

HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

Beginning January 2026, the official website for the City of Highland will be www.highlandca.gov

NEW STATE LAWS FOR 2026



As the new year approaches, several important California laws are set to take effect on January 1, 2026, bringing changes for businesses, renters, and consumers statewide. Below is a summary of the most notable updates residents should be aware of.

Plastic Bag Ban

Stores will no longer be permitted to offer any plastic checkout bags, not even the thicker “reusable” versions. Only recycled paper bags or customer-provided reusable bags will be allowed.

This change aims to further reduce plastic waste and support statewide sustainability efforts.

Declawing Ban for Cats

California will prohibit cat declawing, except when medically necessary for the animal’s health. Routine or convenience-based declawing will no longer be allowed. The new law promotes animal welfare by eliminating a procedure widely considered painful and unnecessary.

Landlords Provide Appliances

Landlords must provide a working refrigerator and stove in residential rental units for all new or renewed leases starting in 2026. This requirement ensures tenants have essential kitchen appliances without additional upfront costs.

Restrictions on Dealer Add-Ons

A new consumer protection law will prevent auto dealers from selling unnecessary or predatory add-on products. Any optional add-ons must be clearly disclosed, priced transparently, and directly beneficial to the buyer. This measure is intended to curb inflated fees and protect consumers during vehicle purchases.

For residents interested in learning more about upcoming state laws, California’s official Legislative Information website at leginfo.legislature.ca.gov provides full access to new bills, laws, and code updates.



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

We will be closed from Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025 through New Year’s Day, January 1, 2026.

Inspection services for Building & Safety, Code Enforcement, and Engineering, will be made available during these dates except for the holidays observed.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



CITY OF HIGHLAND

INTERESTED IN SERVING YOUR
Community?

COMMUNITY TRAILS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: DECEMBER 19, 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PHONE (909) 864-6861

HIGHLAND CITY HALL
27215 BASE LINE
HIGHLAND, CA 92346

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

Finance/Personnel Subcommittee Meeting
5:15pm
City Hall Upright Conference Room - 27215 Base Line

City Council Regular Meeting
Housing Authority Regular Meeting
Successor Agency Regular Meeting
6:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers - 27215 Base Line

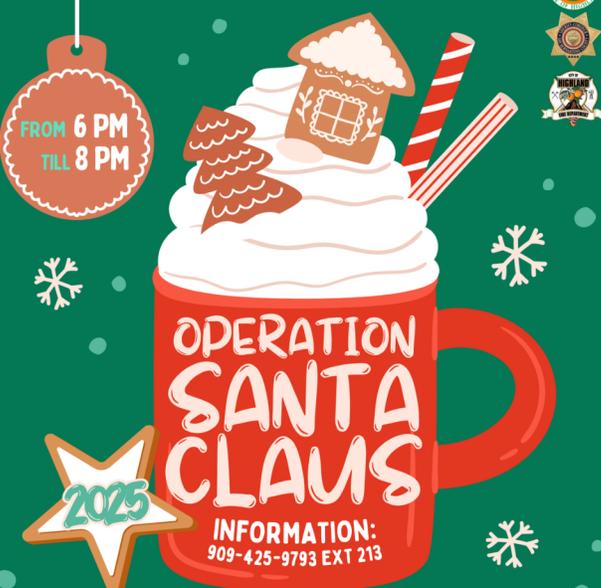
December 18, 2025

Staff Holiday Lunch
11:30am-2:30pm
City Hall Closed

December 24, 2025 - January 1, 2026

City Hall will be closed for the Holidays
Inspection services for Building & Safety, Code Enforcement, and Engineering, will be made available during these dates except for the holidays observed.

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

BLOOD DRIVE



We had an amazing turnout for the November Blood Drive, collecting an impressive 34 units of blood!

Whether it was the Target gift card incentive or a wave of holiday spirit, something definitely inspired donors to show up and we're grateful for every single one of them. All donations stay right here in our Southern California communities through LifeStream.

A huge thank-you to all our generous donors who came out to support this life-saving effort!

If you missed this one, don't worry... more opportunities are coming up. Join us at our next Blood Drive on Monday, January 26, 2026, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at the Highland Police Station (26985 Base Line).

