



From the Ground Up

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"It takes everyone in a community to keep our homes, schools, offices, stores and other buildings safe."

Limb and Brush Pick-Up

It has been noticed by City employees that there is a misconception about the brush and limb pick-up services. Those services are now under the maintenance of the trash hauler, Allied Waste. They have set regulations which must be followed in order for the brush and limbs to be properly disposed of. There are quite a few piles of brush and limbs placed out for pick-up which do not meet the required regulations. The regulations are:

- All limbs must be no larger than 4 inches in diameter and no longer than 4 feet in bundles.
- All yard waste will be placed in a can with a red X or a Kraft Yard Waste Paper Bag.
- Leaves/Grass Clippings must be placed in a can with a red X or a Kraft Yard Waste Paper Bag.
- **YARD WASTE IN A PLASTIC BAG WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **LEAF BURNING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE CITY LIMITS.**
- **DO NOT RAKE YOUR LEAVES OR GRASS CLIPPINGS INTO THE STREET FOR THE STREET SWEEPER TO PICK UP. THE CITY'S STREET SWEEPER IS NOT DESIGNED TO PICK UP LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS.**



The city only picks up limbs and such immediately after a severe storm event and then you must contact Public Works 654 – 6823 for pick-up.

ROUNABOUT BUILDING DEMOLITIONS

As the City's contractor is finishing up the work on the new roundabout, you may have noticed changes to two properties located close to the work. Building and Zoning recently oversaw the demolition of the house and garage located at 1522 Broadway and the house at 1609 Broadway. Those structures were deemed too close to the roundabout to be safe for use.

Areas of Interest:

1. *Limb and Brush Pick-Up*
2. *Roundabout Building Demolition*
3. *Minton site update*
4. *Did you know?*

**City of Highland's Community
Development Mission
Statement:**

*To ignite positive change
through orderly development
and revitalization of quality
construction while serving in a
courteous, professional, and
ethical manner.*

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MINTON SITE UPDATE

After two plus years of City involvement in the abandoned site at 5 Monroe Street in Highland, we are hoping to see closure in the near future. The tax sale redemption period expires on Nov. 14, 2008. What that means is the current owner will no longer own the property. While the city is glad to see that change, we will be working with the new owner to bring the outstanding property maintenance issues into compliance.

Additionally as this property is located within the City's newly created TIF District, we are forwarding prospective interested party information to the new owner and are also sharing the new owner's information with any prospective interested parties.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that permits and inspections are not only required for new Residential and Commercial construction but also for other projects you may be contemplating? A few of the items that require a permit and inspections are as follows.

Swimming pools, both above and in-ground; Roofs, Sheds, Decks, Patios, Carports, Gazebos, Demolitions, Electrical work, Plumbing work, Additions and any Structural Alterations. Permits are not required for cosmetic upgrades such as painting, replacement windows, wallpapering, new flooring, etc.



If you are in doubt as to whether a permit and/or inspections are required please contact us at 654-7115 or highlandzoning@highlandil.gov and we would be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have!



Feel free to contact Building and Zoning at 2610 Plaza Drive, (618) 654-7115 or via email at

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