



CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL



Get ready to celebrate the season's sweetest tradition—the Annual Citrus Harvest Festival is happening this **Saturday, March 29!** Join friends, family, and neighbors for a day honoring our community's rich agricultural heritage and, of course, the delicious citrus that makes our region special.

This beloved event will feature a variety of activities for all ages, including live music, 41+ local vendors, craft booths, and citrus-inspired contests. Bring your spending money! With a fantastic vendor lineup and incredible food options, you won't want to miss out!

Take a walk through Highland's history, by joining the Highland Historic District Walking Tour during the event. Attendees will meet at the city information booth, by 10:15am and a \$3 donation to participate. Get a glimpse into Highland's past as we explore beautifully preserved homes and share stories of the city's citrus-growing and rail-era roots.

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 10:10am** Highland Senior Ctr. Aerobics
- 10:50am** St. Adelaide Acad. Cheerleaders
- 11:00am** Aztec Dancers
- 11:20am** Baking Contest Winners
- 11:30am** Art Contest Winners
- 11:50am** The "All Marbles" Band
- 12:30pm** Presentation of Festival Honoree
- 1:30pm** Best Neighbor Awards
- 1:45pm** Car Show Awards
- 2:00pm** Ugly Dog Contest
- 2:15pm** Pie Eating Contest
- 2:30pm** Ballet Folklorico



WORK PROGRAM ADOPTION

The City of Highland has officially adopted its 2025/2026 Work Program aimed at guiding the city over the next two fiscal years. It is a structured initiative designed as a "roadmap" to guide the city's priorities and initiatives and ensure that staff efforts are aligned with community goals, often involving input from the community, staff, and the City Council. This initiative was reviewed by City Council and staff at two public meetings. It had its final approval at the City Council Meeting on March 11.



This marks the 34th consecutive year in which the city has successfully completed the Work Program process. The process begins every other December when staff prepares a list of proposed Work Items to be considered by the City Council. In addition, staff completed an in-depth analysis of their ongoing work in a time utilization study which determined the amount of time available for any new Work Items. It has proven to be an effective policy tool. The Work Program has been recognized by the League of California Cities as one of the outstanding strategic planning programs in the State.

As part of the adoption process, the City Council held a City Council Study Session to prioritize the items within the Work Program. A total of 35 items were presented, with 30 receiving high priority. These high-priority projects will be placed on a timetable for completion, ensuring a structured and efficient approach to implementation. Some urgent or high priority items included in the Work Program are:

- Passport photo services as City Hall.
- Update the automated license plate reader cameras throughout the city.
- The purchase of backup power supply industrial generators for Fire Stations No. 1 & No. 2.
- Project advancement for projects like the Base Line Bridge over City Creek Project, Victoria Ave. Interchange Project, and the 5th Street Interchange Project.
- Building and Safety Department online inspection requests.

It is not possible to foresee all the issues that may arise in the next two fiscal years. When new issues do appear, staff will bring them forward to the City Council to be prioritized taking the overall 2025/2026 Work Program into consideration. With this program in place, staff has the direction to move forward and accomplish the community's most pressing needs.

The city is also in the process of finalizing its upcoming budget, which will play a crucial role in supporting the Work Program. Funding allocations will be carefully considered to ensure that resources are directed toward high-priority projects while maintaining financial stability. Residents are encouraged to look for upcoming public meetings where the proposed budget will be presented and discussed, leading to its adoption in June.

For a copy of the full 2025/2026 Work Program, visit the city's website at www.cityofhighland.org or call (909) 864-6861.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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CITY OF HIGHLAND
Ciudad de Highland

**Fire Station #1
Open House**
Estación de Bomberos #1 Casa Abierta

Saturday, April 12, 2025
Sabado, 12 de abril de 2025
9am to 2pm

**26974 Base Line
Highland, CA 92346**

Meet Highland's Fire Fighters
¡Conoce a los Bomberos de Highland!

Fire Prevention Information
Información sobre prevención de incendios

Explore a Fire Engine
Explora un camión de bomberos

Tour the Fire Station
Recorre la estación de bomberos

Enjoy Refreshments!
¡Disfruta de refrescos!

