



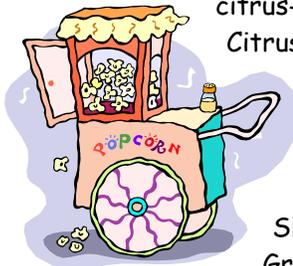
# City of Highland Weekly Report

March 22, 2013

## Citrus Harvest Festival - 3/30/13 Community Trails Event - 4/13/13

### Community Development

The Citrus Harvest Festival (CHF) is just **ONE WEEK** away!!! 2013 marks the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

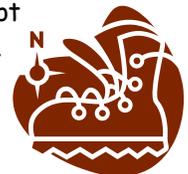


Residents will be able to enjoy a Historic Home Tour, Antique & Classic Car Show, Costume and Citrus Growing Contests and there will be live entertainment scheduled throughout the day. The Festival is scheduled for March 30, 2013, from 10:00am to 3:30pm in the Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street up to Pacific Street. In case of rain, there is a Rain Date of April 6, 2013, 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.cityofhighland.org](http://www.cityofhighland.org) under the Events Section.

**Save the date!!! The Community Trails Day Event is set for April 13, 2013!!!** You are invited to participate in the City of Highland Community Trails Committee's 19th Annual Trails Day Event, to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013. This year, the City will be utilizing the City of Highland's Natural Parkland Staging Area near the easterly terminus on the north side of Base Line, approximately 375 linear feet east of Brookwood Lane, in the City of Highland.

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.



For more information, about the Trails Day Event, please contact Assistant Planner, Sean Kelleher, at (909) 864-8732 Extension 210 or 1. drop by the Community Trails Booth No. 22 at the Citrus Harvest Festival on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. You may also visit the City's Website at [www.cityofhighland.org](http://www.cityofhighland.org) under the Events Section

**Planning Commission determination:** At its March 19, 2013, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Items:

1. A Modification to an existing Sign Program for the 76 Gas Station, and Canopy Alteration (ASR-013-002). The Project is generally located at the corner of Base Line and the 210 State Highway. Address: 27627 Base Line. APN: 1201-051-17-0000. Representative: Sorin Enache (Promotion Plus Sign Company) (This Item was continued from the February 19, 2013, Regular Meeting.)

The Planning Commission continued this Item to April 16, 2013, in order to allow the Applicant additional time to redesign the presentation of the additional Gas Pricing Sign.

2. A Public Hearing of the Planning Commission to consider the "Greenspot Village and Marketplace" Specific Plan (SPR-006-001), Final Environmental Impact Report (ENV-009-003), General Plan Amendment (GPA-009-002), Zone Change (ZC-009-001), and Design Review Applications for Planning Area 1 (PA1) and Planning Area 2 (PA2) (DRB 009-003 and DRB 009-004, respectively). The Project is an approximate 104-acre triangular shaped Site within the General Plan designated Golden Triangle Community Policy Area which is generally bordered by Greenspot Road on the south, Eucalyptus Avenue on the north, Boulder Avenue and Webster Street on the east, and City Creek and the 210 Freeway to the west. Representative: Glenn Elssmann, Greenspot Village and Marketplace, LLC

The Planning Commission Adopted Resolution 13-004, recommending the City Council takes the

following actions:

Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report including the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program for the Greenspot Village & Marketplace Specific Plan Project and adopt the Statement of Overriding Considerations and (ENV 009-003);

Approve General Plan Amendment 009-002 (GPA 009-002) to designate a portion of the Project Site Planned Development (PD), and amending the General Plan Circulation Element and Land Use Element;

3. Introduce an Ordinance to amend the City's Official Zoning Map to include a new Designation for the Specific Plan Site entitled, "SPR-006-001" (ZC 009-001);

4. Introduce an Ordinance to approve Specific Plan 006-001 (SP 006-001), for the Greenspot Village & Marketplace Specific Plan;

