

# HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

## TREE CITY USA RECOGNITION & SPRING TREE TRIMMING

The City of Highland is proud to announce that its 2025 Tree City USA application has been approved by the Arbor Day Foundation, continuing a long-standing tradition of environmental stewardship. The 2025 recognition season is especially meaningful as it marks the 50th anniversary of the Tree City USA program, which recognizes communities across the nation that demonstrate a strong commitment to maintaining and growing their urban forests. Highland has received this designation since shortly after the City's incorporation.

### Ideal Time for Tree Trimming

As we move into the spring season, it is an ideal time for residents to evaluate the trees on their property and complete routine trimming and maintenance. Proper pruning during this time helps:

- Encourage healthy tree growth
- Remove dead or hazardous branches



- Improve tree structure and appearance
- Reduce the risk of falling limbs during windy conditions

For tree issues involving power lines, residents should contact Southern California Edison (SCE) directly rather than attempting to trim the tree themselves. 1(800)655-4555

In situations where a tree located on private property may pose a risk to a neighboring property, the City is generally unable to intervene, as these matters are considered private civil disputes between property owners.

Trees located within the parkway are typically City owned trees. The City maintains these trees on a five-year trimming cycle to help ensure they remain healthy.

### Is there a tree in your neighborhood you have a concern about?

If a parkway tree appears damaged, diseased, in need of maintenance, residents are encouraged to report the concern so staff can evaluate the tree. To report a tree concern, residents should use our 'Report an Issue' portal on the city's website [www.highlandca.gov](http://www.highlandca.gov). For emergencies, contact 911 immediately.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**March 10, 2026**

Connect With Your State Representative's Office  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
City Hall - 27215 Base Line

Joint City Council Regular Meeting & Housing Authority Special Meeting

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

**March 12, 2026**

Annual Citrus Harvest Festival Baking Contest (Drop off only)  
7:30am to 12:30pm  
City Hall - 27215 Base Line  
Info: (909) 864-6861, ext. 203

Community Trails Committee Special Meeting

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

**March 14, 2026**

Used Oil Filter Exchange & Recycling Event  
9:00am to 2:00pm  
AutoZone - 27292 Base Line

**March 16, 2026**

Blood Drive Committee Meeting  
4:00pm  
City Hall - 27215 Base Line

**March 17, 2026**

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

**March 21, 2026**

Highland Improvement Team Cleanup  
8:00am to 12:00pm  
7:30am (Check In)  
Community Cross Church - 6955 Palm Avenue

**March 28, 2026**

Citrus Harvest Festival  
10:00am to 3:30pm  
Highland District (Palm Avenue & Main Street)



# HIGHLAND ANNUAL CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL

It is hard to believe that the Citrus Harvest Festival is nearing its 30th anniversary. In 1997, the creators of the Festival strived for it to have a small-town feel reminiscent of the early 1900s. They wanted families to walk through the streets lined with Victorian, Craftsman and Cottage homes, see a blacksmith at work and participate in family-friendly contests. These traditions persist as the Historic Board and City Council honor these early objectives.

Festival-goers will have a chance again on March 28 to enjoy all of these highlights as well as a Historic Home Tour, Antique and Classic Car Show, Historic Demonstrators, local musicians, food and crafts.

Join the fun at the Festival's Main Stage to root on the "Ugliest Dog" at 2:00pm followed by the Pie Eating Contest at 2:15pm. The Highland Music Company Band will play throughout the day, don't forget your dancing shoes!

Keep an eye on the City's website for further updates by visiting [www.highlandca.gov/341/Citrus-Harvest-Festival](http://www.highlandca.gov/341/Citrus-Harvest-Festival)

## Vendors

Food vendor spaces are currently full, and we are no longer accepting food vendor applications. We are still accepting applications all the way up to the event date but please note there will be a \$20 late fee applied to any applications received on/after March 9, 2026.

