



City of Highland Weekly Report

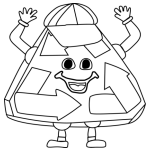
July 02, 2009

4 More Ways Not to get Tricked While Going Green

Public Services

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - 8

Ways to Not Get Tricked While Going Green I know I know...it was so hard waiting a whole week for the remaining 4 ways not to get tricked while going green but your patience has paid off! Here they are:



5. Adjusting my thermostat wastes energy.

Many people come from the school of thought that maintaining a temperature uses less energy than dropping the thermostat while gone and adjusting when you return. It isn't that crazy of a notion. In fact, we can recall some similar theories around florescent lights and computers. In order to find the truth, we went to the people that know it best.

FACT: According to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, it is better to turn down the thermostat while not in the house. In fact the ACEEE states, "If you are out for a good stretch of time (say 8 hours or so), this temperature 'set-back' will save more energy than it will take to bring your home back to the desired temperature. (Note: If you have a heat pump, make sure you have a heat pump thermostat designed for your heat pump, and

that it has been properly programmed." There, it's settled!

6. I have to spend a lot of money to go green. If you have ever checked out the price of a hybrid, or taken a stroll through a natural market, you know that green can add some extra numbers to most price tags. Sure as more people enter the market, prices get more competitive and eventually drop. In the meantime, don't let those higher priced items dictate your level of commitment. Buying certain products is not the only way to green your act.

FACT: Take for instance the simple task of buying in bulk. A *Real Simple* Magazine experiment in 2003 found that purchasing 15 common items at a warehouse store in bulk as opposed to the supermarket saved \$58.74 in Illinois and \$109.72 in New York (including a membership fee), and the major reason for the price discrepancy were the supermarket prices per state. It's safe to assume that doing a majority of your shopping in bulk would save **over \$200 on supplies** and **\$20 per year on gas**, regardless of where you live. It doesn't have to stop there. Tons of everyday



tasks can take the planet into consideration while not costing a thing.

7. I'll just plant a tree - that'll fix it! Most everyone will agree that planting trees is an all around win. Not only does it help the environment by cooling the air, reducing air pollutants and absorbing sunlight, but they are also a beautiful addition to any area. The issue at hand is not so much about the what (planting) but the where (benefit). According to writer Maria Colenso, "recent scientific studies show those benefits depend on where those trees are planted. Plant in the wrong part of the world and you may be wasting time and money."



FACT: Don't give up on the planting; just make sure you have a plan. If you are planting it locally, in a park or community center, then plant away! Those venues are a great place to add a little foliage and make a small difference. Contact the Public Services Department at (909) 864-6861, ext. 230 for information about planting opportunities. If you are planning to donate to a company or support a cause, do a little research to make sure they are putting their resources to the best use. Here are some things to keep in mind: Forests that are located in the tropical belt that surrounds the equator have a large benefit on the planet. These forests absorb CO₂ (a process called carbon sequestering) which helps lower temperatures. Forests located outside of this belt could have little or no impact on climate change. In fact, the farther away from the equator forests are, the more harm they can do. Known as the albedo effect, forests outside this belt are more likely to trap in heat, in turn, raising temperatures.

8. If I can't do it all, I might as well do nothing. We have all done it. The overwhelming number of factors involved with the *act of changing* can leave even the most **steadfast** individual discouraged and on the verge of giving up. It is usually around this time that a little voice pops in with the final blow, "what difference does it make anyway?" Or perhaps

you haven't felt this at all. You are filled with motivation and nothing stands in your way. Until...a co-worker pipes up over your reusable bag and bottle, giving you a piece of their mind. This usually includes something to the extent of, "you're just one person, and one person can't change the world." Both statements have some merit, but, that doesn't make them true.

