



CIVICS DAY

The City of Highland proudly participated in its annual Civics Day, an event held in collaboration with the Redlands Unified School District, City of Redlands, and the Optimist Club. This initiative provides students with a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills and engage with local government operations.

This year, Highland welcomed students from Orangewood High School who expressed a keen interest in civic engagement and public service. Throughout the event, students had the chance to interact with various city departments, including Community Development, Fire, Finance, and Building & Safety. They gained valuable insights into how local government functions and the vital role each department plays in serving the community.

City staff were thrilled to host the students, answering questions and sharing their expertise. The event proved to be an enriching experience for all involved, reinforcing the importance of civic involvement among the next generation of leaders.

The City of Highland looks forward to continuing this tradition and eagerly anticipates next year's Civics Day!



EXCITING UPDATES ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Highland, is experiencing significant growth through various community development projects.

Greenspot Road in specific, has been the focus of several projects aimed at enhancing infrastructure, and capitalizing on the area's growth by introducing new retail opportunities.

Here are some notable timelines for the ongoing initiatives:



QUICK QUACK CARWASH

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 11:00am
28343 Greenspot Road

COSTCO

Scheduled to open Saturday, March 8, 2025
28000 Greenspot Road



CORKY'S RESTAURANT

Tenant improvements are underway, opening March, 2025.
27822 Greenspot Road, Suite 1

STATER BROS. MARKETS

Under construction, looking to open June, 2025.
Greenspot Road



Base Line will be the location of a new Tractor Supply Store. The mixed-use development aims to enhance the community by providing retail options and residential units, contributing to the area's growth and accessibility.



TRACTOR SUPPLY

Tentatively looking to open end of March, 2025.
27430 Base Line

The development of Greenspot Road and Base Line represent years of strategic planning, investment, and community growth while preserving the city's charm and connectivity.

For questions about the listed projects, feel free to contact our Community Development Department at (909) 864-6861.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 13, 2025

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

February 17, 2025

President's Day - City Hall Closed



February 18, 2025

Mobile Food Pantry - Rescheduled Date
10:00am to 12:00pm
Highland Community Park - 7793 Central Ave.

February 22, 2025

Highland Improvement Team Project: Compost Giveaway Day
8:00am to 12:00pm
Highland Improvement Team Cleanup/Project
Project: Compost Day
Check-in at Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line, Highland
Registration/Information: 909-864-6861, ext. 203

March 5, 2025

Public Safety Appreciation Potluck Celebration
12:00pm to 1:00pm
Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line
Please contact Volunteer Services to sign up and for project details.
Volunteer Services: (909)864-6861, ext. 203

March 7, 2025

Public Safety Appreciation Potluck Celebration
12:00pm to 1:00pm
Fire Station #3 - 7649 Sterling Avenue
Please contact Volunteer Services to sign up and for project details.
Volunteer Services: (909)864-6861, ext. 203

March 11, 2025

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

March 22, 2025

Highland Improvement Team Cleanup
7:30am - 12:00pm
Please contact Volunteer Services to sign up and for project details.
Volunteer Services: (909)864-6861, ext. 203

March 24, 2025

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

March 29, 2025

27th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival 2025
10:00am - 3:30pm
Event features: live entertainment, food vendors, games, crafts, and much more.
Located: on Main Street between Cole Avenue and Church Avenue
Please contact Citrus Harvest Festival Liaison to sign up and for more information
Citrus Harvest Liaison: 909-864-6861 at Ext: 258.

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Join Us in Beautifying Our Community!

Let's come together to make a difference! We welcome volunteers of all ages to participate. Each month, our projects change and include activities like yard cleanups for senior residents and support for community events.