Contact Volunteer Services for more information at 909-864-6861 ext. 203
Comuníquese con Servicios de Voluntarios para obtener más información al 909-864-6861 ext. 203

March 27, 2025

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

March 29, 2025

27th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival
10:00am to 3:30pm
Location: Palm Avenue and Main Street

April 1, 2025

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

April 8, 2025

Public Works Sub Committee Meeting
4:00pm
City Hall - 27215 Base Line

April 8, 2025

Finance/Personnel Sub Committee Meeting
4:45pm
City Hall - 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 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 15, 2025

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

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

April 24, 2025

Arbor Day - Tree Planting Ceremony
9:00am
Cunningham Neighborhood Park - 7400 Cunningham Street
Volunteer Services: (909)864-6861, ext. 203

CITY OF HIGHLAND | LIFESTREAM

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BLOOD DRIVES

JANUARY 27
MARCH 24
MAY 19
JULY 28
SEPTEMBER 29
NOVEMBER 24

EVERY
DROP
COUNTS

MONDAY'S | 12PM TO 5PM | HIGHLAND POLICE DEPT | 26985 BASE LINE
Information/Appointments: 909-864-6861 ext. 203



OPEN HOUSE FIRE STATION #1



Join Us for a Fire Station Open House!

Come meet your local heroes at Fire Station #1 on **Saturday, April 12 from 9 am to 2pm!**

- Tour the station
- Explore fire engines up close
- Learn essential fire safety tips
- Meet the firefighters who keep our community safe!

Location: 26974 Base Line
More info: Volunteer Services at (909)864-6861, ext. 2023

Bring the whole family for a fun day, we can't wait to see you there!

PUBLIC SERVICES: CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL



The Annual Citrus Harvest Festival is Here!

This Saturday the 29th of March, the Public Services Division is gearing up for this year's event. We could not be more excited about this year's booth activities.

Test your knowledge on recycling, trash and household hazardous waste (HHW) with a fun trivia game. Regardless of getting the question right or wrong, you will still receive a prize for participating. In addition, get information on how you can prevent stormwater pollution.

A representative from the San Bernardino County Fire Department Household Hazardous Waste Program will be on hand to answer all of your Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) questions.



We hope to see you at the Public Services Division booth #42!

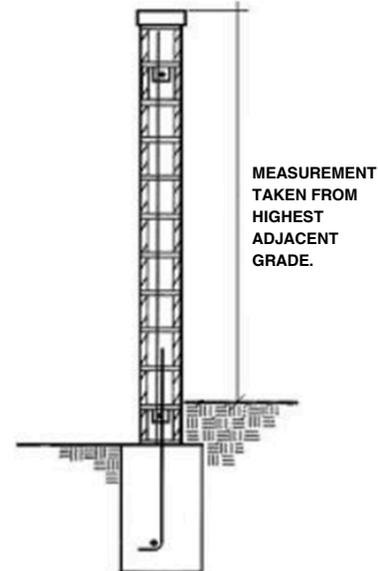
RESIDENTIAL FENCING STANDARDS

What are the requirements for front yard fencing and block walls on residential properties in the City? Any fence or block wall proposed in the front yard cannot exceed four (4) feet in overall height. However, a fence/wall combination may be permitted, up to five (5) feet if a wrought iron type fencing or other 90 percent light & view permitting design is not taller than three (3) feet in height (see sample photos). Fences or walls along the side yards may go up to six (6) feet in height (with some exceptions as may be noted in the city's codes).

Any block walls that are proposed to be higher than three feet or that include lighting will require a building permit from the City's Building & Safety Division prior to installation work. All proposed fences and walls must be located within the property lines and cannot be in public right away. If the fencing or wall are on a shared property line, the adjacent property owner's permission is required, or a professional land survey is required to mitigate any potential dispute concerning its location. It is also important to check with your Homeowners Association or review your property's Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions that may have been recorded on your property title.

For more detailed information, please contact the City of Highland's Planning Division at (909) 864-6861, ext. 210.

You may also visit the city's website and review the Municipal Code for additional guidelines.



Example Photos

We Are Hiring!

Positions :

- Assistant Public Works Director
- Maintenance Superintendent

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



RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



27245 Base Line

Visit Cuca's Mexican Food & Cantina in Highland for a Taste of Mexico!

