



# City of Highland Weekly Report

April 22, 2011

## Come Celebrate Arbor Day Thursday, April 28, 2011

### Volunteer Services



**Arbor Day.** As part of Tree City USA, the City of Highland will be celebrating Arbor Day by holding a tree planting ceremony. We will be planting two trees at Highland's Community Park on Thursday, April 28 at 8:30 am. Please come and join us at this annual event. Highland Community Park is located at 27003 Hibiscus in Highland. Should you have any questions, please contact Denise Garnsey, Volunteer Services Coordinator at 909-864-6861 ext. 203.

More information about National Arbor Day or Tree City USA can be found on the National Arbor Day Foundation website, [arborday.org](http://arborday.org)

**Highland Improvement Team - Cleanups Wanted...** The Highland Improvement Team needs your help. We are searching for Highland homeowners who need help with yard cleanup and minor landscaping. The Highland Improvement Team's first priority is to aid residents in need. There are no income eligibility requirements and absolutely no charge to the homeowner. A fabulous team of volunteers completes all work and repair at H.I.T. projects.

Here are the few qualifications:

1. Must be 55 years or older and/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 8:00 am to Noon.

Does this sound like you? Please contact Volunteer Services at 909-864-6861 extension 203 to find out if you could be our next HIT Cleanup!

### Community Development

**Community Trails Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman elected.** At the April 14, 2011, Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting, the Committee went through the election process and selected new Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The Board reelected Gerard Reminiskey as Chairman and Margaret Wright as Vice Chairwoman. This is Gerard's second term as Chair and Margaret's third term, since 2002, as

Vice Chair, respectively. Staff is continuing to look forward to working with Gerard and Margaret in their new positions. Congratulations!!!

**Planning Commission determination:** At its April 19, 2011, regular Meeting, the Commission considered the following Items:

1. A request for a three (3) Year Extension of Time (EXT-011-002) for the construction and operation of a Senior Living Community, which is designed to accommodate Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Memory Care Units. (Chaparral Heights Senior Living Community) for Conditional\*- Use Permit (CUP-007-014). The approximate 5.2-acre Site is located on the south side of Base Line approximately four hundred feet (400') west of Church Street. (Assessor Parcel Number: 1201-251-12.) Representatives: Randal Corwin and Steve Yates - BrightWater Senior Living



The Planning Commission Approved Resolution No. 11-004 for a three (3) Year Extension of Time (EXT-011-002) for Conditional Use Permit (CUP 007-014) subject to the Amended Conditions of Approval, and Findings of Fact.

The Application may now proceed forward in the process.

2. Amendments to portions of the City's General Plan Land Use Element (Chapter 2) to include a new "Residential High Density District" (GPA 011-001); and Amendments to the City's Land Use and Development Code amending the City's Official Zoning Map to incorporate a new Multi-family Residential District (R4) and High Density Special Overlay (HDS) within the Golden Triangle Policy Area (ZCO-011-01), and amending the City Land Use and Development Code (Title 16) adopting new R4 and HDS Development Standards (MCA 011-003) all in accordance with the City's 2006-2014 Housing Element, approved

on January 25, 2011. The location is City-wide. The Planning Commission continued this Item to its May 17, 2011, Regular Meeting.

**Village Home Completes Repairs.** Kelvin and Rebecca Knight's home at 7927 Ypsilantha Street suffered damage during the December, 2010, storms. Early inspections from Building & Safety found two feet to three feet (2'-3') of mud covering the yard, encroaching into the interior and filling the pool. The home was posted with a yellow tag.

The owners went to work immediately cleaning the property and took use of the City's Neighborhood Pride Grant Program. They submitted their Grant Application on January 5<sup>th</sup> and the last of the work were completed in mid-March. These repairs were made:

Interior - new flooring, insulation, drywall and paint throughout the home including new bathroom tile, tub, shower and hardware.

Exterior - siding repair, paint, new windows, garage re-roof, replacement of a damaged patio cover, new front door, rear sliding glass door and installation of landscaping.

All of the work was completed within the \$25,000 Grant limit. The Knight's and their children have returned home.

## Public Services



**REPETE'S WISDOM OF THE WEEK - FREE COMPOST!!!!** The Public Services Division hosted its second annual free Compost Give-A-Way at City Hall on Saturday, April 9, 2011. We are proud to announce that 37 Highland residents participated in the event.

Listed below are a few examples of the benefits of using compost:

- Improves the soil structure, porosity, and density, thus creating a better plant root environment.
- Increases moisture infiltration and permeability of heavy soils, thus reducing erosion and runoff.
- Improves water-holding capacity, thus reducing water loss and leaching in sandy soils.
- Supplies a variety of macro and micronutrients.
- May control or suppress certain soil-borne plant pathogens.
- Supplies significant quantities of organic matter.
- Improves cation exchange capacity (CEC) of soils and growing media, thus improving their ability to hold nutrients for plant use.
- Supplies beneficial micro-organisms to soils and growing media.
- Improves and stabilizes soil pH.
- Can bind and degrade specific pollutants.

For those of you who missed this event, the Public Services Division is currently evaluating the possibility of hosting this event two times a year. If you would like to be notified of upcoming events, please send your e-mail address to [publicservices@cityofhighland.org](mailto:publicservices@cityofhighland.org) or contact Public Services Coordinator, Andrea Saavedra at 909-864-8732 ext 271.

