



# City of Highland Weekly Report

January 21, 2010

## Wonders of Water January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Highland ELC

### Library News

**Wonders of Water.** Join the Highland Environmental Learning Center on January 23<sup>rd</sup> for Wonders of Water! The Highland ELC has been chosen to participate in activity development for Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) and you can help! "Ocean Currents" (starting at 11:00 am) for children from preschool to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, will have



your children "swimming" around the room with the current and playing with colored ice cubes to see how different temperatures and salt concentrations mix in the big blue sea.

"Conservation Choices" (starting at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm) for students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, lets older students examine every-day water dilemmas and has them decide between what is easy for people, and what is right for the environment. Students, parents, and teachers are welcome to observe all activities, and all participants will be encouraged to provide feedback for further activity development.

Due to the timing of these events the next Family Science Time will occur on Saturday,

February 20, 2010. For more information, please contact ELC staff at 909-425-4706.

**Senior Eco-Matinee.** Join the Highland Environmental Learning Center on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm for Senior Eco-Matinee! This month's film, *Everything's Cool: A Toxic Comedy About Global Warming!*, presents a comedic take on the "issue" of Global Warming. Featuring a cast of renowned scientists and journalists, this film will get you thinking about global warming from a fact vs. fiction point of view. This FREE program is open to Adults and seniors. For more information, please contact the Highland ELC at (909) 425-4706.

### Volunteer Services

**Highland Improvement Team.** The Highland Improvement Team was back in action at Aurantia Park this past Saturday. Aurantia Park is a large nature park that has many beautiful plants, walking trails, a playground and an enclosed dog park. Due to the size of the park, we were only able to work on a portion of the park in December. The HIT Team completed clearing dry overgrown brush at the south end of Aurantia Park. To everyone's surprise, the leaves had shed from the many trees at the

park, which gave us much to do. We had a small group come out on that day, but with all their hard work and determination, they got the job done!

The HIT clean up for February will take place on Saturday, February 20 at Community Park from 8am to noon. If anyone is interested in joining us at Community Park or any other HIT clean up project, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

**Blood Drive.** The City of Highland in cooperation with the LifeStream will host its first blood drive of the year at the Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue on Monday, January 25, 2010 from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm.



January is National Blood Donor Month. Give the gift of life by donating blood during this special time. In recognition of donating blood during National Blood Donor Month, LifeStream will enter donors 18 and older into a drawing to win a pair of round trip tickets anywhere Southwest flies.

In addition, LifeStream now offers complimentary Marrow Screening at no charge. Blood donation is not required for fee waiver.

For more information, please contact Denise Garnsey at 909 864-6861 extension 203.

## Community Development

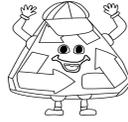
**Temporary Sign Enforcement Efforts Under Way.** On January 12, 2010, the City Council directed Staff to beef up its Code Enforcement efforts on illegal Temporary Signs and Banners in the City. That directive originated from the Sign Code Ad Hoc Subcommittee who noted there was a significant proliferation of illegal Temporary Signs around the City. In response, the Planning Division and Code Enforcement Division recently coordinated its Temporary Sign enforcement efforts, as directed by the

City Council. As a result of that coordination, Code Enforcement will initiate a Program to visit all businesses with illegal Flags and Banners and determine if the Signs are allowed. If the Temporary Signage is not permitted, the business owner will be given a Verbal Notice and asked to come into City Hall and speak with a Planner. The Planning Staff will provide the business owner with information about the City's Temporary Sign Restrictions and issue Permits, if applicable. Second, Planning will use this opportunity to solicit input from the community on ideas for possible Sign Code Amendments. That input will be used to augment Planning efforts to update the City's Sign Code for consistency with the City's General Plan. Any questions related to Temporary Signs, or the City's efforts to update its Sign Code, should be directed to Lawrence Mainez at (909) 864-8732 at Extension 215 or Angela Aguilar at Extension 258.

**2010 Census Cautions - This is from the Better Business Bureau.** With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:



*If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.*



Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, **they will not contact you by Email**, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

**It's Getting to be Citrus Harvest Festival Time!!!** That's right...it will be here in just three (3) short months and Staff is excited and is anticipating a great Event!!! The Citrus Harvest Festival will celebrate its Thirteenth Annual Citrus Harvest Festival with



March 27, 2010, as the Event Date with a Rain Date of April 3, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the sounds of swing music and vision of couples in turn-of-the-century regalia will evoke fond thoughts of historic Highland. Thirteen years of experience, has lead to many refinements in the Festival's events and logistics. The Event will be held in the Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street.

## Public Services

**Repete's Wisdom of the Week - I Didn't Know That Was Recyclable!** This week's item you may not know was recyclable is HAIR! Yep, human hair! Not only can human

hair be composted, but it can actually be recycled into dense mats for soaking up oil. Public charity, [Matter of Trust](#), began the Hair for Oil Spills Program in 2000 after Phil McCrory, a hair stylist from Alabama, watched news coverage of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill and noticed the oil saturated fur on the Alaskan otters.

After testing the amount of oil he could collect with hair clippings from his salon, McCrory invented the hair mat to help soak up oil from an estimated 706 million gallons of oil that enter our oceans each year.

There are more than 300,000 hair salons in the U.S., and each collects about 1 pound of hair per day. That represents a tremendous amount of landfill matter from something we probably never even thought could be reused! Currently, salons, barbers, wig makers and pet groomers are taking part in this program, by mailing in their swept up hair clippings. It is FREE to sign up your business for the program.

