



Highland Newsletter

Highland Crews Respond to Flash Flood Event

On September 18, Highland experienced a sudden flash flood event as heavy rains swept through the city, overwhelming storm drains and causing localized flooding, mudflows, and debris across several neighborhoods.

Highland’s Public Works Department mobilized to clear blocked storm drains, remove mud and debris from roadways, and restore safe passage through critical intersections. Their efforts were supported by San Bernardino County crews, local fire personnel, and neighboring city agencies, who provided assistance to speed up the cleanup.



Ongoing Clean up Efforts

After addressing the major debris at many locations, crews have now shifted to more detailed cleanup work and expect to substantially complete this phase by the end of the day Thursday, Sept. 25. Street sweeping in the affected areas will begin next week, once the primary cleanup is complete.

Sandbag Information

To help residents protect their homes and properties during heavy rain and future flash flood conditions, the City of Highland provides free sandbags (while supplies last). Sandbags can be picked up at:

- City Hall: 27215 Base Line **
- Fire Station No. 1: 26974 Base Line*
- Fire Station No. 2: 29507 Base Line
- Fire Station No. 3: 7649 Sterling Avenue*

- East Valley Water District: 31111 Greenspot Road
- Sterling Natural Resource Center: 25318 5th Street San Bernardino, CA 92410

*Sandbags only at these locations
 ** Sand only at this location

Residents are encouraged to bring their own shovel and gloves. Limits may apply to ensure availability. For storm information and helpful resources, please visit the San Bernardino County website at: burnareainfo.sbcounty.gov/



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Get Ready to Shake Out.



October 16, 2025



Register at ShakeOut.org

September 27, 2025

Compost Giveaway
8:00am to 12:00pm
City Hall - 27215 Base Line



September 29, 2025

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

October 4, 2025

Fire Station No. 3 Open House
9:00am - 2:00pm
7649 Sterling Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92410

October 4, 2025

Highland Improvement Team Cleanup
7:30am to 12:00pm
City Hall - 27215 Base Line

October 11, 2025

Discover Highland Run 5K & 10K
8:00am
Arroyo Verde Elementary School - 7701 Church St.
To Enter: Register.chronotrack.com/r/87949
For information:
Highland Area Chamber of Commerce (909) 864-4073

October 14, 2025

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

October 14, 2025

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





5TH ANNUAL DISCOVER HIGHLAND RUN 5K & 10K



ARROYO VERDE SCHOOL HIGHLAND

*Dog Friendly Event
"Award for Best Dressed Dog"*

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



SAT. OCT 11, 2025 | 8AM

5K **\$35**

10K **\$45**

\$5 Fee To Register Day of the Event

For team discount codes call the race director or the chamber office.

\$5 Discount For Registered Teams of 5 or More

Runner Registration at: <https://Register.chronotrack.com/r/87949>

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Our Champion Sponsors:







FOR RUN DIRECTORS
 MORE James Held, 909-936-2528 jamesheld2020@gmail.com
 INFO: Chris Nielsen, 909-864-4073 C: 909-864-4073 hcoc@highlandchamber.org
 Register on line: www.highlandchamber.org Commemorative medal, swag bag, and Event T-Shirt for registered runners. Late registrants and day of, as available.



REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK

Help us to serve you better by removing all possible obstacles from the street on your scheduled day. Although the City of Highland does not enforce street sweeping parking restrictions, we appreciate your assistance in keeping the streets clear on your scheduled day.

Parked vehicles cause the operator to swing wide to miss them. Moving vehicles off a street scheduled for sweeping allows crews to thoroughly clean the street from curb-to-curb.

One parked car equals nearly three (3) car lengths of space that can't be swept because the street sweeping equipment must leave room to avoid it. This can result in debris building up on the roadway and entering the storm drain which can cause flooding during heavy rains and contribute to water pollution. In residential areas the street sweeper can sweep anytime from 7:00am to 5:00pm, the day after your solid waste collection day.

If solid waste collection is delayed one (1) day due to a holiday, the street sweeper will be delayed one day as well.

Since sweeping is done as close to the curb as possible, things like overhanging tree branches, basketball hoops and solid waste collection carts can hinder the cleaning effectiveness.

Street sweeping also serves as one of our Best Management Practices (BMP) to control and improve water quality. This BMP helps us maintain compliance with the State-mandated Stormwater Program requirements!

