



City of Highland Weekly Report

December 10, 2009

Highland Environmental Education Coalition Book Fair Fundraiser

Library News

HEEC Book Fair - 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 backyard composting, here is your chance! The San Bernardino County Solid Waste Management Division will be hosting three composting demonstrations in the Home and Garden Sections of Barnes & Noble (Citrus Plaza) at 11 am, 2 pm and 4 pm.

December 13, 2009 - HEEC volunteers will be at Barnes and Noble from 10 am-10 pm 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.

For more information regarding this fundraiser or to pick up a book fair voucher, please call 909-425-4706.

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.

Public Services



Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Green Holiday Tips

BUY ENERGY-SAVING "LED" HOLIDAY LIGHTS. Now you can decorate your house with LED lights that use 90 percent less energy than conventional holiday lights, and can save your family up to \$50 on your energy bills during the holiday season!



MAKE YOUR OWN WRAPPING PAPER. Most mass-produced wrapping paper you find in stores is not recyclable and ends up in landfills. Instead, here's a great chance to get creative! Wrap presents with old maps, the comics section of a newspaper, or children's artwork. Or use a scarf, attractive dish towel, bandana, or some other useful cloth item. If every family wrapped just three gifts this way, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.

ADD ORGANIC & LOCAL FOODS TO YOUR HOLIDAY FEAST. Support local family farmers who grow sustainable meat and produce. Not only does it taste better, you'll be doing your part for the planet too.



STOCKING STUFFERS. Great stocking stuffer is "guilt-free" chocolate! Give the gift of organic, fair-trade chocolate and you can eat your way to a better planet.

GET A PESTICIDE-FREE TREE. Demand is on the rise for Christmas trees that are not covered in chemicals; some growers use 40 different pesticides, as well as chemical colorants. The good news is that there are now a number of tree-farms that sell pesticide-free trees, so ask your local Christmas tree seller, or [search for an organic tree farm](#) near you.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE. Ninety-eight percent of Christmas trees were grown on farms, not in forests, so at least it's not as if you're cutting down an ancient tree. Each year, 10 million Christmas trees end up in the landfill. City of Highland residents can recycle their tree hassle free this holiday season! Keep an eye out for the upcoming Christmas tree recycling schedule.

DONATE YOUR TIME OR MONEY TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP. Get into the holiday spirit by volunteering! There are countless ways to help improve your community—and the planet—from cleaning up a local river to helping inner city kids experience the outdoors for the first time. A donation in honor of a loved one can also be a special holiday gift.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD CELLPHONE. Getting a new cell phone for Christmas? Not sure what to do with the old one? You can drop off that old phone at the Highland Environmental Learning Center or Highland City Hall for recycling. Each year, 130 million cell phones are thrown out, weighing approximately 65,000 tons. Recycling your old phone prevents hazardous elements like mercury, cadmium and lead from ending up in our landfills.

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.

Public Works

Graffiti Report - During the period of 12/01 - 12/09/09, graffiti known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Graffiti Hotline:** Drummond/Fleming, Atlantic from Boulder west to La Praix, Boulder s/o Highland, 25356 Base Line, 7628 Lankershim, 26607 9th, center median at Palm/9th, 26122 Base Line, 7822 Cunningham, 7822 & 7836 Cunningham, Millar/Orange; **Reported at Counter:** 30278 Frontera Del Norte, 27292 Messina; **Reported by Staff:** 7426 Victoria, 7497 Victoria, 7471 Victoria, w/s of 210 fwy s/o Base Line; **Routine Observation by P.W:** Old library, Clifton/Orange, Sterling n/o 13th, Sterling /Jane, Osburn/Base Line, Base Line e/o Del Rosa Ave., Church s/o Pacific, Newberry/Jane, 7272 Sterling, across from 7487 Sterling, Sterling n/o 9th, 7576 Sterling, 25490 9th, 9th e/o Del Rosa Ave., Victoria/9th, Central n/o Fisher, Central alley, Pacific w/o San Francisco to Olive, 26514 14th, 13th e/o Alice, Miller/Pacific, Victoria/14th, 26809, 25899,

26037 Base Line, 26063 Base Line, Victoria n/o Goodman Ct., Base Line/Sterling center median, Base Line/Golondrina, Del Rosa Dr. s/o 9th, e/o 25490 9th, 26188 9th, s/o 7735 Palm (empty lot), Golondrina/9th, Victoria/Pacific, 7219 Sterling, Community Park, 25590 9th, 7345 Rogers Ln., 25809 Base Line, 26037 Base Line, Barnes/Base Line, Atlantic from Boulder to Seine, 26245 Base Line, 7772 Lillian, Cypress/Palm, Palm N/o Cypress, Vine/Base Line, 26630 Base Line, 26584 Base Line, Sterling n/o Byron, Base Line/McKinley, Pacific/Boulder, 210 fwy s/o Base Line exit, Byron w/o Buchanan, 7935 Lankershim, 7578 Sterling, 5th/Cunningham (market), 11th/Victoria, Base Line/San Francisco, Cunningham Park, 7346 Cunningham, library and ELC, Clifton/Orange, Orange/Nona, 7th/Del Rosa Ave., 7321 Golondrina, Pacific w/o Olive, 9th/Eucalyptus, McKinley/9th (market).

Mark Your Calendar

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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