



RECAP: 27TH ANNUAL CITRUST HARVEST FESTIVAL

The 27th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival held Saturday, March 29, 2025, was a success, bringing together over 6,000 attendees to celebrate Highland's community, rich history, and citrus heritage. With perfect weather, incredible food, lively entertainment, and an amazing variety of vendors, this year's event captured the very essence of what makes Highland special.



Main Street and Palm Avenue in Highland's Historic District were transformed into a bustling hub of activity. Attendees browsed more than 200 vendor booths, offering everything from handmade crafts and boutique clothing to home goods and interactive games. The food scene was equally impressive, with local favorites like Las Brewjas Café, The Deli Doctor, Rosales Mexican Food, and Finazzo's Pizza Box delighting guests with flavorful dishes and treats.

Entertainment was a crowd favorite, with fantastic performances throughout the day. Special recognition goes to the Highland Senior Center Aerobics Club, whose energy and rhythm brought exercise dancing to life and had the crowd moving. The band "All Marbles" kept the vibes upbeat with their jam-filled set, while the spirited St. Adelaides Cheerleaders inspired all with their high-energy routines.

Always a crowd favorite, Highland's artistic youth shined in the Orange Crate Label Art Contest, where students from local schools created vibrant, citrus-inspired designs in tribute to the city's agricultural roots. Their colorful artwork was proudly displayed throughout the festival, beautifully connecting Highland's past and present through creativity and community pride.

Festival-goers got a glimpse into Highland's past thanks to an impressive lineup of historic demonstrators, who showcased traditional skills such as rope making, blacksmithing, pottery, and butter churning—reminding all of the craftsmanship that once defined daily life in the region. The car show was another highlight, with more than 70 classic cars lining the street in pristine condition, proudly showing off their original looks and drawing admiration from collectors and casual fans alike.

One of the festival's signature experiences, the Historic Walking Tour, gave guests a behind-the-scenes look at the Highland Historic District. A standout stop included a tour of the Bauer Pottery facility, located at 27430 E. Main Street, the site of the historic Highland Fruit Growers Citrus Packing House, originally built in 1923. This structure, the oldest surviving citrus packing house in Highland, is a corrugated metal building with distinct parallel gables and rooftop monitors, built adjacent to the former Santa Fe railroad tracks. Expanded in 1931, it now houses Bauer Pottery, who fittingly received the honor of being this year's Citrus Harvest Festival Honoree.

From start to finish, the 2025 Citrus Harvest Festival delivered an unforgettable day full of community pride, historical reflection, creativity, and joyful celebration. With thousands in attendance and glowing feedback, the City of Highland is already looking forward to an even bigger and better event next year.

Mark your calendars — we hope to see you at the 2026 Citrus Harvest Festival!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CITY OF HIGHLAND
Ciudad de Highland

FREE
GRATIS

**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

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

Legislative Subcommittee Meeting
2:30pm
City Hall Upright Conference Room - 27215 Base Line

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
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

May 6, 2025

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

May 13, 2025

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

May 13, 2025

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

May 17, 2025

Highland Improvement Team Cleanup
7:30am to 8:00am - Registration
8:00am to 12:00pm - Cleanup
Volunteer Services: (909)864-6861, ext. 203

May 19, 2025

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

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



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

You're Invited! Come celebrate Arbor Day with us as we plant a tree at Cunningham Neighborhood Park in honor of this special occasion.

- Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025
- Time: 9:00 AM
- Location: Cunningham Neighborhood Park – 7400 Cunningham Street

See you there! For more information, please contact Volunteer Services at (909)864-6861, ext. 203.



OIL FILTER EXCHANGE EVENT



The San Bernardino County Fire Departments Household Hazardous Waste Program and the City of Highland's Public Services Division hosted a free Used Oil Filter Exchange and Recycling Event at AutoZone on Saturday, April 5, 2025. We are proud to announce that 93 DIY mechanics (59 of which were Highland residents and 23 where first-time participants to this event) took advantage of this event and 160 used oil filters were recycled properly, 93 filters where purchased.