FACT: When words don't come easily on a subject as huge as this, using the words of another can usually do the trick. So here it goes. "Be the change you wish to see in the world." This simple statement by M.K. Gandhi sums up why always trying is as important as actually doing. Though you may not see the results of your actions in one day, over time, all those actions add up. Take for example our curbside recycling rate. In 1960, U.S. curbside recycling processed 5.6 million tons of waste. In 2006, we recycled 81.8 million tons, an **increase of over 1,300 percent!** Though not everyone who recycled an item between the 60s and today knew about it, they were part of a huge movement that helped change the way we approach waste disposal. **What movement are you a part of?**

Volunteer Services

Blood Drive Committee. **FYI:** The next Blood Drive Committee Meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, July 6, 2009. Now is your chance to become a Highland Volunteer! Please join us at this meeting to find out what our committee is all about. Blood Drive Committee meetings take place bi-monthly from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue in Highland. Hope to see you there! Questions, please contact Denise Garnsey, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.



8th Annual Public Safety Appreciation Week. In Appreciation of our Fire Fighters and Law Enforcement Officers, the City of Highland has scheduled potluck



lunches throughout the week. Members of the community, including schools, church and nonprofit organizations are invited to participate and show their appreciation by bringing their favorite dish to share. The potluck luncheons will take place Tuesday, July 14 – Friday, July 17. The schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, July 14 – Highland Police Station, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
26985 Base Line / 909 425-9793
- **Wednesday, July 15 – Fire Station #3, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** 7649 Sterling / 909 884-4100
- **Thursday, July 16 – Fire Station #2, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** 29507 Base Line (east) / 909 862-1760
- **Friday, July 17 – Fire Station #1, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** 26974 Base Line (west) / 909 862-3031

If you would like to show your appreciation by contributing and joining us for a potluck or would like more information, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Denise Garnsey at 909-864-6861 ext. 203.

Code Enforcement

Saying “good bye” is so hard ...

This was the last week for Code Compliance Officer Bernice Henley. Bernice has worked part time in the Code Enforcement Division for approximately 2½ years, as well as working as the Sheriff Specialist for the Highland Police Department (Sheriff’s Department). She will be still working for the Police Department and be a part of the Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Unit and will continue to be work closely with Code Division in that capacity. Bernice has been an asset to the Code Enforcement Division. We will certainly miss her hearty laugh and do wish her well. Good Luck and thanks for all your endeavors.

Community Development

Planning Commission determination: At

its June 30, 2009, Special Meeting, the Commission considered the following Application:

Specific Plan Applications submitted for the “Greenspot Village & Marketplace Specific Plan” - The Specific Plan encompasses an approximate 104-acre Site and proposes a maximum of 769,600 square feet of Retail / Office Space and a maximum of 800 Multi-family Residential Units along with recreational uses and open space. Applications submitted, including:

1)Review of the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH 2008031058) for the Greenspot Village & Marketplace Specific Plan Projects, including the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program, and Public / Agency Comments (ENV 009-003);

2)General Plan Amendment Application (GPA 009-002) to designate a portion of the Site Planned Development (PD), and amend the General Plan Circulation and the Land Use Elements;

3)Specific Plan Review Application (SPR 006-001), for the “Greenspot Village & Marketplace Specific Plan” to be adopted by Ordinance and inclusive of a Rezoning of the Site to “Greenspot Village & Marketplace Specific Plan” “SPR 006-001”;

4)Design Review Application (DRB 009-003), Site Plans for Planning Area 1, “Highland Marketplace”, of the Greenspot Village & Marketplace Specific Plan, and;

5)Design Review Application (DRB 009-004), Site Plans for Planning Area 2, “Residential Villages”, of the Greenspot Village & Marketplace Specific Plan.

The property is an approximate 104-acre triangular shaped Site is located at the northeast corner of the State Route 210 Freeway and Greenspot Road. The Site is generally bordered by Greenspot Road on the south, State Route 210 on the west, City and Bledsoe Creeks on the northwest, Eucalyptus Avenue on the north, Boulder Avenue on the northeast, and Webster Street on the east.

Representatives: John Snell with Greenspot Village & Marketplace, LLC and Jeff Lochner with Vestar Highland GV, LLC.

(This item was continued from the Planning Commission's May 21, 2009, Special Public Hearing)

After a four (4) hour Meeting, the Planning Commission continued the Public Hearing to a date to be determined. Staff explained the Project will be re-advertised for that Public Hearing for a future Commission Meeting. The Developer was provided detailed input and was asked to provide additional information and revise his Plans in several areas for the next Hearing.

