

# HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

Beginning January 2026, the official website for the City of Highland will be [www.highlandca.gov](http://www.highlandca.gov)

## CELEBRATING OUR HIGHLAND VOLUNTEERS



The City of Highland proudly honored its dedicated volunteers last week at the 30th Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner. This special evening celebrated the many individuals who generously give their time and talents to support City programs and events.

Each volunteer received a certificate of appreciation, a special gift, and a spectacular raffle prize as a token of gratitude for their continued service.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Joe Crump Senior Volunteer of the Year

Award, which has been awarded to volunteer community members since 2007. This year it went to Debbie Linares. Debbie serves with the Highland Police Department's Citizens on Patrol Unit and has been volunteering since November 2013. She continues to be a reliable, enthusiastic, and valued contributor to both the department and the community!



### CITY HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

Our office will be closed on December 18, 2025 from 11:30am to 2:30pm for our staff Holiday party.

We will be closed from Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025 though New Year's Day, January 1, 2026. We will resume normal business hours on Monday January 5, 2026.

Inspection services for Building and Safety, Code Enforcement, and Engineering, will be made available during these dates except for the holidays observed (Christmas eve, Christmas day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day)

Happy Holidays!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HIGHLAND POLICE AND FIRE INVITE YOU TO THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION!

FROM 6 PM TILL 8 PM

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS  
INFORMATION:  
909-425-9793 EXT 213

HOT COCOA • COOKIES • PICTURES WITH SANTA!  
BRING YOUR CAMERA FOR PHOTOS!

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 10TH  
FIRE STATION #2  
29507 BASE LINE

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 11TH  
FIRE STATION #3  
7649 STERLING AVE

**November 11, 2025**  
Veterans Day - City Hall Closed



**November 12, 2025**  
Public Works Subcommittee Meeting  
4:15pm  
City Hall - 27215 Base Line

Finance/Personnel Subcommittee Meeting  
4:30pm  
City Hall - 27215 Base Line

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

**November 18, 2025**  
Planning Commission Meeting  
6:00pm  
City Hall Council Chambers - 27215 Base Line

**November 24, 2025**  
Blood Drive  
12:00pm to 5:00pm  
Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line

**November 27, 2025**  
Thanksgiving Holiday - City Hall Closed



**December 6, 2025**  
Highland Improvement Team Cleanup  
7:30am to 12:00pm  
Check-in - City Hall - 27215 Base Line

**December 9, 2025**  
Connect with your State Representative's Office  
10:00am to 12:00pm  
City Hall - 27215 Base Line

**December 9, 2025**  
City Council Regular Meeting  
6:00pm  
City Hall Council Chambers - 27215 Base Line

**HIGHLAND'S  
OPERATION SANTA CLAUS  
TOY DRIVE**

HELP US MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER!

Accepting Donations  
November 16th through December 18th

**We will be collecting toys at these locations:**

- Highland Police Department - 26985 Base Line Street
- Highland Fire Station 541 - 26974 Base Line Street
- Highland Fire Station 542 - 29507 Base Line Street
- Highland City Hall - 27215 Base Line Street
- East Highland Ranch Association - 7136 Club View Drive

Contact **Lisa Henley** for more information at **909-425-9793**

# PASSPORT PHOTO SERVICES COMING SOON!



The City of Highland is pleased to announce that beginning November 17, 2025 passport photo services will be available at City Hall.

Residents may now have their passport application processed and photo taken conveniently in one location. Please ensure the application is completed by the time of your appointment.

Applicants may add the photo service for an additional \$15 fee, in addition to the standard \$35 passport execution fee.

No extra trips needed! Just one stop for everything you need to get your passport on its way.

For our Passport Checklist, visit [www.cityofhighland.org/326/Passport-Services](http://www.cityofhighland.org/326/Passport-Services). To schedule an appointment, please contact our Deputy City Clerk at (909) 864-6861, ext. 227

California Secretary of State

# Apostille Pop-Up Shop

<p><b>Location:</b></p> <p><b>San Bernardino</b></p> <p>San Bernardino Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk's Office Hall of Records, 222 W. Hospitality Lane, First Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415 Free Parking</p>	<p><b>Date &amp; Time:</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> November 18, 2025 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Payment Options:</b></p> <p>Visa, Mastercard, Check, or Money Order. No Cash.</p>	<p>Scan for More Information</p>

## BUSINESS LICENSES: REMINDER

All business licenses will expire on **December 31, 2025**. We are transitioning all licenses to a calendar-year renewal cycle. Any new licenses issued between now and December 31, 2025, will be prorated accordingly to align with this schedule.