CHECK-IN: 7:30AM - 8:00AM
PROJECT: 8:00AM - 12:00PM

Highland City Hall: 27215 Base Line

2025 SCHEDULE:

Sunday, January 26th*	Saturday, September 6th
Saturday, February 22nd	Saturday, October 4th*
Saturday, March 22nd*	Saturday, November 8th
Saturday, April 19th	Saturday, December 6th
Saturday, May 17th	(*Special Time & Location)

Information: 909-864-6861 ext. 203

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY RESCHEDULED

Helping People. Changing Lives.

community Action
PARTNERSHIP
AMERICA'S POVERTY FIGHTING NETWORK

Community Action Partnership
of San Bernardino County

18 de FEB	Highland Community Park 7793 Central Ave, Highland	10 AM - 12 PM
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HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Please join us at our next H.I.T. project, scheduled for Saturday, February 22 from 8:00am to 12:00pm. We will be assisting with our compost day event. Please contact Volunteer Services to sign up and for detailed information at (909)864-6861, extension 203.

Have you heard about the Highland Improvement Team a.k.a. H.I.T.? Our mission is to improve the overall environment of our city for all residents and businesses in Highland. Top priority is property cleanup projects for disabled and senior citizens. There are no income eligibility requirements and absolutely no charge to the homeowner. A fabulous team of volunteers complete all the work and repair at H.I.T. projects.

H.I.T. is currently accepting requests for residential cleanups. H.I.T. projects are scheduled on Saturday's, once per month and typically occur from 8:00am to 12 noon. Each project must require enough work to fill the allotted four-hour period. We urge qualifying Highland homeowners who need help with yard cleanup and minor landscaping to contact Volunteer Services as soon as possible. We screen all requests, and schedule projects on a first come, first served basis.

Here are the few qualifications needed:

- Homeowner must be 55 years and older or disabled, any age.

AND

- Must own and reside in the home.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In addition, we are always looking for new H.I.T. volunteers. This is a fantastic way to give back to your community and we would be thrilled to have you join our team!

Please contact Volunteer Services if you have questions, are interested in joining the Highland Improvement Team or want to know if your home will qualify for a cleanup at (909)864-6861, extension 203.

E-WASTE AND BATTERY DISPOSAL

Improper e-waste and battery disposal is an increasing health and safety issue. Lithium fires and explosions are still all too common - here's an unfortunate shot of our service provider's, Burrtec, trucks being extinguished from a load fire.



Lithium batteries are somewhat fragile, so compression can cause a short that ignites the reactive lithium inside. They can also overheat, causing fires. With the uprise in rechargeable and lithium batteries on the market, it is crucial to properly dispose of these items.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Remember to never throw any electronic items or flammable materials into your waste or recycling barrels (this includes all batteries, electronic parts, hot barbecue coals, flammable liquids, old cell phones, wires, cables, fireworks, etc.). Collect your e-waste at home and drop it off at a convenient HHW Center near you.

The San Bernardino County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities will accept: used motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, auto and household batteries, pesticides, fertilizers, oil & latex paint, cleaners, pool supplies, televisions, computer monitors and other electronic devices at no charge from Highland residents. They will not accept: business waste, radioactive waste, medical waste, explosives, reactives or asbestos. You can find more information or to find a facility nearest you, please call 1-800-OILYCAT or (909) 382-5401 or in the web at <https://sbcfire.org/hhw/>.

But remember before transporting waste to a household hazardous waste collection facility, be sure that the amount of waste being transported does not exceed 15 gallons or 125 pounds, in containers no larger than 5 gallons. Thank you for doing your part to reduce load fires and keep our communities safe.

PUBLIC SAFETY APPRECIATION WEEK

The City of Highland will be honoring our Firefighters and Police Officers on March 5 and 7 by celebrating Public Safety Appreciation Week. The city will host a potluck lunch on Wednesday and Friday that week at two different stations. Please join us and show your support by contributing a favorite dish to share and by staying to enjoy lunch among Highland's fire and police personnel. This is just a small way we can show our gratitude for their everyday commitment to our community.



The schedule, including dates and times are as follows:

11:00am - 12:00pm - Preparation and Food Delivery
12:00pm - 1:00pm - Lunch

- **Wednesday, March 5, 2025:** Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line (909)425-9793
- **Friday, March 7, 2025:** Fire Station#3 - 7649 Sterling Avenue (909)884-4100

Bring a favorite dish...main, side or dessert to share! We are currently taking sign-ups and putting a list together for each potluck lunch that week.

