



City of Highland Weekly Report

December 04, 2009

Promote Recycling this Holiday Season Use eco-friendly products for wrapping

Library News

Eco-Friendly Gift Wrap - As we lighten our footprint on the planet we now substitute imagination for store bought supplies. We are constantly discovering eco-friendly techniques to make packages, tabletops and special occasions look inviting and beautiful using what we have on hand.

On Saturday, December 19, 2009 from 10-4:00 pm in the Community Room of the



Highland Branch Library, help the Highland Environmental Education Coalition promote re-use this holiday season by having your gifts wrapped with eco-friendly products such as: brown paper, newspaper, raffia, ribbon & more.

Suggested donations per item are as follows:

Small Gift—\$1.00

Medium Gift—\$2.00

Large—\$3.00

*Boxes included while supplies last.

Proceeds from this fundraiser help fund programs & workshops offered by the

Environmental Learning Center at the Highland Branch Library.

For more information regarding this fundraiser, please contact the Environmental Learning Center at 909-425-4706.

HEEC Bookfair - Shop at Barnes and Noble on December 12th or 13th and HEEC will receive a percentage of the net sales. Just present a voucher or mention to the cashier you would like your purchase to benefit the HEEC bookfair. HEEC Bookfair Activities:

December 12, 2009 - If you have ever wanted to learn about composting at home, here is your chance! The San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division will be hosting three composting demonstrations at 11am, 2pm and 4pm.

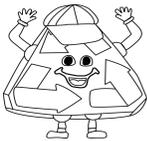
December 13, 2009 - HEEC volunteers will be at Barnes and Noble from 10am-10pm to wrap your books with eco-friendly products and to show you how to create envelopes from recycled materials.

Also, stop by and visit our recommended tables in the Children's, Music/CDs and Home/Garden sections to see items that are used during a

variety of environmental programs at the Highland Environmental Learning Center. Brochures will be available on each table with a current list of programs.

Public Services

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle This Holiday Season. During the season of celebration we need to show extra care for the environment. Christmas does not have to be a burden on the environment. With a little effort and imagination, we can reduce the environmental impact of the holiday season.

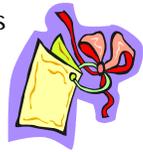


Did you know that half of the paper America consumes each year is used to wrap and decorate consumer products? In the US, the annual trash from gift wrap and shopping bags totals over 4 million tons. If everyone wrapped just three gifts in reused paper or fabric gift bags, it would save enough paper 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.

Here are some eco-friendly holiday ideas to make this a Green Christmas.

- Wrap gifts in comics, old maps, brown paper bags or other colorful paper materials normally found around the home or office. You may also use festive holiday fabric, dishtowels or bandannas, which can simply be washed and reused.
- Instead of wrapping gifts in paper, try presenting them in reusable containers like tin or plastic holiday boxes, gift bags or baskets. Save gift bags, boxes and bows for reuse.
- Present your gifts in reusable bags that can become an ongoing gift to the environment. Canvas and other types of totes can be tied with festive ribbons.

- If you must use gift wrap, buy gift wrap that contains the highest post-consumer content you can find. Avoid metallic-type wrapping papers that contain foil, Mylar or holographic materials, which are not recyclable.
- Make gift tags or ornaments from old greeting cards and wrapping materials.
- Shred used wrapping paper to use as filler or instead of tissue.



Holiday Trash Pickup. Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. and Cal Disposal will be closed on the following holidays: Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If one of these holidays falls Monday - Friday, all service after the holiday will be delayed one day that week only. Your regularly scheduled service will resume the following week. Please keep in mind that your street sweeping services will also be delayed one day.

• Christmas Holiday Schedule is as follows:
If regular pickup day falls on: Friday, Dec 25
Trash will be picked up on: Saturday, Dec 26

• New Year's Holiday Schedule is as follows:
If regular pickup day falls on: Friday, Jan 1
Trash will be picked up on: Saturday, Jan 2

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

- Burrtec at (909) 889-1969
- Cal Disposal at (909) 885-1023
- City of Highland, Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at (909) 864-8732 ext 271.