Looking for a delicious dining experience in Highland? Head over to Cuca's Mexican Food & Cantina, where you'll find a wide range of mouthwatering options, from savory appetizers like shrimp cocktails and deluxe nachos to hearty meals like carne asada and chile verde.

Whether you're craving tacos, burritos, or sizzling fajitas, there's something for everyone!

Don't forget to try their refreshing drinks and desserts, like flan or churros a la mode. Plus, with a full bar available, you can enjoy your meal with a cold beverage or cocktail.

Make sure to stop by and support this local gem-you won't regret it!

You may visit their menu at <https://www.cucas.com/highland> for more details and head over for a satisfying meal today!

THE TAX DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

Free Voluntary Income Tax Assistance services available to income-eligible residents. The Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) provides free tax prep to eligible individuals and families. The deadline to file your taxes is **April 15, 2025**. TAD continues to partner with the IRS to provide free tax preparation and e-filing services to eligible low- to moderate-income taxpayers throughout San Bernardino County.



The Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA)/Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program provides free services to eligible individuals and families whose combined household earned income was less than \$67,000 in 2024.

The following are some of the potential tax credits available to eligible individuals and families:

- California Foster Youth Tax Credit for a refund of up to \$1,154
- California Earned Income Tax Credit for a refund of up to \$3,644
- Federal Earned Income Tax Credit for a refund of up to \$7,830

Federal and California state returns are prepared and e-filed by IRS-certified tax preparers. Day and evening appointments are available Monday through Friday, and Saturday appointments are also available. To schedule a tax appointment at a location near you, please call 1-877-410-8829.

Bring all applicable tax documents and original government-issued identification with you to your appointment.

For more information, please visit the TAD website at wp.sbcounty.gov/tad/resources.

WHAT MUST I BRING TO MY TAX APPOINTMENT?

<p>1 Identification</p> <p>For all persons listed on the tax return:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Government-issued ID or driver's license (no copies) ✓ Date of birth(s) ✓ Original Social Security card(s) or Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) card(s) or letter(s) (no copies) 	<p>2 Income</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ W-2s for each job worked in 2024 ✓ All 1099 forms ✓ Any other tax-related income forms received
<p>3 Education Credits & Adjustments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tuition expenses for university, college or technical college (Form 1098-T) ✓ Interest statement for student loans (Form 1098-E) 	<p>4 Child Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Child care expenses: Provider name, address, phone number, and Tax ID or Social Security Number
<p>5 Itemized Deductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Charitable donations ✓ Medical expenses ✓ DMV registration statement(s) ✓ Mortgage interest statement(s) (Form 1098) ✓ Verification of real estate taxes paid, or a property tax statement 	<p>6 Additional Documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Copy of 2023 tax return ✓ Direct deposit information: bank routing and account number ✓ Health insurance documents (Form 1095 A, B or C)
<p>OTHER IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Both spouses must be present to prepare and file as married filing jointly ✓ Taxpayers itemizing deductions must add up all expenses prior to having returns prepared <p>We do NOT provide the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Married filing separately ■ Out of state returns ■ Rental property tax preparation ■ Military returns 	



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Celebrating Women's History Month: Honoring the Achievements and Strength of Women.

March marks Women's History Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the incredible contributions of women throughout history. From groundbreaking achievements in science, politics, and art to the quiet strength shown in everyday life, women have shaped our world in countless ways.

This month, we reflect on the trailblazers who fought for equality, the leaders who continue to inspire change, and the everyday heroes whose dedication uplifts communities around the globe. Women's History Month is not just about honoring the past; it's about empowering the future.

Let us take this opportunity to celebrate the women who have shaped our lives and continue to pave the way for generations to come. Whether it's through stories, achievements, or acts of kindness, every woman's contribution matters.

As we celebrate, let's continue to support and uplift each other, ensuring that women's voices are heard, respected, and valued every month of the year.

Happy Women's History Month!

AQMD PROPOSED APPLIANCE RULES

Myths VS Facts. Understanding the Proposed Space and Water Heating Appliance Rules (1111/1121)

MYTH: BUILDING APPLIANCE RULES ARE A NEW CONCEPT.