Please contact me via email or by phone to sign up! Please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203 or via email at dmoreno@cityofhighland.org for more information.



RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



Visit The Chocolate Bar – A Hidden Gem with Delicious Treats!

If you're looking for a vibrant cafe to satisfy your cravings, look no further than The Chocolate Bar. This local small business offers a delightful mix of flavors, perfect for any time of day. Whether you're in the mood for a rich cup of coffee, a refreshing agua fresca, or a Mexican torta, The Chocolate Bar has something to satisfy your taste buds.

Start your day with breakfast or indulge in a delicious lunch, featuring a variety of savory options that cater to all preferences.

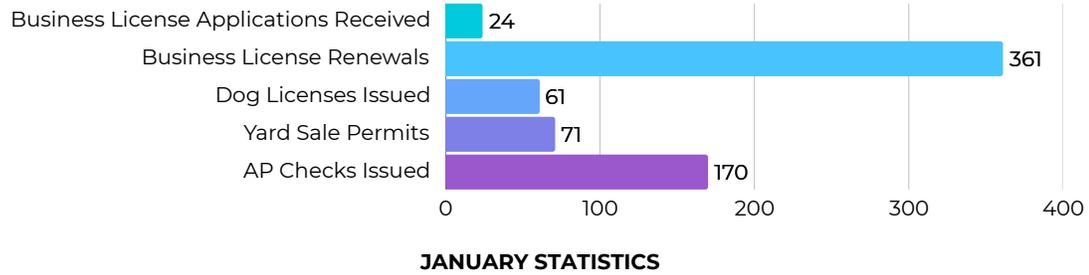
Craving something sweet? Don't miss their scrumptious crepes or indulgent ice cream – both guaranteed to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Stop by today and discover why so many locals can't get enough of this hidden gem!

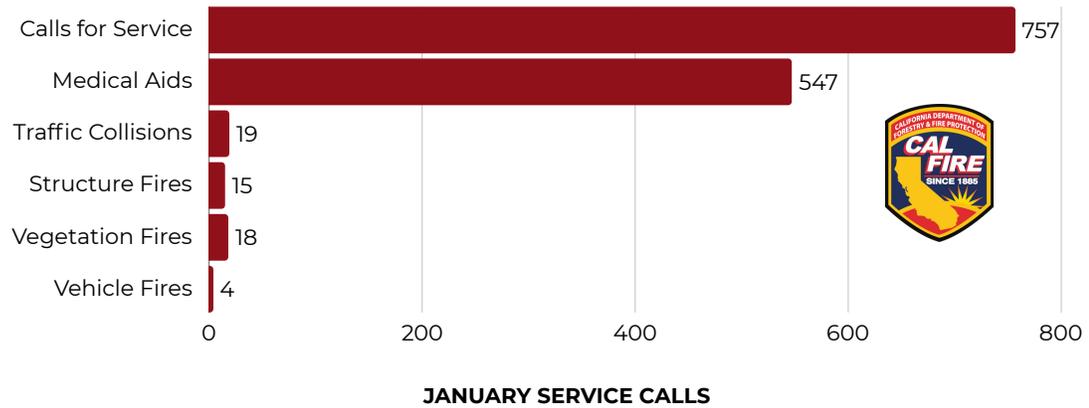
The Chocolate Bar
7249 Boulder Avenue, Suite A4,
Highland, CA 92346



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATS



FIRE DEPARTMENT STATS



CDBG PAVEMENT REHABILITATION

On February 11, 2025, the Highland City Council approved the awarding of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project for pavement rehabilitation.

The project, funded through the CDBG program, aims to improve road conditions in targeted areas, enhancing safety and accessibility for residents. After reviewing bids and proposals, the council selected Hardy & Harper, Inc. to carry out the rehabilitation work for a contract amount of \$774,100.