For those of you who missed the event, you may take your used oil and filters for proper disposal to the San Bernardino County Fire Departments Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility located at:

2824 East "W" Street San Bernardino, CA. They are open Monday - Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The next Oil Filter Exchange Event at the Highland Auto Zone will be on August 16, 2025.

Oil filters are composed of steel and are 100% recyclable; if all the filters sold each year in the U.S. were recycled, 160,000 tons of steel would be recovered. Recycling one ton of filters yields 1,700 pounds of steel, 30 gallons of used oil and saves 10 cubic yards of landfill space. Used oil filters can be recycled into new steel products, such as steel cans, cars, appliances and construction materials (for example, rebar).

We would like to thank those who participated in helping keep Highland a cleaner and beautiful community! For more information or to get a list of other items you can dispose of at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection facility please call 909-384-5401.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. Planning Commission Meeting April 1:

a. Approved a request by Lovett Industries to extend their approved entitlements for 12 months related to a 285,000 sq/ft warehouse/logistics building at the n/w corner of Palm Avenue and Meines Street.

b. Adopted Planning Commission Resolutions recommending the City Council adopt a couple of ordinances to amend several sections of the Municipal Code related to the implementation of the City's 6th Cycle certified Housing Element. This includes amendments related to recent state housing legislation associated with Accessory Dwelling Units (or ADUs). The Planning Commission also facilitated a workshop designed to take input on an up zoning to Multi-Family housing on the easterly portion of the City as required by the City's certified Housing Element. Based on the workshop and public feedback, the Planning Commission selected a preferred location for a rezone and directed staff to commence the rezoning process. The formal rezone will be reviewed again by the Planning Commission this Summer and forwarded to the City Council in the Fall.



2. **Pat's Place** – a new Soul Food Restaurant located on the southeast corner of Base Line and McKinley Street is preparing to open after a lengthy revitalization of the property. They are finishing the exterior of the building, and various city departments are scheduling their final inspections. The owner is working on an opening date and will provide that to the City Council and staff soon.

3. **Tractor Supply** - Tentative Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 4.

Did You Know?



If your barrel is broken, cracked, or damaged, we'll replace it at no additional charge! Contact Burrtec Customer Service at (909) 889-1969 for more information.



HIGHLAND WELCOMES CORKY'S KITCHEN & BAKERY



27822 Greenspot Road

Corky's Kitchen & Bakery is officially opening a new location in the City of Highland. Set to open on April 9 2025.

The restaurant will be bringing its popular homestyle menu to the fastest growing part of the city.

The space will feature options for both indoor and outdoor dining. Whether you're craving breakfast, lunch, or dinner, Corky's offers a large variety options for everyone to enjoy at any time of the day. Highland residents can soon expect another go-to spot for comfort food, and friendly service, all in a relaxed setting.

The Highland Chamber of Commerce is working on an official ribbon cutting ceremony for May 14.

Stop by and support your newest local business!



SB COUNTY FIRE HAZARD INSPECTIONS UNDERWAY

Why Now?

With spring in full swing, warmer temperatures and increased plant growth mean potential fire hazards are on the rise across San Bernardino County. In response, the County Fire Department is conducting its annual Fire Hazard Inspections as part of the Weed Abatement Program, aimed at reducing wildfire risk in local communities.

Spring growth can quickly dry out as the weather warms, creating ideal fuel for wildfires. New growth from recent rains can quickly dry out, becoming a significant fire danger as the weather warms. This makes spring a critical time for vegetation management on both private and public properties. Proactive vegetation management is crucial to prevent fires from spreading rapidly—especially in high-risk areas.



Land Use Services
Code Enforcement

What's the Inspection Process?