What happens to the donated hair? Boxes of hair are sorted through to make sure there is no garbage and sent off to non-woven needle punch factories to make batches of hair mats. These mats are for emergency oil spills and for oiled bird and mammal cages. Loose hair is stuffed into nylon stockings which are doubled up and tied together to make "booms" that surround and contain as well as soak up oil spills.

With help from Matter of Trust, thousands of volunteers are deployed after oil spills to clean up beaches using the hair mats. More than 500 concerned citizens used hair mats to clean up the Cosco Busan Oil Spill on Ocean Beach in San Francisco.

Matter of Trust is the fiscal sponsor for Oily Hair mat Remediation study of hazardous waste oil collected by mats made from human hair clippings then detoxified by thermophilic compost of greenwaste. Finally, the mass is reduced by worms. After a few months the end

result should be a rich worm castings fertilizer. This project is a practical; hands on study to further the cause of efficient closed loop systems for oil spill clean up.

For more information please visit [www.matteroftrust.org](http://www.matteroftrust.org) or call 415-242-6041. For general recycling questions please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext. 271.

## General Information

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Highland Run and Duathlon will be held on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 with a 7:30 a.m. Check In. The event will start at Arroyo Verde Elementary



School and will course through Highland with challenging hills, equestrian acres, palm trees, ranch style homes and views of snow covered mountains.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Highland YMCA Scholarship Program for youth and families.

You can register on line at [www.ymcaeastvalley.org](http://www.ymcaeastvalley.org) or pick up a registration packet at the Highland Family YMCA located at 7793 Central Avenue, Highland, CA 92346. For further information please call (909) 425-9622.

## Public Works

**What's New in Public Works?** The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 1/4/10 - 1/15/10: Did earthquake strapping at City Hall; repaired traffic sign; cleaned/removed weeds from 3 medians on Boulder between Greenspot & Eucalyptus; took metal and tires for recycling, PARSAC training; pressure washed sidewalks; installed new signs on Del Rosa Dr. n/o Base Line to Pacific; checked USA tickets, checked video cameras and picked-up trash and did routine maintenance at City parks; performed vehicle checks on City vehicles/equipment; walk-thru with CAM Services of all parks and

facilities; irrigation and landscape checks of City LMDs, Sheriff Station, Fire Stations, YMCA, Library, ELC, Upright House, City Hall; cleaned silt/dirt from ELC retention basin; fixed water line broken by contractor in back of Sheriff Station parking lot; removed weeds/dug-out channel on Victoria n/o 6<sup>th</sup>; prepared area for sand at 6<sup>th</sup>/Victoria; asphalt pothole repair at Base Line e/o Del Rosa; checked service requests; used qpr to repair potholes on Greenspot Rd. at bridge and west of bridge, on Palm/5<sup>th</sup> at AM/PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> St. e/o Central, and various other locations; cleaned graffiti off YMCA building; walk-thru with Lasting Images of all LMDs; performed various maintenance tasks at City Hall; cleaned storm drains at Water/Clubview; picked-up trash/furniture on Greenspot and McKinley/9<sup>th</sup>; repaired horse trail erosion areas on Shelton Trail along Randall Ln., Bacon Ln., and Lytle Ln.; picked-up trash at restrooms, park, and orange grove at Aurantia Park; removed all vegetation growing in Line "C" drainage channel; put-up banner over Base Line; organized sign area and cleaned garage area at corporate yard; replaced island sign at Palm/Cypress; pressure washed graffiti/gum from bleachers, trash cans, etc. at Community Park, removed "downed" tree on Church Ave. n/o Temple; met w/West Coast Services at Palm Ave./Pacific to video cam the storm drain channel/pipe inlets, and video taped Aloe Ct. drainline pipe; installed new Beattie St. sign at Dover Ct.; painted location of Line "C" drainage channel divider walls are located; e-mailed "dangling shoes" verification to utilities; cleaned screens at Sycamore channel by LMD 44, Church St./Flintlock channel on Water St., Via Del Dene channel; worked on barricades.

## Mark Your Calendar

**Monday, January 25, 2010**  
1:30pm - 6:30pm - Blood Drive  
Jerry Lewis Community Center  
7793 Central Avenue - Highland

**Tuesday, January 26, 2010**



5pm - Public Works Subcommittee Meeting,  
Upright Conference Room  
6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**Sunday, January 31, 2010**

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Highland Family YMCA Run &  
Sports Festival, Arroyo Verde Elementary  
School, 7701 Church Street

**Tuesday, February 2, 2010**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

**Thursday, February 4, 2010**

5:00pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation  
Board Regular Meeting, Donahue Council  
Chambers

5:30pm - Joint Study Session with the  
Historic and Cultural Preservation Board and  
the Highland Area Chamber of Commerce in  
the Upright Conference Room

**Tuesday, February 09, 2010**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**Thursday, February 11, 2010**

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular  
Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Monday, February 15, 2010**

President's Day - City Offices are closed

**Tuesday, February 16, 2010**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**Tuesday, March 2, 2010**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

**Thursday, March 4, 2010**

5:30pm - Joint Study Session with the Historic  
and Cultural Preservation Board and the Highland  
Area Chamber of Commerce in the Upright  
Conference Room

**Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**Thursday, March 11, 2010**

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular  
Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

**Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

**Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**Saturday, March 27, 2010**

10am - 3:30pm - Citrus Harvest Festival,  
Highland Historic District at the intersection  
of Palm Avenue and Main Street.

**Saturday, April 3, 2010**

10am - 3:30pm - Rain Date for the Citrus  
Harvest Festival, Highland Historic District at  
the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main  
Street.

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