



DISTRICT 2 HAS A NEW COUNCILMEMBER

In a special City Council meeting on February 18, the Highland City Council officially appointed Jimmy Saldana to fill the vacant District 2 council seat following the resignation of Councilmember Anaeli Solano. The appointment comes after a thorough selection process.

Councilmember Saldana, a longtime entrepreneur and resident of Highland's District 2, was sworn in at the regular City Council Meeting on March 11. His swearing-in marks the beginning of his official duties as the new District 2 Councilmember.

He is a proud father of four and is deeply committed to his community. He and his wife, who have been married for 10 years, have raised their children in Highland, where they call home. As President and co-owner of Showcase Auto Glass, a business he has successfully run for nearly two decades, Councilmember Saldana has been a key part of the Inland Empire business community. His company has served the Highland area, further strengthening his ties to the local community.

With his swearing-in ceremony complete, Councilmember Saldana can begin his work as an advocate for the community, and he looks forward to serving his fellow residents and contributing to the continued growth of Highland.



CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL

VENDORS AND SPONSORS WANTED FOR THE 27TH ANNUAL CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL

The City of Highland is gearing up for one of its most anticipated community events of the year—the 27th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival, taking place on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 10:00am to 3:30pm in the heart of the Historic District. This long-standing tradition, dating back to 1997, continues to be a highlight for residents and visitors alike, bringing together history, culture, and community engagement. The 27th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival will transform the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street into a vibrant gathering space featuring over 150 vendors, a classic car show, live music and entertainment, a historic district walking tour, and a variety of food vendors and food trucks offering local flavors. Vendor booths will showcase a wide variety of goods and services, including handmade crafts, clothing, games, historic demonstrations, and local business promotions. Additionally, festival-goers will enjoy performances by local school bands, school cheerleaders, Folklorico dancers, Aztec dancers, and other talented artists from the community. Adding to the excitement, attendees can test their appetite in the thrilling Pie Eating Contest or show off their quirky canine companions in the always-entertaining Ugly Dog Contest, both beloved festival traditions.



Opportunities for Vendors and Sponsors

The Citrus Harvest Festival provides a prime opportunity for local businesses, crafts worker, and organizations to connect with thousands of attendees in a fun and engaging setting. Vendor spaces are open for reservation, making it the perfect time to sign up. A traditional vendor space is \$40, food vendors pay \$200, and non-profit organizations may come for free if they provide a historical display or come in early 1900s costume!

This year, the City of Highland introduced a new online application portal to make the vendor registration process easier than ever. Those interested in securing a booth can complete their application online by visiting www.cityofhighland.org.

For businesses looking to maximize their exposure, sponsorship opportunities are also available. Sponsors receive visibility through event marketing, banners, promotional materials, and public recognition during the festival. With thousands of visitors expected, sponsorship is an excellent way to engage with the community while supporting a beloved city tradition. Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$1,000 and include a prime booth location the day of the big event.

For more information on vendor applications and sponsorship opportunities, contact the City of Highland Planning Division at (909) 864-6861, ext. 258 or by emailing atafolla@cityofhighland.org.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



March 18, 2025

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

March 22, 2025

Highland Improvement Team Cleanup: Annual Historic District Cleanup
7:30am to 8:00am – Registration
8:00am to 12:00pm - Cleanup
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 to 5:00pm
Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line
Appointment Link: https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/116912
Information: (909) 864-6861, ext. 203

March 29, 2025

27th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival
10:00am to 3:30pm
Location: Main St.

April 1, 2025

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

April 8, 2025

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

April 8, 2025

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

April 15, 2025

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

April 12, 2025

Open House at Fire Station #1 - Free Community Event
9:00am to 2:00pm
Fire Station #1 - 26974 Base Line
Volunteer Services: (909)864-6861, ext. 203

April 19, 2025

Highland Improvement Team Cleanup
7:30am to 8:00am – Registration
8:00am to 12:00pm - Cleanup
Please contact Volunteer Services to sign up and for project details.
Volunteer Services: (909)864-6861, ext. 203



SENIORS WANTED



Are you a Highland resident and sixty (60) years of age or older? If so, then you are eligible to receive a senior discount on trash service.