We welcome all vendors from direct sales, crafts, activities, government, and nonprofit organizations. If you're interested in becoming a vendor for the 2026 Citrus Harvest Festival, you can submit your application through our online portal by visiting

<https://highlandyardsale.portal.iw.org.net/portalhome/highlandyard-sale>.

Applications are processed in the order they are received, and vendor spaces are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Staff will review your documents after submittal. Once completed, you'll receive an emailed invoice for the fees. Once payment is received, your space for the festival will be secured.



The City of  
**HIGHLAND**  
CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL

• March 28th 2026 •

10am - 3:30pm

*Fun for the entire family*

Come Celebrate the City's Rich Citrus History...  
Located in the City's Historic District - on Pacific St. and Palm Ave

- Live Entertainment
- Car Show
- Historic Demonstrators
- Historic Walking Tour
- Food & Craft Vendors

The poster features a vibrant background with citrus slices and a family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) smiling and holding a colorful pinwheel. A circular inset shows a busy festival scene with people and tents.

## Citrus Harvest Festival HIGHLAND HISTORIC DISTRICT WALKING TOUR



Saturday, March 28, 2026

Cost - \$5 per person

Meet at the City Information Booth near the corner of Palm Avenue and Main Street. Please arrive by 10:30 a.m.

Pay online by scanning the QR code or pay at the City Information booth before the tour begins. For more information, call 909-864-6861 Ext: 258 or visit [highlandca.gov](http://highlandca.gov).



# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY AWARDS DINNER



On Thursday, February 26, the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Community Awards and Installation Dinner at the Elks Lodge in San Bernardino. This event recognizes outstanding local community members who make a positive impact and help make our community a better place.

Among the honorees was our Director of Administrative Services/City Treasurer, Tish Nava-Cruz. Tish was selected as the 2025 City Employee of the Year for her exceptional performance and dedication.

Tish consistently goes above and beyond, delivering high-quality work and collaborating with departments to improve city services. Congratulations to Tish!

In addition to Employee of the Year, the Chamber honored Highland City Police Employee of the Year Charlie Cuellar and Highland City Firefighter of the Year Colby Horstmeyer.

Congratulations to Charlie and Colby on this well-deserved recognition. Their dedication to serving and protecting our community reflects the very best of public service. We extend our sincere gratitude for their hard work, sacrifice, and dedication to making our community stronger and safer.

A special thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for hosting this event and for helping us recognize these individuals for their service and their efforts.

# BAKING CONTEST

As part of the Annual Citrus Harvest Festival, the City of Highland invites residents of all ages to participate in the citrus-inspired Baking Contest on **Thursday, March 12, 2026.**

This friendly community competition celebrates Highland's citrus heritage and the creativity of local bakers. Participants are encouraged to enter their favorite citrus-themed desserts, whether cakes, cookies, or pies for a chance to earn 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbons in a variety of adult and youth categories. Best of all, there is no entry fee, making it easy for everyone to join the fun.

### How to Enter

For contest details and entry forms, contact Volunteer Services at (909) 864-6861, ext. 203 or [dmoreno@highlandca.gov](mailto:dmoreno@highlandca.gov). Entry forms are also available for pickup at Highland City Hall, 27215 Base Line.



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to "spring forward" before heading to bed Saturday night. At 2:00am, clocks will move ahead one hour, giving us longer daylight in the evenings as we head into spring.

The time change marks the start of Daylight Savings Time, a seasonal shift designed to make better use of natural daylight during the warmer months. While we lose an hour of sleep this weekend, the extra evening sunlight is a welcome sign that brighter days are ahead.

Don't forget to adjust household clocks, watches, and any appliances that don't automatically update. It's also a great time to check and replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to keep your home safe. For more information about carbon monoxide, please see page 6.

Set your clocks ahead one hour before bed Saturday night and get ready to enjoy the extra daylight!