Renewal notices for the 2026 calendar year will be sent out on December 1, 2025.

These notices will be delivered via email and by mail. We encourage you to update any contact information to ensure you receive your renewal notice without delay.

For business license related questions please reach out to Veronica Navarro at (909) 864-6861, ext.239.

# CALFRESH BENEFITS



Due to the federal government shutdown, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is **not** sending money to states for November CalFresh (SNAP) benefits. This means your County **cannot** add money to your EBT card until federal funding is restored. This impacts all CalFresh households and cannot be appealed. You can keep using your existing benefits as usual.

If you need food now, visit [cafoodbanks.org/find-food](http://cafoodbanks.org/find-food) to find your local food bank. For the latest information, please visit [cdss.ca.gov](http://cdss.ca.gov). 211 Inland SoCal United Way is also collecting and regularly updating information on local free holiday events for their Season Resource Guide.

Please visit [www.inlandsocaluw.org/seasonal-resources](http://www.inlandsocaluw.org/seasonal-resources) for additional information. The County social services offices are still open. You can go in person, or you can call 1-877-847-3663.



# FOOD BANK NOVEMBER DISTRIBUTION CALENDAR

The Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) remains committed to supporting individuals and families by providing essential food resources.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please check out their November Food Distribution Calendar by visiting [www.capsbc.org/food-bank](http://www.capsbc.org/food-bank) to find a location near you. Times, dates and locations are subject to change. For questions call (909) 723-1581. Listed are some of the future food bank locations near Highland for the month of November:

### November 8, 2025

Pure Land Foundation @ Pacific HS  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
1020 Pacific St.  
San Bernardino, CA 92404  
(Vegetarian products only)

### November 13, 2025

The Salvation Army-Redlands  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
838 Alta St.  
Redlands, CA 92374

### November 15, 2025

First Presbyterian Church  
9:00am - 11:00am  
1900 North D St.  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

### November 18, 2025

St. John Episcopal Church  
9:00am - 11:00am  
1407 N. Arrowhead Ave.  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

**HELPING PEOPLE. CHANGING LIVES.**



# SOUTH COAST AQMD: CHECK BEFORE YOU BURN



**CHECK  
BEFORE  
YOU  
BURN**

November marks the start of South Coast AQMD's annual Check Before You Burn season.

From November through the end of February, residents are asked to check before burning wood in their fireplaces to limit emissions of fine particulate matter (PM2.5).

A No-Burn day is a 24-hour ban on wood-burning in residential fireplaces, stoves or outdoor fire pits in the South Coast Air Basin. South Coast AQMD forecasters call for residential No-Burn Days when PM2.5 is expected to reach Unhealthy levels due to air emissions and stagnant weather conditions.

South Coast AQMD's No-Burn Day alerts do not apply to mountain communities above 3,000 feet in elevation, the Coachella Valley or High Desert, homes that rely on wood as a sole source of heat, low income households and those without natural gas service. Gas fireplaces are also exempt. South Coast AQMD is providing several resources to the public to make following No-Burn Days as convenient as possible:

## ✓ E-Mail Notification Program

Sign up at [www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-alerts](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/air-alerts) to receive Air Alerts on air quality and to be notified when a mandatory No-Burn alert has been issued for your neighborhood.

## ✓ Check Before You Burn Map

Visit the Check Before You Burn map on our website for daily forecast information. [www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/community-detail?title=check-before-you-burn](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/community-detail?title=check-before-you-burn)

## ✓ Toll-Free Phone Number

Call (866)966-3293 for daily Check Before You Burn information.

## ✓ Mobile App

Download the South Coast AQMD app to check local air quality and receive notifications when No-Burn Days are called. [www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp](http://www.aqmd.gov/mobileapp)

## ✓ Social Media

Follow South Coast AQMD's social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

The South Coast AQMD also encourages you to take the pledge to Check Before You Burn.

For additional information visit [www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/community-detail?title=check-before-you-burn](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/community-detail?title=check-before-you-burn)

# WORK PROGRAM UPDATE



As part of the City Council's prioritized initiatives in the Work Program, the "Replacement Fuel Dispensing System at Police Station" project is being completed this week. The upgrade includes two new fuel dispensers and a main controller, replacing outdated equipment to improve reliability and performance.

Once installed, the system will ensure consistent fuel availability for both daily operations and emergency response. Completion of this project is scheduled for November 10, 2025.

This project supports the goals outlined in the city's Work Program by maintaining essential public safety infrastructure and ensuring reliable operations. The funding used for this replacement reflects appropriate and planned spending on necessary equipment that maintains continuity of service.