Senior citizen rates are equivalent to a twenty percent (20%) discount to the individuals who meet the following criteria:

- a. Over sixty (60) years of age
- b. Residing as head of household
- c. Single Family residence only

**Note: proof of items a-c is required*

For more information on the senior discount please contact Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. at (909)889-1969.

For general information regarding solid waste and/or recycling services in the City of Highland, please contact the Public Services Division at (909)864-6861, ext. 271.

PET ADOPTION EVENT: LUCKY PET LUCKY YOU

Find your furry four-leaf clover at San Bernardino County's pet adoption event this month!



From March 12 to March 19, stop by at either the Devore or Big Bear Animal Shelters for a chance to meet your new best friend. All adoptions for qualifying pets include spaying/neutering, microchipping, and most vaccinations.

Adoption Locations:

- Big Bear Animal Shelter
42080 N. Shore Dr., Big Bear
- Devore Animal Shelter
19777 Shelter Way, San Bernardino

Adoption Fees:

- Cats: \$10
- Dogs: \$20

www.animalcare.sbcounty.gov

PUBLIC SAFETY APPRECIATION LUNCHEONS



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Police Officers, Firefighters, and Community Supporters!

Last week's potluck luncheons were held at our City's Police and Fire departments to honor the dedicated men and women who serve as our Police Officers and Firefighters. Thanks to the generosity and support of our community, these luncheons were a tremendous success! The outpour of appreciation truly highlights how much our first responders mean to Highland.

A special thank you goes to all the police and fire personnel for welcoming us into their busy schedules and for their assistance during the luncheons. Your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed, and we are grateful for your service.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the potlucks, including Highland residents, representatives, businesses, and community organizations. Your generosity made this event possible. A special shoutout to:

Local Restaurants:

- Albaro's Mexican Kitchen
- Albertsons
- Cuca's Mexican Food
- Donut Town
- Farmer Boys
- Juanito's Tacos
- Mi Cocina Restaurant
- Pancho's Kitchen
- Rosa Maria's
- Taco Joe's Mexican Restaurant
- Thai Spoon
- The Chocolate Bar
- Two Guys Pasta & Pizza
- Wingstop



Community Businesses, Organizations, and Supporters:

- Arrowhead Credit Union – ArrowHeart Foundation
- Burrtec Waste Industries
- Highland Area Chamber of Commerce
- Highland City Staff
- Office of Assemblyman James C. Ramos – CA Assembly District 45
- Office of Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh – CA Senate 19th District
- Office of Supervisor Dawn Rowe – SB Co. Third District
- Showcase Auto Glass
- United Way



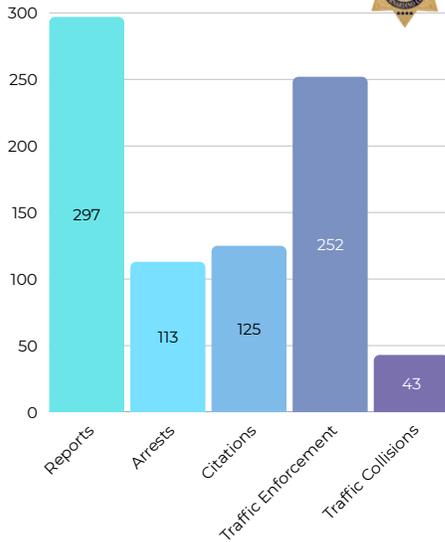
Your contributions helped make this week of appreciation truly special. Thank you for coming together to show our first responders how much they are valued!

To find out more information about this annual event, please contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at (909)864-6861, ext. 203 or via email at dmoreno@cityofhighland.org.



