visitor spending alone. Those same lands provide 20 percent of the nation's clean water supply, a value estimated at \$7.2 billion per year. The agency has either a direct or indirect role in stewardship of about 80 percent of the 850 million forested acres within the U.S., of which 100 million acres are urban forests

where most Americans live. To learn more at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf>



## Public Services

**Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Thanksgiving Holiday Trash Pick-Up.** Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. and Cal Disposal Co. Inc. will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2013 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.

**Thanksgiving** Holiday Schedule is as follows:

**If regular pickup day falls on:** Thursday, November 28

**Trash will be picked up on:** Friday, November 29

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

► Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. at (909) 889-1969

► Cal Disposal Co. Inc. at (909) 885-1023

► City of Highland, Public Services Division at (909) 864-8732 ext 271.

## Public Works



**Graffiti Report:** During the period of 11/1/13 - 11/15/13, graffiti made known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Items Reported to the Hotline:** Clifton/LaPraix;

**Routine Observation by Public Works:** Del Rosa Dr./Base Line; Del Rosa Dr./9<sup>th</sup>; Elmwood/9<sup>th</sup>; Cypress/Palm; Elmwood/Base Line; Cunningham/Base Line; Mira Vista/Base Line; 7149 Central; Nora/Palm;(Cal Disposal) on 6<sup>th</sup> St.; 6<sup>th</sup>/Victoria;14<sup>th</sup>/Victoria; Victoria n/o Base Line; Central/Cypress; Cypress w/o Central; Central/Base Line; 14<sup>th</sup>/Victoria; west side of Victoria to Base Line; Cypress e/o Lillian; Community Park; Central/Base Line; 7100 Victoria; Shirley/5<sup>th</sup>; Golondrina/9<sup>th</sup>; Elm/9<sup>th</sup>; Victoria n/o Goodman Ct.; Victoria/Pacific; 6986 Victoria; 7054 Victoria; Victoria n/o Base Line; Del Rosa Dr./Paloma.

## Finance

Commercial	Business	License
<b>Applications</b> - There were no new commercial business licenses for the week of 11/18 to 11/22/13.		

## Mark Your Calendar

### Thursday, November 21, 2013

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

### Monday, November 25, 2013

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

### Tuesday, November 26, 2013

4:45pm - Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room  
5:30pm - Special City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers  
6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### Thursday / Friday, November 28-29, 2013

Thanksgiving Holiday - City Offices are closed

### Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled

### Wednesday, December 4, 2013

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

### Thursday, December 5, 2013

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

### Tuesday, December 10, 2013

6pm - Regular City Council 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

### 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 14, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### Tuesday, January 21, 2014

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### Tuesday, January 28, 2014

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

*Assembled by: Elena Rodrigues*