



City of Highland Weekly Report

March 17, 2011

15th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival Is Almost Here!!!

Community Development

The Citrus Harvest Festival is celebrating its 15th Year!!! 2011 will mark the 15th 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.



There will be a citrus-themed Coloring, Poetry and Citrus Label Design Contests. Residents can enjoy a Historic Home Tour, Antique & Classic Car Show, Costume and

Citrus Growing Contests. Live entertainment will be non-stop including three (3) local School bands and dancers, Senior Moments Barbershop Quartet, Chris Davis & his Orchestra and rocking tracks from The Get Down Boys Bluegrass Band.

The Festival is scheduled for March 26, 2011, from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. in the Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street. There is still plenty of time to sign up for any of the Contests. For more information, contact Kim

Stater at (909) 864-8732 Extension 204 or the Events Section of the City's Website at www.ci.highland.ca.us/Events.

Save the Date - April 9, 2011. On Saturday, April 9, 2011, it will be the City's 17th Annual Community Trails Day Event. The Event will commence at 8 am and will be staged at Canyon Oaks Park which is located at the intersection of Summertrail Place and Tiara Avenue. For more information, please come by the Community Trails Committee Booth at the Citrus Harvest Festival on Saturday, March 26, 2011, or call Assistant Planner Sean Kelleher at (909) 864-8732 Extension 210, or visit the Events Section of the City's Website at www.ci.highland.ca.us/Events.

Planning Commission determination: At its March 15, 2011, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Items:

1. The Applicant has submitted an Application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP 011-001) which proposes to establish and operate a Church in a portion of an existing Building and Property. The property is located at 7709 Victoria Avenue, which is an approximate 2.13 acre Site located at the southeast corner of Victoria and Cypress

Avenues (APN: 1192-491-01). Representative: Steve Sanders, Property Owner / Applicant; Rafael Chavez, Pastor

The Planning Commission Adopted Resolution 11-003 approving Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP 011-001), subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval, as modified, and the Findings of Fact.

The Application may now proceed forward in the process.

2. Amendment No. 2 to Conditional Use Permit (CUP-008-006) and Design Review Application (DRB-009-008). The Applicant is requesting to modify the approved brick height for the Canopy over the fuel pumps. The Project is located at the southeast corner of Palm Avenue and Fifth Street and is identified as Assessor Parcel Numbers: 1201-311-26, 30, 31, and 32. Representative: Glenn Elssmann, Mission Development Company; Alex Cuevas, AGC Design Concept, Inc.



The Planning Commission upheld their Directive requiring the Applicant to install brick on the Gas Pump Canopy that extends to the same height as is found on the Tower Elements on the Fast Food Restaurant or to the same height as the Gas Pumps, whichever is greater.

The Application may now proceed forward in the process.

Planning

Applications Submitted. The following Applications were submitted to the City for review:

EXT 011-002 C/R CUP 007-014. Extension of Time for Senior Living Community located near intersection of Base Line and Church Street. APN: 1201-251-12. The address is 28807 Base

Line. App. Brightwater Senior Living

The above referenced Application has to be reviewed by the Planning Staff for completeness prior to proceeding any further in the process.

Public Services

Repete's Wisdom of the Week - Vermicomposting. What is vermicomposting?

Let worms recycle for you. They will quickly turn your kitchen scraps into an exceptionally rich fertilizer for your houseplants or garden. Worm composting is easy. You feed the worms your banana peels; wilted lettuce or stale bread, and the worms do the rest. Worm composting, also called vermicomposting, can be done year round, indoors or outdoors.



The benefits of vermicomposting are many. Composting is recycling. You and your worms help the environment by reducing the amount of garbage you produce. A medium-sized worm box can process more than 5 pounds of food waste each week! In return, you get a valuable soil amendment good for growing just about anything.

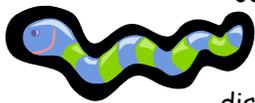
Getting started. Red worms, also called red wigglers, are the best worms for worm composting. Red worms are a different species from common garden worms and night crawlers, which need large amounts of soil and cool temperatures to survive. One pound of red worms (about 1,000 worms) is enough to start a worm bin. Get your worms from a friend's bin, or buy them from a worm farm or bait shop. Once your worm bin is established, you will have enough worms to help your friends start vermicomposting too.

Where will my worms live? You may already have what you need to make a worm bin. A plastic storage container, wash basin, or a sturdy wooden box can be easily fashioned into a home for your worms. Or you can buy a bin specially designed for

worms. Whatever you use, your worm box should be shallow, since worms like to live near the surface where they can breathe. About one foot deep with two or three square feet of surface area is best. Your bin should also have a tight-fitting lid, holes drilled in the bottom for ventilation and drainage, and a tray to collect any liquid.

Eight or ten inches of bedding inside your bin will provide the worms with a damp, aerated place to live. Common bedding materials include strips of newspaper, shredded cardboard, manure, or leached peat moss. Moisten the bedding and drain out excess water before placing it in your bin. You may want to add a handful or two of sterile soil to provide grit, which will help the worms digest food particles.

