

City of Highland Weekly Report



April 23, 2021

ADMINISTRATION

Dear Highland Residents, Business Owners, and Community Stakeholders:

City Hall is open. In an effort to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, social distancing and face coverings will be required when entering City Hall. This may include having people wait outside to be called in if the lobby gets too crowded. Temperature screenings will be required of anyone entering beyond the lobby area. We also encourage everyone to take care of business through email, U.S. mail or via phone, if possible.

We are working with the County of San Bernardino and the State to allow the County to move more quickly into later phases of reopening our businesses. I will continue to work with the County to drive the point home to the Governor that a one-size-fits-all approach in a state as large as California is not a reasonable method to re-open our economy and to allow businesses in San Bernardino County to re-open quickly.

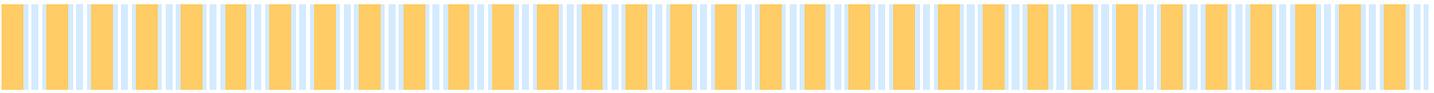
Over the last few months, we have received a lot of information from many sources regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The information and directives change daily and the effects are impacting the lives of everyone.

As your Mayor, I am asking that we all focus on and follow the information provided through the San Bernardino County Department of Health's website at www.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/ and the State website at www.covid19.ca.gov. The directions given there are intended to keep us all safe and well as a community.

The Highland City Council and Staff want you to know the health and safety of our residents, businesses, and community stakeholders is important and of primary concern to all of us during this Coronavirus state and local emergency period.

Please continue to visit our website at www.cityofhighland.org and follow us on Facebook for information. These are unprecedented times. Together, we will get through this. Be kind to one another and be safe.

Penny Lilburn
Mayor



Estimados residentes de Highland, propietarios de negocios y partes interesadas de la comunidad:

El Ayuntamiento ya está abierto. En un esfuerzo por ayudar a prevenir la propagación de COVID-19, se requerirá mantener distancia social y cubrir bocas al entrar en el Ayuntamiento. Esto puede incluir que las personas esperen afuera para ser llamados si el pasillo se llena demasiado. Se requerirán exámenes de temperatura para cualquier persona que entre más allá del área del pasillo. También animamos a todos a ocuparse de los negocios a través de correo electrónico, correo postal de EE. UU. o por teléfono, si es posible.

Estamos trabajando con el Condado de San Bernardino y el Estado para permitir que el Condado se mueva más rápidamente en fases posteriores de reapertura de nuestros negocios. Continuaré trabajando con el Condado para llevar el punto a casa al Gobernador que un enfoque único en un estado tan grande como California no es un método razonable para reabrir nuestra economía y permitir que las empresas en el Condado de San Bernardino reabran rápidamente.

En los últimos meses, hemos recibido mucha información de muchas fuentes con respecto al Coronavirus (COVID-19). La información y las directivas cambian a diario y los efectos están afectando la vida de todos.

Como su Alcalde, pido que todos nos concentremos y sigamos la información proporcionada a través del sitio web del Departamento de Salud del Condado de San Bernardino en www.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/ y el sitio web del estado en www.covid19.ca.gov. Las instrucciones dadas allí están destinadas a mantenernos a todos seguros y saludables como una comunidad.

El Ayuntamiento y el Personal de Highland quieren que usted sepa que la salud y la seguridad de nuestros residentes, empresas y partes interesadas de la comunidad es importante y de principal preocupación para todos nosotros durante este estado de Coronavirus y el período de emergencia local.

Por favor, continúe visitando nuestro sitio web en www.cityofhighland.org y síganos en Facebook para obtener información.

Estos son tiempos sin precedentes. Juntos, superaremos esto. Sé amable el uno con el otro y sé seguro.

