

HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

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

SAN BERNARDINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UPDATES



At a recent City Council meeting, Michael Burrows, Chief Executive Officer of the San Bernardino International Airport Authority (SBIAA), provided an update on the continued growth and regional impact of San Bernardino International Airport (SBD).

Formerly Norton Air Force Base, the site has been transformed into a modern international airport and logistics hub.

Today, SBD supports business, general aviation, passenger service, and air cargo operations, offering customs clearance, aviation services, and on-site amenities. In 2024, SBD ranked 25th nationally in air cargo activity and was one of only six U.S. markets to experience cargo growth. Passenger service continues to expand through Breeze Airways, including a new nonstop route to Provo, Utah, added in February 2025.

In addition to aviation operations, the airport is increasingly focused on creating on-site amenities that enhance the experience for employees, travelers, and surrounding businesses.

One of the newest additions is Our Brew at SBD, which opened in November 2025 at the heart of the airport and AllianceCalifornia campus. The brewery serves as a gathering space for airport employees, visitors, and the business community, contributing to a more vibrant and welcoming airport environment. The presentation also highlighted The Landing, a ±1.08-million-square-foot cross-dock industrial facility developed in partnership with the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation. This major project supports logistics operations while bringing jobs and long-term economic activity to the region.

Coming next year is Above and Beyond. This is a new rooftop bar and patio restaurant in the international terminal. It will elevate the customer Experience at the Airport.

The City values its partnership with SBIAA and appreciates the continued investment in amenities, infrastructure, and development that support long-term regional growth.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM
SPECIAL EVENT PROJECT

SUNDAY
JANUARY 25, 2026
SIGN-IN: 7:00AM
EVENT HELP: 7:00AM - 11:00AM

Get Involved... Volunteer With Us!
 Join Our Volunteer Team for Monthly Community Cleanups & Projects!
 Contact Volunteer Services by **January 21st** to sign up and for all the details!
 909-864-6861 ext. 203

CITY OF HIGHLAND California

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.

January 8, 2026

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

January 13, 2026

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

January 15, 2026

Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Special Meeting
4:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers - 27215 Base Line

January 20, 2026

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

January 25, 2026

Highland Improvement Team Special Event
7:00am Sign-In
Event 7:00am-11:00am
For more info: (909) 684-6861, ext. 203

January 26, 2026

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

City of Highland LifeStream

Blood Drives

2026 SCHEDULE

BLOOD DRIVES

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| JANUARY | 26 |
| MARCH | 30 |
| JUNE | 1 |
| JULY | 27 |
| SEPTEMBER | 28 |
| NOVEMBER | 30 |

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

JANUARY 12
MARCH 16
MAY 18
JULY 13
SEPTEMBER 14
NOVEMBER 16

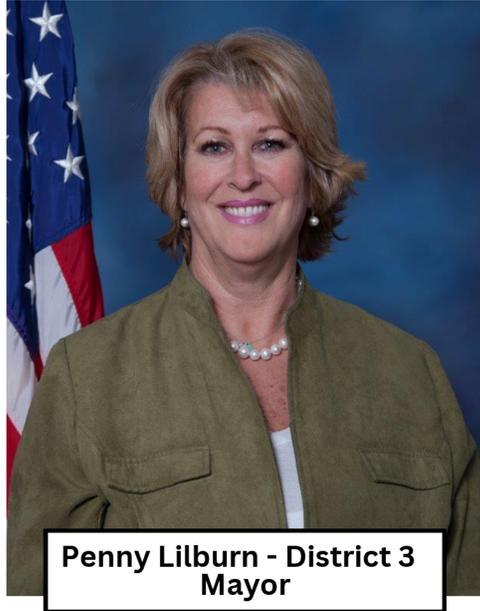
COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
MONDAY'S | 4PM | HIGHLAND CITY HALL | 27215 BASE LINE

BLOOD DRIVES:
MONDAY'S | 12PM - 5PM | HIGHLAND POLICE DEPT | 26985 BASE LINE

INFORMATION/APPOINTMENTS: 909-864-6861 EXT. 203

*As we celebrate the holiday season, we want to let our residents know that our next newsletter will be posted on **Thursday, January 8, 2026.***

CITY COUNCIL 2025/2026 TERM REORGANIZATION



Penny Lilburn - District 3 Mayor



Jimmy Saldana - District 2 Mayor Pro Tem

At its recent regular meeting, the Highland City Council conducted its annual reorganization for the 2025/2026 term. As part of the reorganization, the City Council selected Penny Lilburn to continue serving as Mayor and Jimmy Saldana to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Both appointments were approved by the City Council in accordance with the City’s established procedures.