## SPRING CLEANING? TURN YOUR CLUTTER INTO CASH



As residents begin their spring cleaning, yard sales are a popular way to clear out unused items while giving them a second life. These neighborhood sales can be a great way to declutter and connect with neighbors but there are a few important guidelines to keep in mind before setting up.

Before setting up tables and posting signs, residents should remember that a permit is required. Households may hold up to three (3) yard sales within a 12-month period. Each sale may last up to three (3) consecutive days or two (2) consecutive weekends and may only take place between 8:00am and 8:00pm.

People are familiar with common yard sale practices such as placing signs on street corners, utility poles, or throughout the neighborhood to attract attention. While these practices are common, they are not permitted.

Signs may only be placed on the property where the sale is occurring. Only one double-faced sign, up to six square feet in size, is allowed, and it may be posted 24 hours before the sale and must be removed immediately afterward. Residents should also avoid placing sale items in the public right-of-way, such as sidewalks. All items must remain on private property. Lastly, items sold must be personal property belonging to the seller.

The yard sale permit is \$13. Residents can apply and pay for a yard sale permit online by visiting the city's website [www.highlandca.gov](http://www.highlandca.gov).

Those who prefer to apply in person may complete the application and return it to City Hall between 7:30 am and 5:30pm, Monday through Thursday.

For additional assistance you may call (909) 864-6861.

## NEW BUSINESS IN HIGHLAND! MOVITA JUICE BAR



Looking for something healthy and delicious? Check out Movita Juice Bar! This vibrant juice bar has become a favorite stop for anyone looking to fuel their day with natural goodness. Known for their refreshing smoothies, cold-pressed juices, and nourishing bowls, Movita is a go-to destination for health-conscious customers who don't want to compromise on taste.

The Highland location is conveniently located near the newly opened Vim + Vigor Gym, making it the perfect post-workout stop. Families also appreciate the laid-back, friendly atmosphere. Whether you're grabbing a quick lunch or just craving something refreshing, Movita Juice Bar offers fresh, made-to-order beverages and healthy snack options.

### **Movita Juice Bar**

27967 Greenspot Road  
Mon. – Sun. 8:00am – 8:00pm  
(Holiday hours may vary)

## SPRING INTO ACTION - CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING TIPS



Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly without any warning. It is produced by many everyday household items, including gas or oil-burning furnaces, portable generators, and charcoal grills.

Common symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. These symptoms are often described as “flu-like.”

Breathing in high levels of CO can cause a person to lose consciousness and can be fatal. Anyone can be affected by CO poisoning, but infants, older adults, and individuals with chronic heart disease, anemia, or respiratory conditions are at greater risk of becoming seriously ill.

### **Reduce Your Risk!**

CO is found in fumes produced any time you burn fuel in cars, trucks, small engines, stoves, gas ranges, grills, lanterns, fireplaces, etc.

### **CO Detectors**

Place battery-powered carbon monoxide (CO) detectors close to every sleeping area in your home. Replace the batteries at least once each spring and fall, and install a new CO detector every five years. Set a reminder on your phone or note it on your calendar so you don't forget.

### **Household Appliances**

Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas, oil, or coal-burning appliances inspected and serviced annually by a qualified technician. Ensure that all gas appliances are properly vented.

### **Chimneys, Charcoal, and Portable Appliances**

Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year. Debris can block the flue and cause carbon monoxide to accumulate inside your home or cabin and never burn charcoal indoors.

For additional tips, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/carbon-monoxide/about/>.

# SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT: SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

The San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department is closely monitoring the evolving situation in the Middle East and remains in communication with our federal, state, and local partners. At this time, there are no known threats to San Bernardino County.

Out of an abundance of caution, they have increased patrols around places of worship, cultural centers, and other key locations across the county.

These proactive steps reflect their continued commitment to preparedness and public safety. They also recognize that many residents have loved ones serving in the United States Armed Forces. They are grateful for their service and the sacrifices made by military families. The public is reminded, if you “see something, say something.”