# WE ARE HIRING

**ASSISTANT ENGINEER /  
ASSOCIATE ENGINEER /  
SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER**

APPLY AT [WWW.CITYOFHIGHLAND.ORG](http://WWW.CITYOFHIGHLAND.ORG)



## GIFT A KID A BOOK – COMMUNITY FAIR

Join First 5 San Bernardino at the San Bernardino County Museum for free books, entertainment and more!

First 5 San Bernardino is partnering with the San Bernardino County Museum to promote reading and literacy for young children in the community. The event will be held on Saturday, November 15, from 9:30am – 2:00pm and will feature free books, performances by Twinkle Time and Rafael the Magician and more!

Bring your family to 2024 Orange Tree Lane in Redlands for free access to the museum, resources and free books from the pop-up bookstore.

Registration is required. For additional information, visit [www.first5sanbernardino.org/reading](http://www.first5sanbernardino.org/reading).

Featuring:

- Free San Bernardino County Museum attendance
- Free books from the pop-up bookstore
- Resource booths and giveaways
- Snack or food items
- Face painting, balloon twisting
- Train rides

Activities:

- 10:40am – Storytime
- 11:00am – Vendor spotlight
- 11:30am – Live performance by Twinkle Time Noon and Storytime
- 12:40pm – Vendor spotlight
- 1:00pm – Live performance by Rafael the Magician
- 1:15pm – Storytime



## FREE PET ADOPTION EVENT



This Veterans Day there is a FREE adoption event at the Devore Animal Shelter!

Adoptions are free for everyone in honor of Veterans Day As a token of appreciation for their courage, service, and dedication.

Veterans can also adopt one qualifying pet every six months year-round at no cost with valid veteran ID.

All adoptions include spay/neuter, microchip, and vaccinations, plus 30 days of free pet insurance from MetLife.

Learn more or support the shelters at [arffund.org](http://arffund.org).

**Tuesday November 11, 2025**  
**Devore Animal Shelter**  
**1977 Shelter Way Devore**  
**San Bernardino, CA 92407**  
**(909)386-9820**

## 28TH ANNUAL CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL MARCH 28, 2026

### DATES TO REMEMBER!

DECEMBER  
2025

VENDOR APPLICATIONS  
OPEN ONLINE



MARCH 9  
2026

VENDOR APPLICATION  
DEADLINE

MARCH 28  
2026

28TH ANNUAL CITRUS  
HARVEST FESTIVAL



Mark your calendars! The City of Highland is excited to announce the 28th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival happening on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 10:00am to 3:30pm in the heart of the Highland Historic District (at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street). In case of rain, the event will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2026.

Each year, this beloved community tradition draws around 5,000 visitors and features more than 150 retail, craft, and food vendors.

Enjoy live entertainment, community awards, and family-friendly fun throughout the day all. **Free admission for all!**

Don't miss the Historic District Walking Tour, where you can sign up to learn about Highland's heritage and explore its beautifully preserved homes and landmarks.

Come spend the day supporting local businesses, celebrating our citrus history, and connecting with your community.

Vendor applications will open in December 2025 through our online vendor portal.

Check our website for the most up to date information [www.cityofhighland.org/341/Citrus-Harvest-Festival](http://www.cityofhighland.org/341/Citrus-Harvest-Festival)

## 2026 HIGHLAND 'Y' RUN

On Sunday, January 25, 2026, runners and walkers will gather for a scenic 5K Fun Run, as well as a chipped 5K and 10K.

All net proceeds from the Highland Y Run stay right here in Highland, supporting youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility through our YMCA Financial Assistance program. Financial Assistance helps ensure that no child, no family, and no neighbor is turned away because of financial hardship and allows them to access our programs. When you participate and support the Highland Y Run, you're not just running a race you're running for a cause!

To register to run for this event, please visit [runsignup.com/Race/CA/Highland/HighlandYRun](https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Highland/HighlandYRun). Please note: If you are registered for the event after January 6<sup>th</sup> participation shirts are not guaranteed due to a limited supply.

For additional information and event details, you may contact their office at (909)425-9622.



## THANKSGIVING FIRE SAFETY



For many, the kitchen truly is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays.

Whether you're trying out treasured family recipes or decorating cookies and cakes, everyone loves joining in the festive preparations.

During this joyful yet busy season, it's important to keep fire safety in mind, particularly with extra people and activity in the house. As you plan your holiday gatherings and prepare that big family meal, remember that by following a few simple safety tips, you can enjoy quality time with loved ones while keeping your home and family safe from fire.

