



LINE FIRE RESPONSE

On September 5, 2024, at approximately 6:00pm, firefighters responded to a reported wildland fire on Base Line and Aplin Street. The arriving engines reported several acres on fire, and immediately requested more resources, including multiple additional fixed wing airplanes and helicopters. By the time the fire was named the Line Fire, which was within a short timeframe, the fire grew.

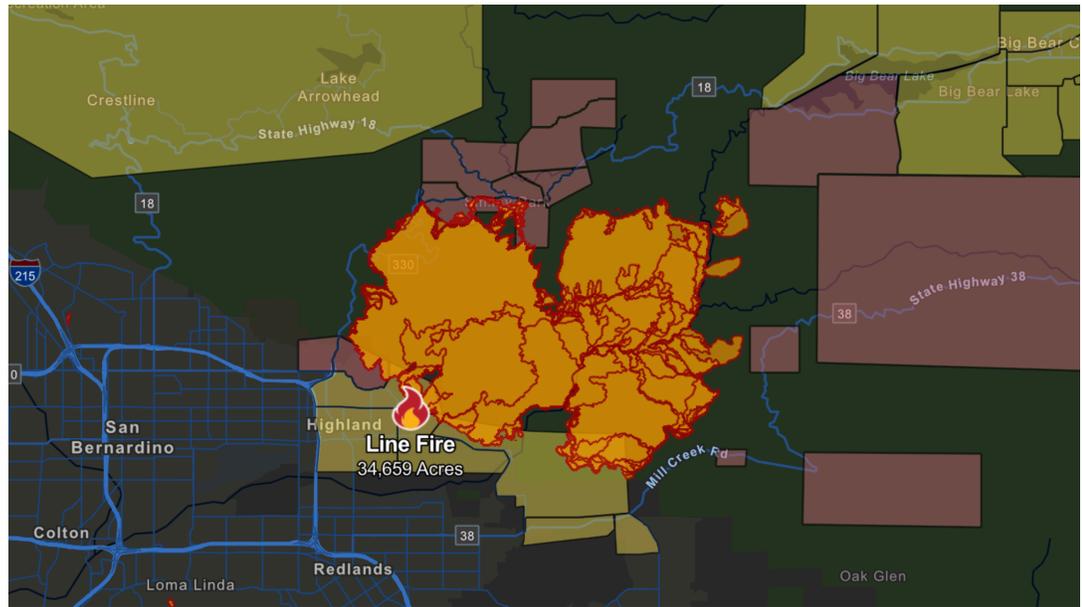
On September 7, 2024, the County of San Bernardino and Governor Newsom proclaimed a local and state emergency, respectively. On September 11, 2024, the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, issued a local emergency proclamation to take the necessary actions to address the emergency. On September 12, 2024, the City Council held a special meeting to ratify the local emergency in the City of Highland.

Over the following days, the fire grew to approximately 37,207 acres and 18% containment. The fire response efforts are in a Unified Command. The Unified Command is a team effort process, allowing all agencies with geographical or functional responsibility for an incident to assign an Incident Commander to a Unified Command organization. The Unified Command then establishes a common set of incident objectives and strategies that all can subscribe to.

In this instance, the City of Highland is in Unified Command with CalFire San Bernardino-Inyo-Mono Unit, US Forest Service - San Bernardino National Forest, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District and the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department. However, there are personnel from all over the State of California and neighboring states supporting the firefighting efforts. At this time there are 3,179 personnel assigned to this incident. It is the invaluable partnerships and collaboration during this emergency incident that Highland has not had any structures lost.

The Line Fire has profoundly impacted the Highland community, highlighting both the challenges faced by residents and the remarkable unity, dedication, and teamwork demonstrated by first responders.

Residents who want information on the status of the Line Fire, can call (909)220-4292 or dial 211 for continued road closure info, evacuation routes, animal care resources, shelter info, mental health support and food assistance.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Please see important dates below:

October 1 - Voter Information Guides delivered to U.S. Post Office

October 7 - Early voting begins

October 7 - Mail ballots delivered to U.S. Post Office

October 21 - Voter registration deadline

October 29 - Deadline to request a replacement mail ballot

November 5 - Election Day

November 6 - Canvass of the Election begins

December 5 - Deadline to complete the official canvass & certify results

CITY OF HIGHLAND **24-HOUR MAIL BALLOT DROP BOX**

**HIGHLAND
CITY HALL**
27215 BASE LINE
HIGHLAND, CA 92346



September 12, 2024 - CANCELLED

Food Giveaway – Community Action Partnership of SB County
10:00am to 12:00pm
Highland Community Park - 7793 Central Avenue
(909)723-1500