What can I feed my worms? Worms will eat fruit and vegetable peelings, coffee grounds, tea bags, bread, rice, and leftovers. Most people prefer to raise "vegetarian" worms to avoid odors from decaying meat scraps.



Be sure to bury your food scraps in the bedding to discourage molds and fruit flies. Bury the food in a different corner of the box each feeding. The next time you look, it should be gone. If not, try feeding your worms a little less for a while.

When do I get my compost? After a few months, you will notice that the original bedding has disappeared and has been replaced with rich, dark, worm compost. It's harvest time. Put your worms on a diet. In a few days, you can either separate the worms from the compost by hand and start a new fresh bedding, or you can try the following: coax your worms to one side of your box by feeding only on that side for a few weeks. Then harvest the worm-free side of the box, replace it with fresh bedding, and do it again.

For more information on vermicomposting please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea

Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

Volunteer Services

Community Blood Drive... Mark your calendar! Highland's next blood drive is Monday, March 28th!!! We can all help Highland increase its blood donations. Hope to see you all there!

2011 Blood Drive Schedule:

Monday, March 28

Monday, May 23

Monday, July 25

Monday, September 26

Monday, November 28



Highland Community Blood Drives - 1:30 pm - 6:30 pm at Jerry Lewis Community Center located at 7793 Central Avenue - Highland

Questions or information about becoming a new donor or volunteer? Contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Highland Improvement Team... Calling all volunteers! Our next Highland Improvement Team (HIT) cleanup is just around the corner. The March cleanup will be on Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 8:00 am to Noon. This community cleanup project will consist of yard work and litter removal in Highland's Historic District. Every year, the Highland Improvement Team along with the City's Community Development Department and other volunteers clean up the Historic District in preparation for our annual Citrus Harvest Festival. The festival lines many streets in this neighborhood. Sprucing up this neighborhood before the event helps maintain a level of cleanliness during the festival and makes cleanup after a whole lot easier.

So, what do you say? Come out and use all that stored up energy at our March cleanup. Join the Highland Improvement Team on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at Community Cross Church, 6955 Palm Avenue in Highland. Volunteers can begin

registering at 7:30 am. The cleanup is scheduled from 8:00 am to Noon.

The City provides all tools and equipment needed for the project. In addition, the City hosts a BBQ following the cleanup for all those volunteering their time.

If you should have questions, please contact Denise Garnsey, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

10th Annual Public Safety Appreciation - Week of April 5 to April 8, 2011 ~ Prep 11 am - Lunch 12 pm to 1 pm.

The City of Highland is hosting potluck luncheons all week long in appreciation of our City Fire Fighters and Police Officers.



Residents and business owners of Highland are invited to bring a favorite dish to share and join us for lunch. This is a perfect opportunity to meet those who are here to serve and protect the people of Highland. Please join us in showing our gratitude for everything they do for our community...everyday.

The DATES are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 5: Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line / 909 425-9793
- Wednesday, April 6: Fire Station #1, 26974 Base Line (west) / 909 862-3031
- Thursday, April 7: Fire Station #2, 29507 Base Line (east) / 909 862-1760
- Friday, April 8: Fire Station #3, 7649 Sterling / 909 884-4100

If you are interested in participating, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey, at 909-864-6861, extension 203.

Library News

Highland Family Science Explores Spring Gardening. Join the Highland Environmental Learning Center on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 10:30 am as Family Science Exploration investigates the spring gardening season!

Journey to the rooftop gardens to discover what has kept the plants alive through the winter, get a worm's eye view of vegetables, and learn the different parts of a plant. Children will plant poppy seeds to take home, and patrons of all ages will enjoy the view from the rooftop gardens. This program is free and open to the public; children must be accompanied by an adult to attend.

For more information about Family Science Exploration, please contact Lauren Bergh, Environmental Program Specialist at the Highland Sam J Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center at (909) 425-4700.

Mark Your Calendar



Saturday, March 19, 2011

8:00 am - Noon, Highland Improvement Team Cleanup. Meet @ City Hall - 27215 Base Line (Registration begins at 7:30 am)

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, March 26, 2011

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

Monday, March 28, 2011

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

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Public Safety Appreciation Week

Prep 11:00 am - Lunch 12 pm to 1 pm
Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line
6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Public Safety Appreciation Week

Prep 11:00 am - Lunch 12 pm to 1 pm
Fire Station #1, 26974 Base Line (west)
4pm - Tentative Public Nuisance Hearing Board
Special Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, April 7, 2011

Public Safety Appreciation Week

Prep 11:00 am - Lunch 12 pm to 1 pm
Fire Station #2, 29507 Base Line (east)
5pm - Historic and Cultural Preservation Board
Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Friday, April 8, 2011

Public Safety Appreciation Week

Prep 11:00 am - Lunch 12 pm to 1 pm
Fire Station #3, 7649 Sterling Avenue

Saturday, April 9, 2011

8am - Community Trails Day, Canyon Oaks Park

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

Thursday, April 14, 2011

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

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

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