Public Works

Graffiti Report. During the period of 6/22 & 6/30/09, graffiti known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Graffiti Hotline:** 29595 Silverbuckle, Atlantic/Boulder, Pacific/Boulder, 25597 9th, Bonnie/Flamingo, Foster e/o Palm; **Reported by Staff:** 7252 Central, Base Line w/o Stoney Creek (by McDonalds), Clifton/La Praix, Palm w/o 210 fwy, ; **Routine Observation by P.W.:** Boulder n/oAtlantic,Atlantic/LaPraix,Messina/LaPraix,7 100 Victoria, Base Line east & west of McKinley, Base Line w/o Guthrie, Sterling n/o Jane to Pacific, Pacific/Rogers Ln., Sterling w/o 6210, e/o Del Rosa Dr. s/o 5th, Del Rosa Dr./5th, 8023 Del Rosa Dr., Del Rosa Ave./9th, 9th from Del Rosa Ave. - Golondrina, 7884 Sterling, 7697 Sterling, Fire Station #3, Lankershim/9th, across from 26178 9th, 26341 9th, 9th/Victoria, 26377 9th, Goodman/Victoria, Pacific w/o San Francisco to Olive, Reedy/13th, Base Line/Cunningham, 7750 Palm, (Sterling Liquor), 7360 Sterling, 7576 Sterling, 25490 9th, Bonnie/9th (liquor store), 25426 9th, 9th/Victoria, Clifton/La Praix, 7000 La Praix, Base Line @ 210 Fwy., 26462 9th, McKinley/9th (Genes Market),25966 9th, Cypress/Victoria, 27263 Cypress, 27211 Cypress, Victoria n/o Base Line,8033 Tippecanoe, 24901 5th,

Tippecanoe/5th, 24927 5th, 9th St. w/o old Silver Spur Bar, 26245 Base Line, 26037 Base Line, Byron/Sterling, 9th/Elmwood, Sterling/Base Line (Check Cashing), 9th/Elmwood, Del Rosa Dr. from 9th to flood control, 25809 Base Line, Cole/9th, Stoney Creek n/o Pluto, 9th w/o Central, Sterling/9th, 7576 Sterling Ave., 6th/Lankershim, Cunningham/6th, 25390 Paloma, 26578 Base Line, Palm/Fisher, Pacific/Church, Victoria n/o Millar, 26709 Base Line, 7342 Guthrie, Lillian/Cypress, Community Park, Cypress w/o Church, Church n/o 5th, 5th w/o Church, Central s/o Messina, Clifton/Orange, Atlantic w/o Boulder, 7065 Elm, 7571 Church Ave., center divider @ Boulder/Atlantic, 5th St. bridge (at fwy.), 27454 5th, Greenspot @ Lowes, 5th/Church Ave., Base Line/Mira Vista, Cypress/Eucalyptus, 26227 Cypress, Elm/Jane, 25809 Base Line, 25979 Base Lie, Pacific/Miller, 6986 Church, Cypress/Palm (CeeVee's), 14th/Church, Base Line/Buckeye, Base Line (Methodist Church), 8107 Tippecanoe, 27419 ½ Cypress, 25222 3rd St.

Mark Your Calendar



Friday, July 3, 2009

Fourth of July Holiday - City Offices are closed

Monday, July 6, 2009

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm - Blood Drive Committee Meeting, Jerry Lewis Community Center 7793 Central Avenue - Highland

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, July 9, 2009

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 14 - Friday, July 17, 2009

11:00 am to 1:00 pm - Public Safety

Appreciation Week, Highland Police and Fire Stations. See *Volunteer Services* article for Schedule

Assembled by: *Elena Rodrigues*

July 15, 2009

4pm - Public Nuisance Hearing Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, July 18, 2009

7:30 am to 11:30 am - Highland Improvement Team Clean Up, Meet at City Hall (7:00 a.m.)
27215 Baseline - Highland

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

5pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, July 27, 2009

1:30 pm to 6:30 pm - Community Blood Drive
Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue - Highland

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

6pm - City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, August 6, 2009

5pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, August 13, 2009

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Have a safe and Happy 4th of July

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Tuesday, August

6pm -
Planning
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Regular
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18, 2009

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