We'd love to see you there! Follow this link to make your appointment today:
<https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/125811>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please reach out to Volunteer Services at (909)864-6861, ext. 203.

NEED TO GET RID OF BIG HOUSEHOLD ITEMS?



Every home accumulates bulky items from time to time. Maybe you finally upgraded that old sofa, replaced a worn-out mattress, or retired an appliance that's seen better days. But figuring out how to dispose of these oversized items can be a challenge. The good news? Burrtec has a simple, convenient, and no-cost solution for residential customers.

FOUR (4) FREE BULKY ITEM PICKUPS EVERY YEAR

Burrtec provides four (4) residential curbside large or bulky item collections per year, with up to five items per collection, all at no additional charge. It's a service designed to keep neighborhoods clean, reduce illegal dumping, and make your life easier when it's time for a household refresh.

WHAT COUNTS AS A "BULKY ITEM"?

If it's too big to fit in your trash barrel, Burrtec considers it a bulky item.

Common examples include:

- Furniture
- Mattresses and box springs
- Large appliances
- Oversized household items and more

If you can get it to the curb, Burrtec can likely take it.

SCHEDULING IS SIMPLE

To ensure timely service, Burrtec asks that you schedule your bulky item pickup at least 24 hours in advance. You have two easy ways to set it up:

- Call Burrtec Customer Service: (909) 889-1969
- Schedule Online: Visit Burrtec's online request page at:
<https://www.burrtec.com/request-services/?bulky-item-request#service-container>

Whether you're decluttering, renovating, or simply making room for something new, Burrtec's bulky item service is a convenient resource that helps keep your community clean and your home clutter-free.

NOTICE TO BUSINESS OWNERS

We are currently processing more than 3,200 business license renewals. Due to this high volume, we are unable to print licenses at the time of payment at the Finance Counter throughout the month of December.

To avoid delays, you may also renew your business license online through our website, where you will have immediate access to print your license upon payment.

If you renew in person, your license will be emailed or mailed within two business days after your payment is received.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

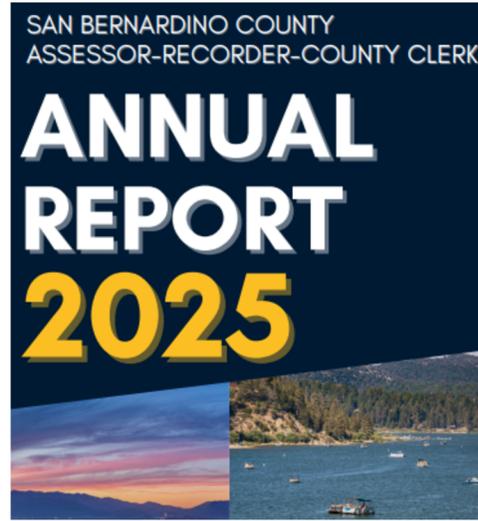
REMINDER

All business licenses are set to 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.

We encourage you to update any contact information to ensure you receive your renewal notice without delay.

To update your contact information, please reach out to the Business License Department at (909) 864-6861, ext.239.

COUNTY ASSESSOR RELEASES 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



The San Bernardino County Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk Josie Gonzales has released the 2025 Annual Report. The report offers residents meaningful insight into the county’s property assessment procedures, public records services, and various community programs.

The report reflects continued growth and strong property values across the county. The total assessed value for 2025 reached a record \$361.17 billion, marking a 6% increase over the previous year and covering more than 903,000 parcels countywide. It also highlights substantial tax-savings programs that continue to benefit local residents.

More than 222,000 homeowners received the Homeowner’s Exemption, generating over \$15.5 million in tax relief, while 6,596 disabled veterans received nearly \$11 million in exemptions.

Local nonprofits, public schools, churches, and community institutions also benefited, receiving more than \$108 million in welfare exemptions.

Most cities across the county saw year-over-year increases in assessed value, with Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Fontana leading in total valuation. Unincorporated communities also experienced steady growth, reinforcing the county’s continued economic expansion.

The report also reviews improvements within the Recorder-Clerk and Archives divisions, including expanded public-records access and award-winning customer-service initiatives.

Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to view the 2025 ARC Annual Report online by visiting www.arc.sbcounty.gov/arcannualreport/.

PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE
DECEMBER 10TH

WAYS TO PAY:

-  **ONLINE:** www.SBCountyATC.gov (Free with E-check)
-  **BY PHONE:** (909) 387-8308 or (760) 241-8829
-  **MAIL:** Check or Money Order, postmarked by Dec. 10th, payable to SBC Tax Collector
-  **IN PERSON:** 268 W. Hospitality Lane, San Bernardino



YOUR HIGHLAND CHRISTMAS TREE GUIDE



As the holiday season settles into Highland and homes begin to glow, many are likely finding themselves in want of the perfect Christmas tree. The City of Highland encourages everyone to head to their local store to find a tree to take home this holiday season.

Highland is happy to have multiple businesses within our city that can help you find the best tree for your needs.

Tractor Supply Co located at 27430 Base Line in Highland, is a familiar local stop for seasonal essentials, including Christmas trees. Just across town, Costco located at 28000 Greenspot Rd. provides another reliable choice with holiday trees and décor alongside its regular bulk shopping offerings. A short drive away, Lowes located at 27847 Greenspot Rd. offers a large selection of trees in their outdoor display area, making it easy to find one that fits your home and style.

To make the most of your Christmas tree, keep a few tips in mind, always measure your space before buying, check for fresh needles if you're choosing a real tree, and always use a sturdy stand with plenty of water to keep it looking vibrant throughout the season.

No matter where you shop, Highland makes it easy to find the perfect tree to help enjoy a festive holiday season!

HOME FOR THE PAWLIDAYS



Check out the Home for Pawlidays adoption event on December 13 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Devore Animal Shelter, located at 19777 Shelter Way, San Bernardino, CA 92407.

Capture a festive photo with Santa and Buddy the Dog Elf, explore local pet-friendly vendor booths, and sip on coffee from Cafe Angeles on-site. The first 30 adopters will receive a complimentary drink and pup cup, courtesy of the Animals aRe First Fund (ARFF)! Spread some holiday cheer by donating toys, treats, or cozy blankets. These donations will help fill kennel stockings for pets spending the holiday season in shelters.

WE ARE HIRING

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

APPLY AT WWW.CITYOFHIGHLAND.ORG



DECEMBER FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITES



Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino (CAPSBC) is the designated Community Action Agency for San Bernardino County and is charged with providing programs and services for low-income individuals and families to help lift them out of poverty. Below you may find information for local Food Distribution Sites this month. Please note, information is subject to change. Please call (909) 723-1581 for any questions.

Friday December 5, 2025

St. Catherine of Siena
10:00am - 1:00pm
339 N Sycamore Ave.
Rialto, CA 92376

Loveland Jubilee Pantry
10:00am - 2:00pm
790 E Foothill Blvd.
Suite A & B
Rialto, CA 92376

Thursday December 11, 2025

Immaculate Conception Church
7:00am - 10:00am
1106 N La Cadena Dr.
Colton, CA 92324

Loma Linda Indonesia SDA Church
1:00pm - 3:00pm
10827 California St.
Redlands, CA 92373
(This side DOES NOT serve pork products)

Saturday December 13, 2025

St. Joseph The Worker Church
7:30am - 9:00am
10816 Mountain View Ave.
Loma Linda, CA 92354

Redeemer Lutheran Church
8:30am - 9:30am
920 West 6th St.
Ontario, CA 91762

Sowing Seeds - Grand View Baptist Church
8:00 am - 10:00am
22755 Vista Grande Way
Grand Terrace, CA 92313

Pure Land Foundation @ Pacific High School
9:00am - 12:00pm
1020 Pacific St.
San Bernardino, CA 92404

GIVE BACK

Several nearby organizations are hosting holiday toy drives to support children and families throughout our region. Local residents who wish to participate can donate new, unwrapped toys at any of the following events and partner sites:

Highland Family YMCA

is collecting unwrapped toys to support the Highland City Fire Department and American Legion Post 421 for their December children's toy giveaways. Donate by December 8. 7793 Central Ave, Highland, CA 92346

Highland Police Department

Drop off a new, unwrapped gift by December 18 at the following locations:

- City Hall - 27215 Base Line Highland, CA 92346
- Highland Police Department - 26985 Base Line Highland, CA 92346
- Highland Fire Station 541 - 26974 Base Line
- Highland Fire Station 542 - 29507 Base Line
- East Highland Ranch Association - 7136 Club View Drive
- Donut Town - 7223 Church Street #A4



THE MAGIC OF WATER - EVWD



Calling all young artists ready to shine and show the world the magic of water!