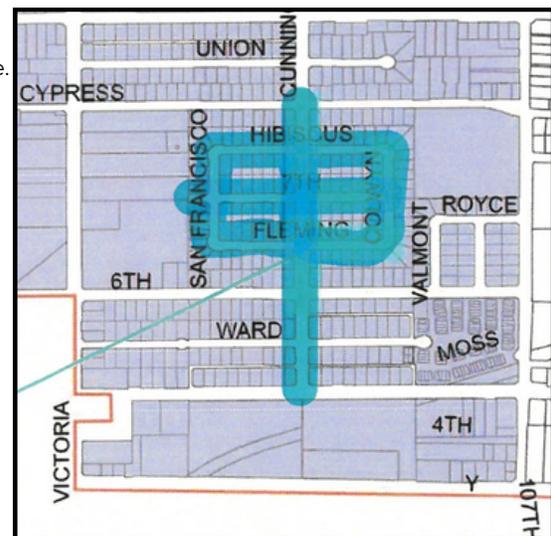
This project is essential in maintaining and improving our city's roads. By leveraging CDBG funding, we can make much-needed repairs without placing additional financial burdens on our local taxpayers.

The pavement rehabilitation will focus on the following streets:

- Cunningham St.- 6th St. to Cypress St.
- Flemming St. - Cunningham St. to Colwyn Ave.
- 7th St. - Cunningham St. to Colwyn Ave.
- Hibiscus St. to Colwyn Ave.
- Union St. - Elmwood Ct. to Del Rosa Ave.
- Elmwood Ct.

Residents in affected areas will be notified of construction schedules and any temporary road closures as work progresses.

The city encourages community members to stay informed and provide feedback through the city's official website or by contacting the Public Works Department at (909) 864-6861, ext. 217.





NATIONAL CANNED FOOD MONTH

February is recognized as National Canned Food Month. The Canned Food Information Council established this observance in 1987 to dispel myths regarding canned foods being less nutritious than fresh options. The nutritional value of canned fruits and vegetables can vary based on the type of produce, the packing medium, and what they are served with.

To help support nutrition education and reduce nutrition insecurity of low-income families, USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) provides funding to the Supplemental Nutrition Education Program - Education (SNAP-Ed) and Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP).

During National Canned Food Month, celebrate with NIFA as we highlight a few federally funded programs aimed to help families obtain nutritional foods.

Please visit: <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/blogs/national-canned-food-month> for additional information.



Our Public Works team has been actively preparing for the anticipated significant storm this week. The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Watch Advisory for San Bernardino County from February 13 through February 14. Our Fire Department, Police Department, and Public Works teams will be monitoring City hotspots impacted by the Line Fire closely and will be ready to respond to emergencies. Public Works has placed k-rail at key locations in East Highland and will be closing roads if necessary for safety.

GENERAL STORM PREPAREDNESS TIPS

- Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit: please visit https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/ready_checklist.pdf for more information.
- Keep a stock of non-perishable food and water to last for a minimum of three days for all family members and pets
- Check rain gutters and drains to make sure they are clear of debris to help keep water from building up on or around your home.
- Be aware of low-elevation spots that could flood.
- Protect your property with sandbags, plywood and plastic sheeting
- Sign up for emergency alerts (info below)
- Keep your car fueled - if electric power is cut off, filling stations may not be able to operate
- Monitor weather and heed evacuation warnings
- For more tips visit: <https://www.cityofhighland.org/360/Storm-Preparedness>

PREPARE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

Review your family emergency plans and prepare for possible power outages and disruption to roads and services. Form a personal family plan and ensure that all household members:

- Know the safest path to access high ground.
- Know if they are already on high ground and where and when to stay in place.
- Know an alternate shelter close to your home.
- Know local emergency system broadcast information.

TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN®

Remember these important points when driving in flood conditions:

- Do not try to drive across flooded roads.
- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- A foot of water will float many vehicles.
- Two feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles, including sport utility vehicles (SUV's) and pick-up.