Inspectors are surveying properties, especially vacant lots and undeveloped land, for overgrown weeds, dry grass, brush, and other flammable materials. Properties found to be non-compliant will receive a Notice to Abate Fire Hazard. Scheduled inspections will cover various county unincorporated areas, and the cities of Highland, Yucaipa, Grand Terrace and the foothills and vacant lots in San Bernardino. Property owners can avoid receiving an Abatement Notice by proactively addressing concerns such as trimming overgrown weeds and grasses and removing dead trees, plants and combustible debris. Flammable vegetation within 30 feet of any structure or 10 feet from a roadway or driveway must be cleared.

What to Expect

If a property is found non-compliant, a Notice to Abate Fire Hazard will be issued. If you receive a notice:

- Read it carefully – It includes details about the violation.
- Act promptly – Remove all dead vegetation, weeds, brush, and debris from your property to comply. A 30-day grace period to abate the identified hazard is given.
- Don't ignore it – Failure to abate may result in citations, penalties, and/or fees for abatement by the County.

Pay Attention to the Location

If the requested abatement involves areas within the public right of way adjacent to your property, contact the Highland Public Works Department to confirm responsibility and coordinate next steps. (909) 864-6861, ext. 217.

Property owners can verify the issuance of a notice, sign up for fire hazard abatement program alerts and stay informed about fire safety measures and inspections by emailing San Bernardino County at: CodeEnforcementDivision@lus.sbcounty.gov. Type "FHA" in the subject line to receive informational updates or simply scan the QR code.



For further information about these efforts, and to sign up for email updates and stay informed with the latest information on the Fire Hazard Abatement program visit: <https://lus.sbcounty.gov/fire-hazard-abatement-home/>



EARTH DAY



Earth Day, observed every year on April 22nd, is a global event dedicated to raising awareness and promoting action for the protection of our environment. It serves as a reminder that our planet needs our care and attention now more than ever.

Each year, millions of people around the world come together to plant trees, clean up local parks, reduce waste, and advocate for policies to fight climate change. Whether it's through small individual actions or large community events, Earth Day encourages us to reflect on our environmental impact and consider how we can make a positive difference.

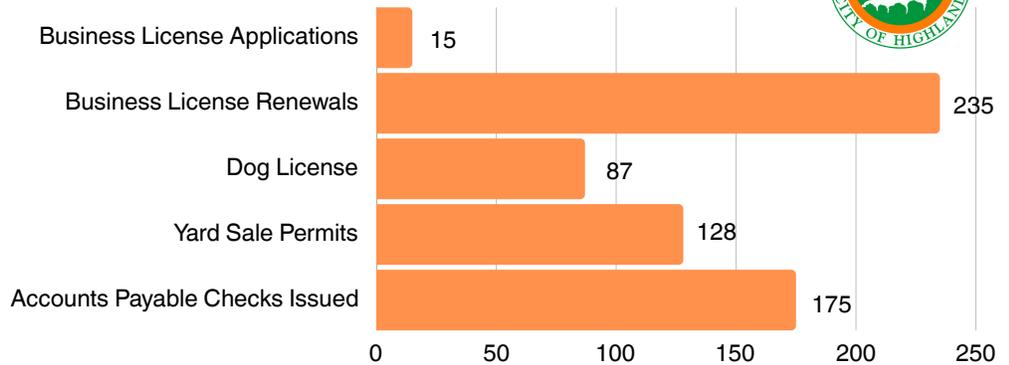
This year, let's take a moment to think about the changes we can make in our daily lives. Small steps like reducing plastic usage, conserving energy, supporting sustainable businesses, and advocating for eco-friendly policies all contribute to a healthier planet.

Remember, every day is Earth Day when it comes to protecting our world. Let's keep working together to build a more sustainable future for generations to come!