September 12, 2024

City Council Special Meeting
4:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers - 27215 Base Line

September 16, 2024

Blood Drive Committee Meeting
4:00pm to 5:00pm
City Hall – 27215 Base Line

September 17, 2024

Planning Commission Meeting
6:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers - 27215 Base Line

September 30, 2024

Blood Drive
12:00pm to 5:00pm
Police Station - 26985 Base Line

October 1, 2024

Planning Commission Meeting
6:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers - 27215 Base Line

October 5, 2024

Highland Chamber Run/Walk/Jog 5K & 10K
8:00am
Arroyo Verde Elementary School - 7701 Church Street
(909)864-4073

October 8, 2024

Meet Your State Representative
10:00am to 12:00pm
City Hall - 27215 Base Line

October 8, 2024

City Council Regular Meeting
6:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers - 27215 Base Line

October 15, 2024

Planning Commission Meeting
6:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers - 27215 Base Line



STATE OF THE CITY

In a vibrant display of civic pride and optimism, Highland’s Annual State of the City Address was delivered on August 29 at the East Valley Water District’s Sterling Natural Resource Center, with over 150 attendees. Mayor Penny Lilburn highlighted the city’s achievements over the past year, celebrated the city’s community spirit, and outlined ambitious goals for the future. The event was co-hosted by Fire Chief Liz Brown.

The evening initiated with a reception where residents had the opportunity to engage with city officials and learn about upcoming initiatives.

Mayor Lilburn highlighted the city’s fiscal responsibility and budget accomplishments. In addition, she provided updates on our public safety and the tireless efforts from police and fire to ensure our city is safe.

The city has embarked on several significant Public Works projects that will address the crucial needs and commitment in improving critical infrastructure.

New and proposed development was also a highlight of her address. The city wants to ensure economic growth and opportunities for new and prospective residents.

In closing, Mayor Lilburn emphasized the greatness of our city and the optimistic vision for the future!

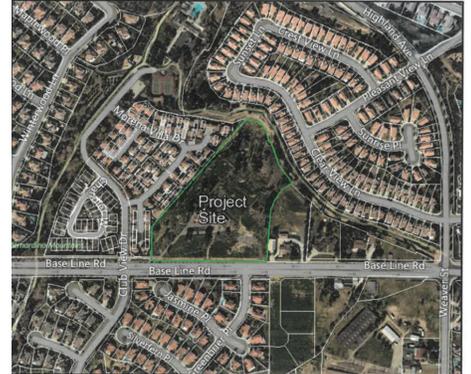


CENTURY COMMUNITIES HOUSING COMES TO HIGHLAND!

The City of Highland proudly introduces a new residential development housing tract!

On Saturday, August 31, Century Communities (Century) held a grand opening event for their long-awaited housing development, called “Highland Park” located on Base Line, west of Weaver Street. Highland Park will offer new single-family detached homes ranging in size from 1,961 to 2,523 square feet on small lots and start in the \$600,000s.

“Nestled in a tranquil setting, Highland Park presents a collection of two-story single-family homes with spacious lots and captivating views. Featuring four distinct floorplans, each home offers expansive great rooms and open-concept layouts, ideal for large households and entertaining. Exterior styles include Spanish Farmhouse, and Cottage designs, with two car garages and private driveways. Residents can enjoy private open spaces, including picnic areas, BBQ facilities, and a charming park for outdoor leisure and relaxation”.
- Century Communities



Some of the recreational amenities of this new development include a 0.44 acre Neighborhood Park and its close proximity to the North Fork Ditch and East Highlands Ranch community trail that run along the northern border. The Neighborhood Park will be centrally located within the neighborhood. Pedestrian walkways, landscaped buffers, and open space areas will be included.



In a nod to local history, the project developer elected to utilize the name “Paul Green Drive” within the tract to honor Highland hero Colonel Paul Green, a 33-year Air Force Veteran and member of the Tuskegee Airman. Colonel Green flew 25 combat missions with the 99th Fighter Squadron in Italy escorting bombers during World War II, served during Vietnam, and ultimately became Commander of Norton Air Force Base. Colonel Green and his wife called Highland home since 1976.