All tips submitted through WeTip’s national reporting channels now go directly into a secure cloud-based dashboard, with email alerts sent to the appropriate stations for follow-up.

Report crime anonymously while ensuring critical information reaches the right personnel.

**REPORT CRIME ANONYMOUSLY**

**3 EASY WAYS TO REPORT ANONYMOUSLY**

**Text REPORT to 844.909.3096**

**Call 844.909.3096**

**WeTip**

# CAR SEAT SAFETY EVENT



A properly installed car seat can make a life-saving difference, but many parents are surprised to learn that most car seats are installed incorrectly. That’s why the Highland Police Department is hosting a FREE Car Seat Safety Check Event!

**Saturday, April 4**  
**9:00am – 12:30pm**  
**Highland Sheriff’s Station**  
**26985 Base Line**  
**Highland, CA 92346**

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will help check your car seat installation, make sure it fits your child properly, and answer any car seat safety questions. This event is free, but appointments are required. Call (909) 425-9793 to reserve a spot.

# LIBRARY: COVER TO COVER READING PROGRAM

Signing up is easy just register online through Beanstack at [sbclib.beanstack.org](http://sbclib.beanstack.org). For every five books or 300 pages read, participants will receive an achievement award on Beanstack, along with a voucher available at their local County Library branch. The program is open to children ages 4 to 12, and kids must be present to redeem their vouchers. Each child can earn up to three awards during the program.

**JOIN THE IN-N-OUT BURGER**

**MARCH 7, 2026 - APRIL 18, 2026**

**COVER TO COVER CLUB**

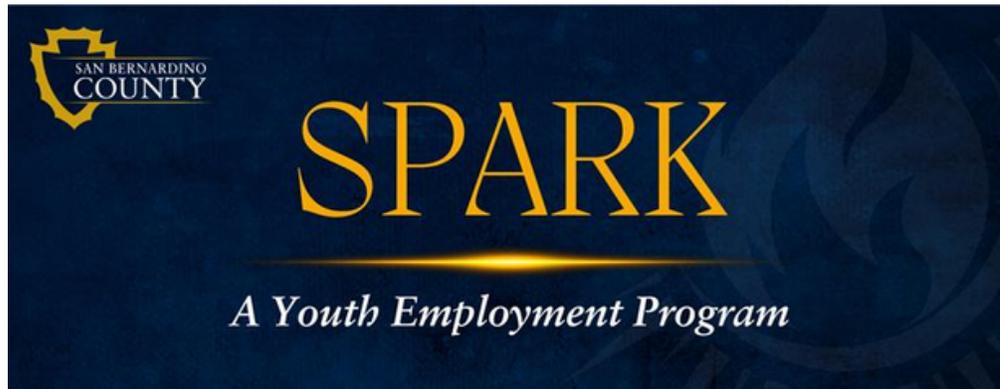
**READING PROGRAM**

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY Library**

**IN-N-OUT BURGER**

**OppOrtunity Plays Here**

# SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SPARK PROGRAM



Mark your calendars! Beginning March 16, 2026 applications for the SPARK Program will be accepted online only starting at 6:00pm.

The SPARK Youth Employment Program is a paid work experience provided annually.

### SPARK stands for:

**Support:** Offers guidance and mentorship for personal and professional growth.

**Pathways:** Creates clear routes to employment and career advancement.

**Access:** Ensures equal opportunities for all.

**Readiness:** Prepares youth with essential workplace skills.

**Knowledge:** Equips participants with the tools needed to succeed.

### Who can participate?

You must be a resident of the San Bernardino County and between 16 - 24 years old.

### Why Join SPARK?

SPARK offers a paid work experience and will build your confidence through meaningful work. They offer skill building

workshops, mentorship opportunities, exposure to diverse career paths, and participants who finish the program will earn a certificate of completion to increase your future employment opportunities with the County.