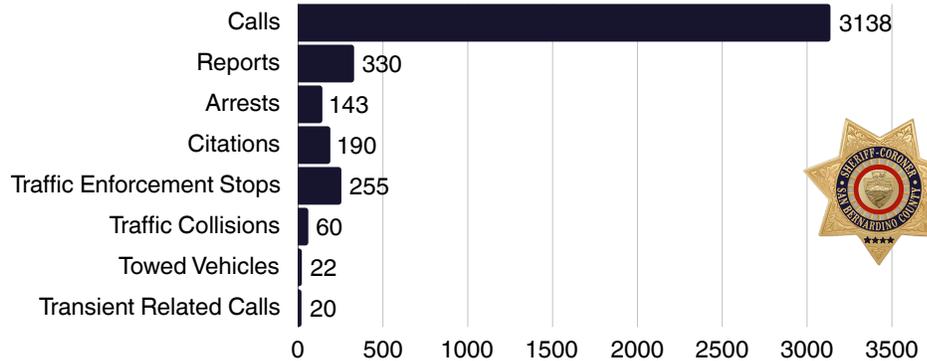
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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

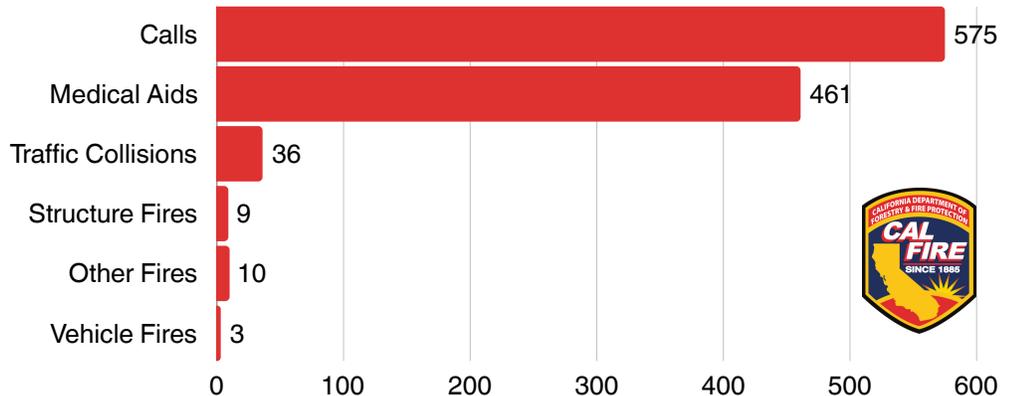


PUBLIC SAFETY MARCH STATISTICS

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



FIRE DEPARTMENT



INFORMATION



We Are Hiring!

Positions :

- Assistant Public Works Director

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




City Hall
Time: 8am - 12 (noon)
Location: Highland City Hall
 27215 Base Line

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CITY OF **HIGHLAND**
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COMPOST GIVEAWAY DAY

SATURDAY

APRIL 26, 2025

FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY

How It Works:

- Open to EVERYONE (proof of residency will NOT be required).
- This is a SELF SERVE program; therefore, participants must provide their own shovels and assistance to load their vehicle.
- Available on a first come first serve basis. • Wait time could be up to 2 hours.
- A tarp is recommended for open bed truck & trailers.
- City staff reserve the right to end the event at any time due to product availability.

The City of Highland Public Services Division and Burretec Waste Industries Inc. are teaming up to host three compost giveaways this year, so residents can tackle the Spring and Fall lawn and garden projects.



CITY OF HIGHLAND

4TH OF JULY PARADE

JOIN US
 FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025
 FOR HIGHLAND'S ANNUAL
 FOURTH OF JULY PARADE!



