



City of Highland Weekly Report

December 31, 2009

**Have a Safe and Happy New Year!!!
Welcome 2010!!**

Volunteer Services

Highland Improvement Team - Join the Highland Improvement Team (HIT) for our first clean up of the New Year!

The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) will be back at Aurantia Park, 29700 Greenspot Road, from 8:00 am to noon on Saturday, January 16.

Aurantia Park was also the designated clean up site for our December 2009 HIT. We focused on weed abatement at the south end of the park. Although this task may seem easy, it can be quite daunting. Aurantia is a nature park that has many beautiful plants that are native to the area. Those who volunteered for this project had to be very careful not to mistake those plants as weeds. Volunteers took great effort to distinguish which plants needed to stay and which were to go. Unfortunately, due to the size of the park and the nature of our clean up, we were not able to finish on December 19. We will pick up where we left off and complete this project on January 16.

The City of Highland provides all tools and equipment needed for each HIT project. As a



token of appreciation, volunteers are asked to stay after each HIT clean up project and participate in a sponsored lunch.

If anyone is interested in joining us at Aurantia Park or any other HIT clean up project, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey at 909-864-6861 extension 203.



Public Services

REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK

Try a Greener New Year's Resolution. There are some common resolutions that make an appearance year after year on everyone's lists. For 2010, how about taking the usual New Year's resolutions and making them greener? Here are some ideas for how to green your 2010 new year's resolutions.

Bring your own reusable bags to the grocery store. Twelve million barrels of oil were used to make the 88.5 billion plastic bags consumed in the United States last year. And it takes four times more energy to make paper bags. The best choice is reusable shopping bags made of cotton, nylon or durable, mesh like plastic. Put a few reusable shopping bags in your car so you have

them handy on your next shopping trip.

Believe it or not, switching to recycled toilet paper can change the world. If every household in the United States bought just one four-pack of 260-sheet recycled bath tissue, instead of the typical tissue made from virgin fiber, it would eliminate 60,600 pounds of chlorine pollution; preserve 356 million gallons (1.35 billion liters) of fresh water and save nearly 1 million trees. And the best news is that a four-pack of recycled toilet paper costs about the same as a four-pack of conventional toilet paper.

No matter how you look at it, paper towels create waste. During your next trip to the grocery store, buy some reusable microfiber towels, which grip dirt and dust like a magnet,



even when they get wet. When you are finished with them, toss the towels in the wash and reuse them again and again. They are even great for countertops and mirrors and when you absolutely have to use disposable towels, look for recycled products. If every household in the United States replaced just one roll of virgin fiber paper towels (70 sheets) with 100 percent recycled ones, we could save 544,000 trees.

Start recycling at home. If you are not already recycling at home, vow to start. If you feel like recycling is too complicated, start by recycling one category at a time, and for



example start with CRV (plastic bottles, glass bottles and aluminum cans) or plastics. Then increase to another category when you have a handle on the first one. By the end of the year you will be a recycling pro and be able to help family and friends start a recycling journey of their own.

Bring your own refillable container. Avoid buying water in plastic bottles and use refillable containers, which will help reduce the demand for the 50 billion produced each

year. Did you know that it takes 26 bottles of water to produce a one-liter bottle of water, and



that doing so pollutes 25 liters of groundwater? Don't leave a trail of plastic water bottles in your wake! Use reusable water bottles instead made from materials like stainless steel or aluminum that are not likely to degrade over time.

Stop wasting gas. Save gas by driving less, carpooling, reducing driving speed, and checking the tire pressure on your



automobile. If every American kept his or her tires properly inflated, we could save 2.8 billion gallons (10.6 billion liters) of gasoline a year -- and help curb global warming pollution -- so inflate the tires on your car or truck and continue to do so once a month or as necessary.

When making your New Year's resolution or setting goals for 2010, don't forget to use your environmental know-how and always keep Mother Nature in mind. One small change can have a positive impact on our environment!

Christmas Tree Recycling. Would you like to recycle your Christmas tree hassle free this year? Here is how you can - Simply place your Christmas tree at the curb on your regular collection day.



- ❖ Burrtec customers, place your trees out from **December 26th - January 9th**
- ❖ Cal Disposal customers, place your trees out from **January 4th - January 8th**

- Trees over 6ft must be cut in half.
- Please remove all tinsel, ornaments, plastic, bags, stands, braces, wire and nails.
- No artificial, flocked or fireproofed trees will be accepted.

