



City of Highland Weekly Report

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A Day of Dr. Seuss at Highland Library Friday, March 2, 2012

Library News

A Day of Dr. Seuss. "Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!" Since the beginning with the Cat in the Hat and other memorable characters, Dr. Seuss has reached

generations of children through colorful drawings and clever rhymes. On Friday, March 2nd, join the Highland Library and others around the nation as we celebrate all things Seuss!

Theodore Seuss Geisel was born March 2nd, 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts to an author (mother, Henrietta) and a park system director (father, Theodore Robert). Theodore

loved to read and draw as a child, but had no ambitions to become a children's author. In a high school art class, his teacher insisted "you will never learn to draw, Theodore. Why don't you just skip this class for the rest of the term?" Later, he would reflect on this moment stating "I've capitalized on my mistakes, since I can't draw; I've taken the awkwardness and

peculiarities of my natural style and developed them. That's why my characters look that way." Throughout college, Theodore would have many jobs including humor editor, and creating characters for nation-wide Oil company campaigns. Regardless, his goal as an author was to write serious fiction and humor for adults.

Theodore's first children's book came about from the rhythm of a ship's engine on a cruise across the Atlantic. *And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street* became the first book written and illustrated by Dr Seuss in 1937. The book was published by a friend from college after twenty-five rejections. Theodore chose to publish under his middle name, and mother's maiden name, adding "Dr" in a flippant gesture to the degree he never finished and saving his true name for more serious works.

Over the course of his career Dr. Seuss would be awarded numerous honorary doctorate degrees and publish numerous stories before his work was interrupted by World War II, during which two of his short films would also become award winners. After the war, Seuss and his wife, Helen Palmer, moved to La Jolla, California, where he would return to and focus on his works for children. In 1957 *The Cat in the Hat* was



published and began his long relationship with publisher Random House. The publishing company would later make Seuss the author head for Beginner Books, a subsidiary company focused on books for beginning readers. Despite all the success that was to come, Theodore never let anyone believe that writing for children was easy for him.

Throughout his career, Dr. Seuss would write and illustrate over 50 books for children, 10 of which have since been turned into films. Other works included 13 works that would be published under a surname, and 5 screenplays.

Join the Highland Sam J Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center and schools and libraries around the nation as we celebrate the birthday of Theodore Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss) and Read Across America!

Friday, March 2nd, 2012 will be a full "Day of Dr. Seuss" as staff and community members share their favorite books by Dr. Seuss every hour on the hour in the Children's Area. At 5:00pm the party begins with crafts and activities for children of all ages, and the reading of the Highland Library's "Favorite Dr. Seuss Book" as voted by our patrons!

Volunteer Services

Safe Routes to School - Cypress Walks to School! Cypress Elementary kicked off their first Walk to School Day on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. This is the first Safe Routes to School (SRTS) event to take place in



the City of Highland. Spirits were high that morning and everyone seemed excited to be involved with walking to school. Along with school personnel and SRTS committee supporters, many parents took this opportunity to get involved. We saw an increase in parents that accompanied their children to school that day.

In addition, several parents participated with the Walking School Bus. Not only did they take time to be "Drivers" of the school bus and lead the children, two parents took it upon themselves to make school buses! Both were very creative...they did an outstanding job.

A great big Thank You goes out to all that helped with the Walk Day and our program supporters. Thank You...Cypress

parents, Cypress school staff, Cypress C.A.P.S. program, Community Volunteers, Highland Family YMCA, Highland Fire Department, Highland Police Department, , San Bernardino County Animal Control, San Bernardino City Unified School District Police, and the many City Staff that helped out on this great day!



Safe Routes to School programs promote health and physical fitness for school age children as well as traffic and pollution reduction in school areas. You can find more information about this program at www.saferoutesinfo.org

Volunteers play an important roll in the success of any SRTS program. If you are interested in becoming involved or would like more information, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Highland Improvement Team - March Project: Historic District Cleanup... The 16th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival is just around the corner. The Highland Improvement Team will be teaming up with other groups and City Staff to prepare the Historic District of Highland for the Festival. You too, can join in and help spruce up the neighborhood. We will be mowing lawns, pulling weeds, picking up litter and hauling away old bulky items.

To join us, please plan on meeting at Community Cross Church located at 6955 Palm Avenue from 8am to Noon. Following the clean up, the City will host a BBQ for the volunteers as a token of appreciation for all their hard work.

For more information regarding the Highland Improvement Team, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Residential Cleanups **April Cleanup Wanted**... The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) is currently accepting requests for residential cleanups.



We urge Highland homeowners who need help with yard cleanup and minor landscaping to contact Volunteer Services as soon as possible.

Requests are screened and cleanups scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Top priority is property cleanup projects for disabled and senior citizens. There are no income eligibility requirements and absolutely no charge to the homeowner. A fabulous team of volunteers complete all work and repair at H.I.T. projects.

Here are the few qualifications:

1. Must be 55 years and older or disabled
2. Must own and reside in your home

The Highland Improvement Team schedules one cleanup per month. Each cleanup requires enough work to fill the allotted four-hour period, usually from 8:00am to noon.