For more information or to report a street sweeping complaint please contact the Public Services Division at (909)864-6861, ext. 271

OPEN HOUSE AT FIRE STATION NO. 3

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, October 4, from 9:00am-2:00pm, Fire Station No. 3 is opening its doors to the community for a day of fun, learning, and excitement!

Come meet your local heroes... our firefighters! Pick up life-saving fire safety tips, climb aboard the big red fire engines and explore the station. Enjoy tasty refreshments while you mingle with neighbors.

Location: 7649 Sterling Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92410

Don't miss this chance to experience what it's like behind the scenes at your neighborhood fire station. Bring your family, bring your friends—it's fun for all ages!

For more information, contact Volunteer Services at (909)864-6861, ext. 203.



CITY MANAGER REPORT



The Highland Police Department for the month of August received 3,213 calls, made 351 reports, 153 arrests, 40 citations, 122 traffic enforcement stops, 58 traffic collisions which include hit and runs, 15 towed vehicles, and 35 transient-related calls.

The Highland Fire Department for the month of August responded to 768 calls for service, some of which included: 584 medical aids, 38 traffic collisions, 15 structure fires, 22 vegetation fires, 28 other fires, 7 vehicle fires and 26 public service assistance that were not life-threatening.

Marco's Pizza submitted a tenant improvement permit application to Building & Safety for their new Highland restaurant within the Greenspot Crossings center. The new restaurant will occupy 1,100 square feet of a 7,800 square foot vacant retail building within the center. Marco's Pizza facility will offer walk-up and pick-up service only (no sit-down dining is offered).

Demolish and clean-up of the fire damaged structure located at the northeast corner of Base Line and Mira Vista Avenue has been completed by the city's contractor.



SBC ATC NEW WEBSITE: 2025-26 PROPERTY TAX APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE AVAILABLE ONLINE

The San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) has announced the launch of their new website, which highlights their wide range of services. To access these services you may visit www.sbcountyatc.gov.

The new website also features a dedicated Property Tax section designed to make key property tax information easier to access and navigate. The 2025-2026 Property Tax Apportionment Schedule is now available within this section, where you can view and download the schedule and access future apportionment reports anytime. To view the 2025-2026 Property Tax Apportionment Schedule, you may visit sbcountyatc.gov/property-tax/apportionment-report.

Residents - Beware of Property Tax Scammers!

With property tax bills set to mail in early October, the ATC warns taxpayers to beware of scams.

Taxpayers are encouraged to carefully review these bills and ensure payments are made only through official, secure channels.

The most secure and effective way to pay property taxes is online through ATC's official website. Other safe options include:

BY MAIL: Send payments to the Tax Collector's Office at 268 West Hospitality Lane, First Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415

IN PERSON: Visit the Tax Collector's Office at the same address during regular business hours.

If you receive a suspicious phone call, email, or letter demanding payment from the Assessor's Office, it is fraudulent.

When in doubt, always verify directly with the County by calling (909) 387-8308 before providing any personal or financial information.

LANE CLOSURES ON PALM AVENUE & BASE LINE

City crews are currently addressing a sinkhole at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Base Line, discovered in the northbound left-turn lane of the south leg of the intersection. To allow for emergency repairs, lane closures were in effect and the traffic signal was placed on red flash. Work is anticipated to be completed by Friday, September 26, 2025.

What to Do at a Flashing Red Intersection?