Penny Lilburn
Alcalde



IMPORTANT PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Governor released a new one-stop website (<https://covid19.ca.gov/>) for COVID-19 resources. This is a substantial source of information including unemployment and paid sick leave, along with small business assistance (information specifically to be added about this tomorrow on the website).

These following specific items — Apply for Unemployment, Apply for Disability Benefits or Apply for Paid Family Leave - may be of interest to you on the following website https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/faqs.htm.

Loan guidance for small business: <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

As a reminder, the CDC's official Coronavirus website is the best source for up-to-date information and guidance. www.coronavirus.gov

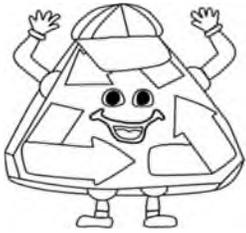
The County of San Bernardino has established a COVID-19 Public Information Line. The line is in operation from 9:00am to 8:00pm, Monday to Friday. The phone number is 909-387-3911. Please note that this line is for Public Information Only. Please contact your Health Care Provider for medical related questions.

For further information and updates please visit: <https://sbccovid19.com/>

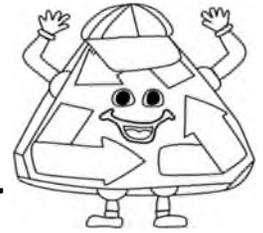
The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to respond to reports of Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) as the situation is quickly evolving.

Residents of San Bernardino are encouraged to stay home as much as possible while only participating in essential activities, such as critical work functions and shopping for necessities. We know these measures are challenging, but social distancing will help to protect all of our communities. We encourage older adults and those with chronic medical conditions to take additional precautions to avoid getting sick with the disease.

Please visit <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/> for additional updates and information.



RE-PETE'S NEWS



April 24, 2021 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

On April 24, 2021 from 10am to 2pm the Highland Police Station and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 19th opportunity in nine years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs.

We encourage every citizen to look in their homes for any old, unused prescription medication and bring your medications for disposal to the **Highland Police Station located at 26985 Base Line Highland, CA 92346** on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 10am to 2pm. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Americans turned in more unused prescription drugs at the most recent DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day than on any of the previous 19 events since it began in 2010, demonstrating their understanding of the value of this service.

Last October, the public turned in a record-setting amount of nearly one million pounds—nearly 492.7 tons of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for disposal at close to 4,587 collection sites all across the country. This brings the total amount of prescription drugs collected by DEA since the fall of 2010 to 13,684,848 pounds or 6842.4 tons.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Also, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards. “Educating the public on the proper disposal of unused medicines has led to over 6,800 tons of prescription drugs being turned in. The success of this program is evident; I believe residents are aware of this every six-month service being provided to them and, they plan for it,” said Sheriff John McMahon.

For information on how to properly dispose of medications and other materials that could potentially harm the environment, such as cleaning products, paints, fertilizers/pesticides, automotive products like used motor oil and filters, please contact the City of Highland Public Services Division at 909-864-8732, ext. 271.



Saturday, April 24 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DEATakeBack.com

Public Services

What You Should Know About Street Sweeping in Highland

1) Help us to serve you better by removing all possible obstacles from the street on your scheduled day. Although the City of Highland does not enforce street sweeping parking restrictions, we appreciate your assistance in keeping the streets clear on your scheduled day.

Parked vehicles cause the operator to swing wide to miss them. Moving vehicles off a street scheduled for sweeping allows crews to thoroughly clean the street from curb-to-curb. One parked car equals nearly three car lengths of space that can't be swept because the street sweeping equipment must leave room to avoid it. This can result in debris building up on the roadway and entering the storm drain which can cause flooding during heavy rains and contribute to water pollution.

2) In residential areas the street sweeper can sweep **anytime** from *7am to 5pm*, the day after your solid waste collection day.

3) If solid waste collection is delayed one day due to a holiday, the street sweeper will be delayed one day as well.

4) Since sweeping is done as close to the curb as possible, things like overhanging tree branches, basketball hoops, solid waste collection carts and especially parked vehicles cause the operator to swing wide to miss them. When this happens, debris is left on the street and the quality of the sweeping is reduced.