If you are interested in being the next cleanup or want to know if you qualify, contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Blood Drive Committee - There is still time to donate the "Gift of Life"... Join us at Highland's second blood drive of the year. This is an awesome opportunity to give back to your community. Our region needs over 600 units of donated blood per day to meet the demand at local hospitals. Your donation is a priceless gift to others in your community. Donors receive

points as part of the "Gift of Life" Donor Loyalty Program each time they donate. Points may be redeemed for items, such as gift cards and gas cards, at LifeStream's online store, www.LStream.org

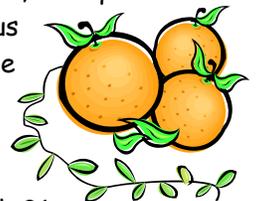
This blood drive will be at the Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue, on Monday March 26, 2012 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Please, contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 ext. 203 for more information.

Community Development

The Citrus Harvest Festival (CHF) is just four weeks away!!! Staff has been busy working on the 16th celebration of the Highland Citrus Harvest Festival. We've grown much since our first year, but have not forgotten our purpose.

The Festival seeks to educate Highland's youth and adults on our rich citrus heritage and turn-of-the-century lifestyle. Events are in the making inclusive of a citrus-themed Coloring, Poetry and Citrus Label Design Contests. Residents will be able to enjoy a Historic Home Tour, Antique & Classic Car Show, Costume and Citrus Growing Contests and there will be live entertainment scheduled throughout the day.



The Festival is scheduled for March 31, 2012, from 10:00am to 3:30pm in the Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street. In case of rain, there is a Rain Date of April 7, 2012, at the same location and time. For more information, about the Festival or would like to be a Vendor, please contact Kim Stater at (909) 864-8732 Extension 204. You may also visit the City's Website at www.ci.highland.ca.us under the Events Section.

Save the Date for the Community Trails Day Event!!! You are invited to participate in the City of Highland Community Trails Committee's 18th Annual Trails Day Event, to be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012. This year, the City will be utilizing the City of Highland's New Natural Parkland.



Free Guided Tours will be lead by the Community Trails Committee Members from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. sharing points of interest and facts about local Trails and the environment. The Tour takes approximately 45 minutes to one hour. The Route is approximately 1.6 miles in length. The Route will follow unimproved dirt trails and participants should wear appropriate clothing and shoes or boots.

Please feel free to bring your off-road bicycle as at least one group will be lead by bicycle. The City will also attempt to set-up a horseback tour for those who wish to bring their horses to the Event, if interest is expressed prior to the Event.

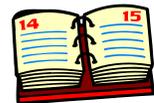
This year's Event will be staged near the Eastern Terminus of Base Line in the City of Highland. For more information, about the Trails Day Event, please contact Sean Kelleher at (909) 864-8732 Extension 210. You may also visit the City's Website at www.ci.highland.ca.us under the Events Section.

Public Works

What's New in Public Works? The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 2/13/12 - 2/24/12: USA marking; moved k-rail at Highland Ave./Summertrail; repaired broken pvc fence railing on Streater St. trail; replaced school and traffic signs at Base Line e/o Church Ave., City Hall, 3rd/Tippecanoe, Base Line/Valaria; picked-up trash at City parks; repaired gas leak at Fire Station #2; repaired potholes at various locations; Webinar class (Cal/OSHA) at City Hall;

LMD walk-thru for pre-maintenance period w/Solis Landscape Co.; checked irrigation systems at LMDs and City facilities; assisted with repairing electrical problem at Corp. Yd.; worked on irrigation problem at orange grove in Aurantia Park; sprayed weeds at various locations throughout the City; routine City vehicles maintenance; hang and remove banner over Base Line; custodial work at Corp. Yd.; install new flood lamps, met w/locksmith to repair door at City Hall; cleaned channels at Flintlock/Via Del Dene/Shelton, Boulder between Albertson's Shopping Center and Atlantic, Boulder n/o Base Line, Palm s/o Nona to Messina, Tippecanoe s/o Union; cut-down tree/bush on 3rd w/o Central; picked-up trash/debris citywide, including Ward St. alleys, Alice/14th, n/o Union, e/o Victoria, Cunningham ; checked restrooms at Aurantia Park and repaired women's restroom door lock; delivered wood chips from Aurantia Park to San Benito; worked on new landscape planting along Greenspot Rd. and San Benito; replaced concrete and re-posted signs at Valencia & Base Line; repaired floor drain in men's restroom at ELC; reviewed electrical problems at Fire Station #3.

Mark Your Calendar



Thursday, March 1, 2012

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

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled

Thursday, March 8, 2012

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

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

2pm - Finance Subcommittee Meeting
6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

3pm - Street Naming Committee Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

4pm - Public Nuisance Hearing Board Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, March 22, 2012

7:30am to 1pm *Entries Accepted
1:30pm to 3pm *Judging
Baking Contest (Citrus Harvest Festival)
Highland City Hall - 27215 Baseline

Saturday, March 24, 2012

8am to 12 Noon - Registration at 7:30am
Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet at
Community Cross Church - 6955 Palm Avenue

Monday, March 26, 2012

1:30pm to 6:30pm - Highland Community Blood Drive, Jerry Lewis Community Center - 7793 Central Avenue

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Saturday, March 31, 2012

16th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival,
intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street
up to Pacific Street, 10:00am - 3:30pm

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, April 5, 2012

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

Saturday, April 7, 2012

Rain Date for the 16th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Thursday, April 12, 2012

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

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, April 21, 2012

Community Trails Day Event -Location is to be
at the City's Natural Parkland near the eastern
terminus of Base Line. Guided Tours from 8am
- 8:30am.

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 8, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Thursday, May 10, 2012

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

Tuesday, May 15, 2012

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 22, 2012

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Monday, May 28, 2012

Memorial Day Observed - City Offices are closed

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