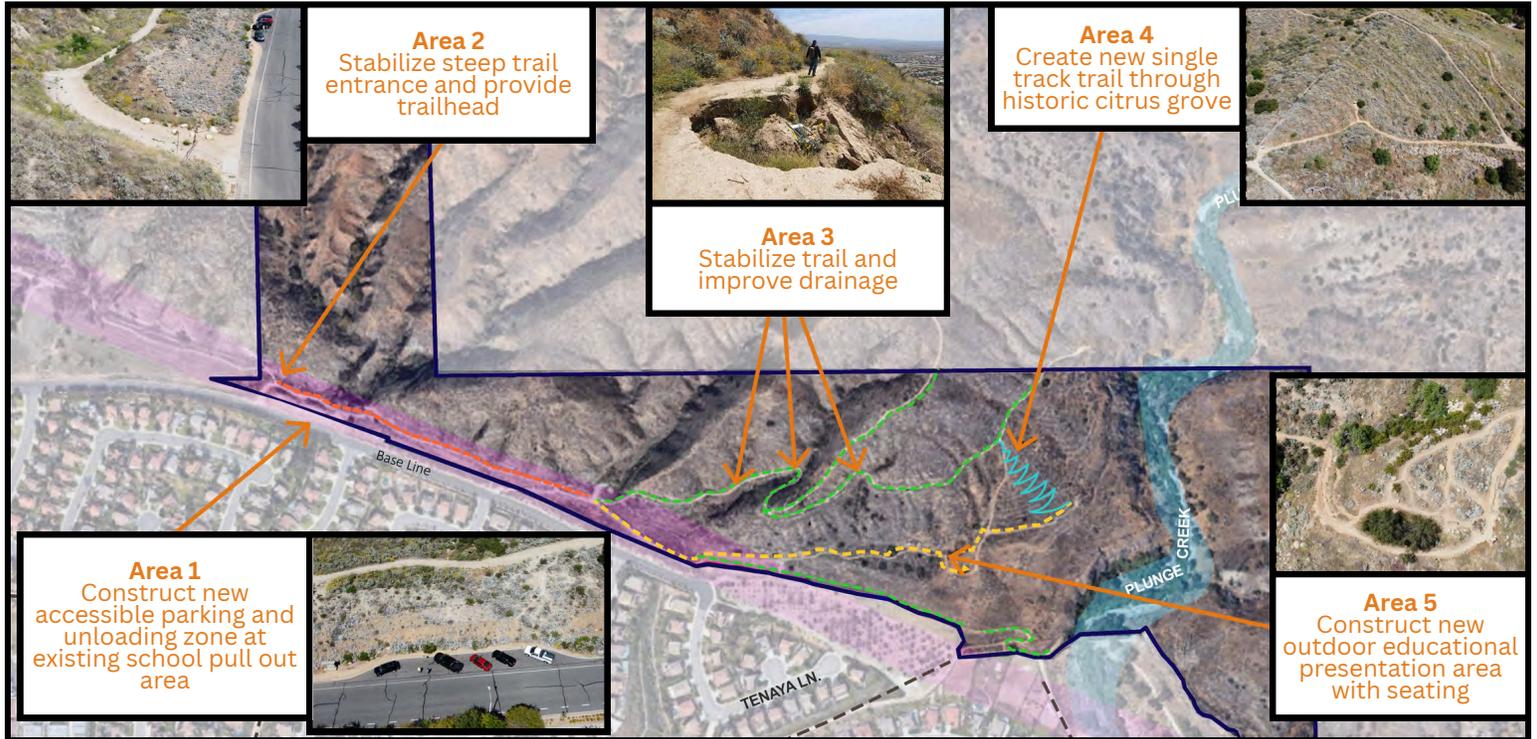
When motorists encounter a flashing red intersection, they should treat it the same as a four-way stop:

- Come to a complete stop at the limit line, crosswalk, or before entering the intersection.

- Look both ways and yield to vehicles or pedestrians already in the intersection.
- Proceed only when safe, following the same right-of-way rules as at a stop sign.

These measures help keep traffic moving safely while repairs are underway. We appreciate the community’s patience as crews complete this work.

NATURAL PARKLAND TRAIL IS CLOSED



Work has already begun to restore and improve Natural Parkland Trail, located near the easterly limits of Baseline. This \$1.5 million project is funded by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

Trail improvements will include new amenities such as concrete benches, ADA parking improvements, curb, gutter,

curb ramps, culvert crossings to convey storm water, trail guide ropes, natural stone steps and stone retaining walls. Also included will be educational signs and directional signs.

Once complete, this project will encourage active recreation, provide community education, and opportunities for residents to enjoy the outdoors.

For the public’s safety, The City of Highland asks residents and visitors to please refrain from using the trail while construction vehicles and construction personnel are operating on site.

Construction is expected to take approximately 6 months, weather permitting, and will be ready for public use again, early 2026.

CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 4, 2025

California voters will decide Proposition 50 in the statewide special election on November 4, 2025.

Proposition 50 is the sole measure on the ballot that would set aside the state’s independent redistricting commission and adopt new congressional lines projected for the next three election cycles.

The Official Voter Information Guide, released by the Secretary of State, provides impartial analyses, fiscal impacts, arguments for and against, and the full text of the measure.