SAND BAG INFORMATION

A limited amount of sand and sandbags will be available to Highland residents, businesses, and organizations starting in December, prior to large storm events in partnership with the City of Highland and East Valley Water District (EVWD) at the following self-serve locations:

- Highland Station #1: 26974 Base Line, Highland 92346*
- Highland Station #2: 29507 Base Line, Highland 92346
- Highland Station #3: 7649 Sterling Avenue, San Bernardino 92410*
- EVWD Headquarters: 31111 Greenspot Rd Highland, CA 92346
- Sterling Natural Resource Center: 25318 5th St San Bernardino, CA 92410

*BAGS ONLY AT THESE LOCATIONS

In order to ensure that materials will be available to all citizens in need, there will be a limit of ten (10) sandbags per household, organization or business. Bring a shovel and be prepared to fill your own sandbags

RESOURCES

TELEPHONE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (TENS)

- Register to receive emergency text messages on your cell phones at <https://sbcfire.org/alertwarning/>
- Those without Internet connections can sign up by calling 211 or (909)980-2857 for assistance.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

- For current weather information, visit the National Weather Service site: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sgx/>

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)

- During an emergency, you should tune to your local Emergency Alert System (EAS) radio broadcast station for current emergency information.
- Inland Empire KFRG 95.1 KXFG 92.



INFORMATION

We Are Hiring!

JOIN OUR TEAM

Positions :

- Technology Technician
- Maintenance Worker I-II
- Assistant Public Works Director
- Temporary Accounting Assistant I

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



APPLY NOW!

VOLUNTEER

FOR THE:

COMMUNITY TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Community Trails Committee works with the Community Development Director and recommends priorities for public trails development, improvements, and maintenance for budget consideration and grant funding.

Download a Public Service Application from our website: www.cityofhighland.org



The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Scholarship Program, in partnership with the California Transportation Foundation, provides **nine \$4,000 scholarships** for high school or community college students from the SCAG region.

Students in any field of study are invited to apply; however, preference is given to applications that demonstrate a commitment to civil engineering, community planning, political science, public administration, regional planning, sustainable development, urban planning, or other related fields.

Scholarship Program 2025

Program Requirements

RESIDENCY

Must be a resident of the SCAG region (i.e., Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Ventura counties, or on Tribal Lands within the SCAG region), and be eligible to work in the United States.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Must be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in a two-year community college in the SCAG region. Graduating high school seniors must enroll in higher education (two- or four-year college or university) immediately following graduation from high school (i.e., no gap year).

GPA MINIMUM

Candidates must have a 3.0 grade point average or higher (based on a 4.0, unweighted scale).

Application Materials

- To apply for the SCAG Scholarship Program, students must submit an **online application**.
- Minimum 500-word personal statement describing your interest in civil engineering, community planning, political science, public administration, regional planning, sustainable development, urban planning, or other related fields and future career goals.
- Two letters of recommendation from (unrelated) individuals who can attest to their leadership ability and interest in public service.
- Transcript(s) from the school they are currently enrolled in. Community college students must provide both high school and community college transcripts.



DEADLINE

All materials for the 2025 SCAG Scholarship Program must be submitted electronically by:

5:00 p.m., Friday, March 21, 2025

CONTACT

Rachel Wagner
Scholarship Program
Coordinator
(213) 236-1960
wagner@scag.ca.gov

Saturday
March 29th

10 am -
3:30 pm

CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL

Come Celebrate the City's Rich Citrus History...

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Located in the City's Historic District - on Pacific St. and Palm Ave

- **Live Entertainment**
- **Historic Walking Tour**
- **Car Show**
- **Food & Craft Vendors**
- **Historic Demonstrators**