We would like to thank those who participated in helping keep Highland a cleaner and beautiful community!

## Library News

**Highland Library Rooftop Welcomes Community Gardeners.** Experienced and novice gardeners alike can learn more about plants and gardening by joining Highland Environmental Learning Center staff in the rooftop gardens on Saturdays. Starting on April 16 during the regularly scheduled Garden Walk from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., Community Garden Day will feature a different garden and plant family every week.



Patrons of all ages are encouraged to bring their gloves and hand tools and get their hands dirty caring for the gardens. Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate.

The Highland Sam J Racadio Library and Environmental Learning Center is located at 7863 Central Ave. in Highland, just north of 5<sup>th</sup> St. and can be reached at (909) 425-4700.

For more information about Community Garden Day, please contact Lauren Bergh, Environmental Program Specialist at the Highland Library and Environmental Learning Center, at [HGLENV@lib.sbcounty.gov](mailto:HGLENV@lib.sbcounty.gov) or (909) 425-4706.

**Highland Celebrates Earth Day for the Animals.** Animal friends take center stage as the Highland Environmental Learning Center and the City of Highland celebrate their Annual Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 22, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Animals are People, Too!"

The FREE event will include activities and information booths for all ages. Patrons are encouraged to bring their bottles and cans to the recycling drive for prizes, create their own Earth Day t-shirt or tote bag, explore the rooftop gardens and remember to say "hi" to all the animals.

Author Rebecca O'Connor will make a special presentation at 4:30 p.m. as she discusses her book, *Lift: A Memoir*, in the Community Room.

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**Lady Falconer, Author Stars at Highland Earth Day Celebration.** The Highland Environmental Learning Center and the Inlandia Institute present author/falconer Rebecca O'Connor during the Annual Highland Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 22, 2011.



Ms. O'Connor presents her book, *Lift*, and discusses the journey and life lessons learned as she navigated the ancient man's sport of falconry. Her presentation explores themes of predator and prey, finding tribe, forgiveness and femininity. Her memoir asks universal questions through a unique backdrop, *Lift* illustrating the beauty and meaning that the sport of falconry can add to a falconer's life, echoing the challenges and triumphs of being human.

A falconer with a lifelong passion for birds and writing, O'Connor finds her inspiration hunting in the Southern California hills with a red-tailed hawk. She shares her home with an unruly collection of animals that she refuses to train and gets her best advice from Ty, an African gray parrot who insists he's a chicken hawk.

The presentation starts at 4:30 p.m. in the Highland Library Community Room. The Highland

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## Public Works

### Public Works Report -March 2011

Total Man-hours	1,482
Compensated Man-hours	954
Un-compensated Man-hours	528
<b>Man-Hours per Activity</b>	
General Clean-up	111
Parkway Maintenance	0
Potholes	57.25
Sidewalk	0
Storm Drains	23.25
Signs/Traffic Control	33
Trees Trimmed	0
Vehicle/Tool Maintenance	53.25
Building/Grounds Maintenance	269.5
Landscape Maintenance District	45.5
Park Maintenance	328.5
Trail Maintenance	51.75
Special Maintenance	101.75
Crack Sealing	0
Graffiti	144.5
USA Markings	30
Weed Spraying	69
Staff Meetings	151.25
Safety Training	13.5

**SPECIAL:** FEMA paperwork related to December flooding; moved dirt at 6<sup>th</sup>/Victoria to Boulder Ave.; put-up banner over Base Line, and pole banners for Citrus Harvest Festival; graded shoulder of road on 6<sup>th</sup> St. between Victoria & Grape; graded Lankershim alley between Lankershim & Eucalyptus, 6<sup>th</sup> & Cypress; planted tree at dog park in Aurantia Park for Arbor Day;

met with Edge Development regarding marking water/sewer lines at Sheriff Station; took woodchips from Aurantia Park to Environmental Learning Center.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Monday, April 25, 2011

4pm to 5pm -Blood Drive Committee Meeting  
Jerry Lewis Community Center, 7793 Central Avenue

### Tuesday, April 26, 2011

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### Thursday, April 28, 2011

8:30am - Arbor Day Ceremony  
Highland Community Park, 27003 Hibiscus

### Tuesday, May 3, 2011

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

### Saturday, May 7, 2011

9am to 2pm - Open House for Fire Station #1  
26974 Base Line (west)

### Tuesday, May 10, 2011

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### Thursday, May 12, 2011

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

### May 15-21, 2011

National Public Works Week

### Tuesday, May 17, 2011

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting,  
Donahue Council Chambers

### Saturday, May 21, 2011

8:00am to Noon -Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, meet @ Highland City Hall  
27215 Base Line

### Saturday, May 21-22, 2011

9am to 9am (24 Hour Event) - Highland Relay for Life, Highland Community Park,  
27003 Hibiscus

### Monday, May 23, 2011

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

### Tuesday, May 24, 2011

6pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

### Monday, May 30, 2011

Memorial Day Observance - City Offices are closed

*Assembled by: Elena Rodrigues*



*Happy Easter 2011*

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