5. Approve draft topics for a Development Agreement to ensure the Project proceeds in an orderly and economic fashion to the benefit of the City;

6. Approve Design Review 009-003 (DRB 009-003) for Greenspot Village and Marketplace Planning Area 1 (PA1), "Highland Marketplace," including the Site Plan, Conceptual Building Elevations, Conceptual Landscape Plan and Conceptual Grading Plan, and;

7. Approve Design Review 009-004 (DRB 009-004) for Greenspot Village and Marketplace Planning Area 2 (PA2), "Residential Villages", including the Site Plan, Building Elevations, Conceptual Landscape Plan and Conceptual Grading Plan.

There were some modifications to the Specific Plan and Conditions of Approval. The Applications may now proceed forward in the process and the Applications will be scheduled for a future City

Council Meeting.

## Engineering

**Base Line Town Center Beautification Construction Update.** Construction is now over 60% complete. Traffic on the south side of Base Line has been shifted to the interior lane. The contractor has been busy this week completing installation of conduit for the median lights and irrigation. They have also begun saw-cutting concrete in the parkway on Base Line in order to install conduit for parkway street lights and irrigation. Next week, the contractor will begin to install the conduit in the parkway for street and irrigation, and construct decorative river rock on the median noses. Edison will also begin to install foundation for the median street lights. Construction remains on schedule to be completed by June 28, 2013.

**New Drive Approach for the new Family Dollar Store.** Construction began this week for a new concrete drive approach on the north side of Base Line, directly across from Bonita Drive, for the new Family Dollar Store located on the east side of the Baker's Restaurant. Since the parking lots of Family Dollar and CVS/Baker's will be connected together, this new drive approach will provide customers of these businesses to have full access to Base Line at the Bonita intersection, where turning movements are not restricted by the new center landscaped median being constructed by the City on Base Line. The Family Dollar Store is scheduled to be open sometime in June of this year.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Street Drainage Improvements: Update.** Construction continues for the Inland Valley Development Agency's 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Storm Drain Project, which consists of installing approximately 2,200 feet of new storm drain pipe along the south side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Victoria Avenue and the west line of IVDA's

landfill parcel east of Central Avenue, removing approximately 600 feet of existing City Creek Bypass drainage channel along the south side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street east of Victoria Avenue, and constructing a new triple wide concrete box culvert under 3<sup>rd</sup> Street at the channel crossing. This project is primarily funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration. The contractor has informed the City that the temporary closure of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, between Victoria Avenue and Central Avenue, to facilitate the timely and safe construction of the box culvert across 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, will begin Monday, March 25, 2013, and will be closed for approximately 8 working days, with the scheduled re-opening on April 3, 2013. Construction of the entire drainage project is scheduled for completion by the end of May.

## Volunteer Services

**Citrus Harvest Festival** - The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Citrus Harvest Festival is Saturday, March 30, 2013 from 10:00am to 3:30pm in the Historic District located on Palm and Main. Please visit Volunteer Services at **Booth #32** to find out how you can volunteer in Highland! See you there!

**Highland Blood Drive - Donors receive a Panera Bread gift certificate!** Join us as we host our second blood drive of the year. New donors and volunteers are always welcome. Please consider becoming Highland's newest donor. Right now, blood donations are crucial in our area. All types of blood are needed especially Type O-negative. Our region requires at least 600 units of blood a day to fulfill the need at local hospitals. The friendly staff from LifeStream will explain and walk you through the donation process, which takes approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

The blood drive is Monday, March 25, 2013 at the Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line, from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. All donors will receive a

3oz. Yogurt, courtesy of Major Brain Freeze and a \$10 Gift Certificate to Panera Bread. See you there!

Contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203 to find out more information.