PARADE BEGINS AT 9:00AM

REGISTRATION/INFORMATION:
 909.864.6861 EXT. 203
 DMORENO@CITYOFHIGHLAND.ORG



CITY OF HIGHLAND

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

THURSDAY
APRIL 24, 2025

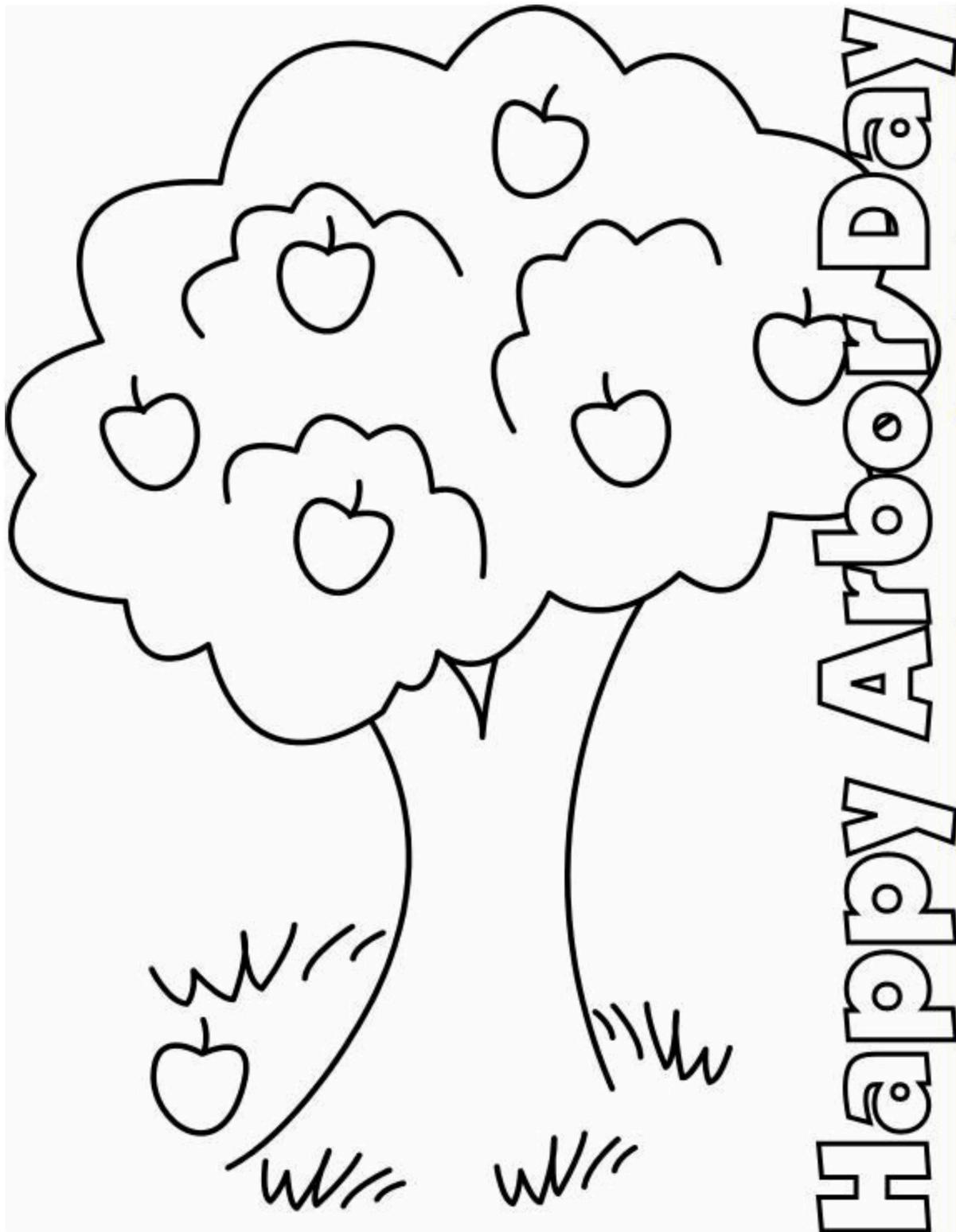
9:00 AM

CUNNINGHAM
 NEIGHBORHOOD
 PARK

7400 CUNNINGHAM ST.
 HIGHLAND, CA 92346

INFORMATION:
 909-864-6861 ext. 203







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 19
<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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