Each year, the East Valley Water District's Student Art Contest highlights a new conservation theme to teach students the value of protecting our most precious resource, water, and inspires them to make every drop count.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Students grades 1 through 6 attending a school or living within East Valley Water District's boundaries can participate.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

- EVWD is working with local schools to provide contest packets to students whom wish to participate. Students may request a packet from their teacher.
- Download a Contest Entry and Artwork Template Form by clicking any of the links below visiting: www.eastvalleywater.gov/community/participate/student-art-contest.

- Visit the District's Headquarters located at 31111 Greenspot Road in Highland or Sterling Natural Resource Center, 25318 5th Street in San Bernardino and request a packet with Customer Service.

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:

- Artwork featured in both district lobbies
- Artwork featured on the District's limited-edition bottles of water
- \$100 Gift Card
- Certificate of Recognition
- A case of water with their artwork

An honorable recognition will be awarded to one student from each grade level whose artwork represented the theme in a unique way and will receive:

- \$25 Gift Card
- Certificate of Recognition

All winners will be invited to an East Valley Water District Board meeting to accept their special recognition. Please reach out to (909) 806-4280 if you have any questions.

HOLIDAY HUMBUGS



Feeling a little more “Bah, Humbug” than “Ho, Ho, Ho” this season? Your local Highland San Bernardino County Library has the cure. With the launch of its Holiday HUMBUGS December events, residents are invited to chase away the grumps, grinchies and gloomy moods through the magic of books.

The challenge is simple: check out 15 items, from novels and cookbooks to audiobooks and digital downloads, and library card holders will earn a winter-themed plushie.

Each participant who completes the challenge will also be entered into the drawing which might land them the grand prize, a special holiday surprise sure to warm even the frostiest heart.

Stop by the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library on Wednesday December 17, 2025 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm to enjoy festive games, a dance party, and a special visit from Santa!

Highland Sam J.
Racadio Library
7863 Central Ave
Highland, CA
92346



PREVENT HOME FIRES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



While holiday traditions like glowing lights and seasonal greenery create a festive atmosphere, they also pose fire risks that can quickly transform celebration into catastrophe. Home fires can be preventable. The following tips are simple steps that each of us can take to prevent a tragedy this holiday season.

COOKING

- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling. Make sure to turn off the stove if you leave.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves.
- Keep grills 10 feet from the house and away from overhangs.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

ELECTRICAL & APPLIANCES

- Replace frayed or damaged cords; don't run cords under rugs or furniture.
- Use three-prong plugs only in three-slot outlets.
- Replace hot or flickering switches and lights.

HOLIDAY SAFETY

- Turn off holiday lights when sleeping or away.
- Replace damaged light strings.
- Keep candles 12 inches from anything flammable or use flameless ones.
- Water Christmas trees daily; keep them 3 feet from heat sources and away from exits.
- Don't overload outlets or extension cords.

FIREPLACES & WOODSTOVES

- Clean chimneys and woodstove pipes yearly; check monthly for damage.
- Use a sturdy screen that covers the entire fireplace opening.
- Fully extinguish fires before leaving or going to bed.

PORTABLE HEATERS

- Keep anything combustible 3 feet away.
- Use only UL-listed heaters with tip-over shutoff and thermostats.
- Use only K-1 kerosene in kerosene heaters; don't overfill; ensure good ventilation.

CHILDREN

- Teach kids that fire is a tool, not a toy.
- Store matches and lighters locked and out of reach.
- Never leave children near stoves or candles unattended.

MORE TIPS

- Never use stoves or ovens to heat your home.
- Keep flammable liquids away from heat.
- Never use generators indoors; refuel only outdoors in ventilated areas.

SMOKE ALARMS

A properly working smoke alarm greatly improves survival in home fires. Install alarms on every level of your home, test and replace batteries regularly (unless using 10-year lithium versions), and replace the entire unit every 10 years. Never disable alarms while cooking. Specialized audible, vibrating, or flashing-light alarms are available for people with visual or hearing impairments.