Volunteer Services

H.I.T. TEAM - On Saturday, November 21st, several talented volunteers from the Beattie Middle School Builders Club joined the Highland Improvement Team (HIT). They teamed up with the HIT for a residential clean up. All the hard work that everyone put in that day was much appreciated by the homeowners. They are a disabled couple who needed a little

extra help with sprucing up their yard.

The City provided all tools and equipment needed for the clean up. Volunteers were also invited to stay and participate in a BBQ as a token of appreciation from the City of Highland. The next HIT Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, December 19, 2009 at Aurantia Park from 8 am to noon. Hope to see you there!

For those of you interested in taking part in future community service projects with the Highland Improvement Team, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey at 909-864-6861, extension 203.

Community Blood Drive - November.

On Monday, November 23, 2009, the City of Highland in cooperation with LifeStream



(formerly the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties) hosted its last community blood drive for the year. Our blood drive was a success due to our wonderful community donors. The totals

for the day were 55 registered with 7 deferrals, providing our community with 44 units of blood

The demand for blood never stops. We need to collect at least 500 donations a day to ensure that our local hospitals get the lifesaving treatments they need. Giving blood provides community members with the opportunity to contribute a lifesaving donation.

The success of each blood drive is possible with the help of our volunteers, Cindy Calvert, Pearl Crump, Harriet Foucher, Audrée Kramer, Ada Scott and the staff from Lifestream (formerly the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties) who perform a great job.

A special thank you goes out to Ursula Walsh, Executive Director at the Highland YMCA, and her incredible staff for providing all of the conference rooms, tables and chairs used during the blood drive.

Mark Your Calendar! The next community blood drive, the first for 2010 is set for Monday, January 25, 2010 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come out and show your support by bringing family and friends to make a lifesaving donation. Let's help Highland increase its blood donations. For more information or questions, please contact Denise Garnsey at 909 864-6861 extension 203.

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 November, 2009.

Description / No. of Units

Electrical, Mechanical, Pools, Walls, Miscellaneous, etc. / 36
Single Family Additions, Alterations / 9
Grand Total Valuation \$ 279,269.00

Building and Safety Division in Total Fees collected

Plan Check	\$ 2,061.76
Building Permits	\$ 11,923.81
S.M.I.	\$ 10.27
Microfilm	\$ 60.30
Green Building	\$ 34.00
Code Enforcement	\$ 5,513.66
Police Time	\$ 246.50
Lien Release	\$ 252.00

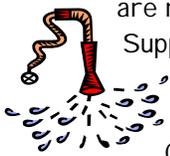
Total Inspections Performed for the month of November: 134

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 November, 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	\$ 415.00
Inspection	\$ 1,170.00
Micro Film	\$ 23.00
Total	\$ 1,608.00

Total Inspections Performed for the month of November: 23

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

Community Development

Planning Commission determination:

At its December 1, 2009, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Item:

1. Consideration of an Appeal (APP-009-003) of the City's Planning Division determination to deny a Lot Line Adjustment Application for an existing United States Post Office Facility (Highland Branch)(LLA-009-003). The Project is located at 7744 Webster Avenue, Highland, CA 92346 (generally located at the southeast corner of Boulder Avenue and Eucalyptus Avenue within the City of Highland Corporate Boundaries) (APNs: 1201-351-04 and 1201-351-11). APPELLANT: United States Postal Service (Represented by Douglas Boynton, Dunn & Boynton Licensed Surveyors, Inc.)

The Planning Commission continued the Public Hearing until February 2, 2010.

