



City of Highland Weekly Report

April 01, 2010

Thank You Sponsors for a Successful 14th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival

Community Development

Citrus Harvest Festival Time was a HUGE success!!! Even though the weather was cool in the wee early morning hours, people were buzzing like bees in last minute preparation for the Festival. After the sun came up, the weather was perfect last Saturday, March 27, 2010 for the Citrus Harvest Festival. The FOURTEENTH Annual Event was held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Event was held in the Highland Historic District at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Main Street.



Excellent

There was Entertainment throughout the day. There were sounds of music and people dancing in the air in the morning, which included the Beattie Middle School Jazz Band, the Cypress Elementary Folklorico, and the San Gorgonio Jazz Ensemble. In the afternoon, swing music was heard from Chris Davis and his Orchestra.

There were Contests galore like the Pie Eating Contest for the Kids and always the famous (or is it the infamous?) Ugly Dog Contest and it appeared that everyone (and the pooches) was having a good time.

In the afternoon, there was a Festival Honorees Presentation given to George and Pauline Murillo from the San Manual Band of Mission Indians.

Also in the afternoon, there were sounds of swing music and visions of couples in turn-of-the-Century regalia that would evoke fond thoughts of historic Highland, and welcomed the public throughout the Festival. The public could also take a Tour of seven (7) historic sites including Homes, Packing Houses and Churches to see how people lived in those days.

Out in the thoroughfare turn-of-the-Century machines were huffing and puffing and chugging along to the delight of the people and how they were still running after all these years. There were also on-site demonstrators and living historians including a blacksmith, an adobe brick maker and rope maker, showing the attendees of the Festival how things were made over a Century ago.

There were over 200 Vendors displaying their wares in which to tantalize the public. The air was filled with aromas from the various "Food Booths" including hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ items, popcorn, Hawaiian shaved ice and oh, so

much more. The public could also shop at the various "Boutique Booths" and purchase that special item or trinket treasure.

People were comparing vehicles at the Car Show with the various years of makes, models, styles, the stories and racing / dragging days of old and, of course, the RPMs!!!

Children were giggling, playing and running and the little ones were either in strollers or riding on adults' shoulders having a great view of the Festival.

Last, but certainly not least, Highland would be unable to put this Event on without the assistance of the Festival Sponsors, Co-Sponsors, Additional Sponsors, Donations, Vendors, Participants, or the dedication of the Volunteers and City Staff and the Public. A GREAT, BIG, THANK YOU. Until then....hope to see you there next year!!!



Public Services

Repete's Wisdom of the Week -Week Nine, "I didn't know that was recyclable!" item is... *Wine Corks!*

Natural cork, the kind used in wine closures, is a perfect choice for recycling. It's 100% natural, biodegradable and renewable. There is no reason natural wine corks should end up as garbage when recycled cork can become flooring tiles, building insulation, automotive gaskets, craft materials, soil conditioner and sports equipment. Because of a worldwide interest in sustainable agriculture and natural products like cork, an alliance of concerned businesses, individuals, and ecological organizations has been formed to address the opportunities to recycle natural cork closures.

ReCORK by Amorim (previously ReCORK America) has partnered up with national retailers to establish wine cork collection locations nationwide. In addition, the organization partners with restaurants, businesses, resorts, wineries and wine retailers

to collect their used corks from day-to-day business operations and recycle them into new materials.

According to ReCORK, there are 13 billion natural cork wine stoppers sold in the world market each year, most of which end up in the landfill. It takes approximately 300,000 wine corks to yield a ton of cork for recycling into new product.

To make this program work ReCORK needs your corks. We ask that you save your used, natural wine corks (no plastic or metal please) and deposit them at a collection location in your area, or send them directly to ReCORK. Collection locations have just been established in California and Oregon. Your corks will be used to replace petroleum-based material in SOLE and other Re-Use Partners' products and packaging, and extend the useful life of your wine corks. By taking part in ReCORK's recycling program, you are helping with our tree planting initiative, spreading the word about the importance of the cork forests, and encouraging companies to make more sustainable products.

For more information, please visit www.recorkamerica.com or call 1-877-321-CORK (2675). For general recycling questions please contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext. 271.

Volunteer Services

The Highland Improvement Team. The Highland Improvement Team (HIT) needs your help! We are currently seeking volunteers to join our team. Our goal is to help beautify the community of Highland. Our primary focus is to aid homeowners who are 55+ and/or disabled who need assistance in cleaning up the areas outside their home. Some of the tasks we may perform include yard work, minor repair; minor painting, landscaping and garage clean out. HIT cleanup projects take place on the 3rd Saturday of every month unless there is scheduled City event.



Volunteer hours completed with the HIT Team can qualify for community service hours with most organizations. This includes volunteer requirements needed for school, work, church and group programs. Certificates are also available upon request from the City's Volunteer Services Department.