For more information on this residential development by Century, visit their website at the following link:
<https://www.centurycommunities.com>





REPORT AN ISSUE

Report an issue or submit a non-emergency service request to the City of Highland from the convenience of your mobile phone or computer through our city website: www.cityofhighland.org. Report issues such as graffiti, downed trees, illegal dumping, potholes, or code enforcement violations. Reports of a sensitive nature may be submitted confidentially. Citizens who notice a non-emergency within any time of the day can take a picture of the issue, add location information, request details, and send it through. This will allow staff to follow-up with residents once your issue has been submitted.

Before submitting your request, ensure the location of the issue is within Highland's city limits by utilizing our GIS Map on the city website. Residents can always call City Hall for any questions (909)864-6861.

Community members play an important role in helping keep Highland a clean and safe city!

CITY TREE MAINTENANCE

The City of Highland enjoys an abundance of mature trees throughout the City. They contribute to cleaner air, cooler grounds, and a healthier environment for its residents. In addition to the many trees on private property and businesses, there are currently more than 5,000 trees within city parkways, parks, and landscape maintenance districts that are maintained by the City. The City of Highland has been recognized by Tree City USA for 34 straight years for its commitment to maintaining and growing its urban forest. Additional information can be found at www.arborday.org.

Some of the benefits trees can provide to the community include:

- Absorb the sounds of traffic in urban areas.
- Neighborhoods with trees are cooler than those without.
- Reduce energy costs by providing shade.
- Higher property values for homes with trees.
- Green space; helping to improve mental and physical health.
- Clean air and absorb carbon dioxide.



While trees are beautiful and have many benefits, having so many trees comes at a cost. To ensure city-maintained trees keep their structure and good health, the City includes tree maintenance in its annual budget. Generally, the City follows a 5-Year Rotation that ensures each tree is visually inspected and trimmed/pruned at a minimum of once every 5 years. While trimming, the tree is inspected for any structural concerns that can be corrected or potential concerns such as disease or infestations. City contractors operate under the supervision of a Certified Arborist to ensure specific criteria are followed when trimming is performed.

City staff monitor trees regularly and respond to resident notices ranging from fallen branches to root related issues. Staff also clear any tree branches that can block street signs or public access to sidewalks. The public can notify the City of any tree related concerns on the City's Website at www.cityofhighland.org.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL

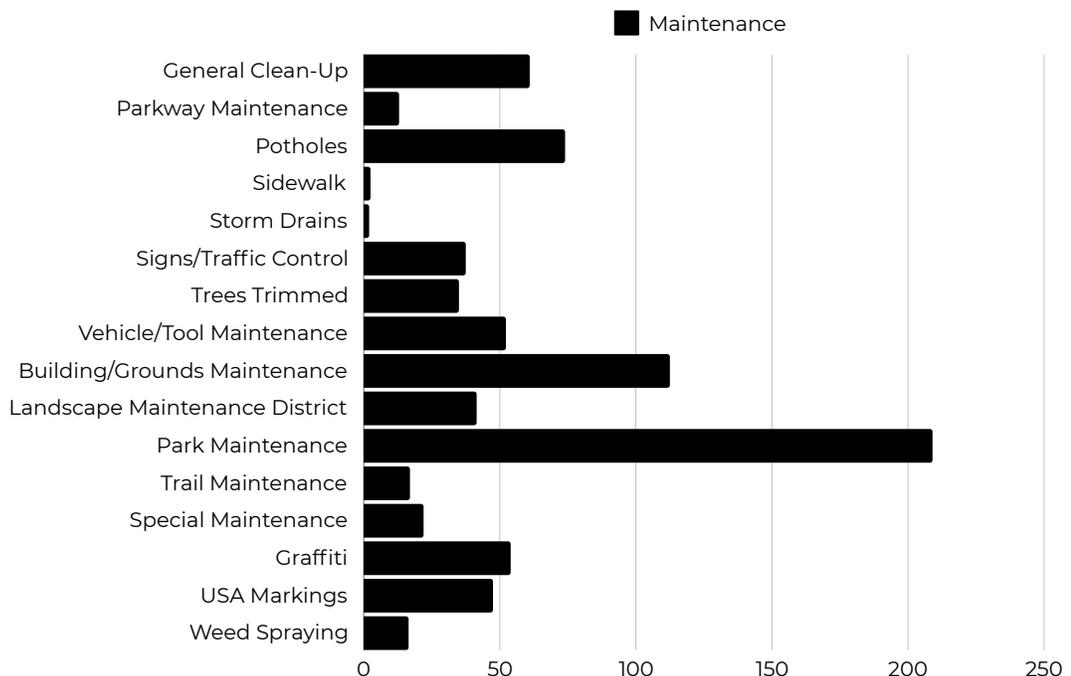
During the period of August 26, 2024, through August 30, 2024, graffiti was made known to Public Works staff by the following means and removed:

