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From The Ground Up

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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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Spring is just around the corner! This is the time of year that Building and Zoning see an increase in the number of building permits. Even in the current sluggish economy people are planning and working on projects to maintain and/or improve their property. Several things we recommend to be done now are:

- Check and make sure your smoke alarm(s) function properly, and if it is battery operated, replace the battery
- Make sure your carbon monoxide detector is working correctly.
- Check the exterior of your structure for damage that may have been caused by the winter weather.
- Make sure all downed limbs, leaves and such are cleaned up in the yard.
- Make sure you have your lawn mower ready to use.

We also suggest you check your property for standing water or poorly draining water. If you have a creek, drainage ditch or culvert on your property, now would be the time to pay extra attention to it. Check now and make sure that there is nothing blocking or reducing the water flow, as it is predicted that the Midwest, may experience unusual flooding this spring due to the wet last year and the ground being saturated.

If you find that your driveway culvert is not draining properly contact the Public Works Department at 654 - 6823 and they will be happy to check it for you.

The City does not own the creeks which run through town which may cross your property. They are considered to be on private property. If you have a creek crossing your property, we recommend that you remove any items that may be inhibiting the water flow. Of course, do this only during a low water flow time and make sure you have someone else assisting or observing. City crews will be checking the areas of the creeks where they go under a road culvert or through a major drainage structure, also looking for water flow issues.

Staff hopes by doing these inspections now, will help prevent any major flooding issues. If you have any questions, contact our friendly staff at Building and Zoning Office at 618 654 – 7115.