The following are upcoming HIT clean ups:

- Saturday, April 17th (Meet @ City Hall, 27215 Baseline)
- Saturday, May 15th (location TBD)
- Saturday, June 19th (location TBD)

Each clean up will take place from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The City provides all equipment, tools and water needed. As a token of appreciation, the City hosts a BBQ at the end of each clean up, for all volunteers involved.

If you would like to sign on for a cleanup, join the Highland Improvement Team or recommend your home as a future HIT cleanup, please contact Denise Garnsey, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 909-864-6861 extension 203.

Highland Community Blood Drives.

Show your love for the community of Highland and give the "Gift of Life" by donating blood in 2010. Each donor receives points as part of the "Gift of Life" Donor Loyalty Program. Donors can redeem these points for items such as travel coffee mugs, gift cards and special tests through LifeStream's online store at www.LStream.org

Mark your calendar for our next blood drive set for Monday, May 24, 2010. We can all help Highland increase its blood donations. Hope to see you there!

Remember to drink plenty of fluids and bring photo identification with you. Please make sure at least 56 days have elapsed since your last blood donation. For those that are 15 or 16 years old, please bring a signed LifeStream parental consent form, also available on the

LifeStream website, www.LStream.org

Should you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey, at 909 864-6861 extension 203.

Blood Drive Committee. As many of you know, the City of Highland holds a community blood drive six times per year. Although LifeStream is primarily responsible for screening donors and receiving their blood donations, there is a "Blood Drive Committee" comprised of volunteers, who help during the duration of each drive. The committee meets one month prior to each blood drive to plan for each upcoming blood drive. Members of the Blood Drive Committee are responsible for a diverse number of tasks during the blood drive that may include posting blood drive fliers around the community, processing donors, setting up tables and chairs and handing out refreshments in the canteen area. The Committee is currently seeking volunteers to become new members. Please join us at our next Blood Drive Recruitment Meeting to find out more information and meet with the current Blood Drive Committee members. The meeting will take place at the Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue in Highland, on Monday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

For questions or more information, please contact Volunteer Services Coordinator, Denise Garnsey, at 909-864-6861 ext. 203.

Library News

Join the Highland Library and Environmental Learning Center for an Eco-Conscious Adult Craft in honor of Earth Day! The monthly Adult Craft program for Saturday, April 10, 2010 will feature the plastic shopping bag. Patrons are encouraged to bring 10 or more plastic shopping bags, extras will be supplied. Two uses for the bags will be demonstrated.



Plastic bags can be cut into strips which are tied and crocheted together to make a reusable bag or sheets of plastic can be fused together and sewn or shaped into a book cover. Adults; this is what you have been saving all those plastic shopping bags for!

Come join us in preparation for Earth Day Saturday, **April 10, 2010 at 10:00am in the Community Room** for Creative Crafts for Adults! This program is FREE and open to adults, registration is requested. Please call (909) 425-4700 to register.

Public Works

What's New in Public Works? The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 3/24 - 3/31/10: Sprayed weeds at various locations; pot hole repair at 6th St. alley, Palm/5th, Greenspot at City limits, at 26068 5th St., on Water w/o Via Deldene, Base Line/Webster, 5th w/o Palm; replaced traffic signs on Palm northbound between 9th & Fisher; picked-up furniture at Elmwood n/o Base Line, Lankershim alley; cleaned graffiti on construction project signs; checked USA tickets; fixed lighting problems, repaired door, checked air conditioning, set timers at City Hall; worked on parking lot lighting at Community Park; delivered wood chips to Community Park; maintenance/landscape checks at LMDs and City facilities; placed "no parking" signs/barricades, etc. for traffic control for Harvest Festival; checked video surveillance at City parks; cleaned YMCA areas, library, Community Park and Corporate Yard; repaired tool rack on City truck; dumped dirt at 6th/Victoria; set-up road closures at Boulder/Greenspot due to traffic accident; performed routine maintenance of City parks; moved existing signs on Highland Ave./Church St. to stop sign pole and new street name signs to marble light pole on northeast corner; installed horse trial donation sign on Base Line e/o Weaver (Shelton Trail); checked crosswalk lighting at Love/Church St., Cunningham/9th; replaced 2 traffic signs on Palm between 9th and Norwood; cleaned drainpipe and screens in drainage divider box on Sycamore

drain channel; repaired/re-anchored bridge plates at Aurantia Park bridge.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, April 2, 2010

7:30am - COPS Meeting at Kay's Cafe

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, April 7, 2009

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

Thursday, April 8, 2010

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

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, April 17, 2010

8:00am - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet at City Hall, 27215 Base Line

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, April 26, 2010

5pm to 6pm - Blood Drive Committee Recruitment Meeting, Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, April 29, 2010

10am - Arbor Day Ceremony, Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

6 pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

Thursday, May 13, 2010

5pm - Community Trails Committee Regular
Meeting, On-site location

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Armed Forces Day

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,
Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue
Council Chambers

Monday, May 31, 2010

Memorial Day - City Offices are closed

Saturday, June 5, 2010

8am - Community Trails Day Event

Assembled by: Elena Rodrigues

Happy Holiday!!!

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