For more information, 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

Recycling Trivia -

How many tons of garbage to Americans Produce a Year? 210 million

How many plants, animals, and insect species are lost every single day due to rainforest destruction? 137

What percentage of energy is used by people at home? More than 1/3

US drivers own 5% of the world's cars. What percentage of the world's fuel do these cars use? 43%

How much greenhouse gas emissions increase from 1970 to 2004? 75%

As of 2006 how many American families are living off grid? 180,000

How many marine animals are killed as a result of eating or being strangled in plastic? 100,000

How fast can Bamboo grow? One foot everyday

How much water does it take to produce one ton of steel? 62,600

How many gallons of water are used during a typical shower? 9 gallons

How many barrels of crude oil does it take to manufacture all the single use water bottles Americans buy each year? 17 million

By turning you thermostat back 10-15 degrees for 8 hours each day, how much can you save

on your heating bill each winter? 5-15%

How many pieces of junk mail are sent annually in the US? More than 62 billion

Library News. Wonder of Water -

Start the New Year with a new commitment to caring for our most precious resource... **WATER!** The Environmental Learning Center (ELC) has been chosen to participate in the development of new activities to teach children about water and we need YOUR help!

Saturday, January 9 & 23, 2010 -

11:00 a.m. Ocean Currents (Pre-K to Grade 2)
Discover how the ocean currents are formed and how people and marine animals are affected by these currents.

1:00 p.m. My Water Footprint (Grade 6-12)
We all need water, but some of us use more than others. How large is your water footprint, and how can you estimate its cost?

3:00 p.m. Sharing the River (Grade 6-12)
Play a game to stimulate the process of negotiation between states and countries that share a river or aquifer...often results in an agreement to share!

For more information, please contact ELC staff at 909-425-4706.

Public Works

Graffiti Report. During the period of 12/10 - 12/30/09, graffiti known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Graffiti Hotline:** 7831



Parkview , Base Line (Blockbuster) center median, Stratford/Devon, Club View/Whitegate, Atlantic/LaPraix, North Fork trail, 7190 Olive, 7436 Cunningham, 7935 Cunningham, Greenspot (L.A. Fitness), Greenspot/Orange, across from 29050 Water, Villa e/o Palm, 7065 Palm, Clifton/LaPraix; **Reported by Staff:**

Barnes/Base Line, Community Park, alley – Base Line to 13th; **Routine Observation by P.W:** YMCA, Sterling s/o Byron, Del Rosa Dr. s/o 9th St., 11th e/o Lillian, Del Rosa Dr. n/o Base Line to Fisher, Del Rosa Dr./Pacific, Paloma/Del Rosa Ave., Union, Base Line w/o McKinley, 14th/Orange, 15th/Olive, 26297 Base Line, Stoney Creek/Base Line (center median), Victoria/Cypress, Cole/Cypress, Lankershim/McKinley, Stratford/Central, Base Line e/o Seely Ct., Palm w/o Cypress, Elm/Base Line (R & R Tires), 7487 Elm, 8023 Del Rosa Dr., Del Rosa Dr./5th, 9th e/o Elmwood, 7th/Del Rosa Dr., Fleming/Golondrina, Sterling/9th, Streater/Base Line, Palm/Cypress (CV's), Norwood w/o Bonita, Palm/Norwood, Church Ave. n/o Norwood, Church Ave. s/o Base Line, Sterling n/o 13th, 6th/Cunningham, Jane/Newbury, Lankershim/9th, 7935 Lankershim, 7836 Cunningham, 7822 Cunningham, Cunningham alley to Victoria, Palm/Pacific, Church Ave. e/o Thompson School, Base Line/Valaria, Del Rosa Ave. n/o 4th St., Boulder (at Beaver Medical), Aurantia Park, 7565 Newcomb, 11th w/o Rogers Ln., Jane e/o Argyle, Streater/Cantebury, Church/Base Line, Golondrina/9th, 14th e/o Bangor, Mansfield w/o San Francisco, Pacific w/o Olive, Del Rosa Ave./6th, Bonnie/Flamingo, Central s/o 14th, Court/Del Rosa Dr., Del Rosa Ave./4th, Del Rosa Ave./5th, Del Rosa Ave./Union, Boulder (Tutor Time), Base Line w/o Guthrie, 27971 & 27979 Mountain, LaPraix/Messina, 25390 Paloma, Sycamore/Orange, Vine/Base Line, Victoria/Millar, Victoria/Pacific, Byron/Buchanan, Seely/Base Line, 7143 Bradford, Fleming/Bonnie, Hibiscus/Central, Hillview/9th.

Mark Your Calendar

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

Saturday, January 16, 2010

8am to 12 noon - Highland Improvement Team Clean Up, Aurantia Park, 29700 Greenspot Road

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, January 25, 2010

1:30pm - 6:30pm - Blood Drive
Jerry Lewis Community Center
7793 Central Avenue - Highland



Tuesday, January 26, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Sunday, January 31, 2010

7:45am (first race begins)
27th Annual Highland Family YMCA Run & Sports Festival, Arroyo Verde Elementary School, 7701 Church Street

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, February 4, 2010

5:00pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

5:30pm - Joint Study Session with the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board and the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce in the Upright Conference Room

Thursday, February 11, 2010

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, February 15, 2010

President's Day - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Assembled by: Elena Rodrigues

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