### How to Apply:

- Complete the applications online between March 16 - March 27. Please note, applications are limited and will close after 800 are received or until March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Whichever occurs first.
- Don't forget to submit the required documents including proof of age, residency, and any other requested material.
- Attend the Orientation to learn more about what to expect.
- You'll get matched with a job that suits your interests and begin your job placement in June 2026.

For additional information you may visit:

<https://hr.sbcounty.gov/spark-syep/>.

# MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH



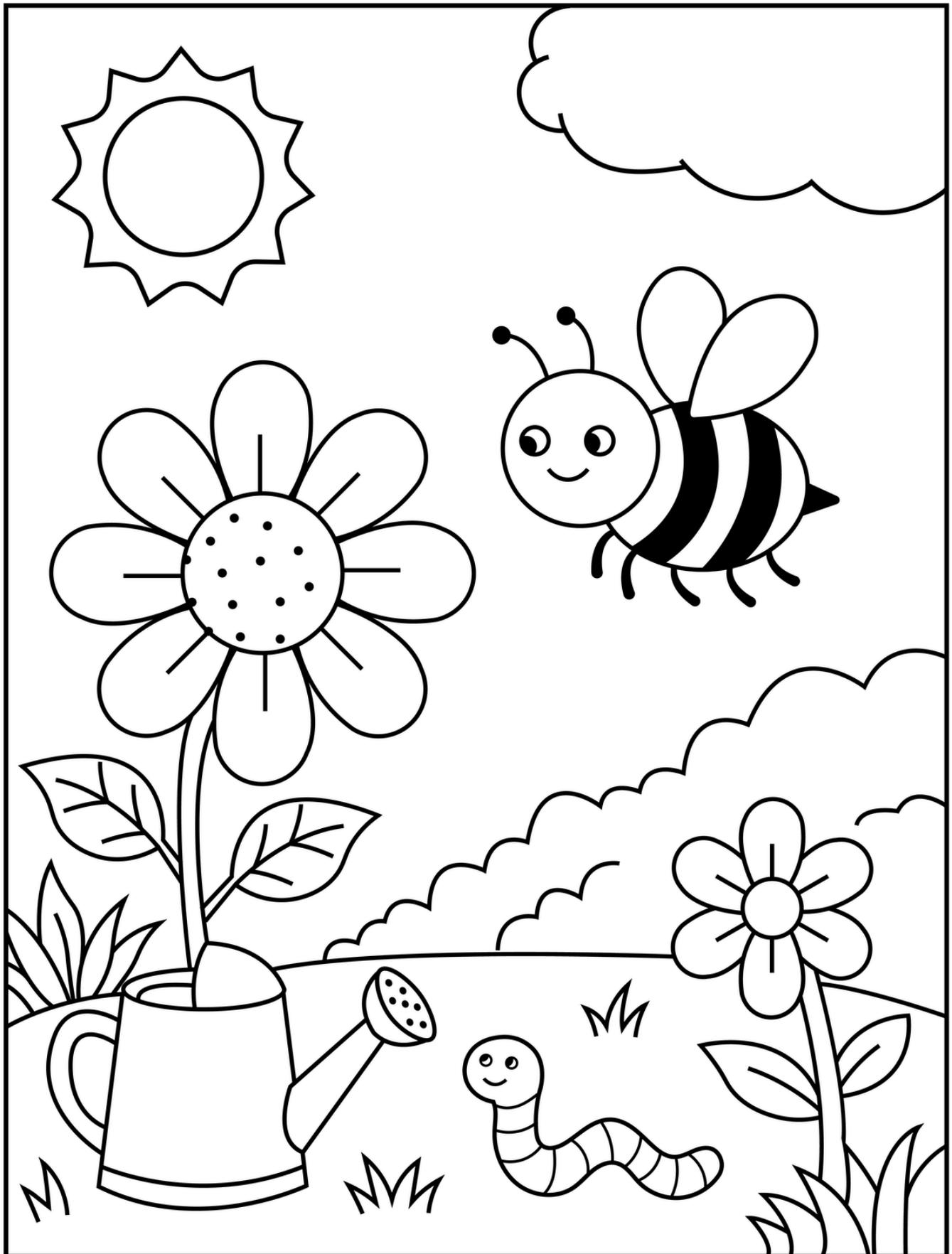
National Red Cross Month is celebrated annually every March. It was first proclaimed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1943 in efforts to raise awareness for the organization's efforts during World War II. His goal was to call on individuals to address growing humanitarian needs.