Routine observation by Public Works: 7474 Sterling Ave, Fisher St & Del Rosa Ave, Sterling Ave & Base Line, Guthrie St & Base Line, Pacific St & Olive St, Base Line & Sterling Ave, Pacific St & Palm Ave, 7272 Sterling Ave, 5th St & Victoria Ave, 25507 Pacific St, 25667 Pacific St, Pacific St & Sterling Ave, Palm Ave & 9th St, Palm Ave & Flood Control
Total Square footage: 374

If you see people defacing public property you can call the Highland Sheriff's Department at (909)425-9793 and provide a description of the person and location it is taking place. To report graffiti abatement, contact the Public Works Department at (909)864-6861, ext. 400 or visit our website under "Report An Issue" on our homepage.



PUBLIC WORKS AUGUST MAINTENANCE REPORT





HIGHLAND BLOOD DRIVE

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to be part of the Blood Drive Committee? Committee volunteers assist with posting blood drive event flyers in the community and help in the canteen during the blood drives. Our next meeting is Monday, September 16th at 4:00pm here at Highland City Hall (27215 Base Line) For more information and to register to attend a meeting please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at (909) 864-6861, ext. 203.

BLOOD DRIVE

Join us at the Highland Police Station (26985 Base Line) on Monday, September 30 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm for our next blood drive. This is the perfect opportunity to give back to your community by donating "The Gift of Life". Donors will earn points with every donation to redeem for e-gift cards and exclusive items online!

Schedule your appointment today by contacting Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator at (909)864-6861, ext. 203 or email dmoreno@cityofhighland.org.



BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL

Many of you may have noticed we are emailing you a link for your renewals. The link is coming from wo@iWorq.net. If you choose to pay online, please click the link to pay the fees and return to the portal to print your license/letter. Your updated license will be available immediately after payment is made.

If you have any questions or concerns on any of the procedures for the online Business Licenses, please contact businesslicense@cityofhighland.org.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Although no one can prevent natural disasters from occurring, there are many things you can do to make the impact less devastating for your family.

Every home should have 3 key elements in place before a disaster strikes:

1. Evacuation Plan
2. Communication Plan
3. Emergency Supply Kit



EVACUATION PLAN

In the event of an emergency such as a flood, wildfire, tornado or hurricane, you may be instructed to evacuate your house. Depending on the type of natural disaster, you may have to travel 20 to 50 miles to get your family to safety. Establish a "safety destination" (like a friend's or relative's house some distance away) and plan several different routes to get there so you can drive around roadblocks or hazards. Practice your plan and become familiar with each route so you will be better prepared. You may need to turn off your gas, water and electricity before you evacuate. Each member of the household should learn when and how to do this.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

During an emergency it is usually easier to make long distance calls, so choose an out-of-state relative to be your family's "communication center." Be sure that each member of your family knows the name and phone number for this person in case you are separated. By having everyone call one central person, it will be easier for you to check on each other and reunite after a disaster. Teach every family member when and how to dial 9-1-1 for emergency assistance.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

Find out if any of your neighbors will need extra help during an emergency. The elderly, disabled and people with small children may need you to lend a helping hand.

For detailed information on an emergency preparedness kit, please visit the Homeland Security website at www.ready.gov

STORM DRAIN POLLUTION

Did you know your SEWER drain and STREET (STORM) drain are different?

Sink and toilet water goes into a sewer drain and flows to a wastewater treatment plant before it's cleaned and released into waterways like rivers, lakes, and the ocean or put into our groundwater.

THE DIFFERENCE is there's no cleaning of dirty water before it flows into waterways from street (storm) drains. The dirty water and debris, like grass clippings and leaves, can hurt fish, plants, and other aquatic life by polluting the water where they live.