5) Street sweeping also serves as one of our Best Management Practices (BMP) to control and improve water quality.

For more information or to report a street sweeping complaint, please contact the Public Services Division at 909-864-8732, ext. 271



Let's All Reduce Illegal Dumping



In a place as beautiful as Highland, every day is Earth Day! It is difficult to imagine why anyone would choose to pollute our scenic vistas and rural corridors by illegally dumping trash, but they do. If there is any possible explanation, it may be that the ones doing the dumping do not know about the many options and alternatives available – so we're here to help!

As we get new things, stuff starts to accumulate. When we move or need space, the stuff must go somewhere, but where? The first thing to remember is that one person's trash may be another's treasure. Donating useful items is one of the greatest things we can do for our community and our planet, by providing low-cost or free goods to those in need while keeping valuable resources out of the landfill. Donating is free, and may even be eligible for a tax credit. Goodwill and other donation options are available through charities, thrift stores, and more.

Residents and businesses can recycle most appliances for free at the Agua Mansa Material Recovery Facility (MRF) at 1830 Agua Mansa Road, Riverside, CA 92509 or call at 951-786-0544 any time during business hours. Only appliances with Freon coolant require a nominal disposal fee of \$13.00 per item. If you're unable to deliver them to one of our sites, ask your service hauler Burrtec 909-889-1969 about the bulky item pickup included with your service. Multifamily dwellings (apartments and town homes) may also be eligible for pickup services – ask your property manager!

Residents can also recycle mattresses for free, every business day at any MRF. California participates in a producer responsibility program that requires consumers to pay a small disposal fee when buying new mattresses, which funds the program and allows the MRF to provide free mattress and box spring recycling, no matter where they were purchased or how poor the condition. Residents can also recycle cardboard, glass, plastic and metal for free from residents and businesses at all MRF locations, or through your curbside recycling service.

Household hazardous waste (HHW) includes old chemicals, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, motor oil, antifreeze, batteries (household and auto), used oil (and filters), paint, old medication, electronic waste and medical sharps, residents can properly dispose for free at our local San Bernardino County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHW) located at the S.B. International Airport 2824 East "W" Street, Bldg. 302.

With all these options, there's no excuse for illegally trashing Highland and the surrounding Inland Empire. It creates an eyesore, harbors pests, and invites more dumping. The tax dollars spent on cleanup by Highland, San Bernardino County, and its surrounding cities are better spent on programs that enhance our communities with public safety services and improvements.

If you witness illegal dumping taking place, call the authorities immediately. If you see a problem area, report it to Public Works at 909-864-6861, ext. 217. If you want to volunteer for cleanups, get involved with the HIT Team (Highland Improvement Team), the HIT Team has events throughout the year call 909-864-6861, ext. 203 for more information. These events provide free supplies and disposal and can help you earn community service credits.

For more information please contact the Public Services Division at 909-864-8732, ext. 271.



Volunteer Services

STATE OF CALIFORNIA **SMALL BUSINESS GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

The California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program has announced the opening of four more funding rounds. The program provides grants from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to small businesses and non-profits impacted by COVID-19.

New dates and deadlines:

Round 6: OPENS—Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 9am through Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 5pm.

Notifications will begin Friday, May 7, 2021.

Eligible applicants: Current waitlisted small businesses and/or nonprofits not selected in Rounds 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 and new applicants that meet eligibility criteria.

Eligible grant award: \$5,000 to \$25,000

Details: Applicants not selected to receive a grant in Rounds 1, 2, 3 & 5 do not need to re-apply and will be automatically moved into Round 6. New applicants will need to apply on the following website at www.CAReliefGrant.com or by phone at: Call Center: 888-612-4370

Call center hours: Monday – Friday 7am – 7pm PST

Informational webinars are being offered, follow this link to view:

[Webinars | California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program \(careliefgant.com\)](http://www.CAReliefGrant.com)



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - APRIL 18-24



National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world.

Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

Volunteer Services

LIFESTREAM 2 FOR 2 COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

Want to help Lifestream purchase new Bloodmobiles? \$2 – Yes, just TWO dollars can make a “wheel” difference in community wellness!