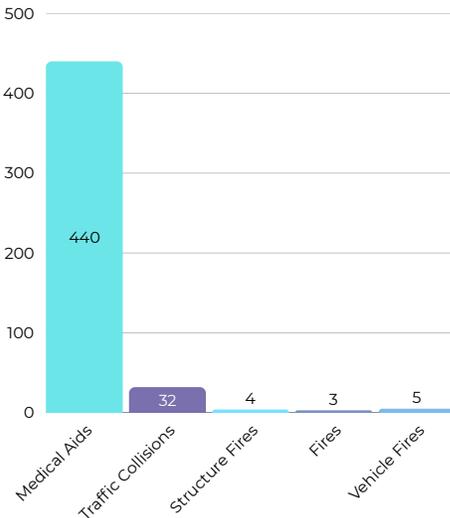
PUBLIC SAFETY STATISTICS

Sheriff's Department



2,995 Calls for Service

Fire Department



564 Calls for Service

UPCOMING PAVEMENT PROJECTS

The City of Highland is thrilled to announce that construction for two major pavement resurfacing projects across the City are scheduled to begin on Monday, March 17, 2025. The projects include pavement rehabilitation, upgraded curb ramps, new striping and the addition of new bicycle markings and signage. Staff worked with both contractors to schedule the majority of the paving work during spring break to reduce impacts. Construction is expected to be complete by the middle of April. Street segments and location maps for each project are outlined below:

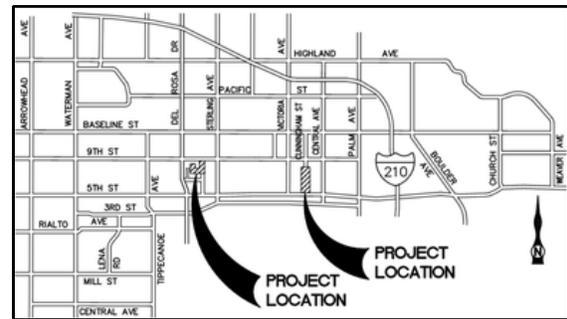
Highland Regional Connector Project

- Orange St. (Greenspot Rd. to Tonner Dr.)
- Tonner Dr. (Orange St. to Glenheather Dr.)
- Streater Ave./Glenheather Dr./Love St. (Base Line to Church St.)
- Love St. (Church St. to the cul-de-sac)



CDBG Highland Pavement Improvement Project

- Cunningham St. (Cypress St. to 5th St.)
- Flemming St. (Cunningham St. to Colwyn Ave.)
- 7th St. (Cunningham St. to Colwyn Ave.)
- Hibiscus St. (Cunningham St. to Colwyn Ave.)
- Colwyn Ave. (Hibiscus St. to 7th St.)
- Elmwood Ct.
- Union St.(Elmwood Ct. to De La Rosa Ave.)



The City and its contractors will work closely with residents and other roadway users during construction to minimize inconvenience, but delays should be expected, and motorists are encouraged to pay close attention to traffic signage and plan for extra time if travel through a construction area is necessary. Thank you for your patience as we improve our roadways!

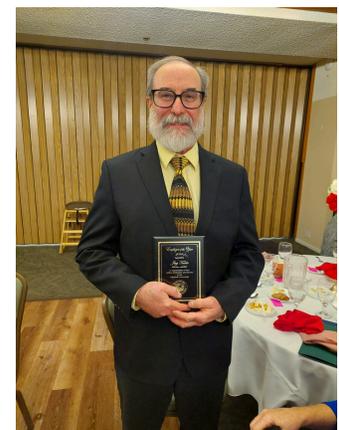
HIGHLAND HONOREES

The Highland Chamber of Commerce hosted their Installation and Community Awards Event dinner at the San Bernardino Elks Lodge on February 27. Community members, community organizations, elected officials, public safety personnel and city staff were all in attendance.

Special recognition was given to two staff members. Employee of the Year was awarded to Jay Tuttle - Assistant Engineer. Jay has been affiliated with the city for over 38 years. He is known for going above and beyond his job duties, often working overtime to ensure that developers, utility companies, and other departments remain on schedule. Jay is approaching retirement at the end of this year, his dedication and contributions leave a lasting legacy.