Ideas to Prevent Street (Storm) Drain Pollution:

- Sweep driveways clean instead of using water.
- Minimize the amount of fertilizer you use.
- Eliminate piles of grass, leaves, and other debris in the street.
- Adjust sprinklers to prevent leaking water from flowing into the street.
- Go to a car wash where water is cleaned before it goes into waterways.
- Keep items like oil and chemicals out of gutters and storm drains.
- Use cat litter to clean up oil on driveways and sidewalks.
- Clean up after your pets and dispose of waste in a garbage can or toilet.



Remember only rain down the storm drain!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



We Are Hiring!

Position :
Assistant Engineer/Associate Engineer/Senior Civil Engineer



Join our team by visiting our website www.cityofhighland.org



We Are Hiring!

Position :
Administrative Services Manager

\$51.34 – \$62.41 per hour
(Part Time) 20hrs per week



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BLOOD DRIVE

Scan the code to make your next appointment!



SCAN ME

PROUDLY HOSTED BY

City of Highland at the Highland Police Station

Monday, Sept. 30
Noon to 5 pm
Highland Police Station
26985 Base Line, Highland

For appointments, contact Denise Moreno at 909.864.6861 ext. 203, email dmoreno@cityofhighland.org, visit lstream.org/highland, or scan the QR code above.

The Online Donor Store is back! Donors will earn points with every donation to redeem for e-gift cards and exclusive items. For more information, visit LStream.org/donorstore.



LifeStream Blood Bank



Mobile Food Pantry Update

Due to the poor air quality, our mobile food pantry distribution on Thursday, September 12th at Highland Community Park has been canceled.



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Helping People, Changing Lives





CITY HALL

27215 Base Line
Highland, CA 92346
(909) 864-6861

Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 5:30pm
Closed on Fridays

Special Counter Hours

Building & Safety - No permits issued after
5:00pm

Engineering - 7:30am-4:00pm

HIGHLAND SHERIFF'S STATION

26985 Base Line Highland, CA 92346
(909)425-9793

For emergency calls, dial 911

FIRE STATION #1

26974 Base Line Highland, CA 92346
(909)862-3031

FIRE STATION #2

29507 Base Line Highland, CA 92346
(909)862-1760

FIRE STATION #3

7649 Sterling Ave. Highland, CA 92346
(909)884-4100

HIGHLAND SAM RACADIO LIBRARY

7863 Central Ave. Highland, CA 92346
(909)798-8490

Monday 10:00am-8:00pm

Tuesday 10:00am-8:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am-8:00pm

Thursday 10:00pm-6:00pm

Friday 10:00am-6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday Closed

HIGHLAND FAMILY YMCA

7793 Central Ave. Highland, CA 92346
(909)864-8297

HIGHLAND CORPORATION YARD

7935 Central Ave. Highland, CA 92346
(909)863-0284

HIGHLAND SENIOR CENTER

3102 Highland Ave. Highland, CA
92346 (909)862-8104

YOUR COMMUNITY

HIGHLAND CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Penny Lilburn - District 3
Mayor Pro Tem Larry McCallon - District 5
Councilmember Jesse Chavez-Cordova - District 1
Councilmember Anaëli Solano - District 2
Councilmember Johh P. Timmer - District 4



ELECTED OFFICIALS

San Bernardino County Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe
(909)387-4855

<https://bosd3.sbcounty.gov/>

Assemblymember James C. Ramos 45th District

<https://www.jamesramos.org/>

Congressmen Pete Aguilar 33rd District

(909)890-4445

<https://aguilar.house.gov/>

Senator Alejandro "Alex" Padilla

<https://www.padilla.senate.gov/>

(202)224-3553

Senator Laphonza Butler

<https://www.butler.senate.gov/>

(202)224-3841

State Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh District 23

<https://sr23.senate.ca.gov/>

(909)335-0271

UTILITIES

AT&T Phone Service

(800)310-2355

Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.

5455 Industrial Parkway San Bernardino, CA 92410

(909)889-1969

East Valley Water District

31111 Greenspot Road Highland, CA 92346

(909)889-9501

<https://www.eastvalley.org/>

Southern California Edison

(800)684-8123

Southern California Gas Company

(888)607-4357

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES

- Caltrans (909)383-4285
- City of Redlands (909)798-7500
- City of San Bernardino (909)384-7272
- City of San Bernardino Animal Services (909)384-1304
- Highland Chamber of Commerce (909)864-4073
- Highland Post Office (909)864-2463
- Omnitrans (800)966-6428
- San Bernardino County (909)387-2020
- San Bernardino County Animal Control (800)472-5609

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