FACT:

- Building appliances have been regulated since the late 1970s.
- Concepts for zero-emission technology replacements began with the 2016 AQMP



MYTH: PROPOSED RULES LIMIT CONSUMER CHOICE TO ONLY ZERO-EMISSION UNITS.



- Proposed rules allow consumer choice between gas units (e.g., natural gas furnace, water heater) and zero-emission units (e.g., heat pump).

FACT:

MYTH: PROPOSED RULES WILL ELIMINATE ALL NATURAL GAS APPLIANCES.

FACT:

- Manufacturers can continue to offer consumers the choice of natural gas units even while sales of zero-emission units are expected to increase.



MYTH: THESE PROPOSED RULES WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE POLLUTION.



- The proposed rules are expected to achieve a reduction of 6 tons per day of NOx emissions from residential building appliances.
- For context by 2037:
 - Power plants emit 3 tons/day.
 - Refineries emit 4 tons/day.
 - Passenger vehicles emit 7 tons/day

FACT:

MYTH: THE NEW PROPOSED RULES WERE DEVELOPED QUICKLY WITHOUT MUCH INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS.

FACT:

- Proposed rule development has been underway for over 2 years.
- More than 100 stakeholder meetings have contributed to shaping the rules.



For more information, please visit South Coast Air Quality Management District at www.aqmd.gov





Who Ya Gonna Call?

Listed are numbers for the City of Highland and agencies that can help you when problems occur in our city. For any emergencies, please call 911.

Crime Statistics

909-387-8313

www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff

Non-Emergency

Police - (909) 425-9793

Police After Hours - (909) 387-8313

Fire Station #1 - (909) 862-3031

Fire Station #2 - (909) 862-1760

Fire Station #3 - (909) 884-4100

Odors/Smoke/Dust/Air Contaminants
800-CUT-SMOG

www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/complaints

Downed Power Lines
800-611-1911

www.sce.com

Gas Leak
800-427-2200

www.socalgas.com

Unsafe Swimming Pool
909-884-4056

www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff

Tree Limbs in Electrical Wires
800-611-1911

www.sce.com

Burned Out Street Light
909-864-6861 x 217

www.cityofhighland.org

Building or Car Alarm
909-387-8313

www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff

Non-Functioning Traffic Light
909-864-6861 x 217

www.cityofhighland.org

Loud Noise Complaints
909-425-9793

www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff

Suspected Arson
800-472-7766

Uncollected Trash/Recyclables
Burrtec: (909) 889-1969

www.burrtec.com

Trash Strewn Lot
909-864-6861 x 201

Nuisance Bar/Underage Drinking
909-387-8313

www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff

Potholes
909-864-6861 x 217

www.cityofhighland.org

Open Fire Hydrant
909-889-9501

www.eastvalley.org

Narcotics Activity
800-473-7847

www.wetip.com

Flooded Streets
909-889-9501

www.eastvalley.org

Abandoned/Dangerous Building
909-864-6861 x 201

Gangs/Crime
800-782-7463

www.wetip.com

Belligerent Person
909-387-8313

www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff

Shopping Cart Retrieval
909-864-6861 x 201

Overflowing Dumpsters
Burrtec: 909-889-1969

www.burrtec.com

Rodents/Roaches/Mosquitoes
800-422-2283

www.sbcounty.gov/dehs

Abandoned/Inoperative Cars
909-864-6861 x 201

Graffiti
909-864-6861 x 217

www.cityofhighland.org

Fallen Trees
909-864-6861 x 217

www.cityofhighland.org

Sewage Leaks
909-889-9501

www.eastvalley.org

Damaged Bus Stop Shelter/Cover
909-379-7100

www.omnitrans.org

Non-Emergency Traffic Accident
909-387-8313

www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff

911 for emergency

Clogged Storm Drain

909-864-6861 x 217

www.cityofhighland.org

Dangerous Animals
800-472-5609

www.sbcounty.gov/acc

Dead Animal
800-472-5609

<https://animalcare.sbcounty.gov/requestservices>

Overgrown Weeds
909-387-8311

www.sbcounty.gov/landservices

Suspicious Activity
909-387-8313

www.sbcounty.gov/sheriff

F L A M I N G O





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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