The award for Unsung Hero went to our Maintenance Superintendent Angel Halloway. She's a hero who does more good than meets the eye by curbing the rampant graffiti within the city. Graffiti is an eyesore and not enough justice can be given to the value of her work. Angel will also be retiring this month, with a 31-year tenure with the city. Her hard work and dedication will be greatly missed.

In addition to the Highland Chamber of Commerce awards, a separate event was hosted by CA State Senator Eloise Gomez Reyes for District 29. At her 9th Annual Women of Distinction Luncheon, Leticia Nava-Cruz - Administrative Services Director/Finance Director was recognized as one of the 2025 Women of Distinction. The honorees received this award for their achievements as women who lead, inspire, and create positive change within the Senator's district.





AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH



March is Red Cross Month. The American Red Cross was established in 1881 by Clara Barton and is now one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world. Generation after generation, The American Red Cross has seen a continued rise to the occasion, providing relief and care both domestically and internationally. This organization exemplifies the best of humanity during times of crisis.

During the month of March, the American Red Cross asks all Americans to join in this selfless and generous contribution, with the gift of time, money, or blood. They offer shelter, food, and comfort in the aftermath of disasters; providing essential blood donations, and lifesaving first aid skills and the efforts are made possible by those who selflessly respond to the call for assistance, regardless of time or place.

Inland Empire Heroes

The Inland Empire Heroes Awards is a powerful celebration honoring local heroes from Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. On March 18, 2025, the American Red Cross will host an inspiring event for their 2025 Inland Empire Heroes Awards honorees, as they recognize these individuals for acts of heroism and humanitarian service and hear their stories of courage, compassion, and community impact. For more information on this event, please visit <https://www.redcross.org/local/california/southern-california/about-us/news-and-events/events/inland-empire-heroes.html>

A1-C Testing

One-third of Americans lack access to regular primary care due to a shortage of providers in their local community. For all donors who make a successful blood, platelet or plasma donation in March, the Red Cross will provide free A1C screening, a test commonly used to identify diabetes and prediabetes in the U.S. Diabetes affects about 1 in 10 people in our country, yet nearly a quarter of those living with it have been undiagnosed. Community members can visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-Red-Cross to schedule their appointment to donate.



BE STORM READY!

Protecting your family and your property is your best bet against an unpredictable heavy rainy season. Here are some ways to better position yourself against storm-related challenges.

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 :

- Assistant Public Works Director
- Maintenance Superintendent

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Scan the code to make your next appointment!

SCAN ME

PROUDLY HOSTED BY

City of Highland at the Highland Police Station

Monday, March 24

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.



LifeStream Blood Bank

Every donation earns donor store points. Earned donor store points can be used to purchase virtual prepaid Mastercards, LifeStream branded items, and more. The choice is yours.

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**

Title Sponsor:
BURRTEC
"We'll Take Care Of It"

Jim Cimino Realty
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
Twisted Images Ink

Beaver Medical Group
Richards Watson Gershon
John Timmer
Marinita Development
Arnott Farms
Sunland Communities

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

Apply Online Today: scag.ca.gov/scholarship



ORGANIC WASTE

WORD SEARCH

K	I	A	C	C	M	G	R	E	E	N	W	A	S	T	E	W	C	S	L
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Recycling organic waste, including food waste is important because it helps protect our planet. When we throw food scraps in the trash, they end up in landfills where they produce harmful gases. But, if we compost, we turn food scraps and yard waste into nutrient-rich soil that helps plants grow big and strong!



WORD BANK

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| GREEN WASTE | BANANA PEEL | BREAD |
| APPLES | TWIGS | EXPIRED FOOD |
| LEAVES | FLOWERS | PIZZA |
| VEGETABLES | COOKED MEAT | WEEDS |
| GRASS | FOOD WASTE | ORGANIC |
| FISH BONE | BRANCHES | CHEESE |





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 Jimmy Saldana - 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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<https://www.cityofhighland.org/list.aspx> .*