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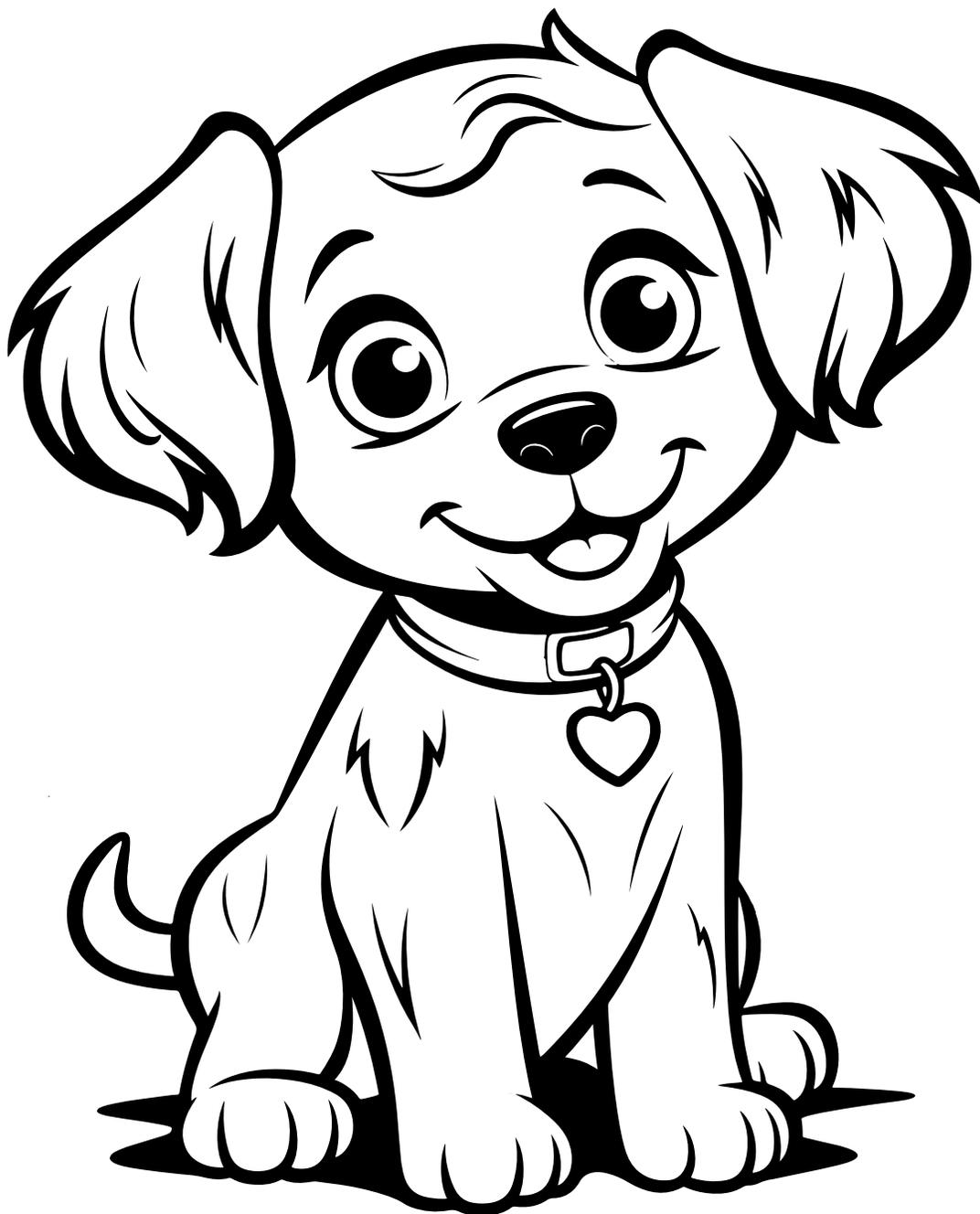
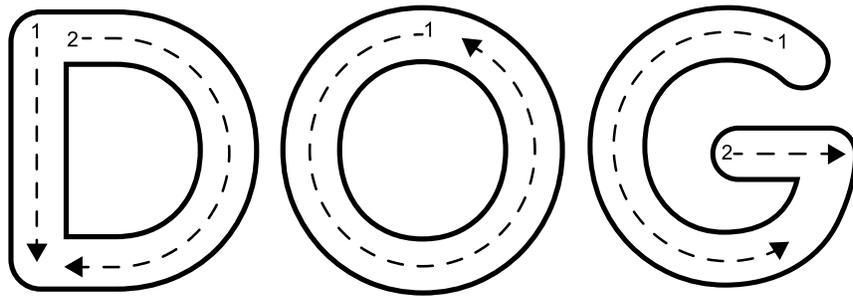
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Sunland Communities



www.cityofhighland.org
Info: (909) 864-6861

Apply Online Today: scag.ca.gov/scholarship

KIDS CORNER





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 Gregory Hogan - District 1
Councilmember - Vacant - 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
- South Coast AQMD 1-800-CUT-SMOG (288-7664)

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