The City of Highland thanks the City Council for its leadership and ongoing commitment to serving the community.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT LIST

In accordance with the Maddy Act (California Government Code Section 54972), the City of Highland annually prepares and makes available a Local Appointments List. The list identifies all boards, commissions, and committees to which the City Council makes appointments.

Planning Commission

- Chandra Thomas
- Brent Merideth
- Jarrod Miller
- Nicole McCance
- Randall Hamerly

Community Trails Committee

- Joey Martin
- Erwin Fogerson
- Michael McMillan
- Rick Bowman
- Luis Gardea

Historic & Cultural Preservation Board

- Gail Shelton
- Hughes Walker
- Jeffrey Staggs
- Pam Bible
- Patrick Sanford

The full detailed Local Appointments List is available for public review at the City Clerk’s Office and on the City’s website. Residents interested in serving on a board or commission are encouraged to review the list and monitor upcoming appointment opportunities.



WANT TO RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE HASSLE FREE?



Here is how you can! Simply place your Christmas tree at the curb by 6:00am on your regular collection day during the week of **December 29, 2025 through January 9, 2025.**

- Please remove all tinsel, ornaments, plastic, bags, stands, braces, wire and nails.
- No artificial trees will be accepted.

- Trees over 6 feet must be cut in half.

For more information, please contact Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. at (909)889-1969.

WE ARE HIRING

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

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





CHRISTMAS TRASH PICK UP SCHEDULE

Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2025 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Therefore, solid waste, organics and recycling collection service will be delayed by one day. Your regularly scheduled collection service will resume the following week. *Please keep in mind that your street sweeping services will also be delayed by one day as well.*

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

*If regular pickup day falls on: Thursday, December 25
Trash will be picked up on: Friday, December 26*

*If regular pickup day falls on: Friday, December 26
Trash will be picked up on: Saturday, December 27*



Should you have any questions regarding the holiday delay with collection services, please contact:

- Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. at (909)889-1969
- City of Highland, Public Services Division at (909)864-6861, ext 271.

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM



Have You Heard About the Highland Improvement Team?

The Highland Improvement Team (aka H.I.T.) is a dedicated group of amazing volunteers who come together to complete cleanup projects for qualifying Highland senior residents in need of a helping hand.

H.I.T. can assist with projects such as yard clean-ups, minor landscaping, and garage cleanouts.

To apply for a H.I.T. cleanup project, the following requirements must be met:

- Property owner must be 55 years of age or older, or disabled (any age).
- Property must be located within the City of Highland.
- Applicants must own and reside in the home.

Qualifying applications will be reviewed for approval and once approved, scheduled for a cleanup on the project calendar.

H.I.T. projects are scheduled once per month, typically on a Saturdays from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

Each project must require enough work to fill the four-hour timeframe. All requests are screened and scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Best of all, there are no income requirements and no cost for the homeowner.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

We are always looking for new H.I.T. volunteers! This is a wonderful way to give back to the community, and we would love to have you join our team.

For more information, to apply for a cleanup, or to volunteer, please contact Volunteer Services at (909)864-6861, ext. 203, or reach out to Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator by email at dmoreno@highlandca.gov.



The California Secretary of State is continuing its Apostille Pop-Up Shop event series in San Bernardino County, bringing convenient, in-person Apostille services closer to residents and businesses.

The upcoming Apostille Pop-Up Shop will take place on **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Hall of Records, located at 222 W. Hospitality Lane, First Floor, San Bernardino. The event is hosted in partnership with the San Bernardino Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk, and free parking will be available.

An Apostille is a certificate that authenticates the signature of a California public official on a document for use in another country. It verifies the authenticity of the signature, the official's capacity, and, when applicable, the seal or stamp on the document.