**Highland Improvement Team** - Our annual cleanup of the Highland Historic District is fast approaching. Every year, HIT members and volunteers spruce up the historic neighborhood in preparation for the Citrus Harvest Festival. On this day lawns are mowed, yards are weeded and trimmed and gutters are cleared of weeds and litter. In addition, volunteers assist neighbors with removing and hauling away large bulky items and trash.

Please spread the word to family and friends to join us in preparing for our Annual festival while at the same time keeping Highland clean! Join us Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 8am to noon. Registration begins at 7:30am at Community Cross Church - 6955 Palm Avenue.

New Volunteers Always WELCOME! To sign up for this cleanup or for more information regarding the Highland Improvement Team, please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

**Public Safety Appreciation Week...POTLUCK CELEBRATION! Tuesday, April 2, 2013 - Friday, April 5, 2013.** The City of Highland will be honoring our Police and Fire Personnel during the City's Annual Public Safety Appreciation Week. Each day during the week, the City will host a potluck luncheon at one of the stations.

The festivities begin on Tuesday at the Highland Police Station, followed by Fire Station #1 on Wednesday, Fire Station #2 on Thursday and Fire Station #3 on Friday. Community members, businesses and organizations are invited to join us at one or all four lunches. Please come out and



show your support by contributing a favorite dish to share and by staying to enjoy lunch among Highland's Police and Fire personnel. This is just a small way we can show our gratitude for their commitment to our community...everyday.

The DATES and SCHEDULES are as follows:  
LUNCH - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and with Food Prep - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Tuesday, April 2, 2013 - Highland Police Station - 26985 Base Line - 909-425-9793  
Wednesday, April 3, 2013 - Fire Station #1 - 26974 Base Line (west) - 909-862-3031  
Thursday, April 4, 2013 - Fire Station #2 - 29507 Base Line (east) - 909-862-1760  
Friday, April 5, 2013 - Fire Station #3 - 7649 Sterling Avenue - 909-884-4100

To find out more information, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Moreno at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

## Library News

**It's a month long Earth Day celebration** at the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library & Environmental Learning Center!

Thursdays at 4:00pm- Crafts and projects  
April 4: From Scraps to Elegance: Papermaking  
April 11: Tree's Company Puppet Show  
April 18: Up-cycled Treasure Box  
April 25: Recycled Sculpture

Every Friday at 3:30pm- Animal Ambassadors featuring the following:  
April 5: Stick-It-To-You! Walking Sticks Insects  
April 12: Hiss or Miss: Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches  
April 19: Slip-Slidin' Away: Incredible Snakes  
April 26: Furry Friends with Fabulous Fur

Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> - Fifth Annual Earth Day Celebration

Join us from 2-4:30pm and learn how to lessen your impact on the Earth, Water use, Air quality and prevent Fires by visiting all of the free interactive booths and activities throughout the children's library and the rooftop gardens.

4:30pm - Teen Eco-Poetry Slam in the Community Room

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - The University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners will present 2 workshops:  
9-12 pm: Sustainable Landscapes  
1-4 pm: Edible Landscapes

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 2013 Eco Final!  
4:00-6:00 Interactive stations:  
Wildlife Button Making  
Newspaper Origami Planters

4:00-6:00 Garden Stroll & Refreshments  
Free Cotton Candy  
Free Popcorn

4:00-7:00 Performers  
4-6pm - Glimmer Body Art  
6:15-7pm - Annie Banannie



## Public Services

**Repete's Wisdom of the Week - 12 Tree-Mendous Wildlife Facts.** In honor of National Wildlife Week we decided what better way to celebrate then with some fun facts about wildlife and trees.

### Tree Tops:

**Baltimore Oriole:** The Baltimore oriole builds a suspended nest of woven material that hangs far out at the end of tree branches.

**Squirrel Treefrog:** Squirrel treefrogs have enlarged sticky toepads that make it a good climber and over-winters in small groups under bark or tree cavities.

**Joshua Tree:** Joshua trees grow only about 1.5 to 3 inches a year living hundreds, sometimes

thousands of years.