Background

Two LifeStream bloodmobiles must be retired soon because they no longer meet State and Federal vehicle emissions standards.

The Need

Replacing these bloodmobiles with new, more environmentally friendly bloodmobiles can keep LifeStream “going to the donor” at schools, churches, hospitals, businesses, and government offices to collect life-saving blood. New bloodmobiles cost approximately \$250,000 each!

The Solution

From January through April, LifeStream is conducting their **2 for 2 Community Campaign**. They are asking blood donors, the public, small businesses, large companies, and corporate and community foundations to donate to our campaign. If everyone pitches in, they should easily reach the goal of raising \$500,000.

Why Are Bloodmobiles Important?

Bloodmobiles are an essential component of LifeStream’s blood collection efforts and make it convenient for donors to give the gift of blood. In a typical year, 72,000 units (pints) are collected from mobile blood drives to help trauma and cancer patients, and for surgeries at local hospitals and medical facilities. Without bloodmobiles, LifeStream would not be able to meet local patients’ needs.

Mobile staff also provides blood donors with valuable health information during the screening process. In 2019, LifeStream provided “mini-physicals” to 125,000 blood donors. These “mini-physicals” assessed each person’s pulse, temperature, blood pressure, cholesterol, and hemoglobin. All blood donations are also tested for infectious diseases and the presence of COVID antibodies.



Volunteer Services

HIGHLAND GROCERY DELIVERY PROGRAM



Highland's Senior Grocery Delivery Service Program is open for enrollment. This program will assist senior citizen residents by paying the cost of an annual membership to a local grocery delivery service such as Instacart Express or Walmart Unlimited. It's easy to qualify...Applicants eligible for this program must meet income requirements.

INSTACART UPDATE...Instacart announced that they have partnered with Aldi grocery to accept Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) online payment. With EBT and SNAP payments on the Instacart platform, customers will be able to shop and select from Aldi's EBT Snap-eligible products. Once items are added to their cart, customers will be able to select how much of their benefits they would like to allocate to the order.

*For more information and to sign up, please contact
Denise Moreno at 909-864-6861, ext. 203 or email dmoreno@cityofhighland.org*



Public Works



During the period of April 12, 2021 through April 16, 2021, graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:

Routine observation by Public Works: Base Line & Mira Vista Ave., Base Line & Osbun Rd., 9th St. & Elmwood Rd., 9th St. & Del Rosa Ave., 25492 9th St., YMCA, Highland Community Park, Lillian Ln. & Hibiscus St.

Called into Hotline: Palm Plaza lot

Test your Earth Day Recycling Facts!

The first Earth Day in 1970 helped produce cleaner air, parks, beaches, and city centers. It also raised awareness of the impact of each of our actions on the environment. We need smart consumer decisions that extend the Earth Day message to every day so we can transform environmental damage into recovery. This Earth911 quiz tests your knowledge of recycling facts that may help influence your daily decisions when shopping, using products, and discarding used goods.



Do You Know Your Earth Day Recycling Facts?

The 51st Earth Day is just around the corner. The original event in the 1970s helped produce cleaner air, parks, beaches, and city centers, and raised awareness of the impact of personal action on the environment. We need smart consumer decisions that extend the Earth Day message to every day so we can transform environmental damage into recovery.

Test your knowledge on a series of questions that will help you keep your environmental impact in mind when shopping, using products, and disposing of goods. Jump in and change your world for the better!

1. How many jobs are related to scrap recycling in the United States?

In 2019, the Scrap Recycling Industry Economic Impact Study found that _____ people are employed by scrap recyclers in the United States.

- A. 90,809
- B. 531,510
- C. 75,963
- D. 853,400

2. How many tons of paper, excluding cardboard, are recycled annually in the United States?

Here's a hint: The Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry says that more than 2 billion books, 350 million magazines and approximately 24 billion newspapers are published in the United States each year.

- A. 694 million tons
- B. 45.9 million tons
- C. 36.9 million tons
- D. 578 million tons



3. Which retail shopping chain or website is the least environmentally friendly, according to ratings by CSRHub, an aggregator of sustainability ratings?