Red Cross Month honors and recognizes volunteers, donors, and employees who help provide disaster relief, blood donations, and emergency support. Their mission is to provide a beacon of hope during times of disasters.

An average of 90 cents of every dollar the American Red Cross spends is invested back in the community. They are the world's largest humanitarian network.

Give back and join their Giving Day on March 25, 2026. Giving Day is an opportunity for communities to come together to help families who have been impacted by disaster. Get involved by making a donation or by spreading the word with #HelpCantWait. For more information, please visit <https://www.redcross.org/donations/ways-to-donate/giving-day.html>.

# KIDS CORNER



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh is now accepting applications for Spring interns in the Redlands District Office.



**DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 13, 2026**

<https://tinyurl.com/AprSpringInternship2026>

SENATOR ROSILICIE OCHOA BOGH  
@SENOCHOABOGH



## FREE TAX HELP IS BACK

*Appointments Fill Quickly!*

**Schedule Your Appointment Now!**

→ [Link in Bio](#)



✓ IRS-Certified Volunteers

💰 Maximize Your Refund

📍 Serving San Bernardino County



Scan to Schedule an Appointment

☎ (909) 723-1566



RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

## SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

March 23 - 27  
March 30 - April 3 | 7AM - 6PM

Kids ages 5-14 will have a blast with fun activities that spark creativity and keep them moving from 7am-6pm! From cool crafts to active games, your child will grow, play, and make friends in a safe space!



**Redlands Family YMCA**  
500 East Citrus Ave, Redlands CA 92373  
909.798.9622

**Highland Family YMCA**  
7793 Central Ave, Highland CA 92346  
909.425.9622

Please note: Deposit is due at time of registration and is non-refundable.  
**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE!**

**DAY CAMP FEES\***  
\$25 Deposit  
1225 Members  
1240 Program Members  
\*Camp fees are per week

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



Please register at the front desk or at [ymcaeastvalley.org](http://ymcaeastvalley.org)  
Please send your camper with a snack, reusable water bottle and a cold lunch (no access to microwave).

## GROW, PLAY & SPRING INTO HEALTHY KIDS DAY

**HEALTHY KIDS DAY OFFERS \$0 JOINING FEE SATURDAY ONLY!**

AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND

- \$20 Off 8 week programs
- \$10 Off 4 week programs or Swimming Lessons
- \$30 Off Second Week of Day Camp

### HEALTHY KIDS DAY

March 21 | 10AM-1PM | FREE EVENT!

[ymcaeastvalley.org](http://ymcaeastvalley.org) | 909.425.9622

Highland Family YMCA | 7793 Central Ave, Highland, CA 92346



# 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 Jimmy Saldana  
District 2  
Councilmember Gregory Hogan  
District 1  
Councilmember Larry McCallon  
District 5  
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

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

Highland Senior Center  
(909)862-8104

Humane Society Animal Shelter  
(909) 386-1400

Omnitrans  
(800)966-6428

San Bernardino County  
(909)387-2020

San Bernardino County Animal  
Control (800)472-5609

San Bernardino International  
Airport Authority  
(909)382-4100

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and subscribe to our  
eNewsletter.

Sign up for our eNewsletter:  
[highlandca.gov/list.aspx](http://highlandca.gov/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



SoCal 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.asmmc.org/">www.ad34.asmmc.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.asmmc.org/">www.ad47.asmmc.org/</a>

San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe (Third District)

(909)387-4855

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