### Tree Trunk and Branches:

**Wood Duck:** Wood duck ducklings are brave critters! When they're ready to leave their nests, which are made of cavities in the trees, they jump from heights of 65 feet and land safely.



**(American) Beaver:** Beavers are one of few animals that can actively change their ecosystem, by blocking rivers with trees.

**Black Bear:** Some large black bears den in large hollow trees, and acorns are an important source of food for bears as they fatten up for winter hibernation.

**Dusky Footed Woodrat:** Dusky Footed Woodrat sometimes line their nests with leaves from the California bay tree. Scientists think the fumigating properties of the chewed-up leaves help to keep the nest free of parasites like ticks and mites.

### Forest Floor:

**Moose:** Moose antlers are 6 feet long tip to tip and the word "moose" is an Algonquin term meaning "ear of twigs".

**Red Mangroves:** Red Mangroves are sometimes called "walking trees," because their continuously growing prop roots make them look like they are walking on water! Their roots provide habitat for American crocodiles Florida panthers and West Indian Manatees.

### Roots and Soil:

**Quaking Aspen:** A quaking aspen clone in Utah is the largest known living thing on earth. The entire organism covers over 100 acres and weighs 1,000 tons!

**Millipedes:** Millipedes are important recyclers. They eat decaying leaves, fallen branches and other organic material- helping put nutrients back in the soil for plants to use.

For more information please visit the National Wildlife Federation on Facebook or [www.nwf.org/wildlifeweek](http://www.nwf.org/wildlifeweek).

**Get Your FREE Compost on April 6, 2013.** Highland residents this is an opportunity for you to tackle those lawn and garden projects for Spring. The City of Highland Public Services Division and Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc. are teaming up to host one day compost give-a-way. Join us on **April 6, 2013** from **8:00am to 12:00 (noon)** at **Highland City Hall (27215 Baseline)** to pick up your FREE compost.

**Here is how it works:**

- Open to Highland Residents ONLY (proof of residency will be required).
- This is a self-service program, therefore participants must provide their own shovels and assistance to load their vehicles
- Available on a first come first serve basis
- A tarp is recommended for open bed truck or trailers
- City reserves the right to end the event at any time due to product availability.

Compost can be used as a soil additive in gardens and flower beds to give plants additional nutrients and acts as a natural fertilizer. Compost helps grow stronger, healthier flowers, plants and vegetables.

For more information on this event, please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea A. Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

## Finance

**Commercial Business License Applications** - There were two new commercial business license applications for the week of 3/18/13 to 3/22/13: K&S Glam 27206 Base Line and The Good Guys- 24914 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Public Works

**What's New in Public Works?** The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 3/4/13 - 3/14/13: Traffic control due to accident at Greenspot/Orange; Citywide street light outages inventory project; weed abatement at various locations; Environmental Learning Center - interior repairs and front door problem and HVAC system; USA markings; installed temporary road closure signs on Palm for Harvest Festival; installed Neighborhood Watch sign @ Marigold & Crimson and Lemon & Church St. for Sheriff's Office; picked-up trash at City parks; completed various service requests; LMD/irrigation checks; took photos of "fallen" wooden fences along Shelton Trail; installed Citrus Harvest Festival pole banners at various locations; re-set light timers at Athletic Center; met with United Power Generation regarding repair of back-up generator at Fire Station #3; walk-thru evaluation at City Hall renew janitorial contract performance; repaired broken pvc fence rails at LMD #30; removed fallen tree branch at Base Line e/o Seine; re-set traffic signal at Del Rosa Dr./5<sup>th</sup> St.; took photos of raised sidewalks in East Highlands for grinding; check for any clogged storm drains on east end of City; checked building alarm sensor in Council Chambers; adjusted water supply line in men's restroom, and replaced soap dispensers in break room at City Hall; performed routine maintenance checks on City vehicles; assisted with furniture/debris cleanup on s/side of Cypress - Victoria s/o Millar - Pacific e/o Palm; cleared pump for fountain at Memorial Park; repaired pot holes throughout the City; repaired damaged 3-button marker for island on Highland w/o Victoria; re-set delineators/caution and road closed with "A frame" barricades at channel w/Noye s/o Highland; checked/cleaned Flintlock, Via Del Dene, Shelton, Lochinvar, east and west sides on Boulder n/o Base Line to Atlantic; checked request and took photos for tree removal at Bonita Dr.; replaced damaged pvc fence rails at