The guide is available online in multiple languages at the Secretary of State’s Elections website: sos.ca.gov/elections

Frequently Asked Questions:

Does everyone get a ballot in the mail?

Yes. Under state law, vote-by-mail ballots are sent to every active registered voter.

When will I receive my mail-in-ballot?

Counties will begin mailing ballots by October 6, 2025.

Can I vote in person? Where is my polling place or vote center?

Yes. You may look up your polling place center by visiting: elections.SBCounty.gov/voting/pl

How do I obtain a replacement ballot?

Email: MailBallots@rov.sbcounty.gov, or call (800) 881-VOTE or (909) 387-8300.

KEY DATES

October 6, 2025

Early voting begins. Mail ballots delivered to U.S. Post Office.

October 7, 2025

Secure ballot drop-off boxes open.

October 20, 2025

Last day to register to vote online. After Oct. 20, you must complete same-day voter registration and request your ballot in person at your county elections office or polling location.

November 4, 2025

Election Day! Vote-by-mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by Nov. 12, 2025.

FREE PET ADOPTIONS

San Bernardino County Animal Care is teaming up with PetSmart Charities and the Animals aRe First Fund (ARFF) to bring adoptable shelter pets to PetSmart in Fontana for a special adoption event!

Adoptions are FREE thanks to ARFF! Each qualifying adoption includes spaying or neutering, a microchip, and age-appropriate vaccinations. It is everything you need to start your journey with a new best friend.

Bring hope and love into a pet’s life by giving them a forever home.

When: September 27, 2025
Time: 12:00pm – 3:00pm
Where: 15042 Summit Ave. Fontana, CA 92336

For additional information and for future events, you may visit animalcare.sbcounty.gov/event/petsmart-adoption-event/



NEW HOLIDAY HOURS

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED FROM CHRISTMAS EVE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 THROUGH NEW YEAR'S DAY THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026.

WE WILL RESUME OUR REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026.

INSPECTION SERVICES FROM BUILDING & SAFETY, CODE ENFORCEMENT, AND ENGINEERING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE DURING THESE DATES EXCEPT FROM THE HOLIDAYS OBSERVED (CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY, NEW YEAR'S EVE, AND NEW YEAR'S)

MORE INFORMATION: (909) 864-6861

UPDATE FROM FINANCE

Starting October 7, 2025, the City of Highland is launching a user friendly pet licensing system in partnership with DocuPet. Pet owners will be able to license their pets online, by phone, by mail, or in person. The new system includes 24/7 lost pet recovery, customizable tags that double as official licenses, and convenient online management of pet profiles and renewals.

For any dog license questions, please contact the Finance Department at (909) 864-6861 or email:

doglicense@cityofhighland.org



AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERAS

The City of Highland is moving forward on a Work Program item approved by the City Council for the installation of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras to enhance public safety and support law enforcement.

We are pleased to announce that the first four (4) ALPR cameras are now live, with the Highland Police Department actively capturing data from them.

Cameras have been installed at the following intersections:

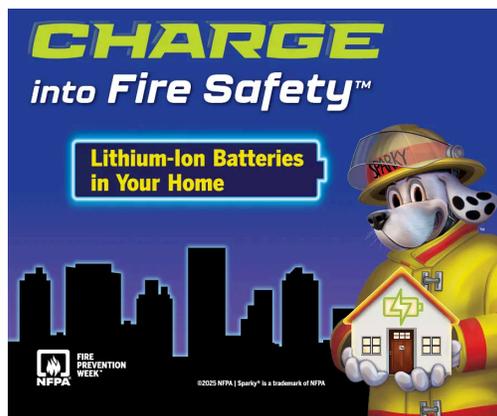
- 5th Street at Church Avenue
- Sterling Avenue at 9th Street
- Palm Avenue at 5th Street
- Base Line at Golondrina Drive

The remaining nine (9) ALPR cameras are scheduled for installation by September 26, completing the full network of 13 cameras citywide.

ALPR cameras are an important tool for law enforcement, helping officers monitor and investigate stolen vehicles, enhance crime-prevention efforts, and improve neighborhood safety.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



National Fire Prevention Week (FPW) is October 5 through October 11 and this year's theme is "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." The campaign stresses how important it is to BUY, CHARGE, and RECYCLE safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

3 Tips to Charge into Fire Safety:

Buy only listed products.

When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.

Charge devices safely.

Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

Recycle batteries responsibly.

Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

Fire safety education isn't just for children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires,

making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.

For additional information, please visit nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month! For more than 20 years, this awareness campaign has highlighted the importance of taking daily action to reduce risks when online and using connected devices.

What is cybersecurity?

Cybersecurity is the protection of computer systems and networks from attacks by malicious actors that could cause unauthorized information disclosure, theft, or damage to hardware, software or data.

Cybersecurity is a public safety and economic security priority. Many organizations, such as local utilities, hospitals, schools, and public safety agencies are part of the nation's critical infrastructure. When these systems are compromised, the impact can be immediate. Protecting them begins with everyone's daily online actions.



Implementing cybersecurity best practices helps protect intellectual property and other sensitive data, as well as networks and systems that support your operations.

Four essential behaviors to stay safe online: Always update software, use strong passwords, turn on multifactor authentication, and recognize and report phishing.

For additional information, please visit cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month

KIDS CORNER

CHARGE into Fire Safety™



Sparky says: Put phones and tablets on something hard when you plug them in.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

THE HIGHLAND SENIOR CENTER
INDOOR
CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2025
8:00A.M. – 12:00P.M.
More than 30 Vendors!*
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!
3102 HIGHLAND AVE.
(Inside the Gates of Patton)
(909) 862-8104
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
ONLY \$5.00

On the World Famous SBD 737 Plane Stage  Free Show • 10-18-25
Doors Open at 5PM

Cruising at Altitude

Live Music + Free Show + Fun
Fortunate Youth
Safety Orange & DJ Richie Rich

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
REGIONAL PARKS
New Park Hours
FALL SCHEDULE
Saturday, Sept. 6-20
7:30 AM to 7:30 PM
Saturday, Sept. 20-Oct. 17
7:30 AM to 7 PM
Saturday, Oct. 18-Dec. 31
7:30 AM to 5 PM

 You're going to want to see this,
look at the bottom left

Community Facilities Tour

Thursday
OCTOBER 16, 2025
8:00 AM

 Sign up Early. Space is Limited.

Register to Attend: eastvalleywater.gov/DistrictTour

YOUR Community



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 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

HIGHLAND POLICE STATION

26985 Base Line Highland, CA 92346
(909)425-9793
For emergency calls, dial 9-1-1

FIRE STATION NO.1

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

FIRE STATION NO. 2

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

FIRE STATION NO. 3

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

HIGHLAND SAM RACADIO LIBRARY

7863 Central Ave. Highland, CA 92346
(909)798-8490
Mon - Wed 10:00am-8:00pm
Thurs - Fri 10:00am-6:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm
CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

HIGHLAND FAMILY YMCA

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

HIGHLAND CORPORATION YARD

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

STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR SOCIALS



HELPFUL Resources

Caltrans
(909)383-4285

Highland Post Office
(909)864-2463

City of Redlands
(909)798-7500

Highland Senior Center
(909)862-8104

City of San Bernardino
(909)384-7272

Omnitrans
(800)966-6428

City of San Bernardino Animal
Services (909)384-1304

San Bernardino County
(909)387-2020

Highland Chamber of Commerce
(909)864-4073

San Bernardino County Animal
Control (800)472-5609

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UTILITIES



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5455 Industrial Parkway
San Bernardino, CA 92410
(909)889-1969



East Valley Water District
31111 Greenspot Road
Highland, CA 92346
(909)889-9501
www.eastvalleywater.gov



Southern California Edison
(800)684-8123

Southern California Gas
Company
(888)607-4357

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Alex Padilla (D)	U.S. Senator	CA	www.padilla.senate.gov/
Adam Schiff (D)	U.S. Senator	CA	www.schiff.senate.gov/
Jay Obernolte (R)	U.S. Representative	CA - District 23	www.obernolte.house.gov/
Pete Aguilar (D)	U.S. Representative	CA - District 33	www.aguilar.house.gov/
Rosilicie Ocha Bogh (R)	State Senator	District 19	www.sr19.senate.ca.gov/
Elóise Gomez Reyes (D)	State Senator	District 29	www.sd29.senate.ca.gov/
Tom Lackey (R)	State Representative	District 34	www.ad34.asmrc.org/
James C. Ramos (D)	State Representative	District 45	www.a45.asmdc.org/
Greg Wallis (R)	State Representative	District 47	www.ad47.asmrc.org/

San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe (Third District)

(909)387-4855

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