### THANKSGIVING SAFETY TIPS

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food. Make sure to check on your Turkey frequently.
- Keep children away from hot stoves, food, and liquids – steam and splashes can cause burns.

- Store knives, matches, and lighters out of reach and in a locked cabinet.
- Keep appliance cords (knife, coffee maker, mixer, etc.) out of children's reach.
- Never leave kids alone in a room with a lit candle.
- Keep floors clear of toys, bags, and clutter to avoid tripping.
- Test smoke alarms to make sure they're working.

### TURKEY FRYERS

Turkey fryers that use cooking oil are not safe. These fryers use large amounts of oil at high temperatures, which can cause devastating burns. If you want a fried turkey for your Thanksgiving meal, purchase it from a grocery store, restaurant or buy a fryer that does not use oil.

For additional information and tips on Thanksgiving Fire safety, you may visit [www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/home-fire-safety/thanksgiving](http://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/home-fire-safety/thanksgiving).

## BURRTEC FAQs



Not sure what to do with those Halloween pumpkins and candy now that the festivities are over?

Pumpkins and carved Jack-O-Lanterns are considered organic waste and can be placed directly into your green organics barrel. There's no need to bag them, just remove any candles, lights, or decorations first.

Leftover Halloween candy is also categorized as food waste. To prevent sticky residue and pests, please place candy in a sealed bag before disposing of it in your green organics barrel. Candy wrappers, however, cannot be recycled. All plastic, foil, and mixed-material wrappers should be thrown in your regular trash barrel.

Properly sorting your Halloween leftovers helps reduce landfill waste and supports the City's ongoing organics recycling efforts.

Thank you for doing your part!

# KIDS CORNER



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION



Is Your Child in the  
Right Car Seat?



## Car Seat Safety Check Event

Date: November 8th  
Time: 9am-12:30pm

**SAFE  
KIDS**  
INLAND EMPIRE

SAN BERNARDINO  
COUNTY

Children's Network



Highland Police Department's

# Happy Friendsgiving FOOD DRIVE

October 27th through November 20th



**Suggested Items:**

Canned foods, dressing/stuffing mix, pumpkin pie mix, pie shells (non-refrigerated), peanut butter & jelly, soups, pasta, beans, cereal, rice (canned or dry).

**Drop Off Location:**

26985 Base Line Street, Highland  
Donation boxes will be in our lobby  
Office hours are 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

**Contact Lisa Henley for more information at 909-425-9793**



# Artisan Craft Fairs



*Unique handcrafted items made by local artisans,  
just in time for holiday gift giving!*

**Thursday, November 13**  
9:00 am-1:00 pm  
Joslyn Senior Center  
21 Grant Street, Redlands

**Wednesday, December 3**  
11:00 am-1:00 pm  
Flores Senior Center  
111 W. Lugonia, Redlands



[cityofredlands.org/craftfair](http://cityofredlands.org/craftfair)



# 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 John 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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and subscribe to our  
eNewsletter.

Sign up for our eNewsletter:  
[cityofhighland.org/list.aspx](http://cityofhighland.org/list.aspx)

Scan the QR  
code for digital  
versions of our  
Newsletter



## UTILITIES



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  
[www.eastvalleywater.gov](http://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	<a href="http://www.padilla.senate.gov/">www.padilla.senate.gov/</a>
Adam Schiff (D)	U.S. Senator	CA	<a href="http://www.schiff.senate.gov/">www.schiff.senate.gov/</a>
Jay Obernolte (R)	U.S. Representative	CA - District 23	<a href="http://www.obernolte.house.gov/">www.obernolte.house.gov/</a>
Pete Aguilar (D)	U.S. Representative	CA - District 33	<a href="http://www.aguilar.house.gov/">www.aguilar.house.gov/</a>
Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh (R)	State Senator	District 19	<a href="http://www.sr19.senate.ca.gov/">www.sr19.senate.ca.gov/</a>
Elóise Gomez Reyes (D)	State Senator	District 29	<a href="http://www.sd29.senate.ca.gov/">www.sd29.senate.ca.gov/</a>
Tom Lackey (R)	State Representative	District 34	<a href="http://www.ad34.asmrc.org/">www.ad34.asmrc.org/</a>
James C. Ramos (D)	State Representative	District 45	<a href="http://www.a45.asmdc.org/">www.a45.asmdc.org/</a>
Greg Wallis (R)	State Representative	District 47	<a href="http://www.ad47.asmrc.org/">www.ad47.asmrc.org/</a>

San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe (Third District)

(909)387-4855

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