LMD#30 on Marianne Ln. & Vista Rio (by Plunge Creek maintenance road); took photos of greenwaste debris dumped onto Shelton Trail n/o Greenspot from residents; checked surveillance cameras at Community Park; pressure washed area of sidewalk at Athletic Center for installation of truncated domes; installed new street name signs/poles at Church St./Orangewood Rd. and 3<sup>rd</sup>/Tippecanoe; cleaned-up tumbleweeds on north side of Greenspot Red. e/o 210 fwy.; checked storm drain outlet at Bledsoe drainage ditch; re-staked silt fence material at 6<sup>th</sup>/Victoria along channel.

## Administration

**Why Prepare?** More than 82% of U.S. residents are aware that emergency preparedness is important to handle disasters. Yet of these, most have made little, if any, actual preparations! What about you? Are you ready?



All of us need to take a role in helping protect each other and our families and friends in the event of an emergency. From fires to landslides to ever-present earthquakes, we continuously face emergency situations.

Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year. Each disaster has lasting effects, both to people and property. If a disaster occurs in your community, local government and disaster relief organizations will try to help you. But you need to be ready as well. Local responders may not be able to reach you immediately or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere. You should know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that could occur in your area, including earthquakes, wildfires, landslides, pandemic, flooding, terrorism and more. You should also be ready to be self-sufficient for three to seven days. This may mean providing for your own shelter, first aid, food, water and sanitation.

We know that the next emergency is coming. We just don't know when or what kind it will be. But we can - and must - prepare now for the next emergency. Our family, friends and community depend on it. For more information on getting prepared, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Mark Your Calendar



### Saturday, March 23, 2013

8am to Noon - Highland Improvement Team Clean Up, Meet at Community Cross Church, 6955 Palm Avenue

### Monday, March 25, 2013

1:30pm to 6:30pm - Blood Drive, Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line, Highland

### Tuesday, March 26, 2013

8:30am - Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room

4:30pm - Finance Subcommittee Meeting, Upright Conference Room

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### Saturday, March 30, 2013

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

### Tuesday, April 2, 2013

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Public Safety Appreciation Week - Potluck Lunch  
12:00pm to 1:00pm, Highland Police Station, 26985 Base Line

### Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Public Safety Appreciation Week - Potluck Lunch  
12:00pm to 1:00pm, Fire Station #1, 26974 Base Line

**Thursday, April 4, 2013**

Public Safety Appreciation Week - Potluck Lunch  
12:00pm to 1:00pm, Fire Station #2, 29507 Base  
Line

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

**Friday, April 5, 2013**

Public Safety Appreciation Week - Potluck Lunch  
12:00pm to 1:00pm, Fire Station #3, 7649  
Sterling

**Saturday, April 6, 2013 RAIN DATE**

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

**Tuesday, April 9, 2013**

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

**Thursday, April 11, 2013**

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

**Saturday, April 13, 2013**

8:30am - The 19<sup>th</sup> Community Trails Day Event -  
Save the Date!!! Location is to be at the City's  
Natural Parkland near the eastern terminus on  
the north side of Base Line, approximately 375  
linear feet east of Brookwood Lane.

**Tuesday, April 16, 2013**

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

**Tuesday, April 23, 2013**

6pm - Regular City Council Meeting, Donahue  
Council Chambers

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