For additional safety tips, please visit www.ready.gov/home-fires.

KIDS CORNER



Color by Number

- 1. Yellow
- 2. Blue
- 3. Green
- 4. Red
- 5. Purple
- 6. Orange

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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



HIGHLAND'S

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

TOY DRIVE



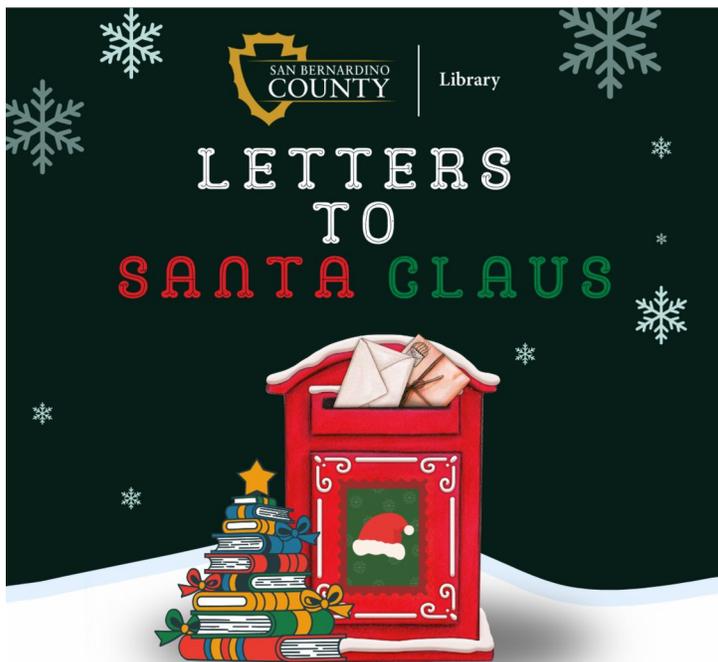
HELP US MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER!

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

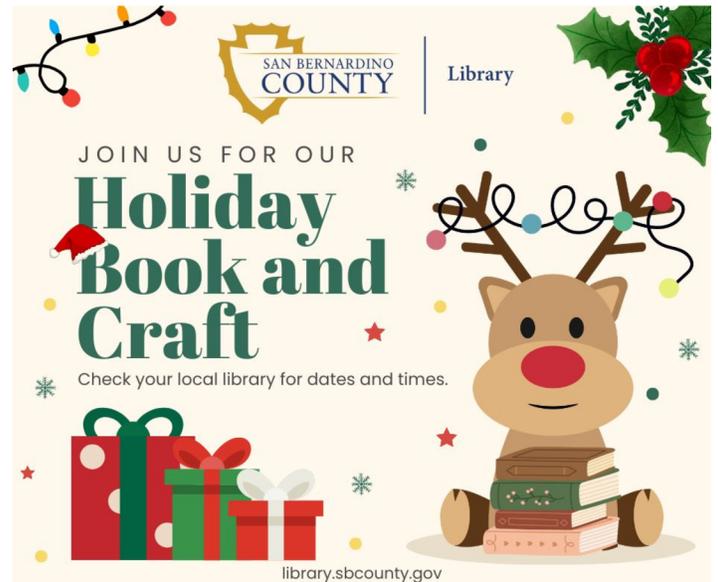
Contact **Lisa Henley** for more information at **909-425-9793**

A poster for "Letters to Santa Claus" featuring a red mailbox overflowing with letters, a stack of wrapped gifts, and a Santa hat. The background is dark green with white snowflakes. The San Bernardino County Library logo is in the top left.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY Library

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

HIGHLAND SAM J. RACADIO
LIBRARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
LEARNING CENTER

A poster for "Holiday Book and Craft" featuring a reindeer sitting on a stack of books, surrounded by wrapped gifts and holiday decorations. The background is light yellow with stars and snowflakes. The San Bernardino County Library logo is in the top left.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY Library

JOIN US FOR OUR
Holiday Book and Craft

Check your local library for dates and times.

library.sbcounty.gov

Wednesdays at 11:00am

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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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



Southern California Edison
(800)684-8123

Southern California Gas
Company
(888)607-4357

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--|
| 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 Ochoa 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/>