



# December 2022 Newsletter

**Phone**  
760-951-0006

**Address**  
26540 Vista Rd. Helendale

**Our Lobby is Open**  
Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

## Daily Lunch at the Community Center

Monday through Friday from 11:30 – 12:30. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

A voluntary \$3 donation is suggested for anyone over 60, for people under 60 lunch is \$7.50.

Menus available at [www.helendalecsd.org](http://www.helendalecsd.org)



## Youth Basketball

Open to kids from kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**WHEN:** Saturday's January 7<sup>th</sup> through February 25<sup>th</sup> at the ACE High School Gym,

**FEE:** \$60 per player. Registration fee includes uniform, pictures, and award.

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:** [www.helendalecsd.org](http://www.helendalecsd.org) under the Park and Recreation button.

**VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED** - To volunteer or if you have questions regarding the program call 760-951-0006 ext. 230 for questions.

**Registration Fee: \$70**



## Christmas Tree Pick-Ups

Burrtec will collect and recycle Christmas trees from single-family residences beginning on January 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup> on your regularly scheduled trash day. Please place your tree at curbside on your collection day. Trees 6' and over need to be cut in half. Please take all ornaments, lights, and metal stands off the tree. Flocked trees will not be recycled, they will be collected as trash. Flocked trees 6' and over need to be cut in half.



## Holiday Recycling & Waste Reduction Tips

The holidays are coming up and that can mean more residential waste. From packaging to wrapping paper people can expect to have a lot more going into their blue and green barrels. Do you know what items can be recycled and what items should go into the trash barrel?

### Recycle



### Reuse or Donate



### Garbage



### Food Waste

Bring your food waste to the community drop off 7 days a week located at the North end of the Community Center Parking Lot.

You can drop off items Monday through Saturday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Helendale Thrift Store. Your donations and purchases benefit the Helendale Community Park.



**Open every Wednesday from  
3 pm to 6 pm rain or shine**

We have a great variety of vendors with everything from fresh fruits and vegetables to bread, honey, baked goods, and so much more. Every week we have crafts and several food trucks to choose from!

**EBT accepted for fruits, vegetables and packaged foods.** Thanks to a grant through the Market Match program, customers using EBT can get up to \$15 in **FREE** fruits and vegetables every week. Visit our booth in Suite D for more information!



**Special Holiday Markets - December 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - Christmas Markets & Pictures with Santa**  
Bring the kids for free train rides, take selfies with Santa, shop at our many handcrafted boutique vendors for unique Christmas gifts and enjoy other Christmas festivities.

**The Farmers Market will be closed on December 28<sup>th</sup> and January 4<sup>th</sup>**

## Upcoming Office Closures

Our office will be closed on the following days:  
December 23, 26, 30 and January 2. Please note if there is a water or sewer emergency, you can call our after-hours service at 760-951-0006.



## Winter Watering

**December** - Winter begins and plant growth is on hold until February. Plants need very little water during this time of year, so you can significantly reduce the amount of water you apply to your lawn and shrubs. Now is also good time to prune back trees and shrubs.

**Watering Schedule:** Between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.  
Consider setting irrigation timers to "off", and manually water when your plants and lawns need it. Using the manual mode on your controller in winter can save water.

## COMMUNITY FOOD WASTE DROP OFF

The Community Food Waste Drop off program is off to a great start! Your voluntary participation helps the District meet State-mandated diversion requirements without adding a costly third barrel to your service. In the first month of the program residents have recycled over 8,300 pounds of food waste! Keep up the great work. **Thank you** for helping with this program. Please call 760-951-0006 x224 if you have any questions about the program. [www.helendalecsd.org](http://www.helendalecsd.org) for more info.

## Winterizing Your Pipes - Avoid a Leak and Save Water this Winter



### Before Cold Weather Sets in:

- Make sure you've turned off your irrigation or are watering during the day.
- Know how to shut off your water—Locate your courtesy shut off valve in your meter box and know how to turn it off. Replace if necessary.
- Protect your pipes—Wrap pipes that are exposed to cold with insulation.
- If pipes run through cabinets or vanities, open the doors to let warmer room temperatures in.

### If your pipes do freeze...

- Shut off the water immediately. Don't try to thaw pipes before turning the water off.
- As outside temperatures rise your pipes will begin to thaw and your water should be restored.
- Be careful when turning water back on—Once pipes are thawed, slowly turn the water back on and check exposed pipes for cracks or leaks. If there are any leaks turn your water off and make the necessary repairs.

A little preparation could save hundreds of gallons of water! Be sure to prepare for the cold weather this winter by following these easy steps.

If you need assistance, contact the Helendale CSD at 760-951-0006.

From the Helendale CSD Family to yours, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season!