Residents who need documents authenticated for international use are encouraged to attend. For questions regarding the event, please email: ApostillePopUpShop@sos.ca.gov

Payment Options:

Visa, Mastercard, Check, or Money Order. No Cash.



Scan for More Information



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.

2026 BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE



Mark Your Calendar! Appointments for Highland's 2026 Blood Drives are now available. Please consider giving back to our community by donating the gift of blood. LifeStream is currently in urgent need, as blood supplies remain at critically low levels.

All Highland Blood Drives will take place at the Highland Police Station (26985 Base Line) from 12:00pm to 5:00pm!

See the 2026 Blood Drive dates below and follow the links to reserve your appointments for the entire year. Your donation truly saves lives. Thank you for supporting our community!

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/125811

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/125826

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/125812

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026

https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/125813

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/125814

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026

https://giftoflife.lstream.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/125815

For more information or to schedule an appointment by phone contact Denise Moreno, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at (909)864-6861, ext. 203 or email dmoreno@highlandca.gov.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES



The City of Highland is continuing to advance a variety of community development projects.

Wireless Infrastructure Proposal

Verizon Wireless has submitted an application to construct a new 60-foot cell phone tower at the southeast corner of Base Line and Church Street within East Highlands Ranch. The proposed facility would be located adjacent to the House of God Church (formerly the East Highlands Ranch real estate office) and would be disguised as a eucalyptus tree to better blend with the surrounding environment. The project has received public comment, with some residents expressing support for improved wireless service and others raising concerns about potential aesthetic impacts. The Planning Commission is scheduled to make a determination on the application in January.



Gerber Collision Expansion

On November 18, the Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit allowing Gerber Collision, located on the south side of Base Line west of Central Avenue, to expand its operations. The approval includes expansion into the adjacent westerly commercial lot, construction of a new water quality basin, and installation of new fencing and landscaping to enhance the existing retail property.

2026 Homeless Point-in-Time Count

The 2026 Homeless Point-in-Time Count is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026, beginning at 6:00 am and will continue until all individuals are counted, rain or shine. Barrie Owens, Senior Code Compliance Officer and Homeless Liaison, will once again lead the City of Highland's effort to ensure an accurate count in coordination with regional partners.

NEW BUSINESS: VIM & VIGOR FITNESS

The City of Highland would like to welcome Vim & Vigor Fitness to our community!

They opened their doors on December 15, 2025, just in time for the fitness enthusiasts and everyone setting new fitness goals for the upcoming 2026 year.

They are located in the previous Esporta/LA Fitness building at 28015 Greenspot Road in the Highland Crossing shopping Center.

The gym has a variety of equipment and classes to enjoy. The amenities include an indoor lap pool, indoor pickleball court, sauna, cold plunge, massage chairs, red light therapy, private personal training room, and the exclusive Vault training area.



E-BIKE SAFETY: FOR RIDERS & FAMILIES



As the use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) continues to increase, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) reminds riders and families to understand both state law and safe riding practices to help reduce accidents and injuries.

In 2017, California law (AB 1096) formally established a three-class system for e-bikes, clarifying how and where they may be used:

- **Class 1** e-bikes provide pedal assistance only and stop assisting at 20 miles per hour.
- **Class 2** e-bikes are equipped with a throttle and also stop assisting at 20 miles per hour.
- **Class 3** e-bikes provide pedal assistance up to 28 miles per hour and are subject to additional regulations.

Under state law, Class 3 e-bike riders must be at least 16 years old and are required to wear a helmet at all times.

While helmets are legally required only for Class 3 riders, the CHP strongly recommends helmet use for all e-bike riders, regardless of age or bike class.

The law also requires that e-bikes be equipped with a manufacturer's classification label, indicating the bike's class, top assisted speed, and motor wattage. Riders should ensure their e-bike is properly labeled and not modified to exceed its legal speed limits.

The CHP reminds all riders that e-bikes are subject to the same traffic laws as traditional bicycles, including obeying traffic signals and stop signs, yielding to pedestrians, and riding in the same direction as traffic when on roadways.

