



# Helendale Hi-lites

*"Doing Great Things for Our Customers and Our Community"*

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Office will be closed on  
11/11 for Veterans Day  
and 11/24 & 11/25 for  
Thanksgiving.

**BOARD  
MEETING DATES**  
Starting at 6:30  
26719 VISTA RD  
SUITE 6  
HELENDALE  
6:30 p.m.

November	3
November	17
December	1
December	15
January	5
January	19
February	2
February	16
March	1



**Helendale Community Cleanup Day** held October 22nd  
Thank you for your continued support!

A BIG THANK YOU to Burrtec, Silver Lakes/Helendale Lion's Club, and Silver Lakes/Helendale Citizens On Patrol for your help and support in making this event highly successful.

Here are the numbers with 175 vehicles bringing in trash and recyclables: Metal recycled - 2.09 tons; tires - 2.44 tons; green waste - 2.29 tons; e-waste - 2.01 tons; trash - 25.62 tons.

**GRAND TOTAL - 34.45 tons.**

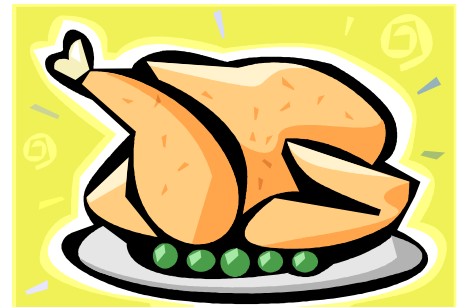
Household hazardous waste (Fire Dept.): We had 129 participants, 250 gallons of oil, 20 gallons of antifreeze, 109 fluorescent tubes, and many other items for a grand total of 7,684 pounds collected in one day.

### What's "FOG"?

Fats, oils, and grease - or "FOG" - aren't just bad for your arteries and your heart. They're bad for sewers as well. Sanitary sewer overflows can be caused by grease that clogs and blocks sewer pipes. Grease enters the sewer from household kitchen drains as well as from poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other businesses. Sewer backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors, and threaten the environment.

### Where does "FOG" come from?

Most of us know grease as the byproduct of cooking. "FOG" is found in such things as: Meat fats, lard, cooking oil, shortening, butter and margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces, dairy products.



### What to do to Help:

Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets. Scrape grease and food scraps from plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills into a can or the trash for disposal. Do not put grease down garbage disposals. So as you get started with all your holiday cooking, please remember to be kind to your sewers and keep them "FOG"-free!

Help Wanted - Maintenance Worker 1 - please check our website for the latest job opportunity with the District - [www.helendalecsd.org](http://www.helendalecsd.org) Applications must be received by November 14th by close of business.

**Efficient ♦ Effective ♦ Local Government**



Office & 24-hour emergency  
(760) 951-0006

**DATES OF INTEREST**

- 11/6-Daylight savings time ends.
- 11/11-Veterans Day.
- 11/24 & 11/25 Thanksgiving



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Michael Gouin  
Keith Vance



### Prevent Freezing Pipes

Preparation can prevent freezing - and possibly bursting - pipes at your property during winter weather. Identify the location of the shut-off valve for the property before freezing weather arrives. This is also referred to as the Courtesy Valve and is located in or next to your meter box. This valve is the customer's responsibility to maintain. Making sure it is in proper working order and well-maintained could save valuable time in the event you have a water leak in your home. If you have any questions about where this is located, please call the HCSD office.

**Here are some helpful hint for winterizing your water system:**

#### OUTSIDE

- Caulk around pipes where they enter the house
- If you have a shut-off valve for outside faucets, shut it off and drain it for the winter.
- Wrap outside faucets with insulation.
- Disconnect garden hoses and drain in-ground irrigation systems according to Mfg.'s instructions.

#### INSIDE

- Insulate pipes in unheated areas like crawl spaces, and the attic, using insulating tape or molded pipe sleeves. Also at risk are pipes under the kitchen and bathrooms on exterior walls of the house with little or no insulation.
- Leave your furnace on a low setting while you're gone.

#### IF YOUR PIPES BREAK -

- Shut off your water and the water heater. If you cannot shut off your water yourself at a shut-off valve, call Customer Service for help.

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**Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 a.m.**

**Be sure and turn back your clocks one hour.**

This is a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and lawn sprinkler controller.

**WINTER WATERING SCHEDULE: Water after 8:00 a.m. and before 1:00 p.m.**



**Ca\$h in on BIG \$aving\$ with the  
Cash for Grass Rebate program!  
For a limited time only starting November 1**

Open enrollment starts November 1, 2011 thru March 1, 2012, This program is being offered by the Mojave Water Agency through participating water service providers on a first come, first serve basis.

To apply, please call our office at (760) 951-0006. You **must** be pre-approved by the District before removing any lawn and beginning your landscape conversion project. Only one application per residence during the open enrollment period (one rebate per site). You have 6 months to complete your project, and 25% of the removed turf must be replaced with desert-adaptive and drought tolerant plants to receive the \$.50 per square foot rebate, (Maximum rebate amount \$3,000). For more details visit our website [www.Helendalecsd.org](http://www.Helendalecsd.org).