Public Nuisance Hearing Board determination: At its December 2, 2009, Special Meeting, the Board considered the following Items:

1. A Public Hearing to affirm the existence of a Public Nuisance in accordance with Chapter 8.32, Title 8 of the Highland Municipal Code, and subsequent abatement, as provided for in said Chapter at Property located at 30444 Greenspot Road, Highland, California, 92346. Legal Description: PTN GOV LOT NW 3 SECT 6 TP1S R 2W BEG MOST SLY COR SD PAR 1 TH ALG SLY LI SD PAR 1 N 73 DEG 223 MIN 20 SECONDS E 32.90 FT. Property Owner: Louis Houplin Trust. PNHB Case No. 009-001. (Continued from the April 15, 2009, June 3, 2009, and September 2, 2009, Special Meetings)

The Public Nuisance Hearing Board (PNHB) conducted the required continued Public Hearing, and adopted Resolution No. PNHB 09-01, as amended, declaring the existence of a public nuisance on Property located at 30444 Greenspot Road, Highland, California, and ordered the abatement thereof.

2. A Public Hearing to affirm the existence of a Public Nuisance in accordance with Chapter 8.32, Title 8 of the Highland Municipal Code, and subsequent abatement, as provided for in said Chapter at Property located at 7801 Grape Street, Highland, California, 92346. APN: 1192-281-08-000. Property Owner: Jorge Garcia Denis. PNHB Case No. 009-003. (Continued from the September 2, 2009, Special Meeting.)

The Public Nuisance Hearing Board (PNHB) conducted the required Public Hearing, and adopted Resolution No. PNHB 09-03, declaring the existence of a public nuisance on Property located at 7801 Grape Street, Highland, California, and ordered the abatement thereof.

3. A Public Hearing to appeal Administrative Citation No. 02422 in accordance with Chapter 2.56 of Title 2, of the Highland Municipal Code, at property located at 25191 Fifth Street, Highland, California. (Citees: Nader and Esther Shahatit, PNHB Case No. 009-004).

The Public Nuisance Hearing Board (PNHB) conducted the Public Hearing and upheld Staff's recommendation and upheld Administrative Citation No. 02442.

Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Chairman and Vice Chairman elected.

At the December 3, 2009, Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Regular Meeting, the Board went through the election process and selected new Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Board elected Pam Beachtel Bible as



Chairwoman and Nancy Alexander as Vice Chairwoman as these are their fifth terms as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Staff is continuing to looking forward working with Pam and Nancy in their new positions. Congratulations, Ladies!!!

Planning

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

CUP 009-005 - ABC License Type 48 (on-sale general for public) for The Green Frog's location from 27212 Base Line to 7750 Palm Avenue. APN:" 1192-581-51-000. App.: Russell Rutland

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

Public Works

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Total Man-hours	1,360.5
Compensated Man-hours	839.5
Un-compensated Man-hours	521

MAN-HOURS PER ACTIVITY

General Clean-up	18.25
Parkway Maintenance	0
Potholes	125.5
Sidewalk	0
Storm Drains	77

Signs/Traffic Control	28
Trees Trimmed	16.25
Vehicle/Tool Maintenance	42.25
Building/Grounds Maintenance	341.75
Landscape Maintenance District	31.5
Park Maintenance	115.3
Trail Maintenance	44
Special Maintenance	118
Crack Sealing	2
Graffiti	195.25
USA Markings	15.5
Weed Spraying	1
Staff Meetings	156.8
Safety Training	17.25

SPECIAL: Repaired damage to iron bridge on Greenspot Rd.; put-up/took down various banners over Base Line; performed traffic control at Base Line/Central for fallen light pole; painted red curb at Warm Springs School (Rogers Lane), Cypress School and Lankershim School; worked on service requests.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Saturday, December 19, 2009

8:00 am to noon (sign in at 7:30 am)
Highland Improvement Team Clean Up
Aurantia Park - 29700 Greenspot Road,
Highland

Friday, December 25, 2009

Holiday - City Offices are closed

Friday, January 1, 2010

Holiday - City Offices are closed

Monday, January 4, 2010

5pm - Blood Drive Committee Recruitment Meeting, Jerry Lewis Community Center
7793 Central Avenue - Highland

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

Assembled by: Elena Rodrigues



Happy Holidays

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