Local agencies may also impose restrictions on where certain classes of e-bikes are allowed, such as trails or sidewalks.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to closely monitor youth e-bike use and ensure riders understand speed limitations, age requirements, and safe riding behavior. Excessive speed, distracted riding, and operating higher-class e-bikes without proper experience can significantly increase safety risks.

The CHP has created a Bicycle Safety Course which holds valuable information related to bicycle safety and maintenance. The course is available for anyone to complete, but if you happened to be caught not wearing your helmet and received a citation, you must complete the course within 120 days of receiving the citation. Once you have completed the course, bring your citation, a properly fitted helmet and a copy of the course completion certificate to your local CHP office to have the citation cleared.

By following California law and CHP safety guidance, riders can help ensure e-bikes remain a safe and enjoyable mode of transportation for everyone.

For more safety tips, please visit us online at www.chp.ca.gov/Bike-and-Ped-Safety
Or scan our QR code



KIDS CORNER



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

28TH ANNUAL CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL

MARCH 28, 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER!

DECEMBER 2025

VENDOR APPLICATIONS OPEN ONLINE



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MARCH 9 2026

VENDOR APPLICATION DEADLINE

MARCH 28 2026

28TH ANNUAL CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL

HIGHLAND IMPROVEMENT TEAM

Join Us in Beautifying Our Community!

Let's come together to make a difference! We welcome volunteers of all ages to participate. Each month, our projects change and include activities like yard cleanups for senior residents and support for community events.

CHECK-IN: 7:30AM - 8:00AM
PROJECT: 8:00AM - 12:00PM

Highland City Hall: 27215 Base Line

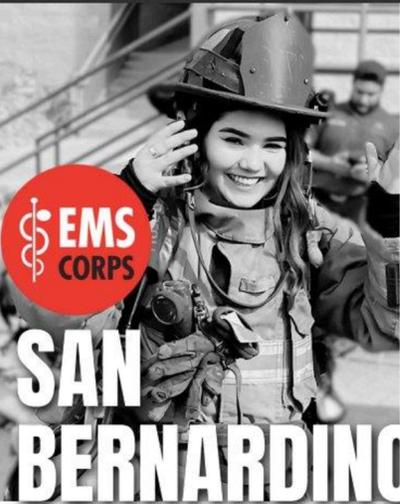
2026 SCHEDULE:

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| Sunday, January 25th* | Saturday, September 12th |
| Saturday, February 21st | Saturday, October 10th* |
| Saturday, March 21st* | Saturday, November 7th |
| Saturday, April 18th | Saturday, December 5th |
| Saturday, May 16th | (*Special Time/Location) |



Information: 909-864-6861 ext. 203

CITY OF HIGHLAND California



SAN BERNARDINO

WE PREPARE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR CAREERS IN EMS AND FIRE

EMS Corps has trained hundreds of young people underrepresented in the fire and healthcare workforce for careers in EMS. Many have gone on to become **paramedics, nurses, firefighters, and doctors.**

THE 5-MONTH PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- ✔ EMT training and ridealongs
- ✔ Life coaching, mentorship, job readiness training, and physical fitness.
- ✔ Earned \$1500/month stipends during the program
- ✔ Assistance finding jobs after graduation

VISIT SANBERNARDINOEMSCORPS.ORG



LEARN MORE & APPLY!



THE NEXT EMS CORPS FEBRUARY 2026

Applicants should be 18-26, reside in California, and have a high school diploma or GED. **Spots are limited.**

OUR PARTNERS



43RD ANNUAL HIGHLAND Y RUN



The Highland Y Run is a fundraising event for the Highland Y that offers a scenic 5K Run/Walk, 10K Run/Walk, and Family Fun Run (unclipped) in the city of Highland. All net proceeds benefit the YMCA Financial Assistance program.

JANUARY 25, 2026

HIGHLAND Y RUN FEATURES

- Top Finisher Trophies
- Finisher Medals*
- Event T-shirt**
- 5K/10K Chipped Races
- Scenic Course

*First 500 finishers will receive a medal. **Register by 1/5/2025 to be guaranteed a t-shirt.



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER
ymcaeastvalley.org

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



East Valley Water District
3111 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/>