Your decision to purchase groceries or other goods is just one link in a long chain of decisions — from choice of seeds or production materials to packaging and transportation — each with many environmental consequences. Which national retail company lags behind its competition?

- A. IKEA
- B. Amazon.com
- C. Walmart
- D. Target

4. The average car contains how many pounds of plastic?

Your vehicle is made of a lot more than steel, including computer chips, carbon fiber, and plastic. How much plastic is in the average car?

- A. 150 pounds
- B. 1,050 pounds
- C. 352 pounds
- D. 771 pounds

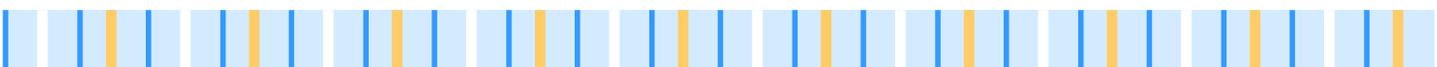
5. How long does the typical aluminum can take to be recycled and returned to the grocery store shelf?

The life cycle of an aluminum can could repeat endlessly, saving 95% of the energy required to make a can from raw ore. The typical aluminum can takes _____ to be recycled and returned to retail outlets.

- A. One week
- B. 60 days
- C. One year
- D. Four months

Answers:

1. The correct answer is 531,510, according to the Scrap Recycling Industry's 2019 Economic Impact Study.
2. The correct answer is 45.9 million tons, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. By weight, paper represents half of the recycled materials in the United States.
3. IKEA is the retail laggard in 2021, based on CSRHub scoring of environmental impact. Amazon.com, the most modern of retailers, has made great strides since 2018 when its environmental score was 46. Today, CSRHub gives Amazon a score of 67 while IKEA scores 29, Walmart Stores scores 84, and Target comes in at 70.
4. The correct answer is 771 lbs. (350 kg.), according to Plastics Today. Yes, 771 pounds of plastic — the combined weight of 4.3 average North American adults — is used in the average car. For each ton of plastics recycled for use in new products, including automobiles, 16.3 barrels of oil are preserved, according to Stanford University.



MAKE YOUR PET'S BUSINESS, YOUR BUSINESS!

STEP 1



Attach canister to leash so you'll have your doggie bags when you need them.

STEP 2



Pick up after your pet.
Dog waste is not fertilizer!

STEP 3



Throw it in a trash can.
Keep harmful bacteria away from our streets and storm drains.



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY STORMWATER PROGRAM
WHERE WATER MEETS COMMUNITY

Every part contributes to a clean, beautiful County.
Visit sbcountystormwater.org/pet for more information.

PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY KEEP TRASH OUT OF OUR STREETS



Step 1

Gather your used masks, gloves, and wipes

Step 2

Place the used items in a bag

Step 3

Tie or seal the bag and dispose into a trashcan



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY STORMWATER PROGRAM
WHERE WATER MEETS COMMUNITY

Calendar of Events

April 24, 2021

10am to 2pm—Prescription Drug Take Back Day,
Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line,
Highland.

April 27, 2021

5:15PM— Finance/Personnel Subcommittee
Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers
6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue Council
Chambers

May 4, 2021

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

May 11, 2021

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue Council
Chambers

May 18, 2021

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

May 25, 2021

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue Council
Chambers

June 1, 2021

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

June 3, 2021

5pm — Historic Cultural Preservation
Board Meeting, Donahue Council
Chambers

June 8, 2021

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

June 15, 2021

6pm — Planning Commission Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

June 22, 2021

6pm — City Council Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers



THE CITY OF HIGHLAND FACEBOOK PAGE

The City of Highland has a new and improved Facebook page that we would like for you all to follow us on. This is where you will find important information regarding road closures and construction projects that may affect your travel time, scheduled power outages, emergencies, events such as: Community Blood Drives, Highland Improvement Team projects, Compost Give-A-Way, Used Oil Filter Exchange & Recycling Events and much more. Please "Like" City of Highland - City Hall (<https://www.facebook.com/cityofhighland.cityhall>) as the official page.

