



January 2024 Newsletter

Phone
760-951-0006

Address
26540 Vista Rd. Helendale

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

Daily Lunch at the Community Center

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

A voluntary \$4 donation is suggested for anyone over 60, for anyone under 60 lunch is \$7.50.

Menus available at www.helendalecsd.org



Wishing you a happy and healthy new year!

Update Your Contact Information

Don't miss important notifications from us! Make sure we have your current contact information on file. If you have changed your phone number, email or mailing address please call our Customer Service staff and we will be happy to update your account. You can also update your contact information on our website when you click on the customer service button.

Register Your Account on our Website

Did you know when you register your account you can sign up for text alerts, sign up for e-bills, view your bill, track your water usage, and make a payment on our website? Visit www.helendalecsd.org to sign up!

FARMERS MARKET

The Helendale Farmers Market will be closed until the end of March. We will reopen on March 27th – we will have pictures with the Easter Bunny and candy filled Easter eggs for the kids! Beginning in April, the Farmers Market will be open on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 3-6 pm. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please call 760-951-0006.

Healthcare Talk

Providence St. Mary Medical Group will be hosting a health care talk on January 23rd at 12:30 pm to discuss the healthcare needs in the community.

Location: 26540 Vista Rd. Suite C.

Recycling at the Thrift Store

You can drop off the following items at the Thrift Store Monday – Saturday from 11 am – 4:30 pm - 26540 Vista Rd. Suite A.

- **Appliances** – bring in anything with a cord, blenders, coffee makers, vacuums, toaster, microwave, etc.
- **Mattresses** - no soiled mattress or mattresses with bed bugs.
- **Electronics** - including tv's, computers, vacuums, toasters, coffee pots, printers, etc.
- **Cardboard** - must be broken down.
- **Green Waste** - some exclusions apply, cannot be bagged.

You can also donate items you no longer need. Please drop off all donations during our regular business hours to prevent theft and keep our donation area clean. Your donations are also tax deductible, when you drop off your donations during normal business hours, please see one of our team members for your donation receipt. Proceeds from the Helendale Thrift Store help fund the community park.

Bulky Items & Dump Passes

Customers are eligible for two bulky item pick ups per year. Up to five items can be scheduled for each pickup.

Do you have a lot of items to get rid of? Customers can also request dump passes. You will be issued four passes good for up to 500 pounds each. Passes are good for 30 days and you can request new passes every month.

Upcoming Office Closure

Our office will be closed on January 15th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Adult Co-Ed Softball

We are now taking sign ups for Adult Softball! The league will be co-ed and open to all players 16 and older. Minors must have a parent or guardian on their team. This will be an 8-week season and will begin in May once enough teams have registered. Teams will play one game per week. Games will be played weekday evenings with occasional weekend morning games as needed.

Fee: \$35 per player.

Equipment: Bats, personal protective equipment and uniforms to be provided by players.

Umpires: If you would like to be an umpire, call 760-951-0006 ext. 230.

Registration: Go to www.helendalecsd.org and click on the Parks and Recreation button.



Board & Committee Meetings

Regular Board Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm.

The Park and Recreation Committee meets on the third Tuesday of every odd month at 3:00 pm.

The public may attend in person – 26540 Vista Rd. Suite C. or virtually. Virtual meetings are held via Zoom. For all meetings, the access code is 463 173 8547 and the passcode is HCSD. Full agenda packets and links to our meetings can be found under the agenda tab at www.helendalecsd.org.

ARE YOU RECYCLING FOOD WASTE?

Food waste recycling is required per California state law Senate Bill 1383. Let's work together to divert organics from landfills and reduce methane gas. You can help keep our planet and community healthy!

Bring your food waste to the drop off located at the North end of the Community Center parking lot – 26540 Vista Rd.

Drop off is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

What Goes in?



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! Prepare for the cold weather this winter by following these easy steps.

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

Winter Watering

January - Winter begins and plant growth is on hold. 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.

Watering Schedule: Between 9:00 am and 3:00 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.