



City of Highland Weekly Report

April 29, 2010

You're Invited to an Open House!! Fire Station #1 Saturday May 1, 2010

Volunteer Services

Fire Station #1 Open House. On Saturday, May 1, 2010 the Highland Fire Department invites you to attend Fire Station #1 Open House from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Fire Station #1 is located at 26974 Baseline. Stop by and get a tour of the fire station and fire engine. There will be free blood pressure checks, fire prevention and safety information and more.



Let's get to know the firefighters who protect and serve our community! For more information, please call 909-862-3031.

History of Arbor Day. The first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska. It was the brainchild of Julius Sterling Morton (1832-1902), a Nebraska journalist and politician originally from Michigan. Throughout his long and productive career, Morton worked to improve agricultural techniques in his adopted state and throughout the United States when he served as President Grover Cleveland's Secretary of Agriculture. But his most important legacy is Arbor Day.

Morton felt that Nebraska's landscape and economy would benefit from the wide-scale planting of trees. He set an example himself planting orchards, shade trees and wind breaks on his own farm and he urged his neighbors to follow suit. Morton's real opportunity, though, arrived when he became a member of Nebraska's state board of agriculture. He proposed that a special day be set aside dedicated to tree planting and increasing awareness of the importance of trees. Nebraska's first Arbor Day was an amazing success. More than one million trees were planted. A second Arbor Day took place in 1884 and the young state made it an annual legal holiday in 1885, using April 22nd to coincide with Morton's birthday.

In the years following that first Arbor Day, Morton's idea spread beyond Nebraska with Kansas, Tennessee, Minnesota and Ohio all proclaiming their own Arbor Days. Today all 50 states celebrate Arbor Day although the dates may vary in keeping with the local climate. At the federal level, in 1970, President Richard Nixon proclaimed the last Friday in April as National Arbor Day. Arbor Day is also now celebrated in other countries including Australia. Variations are celebrated as 'Greening Week' of Japan, 'The New Year's

Days of Trees' in Israel, 'The Tree-loving Week' of Korea, 'The Reforestation Week' of Yugoslavia, 'The Students' Afforestation Day' of Iceland and 'The National Festival of Tree Planting' in India. Julius Sterling Morton would be proud. Sometimes one good idea can make a real difference.

For the homeowner, Arbor Day is an excellent opportunity to take stock of the trees on your property and plan for the future. Inspect your trees. Note any broken branches or evidence of disease or insect infestation. Think about how planting new trees might improve the look of your property or provide wind or heat protection. Take a trip to your local nursery to see what's available and to get new ideas. Walk around your neighborhood. Are there any public areas where tree planting or tree maintenance might make a real difference to your community? And, oh yes, plant a tree.

Community Development

There's a new face in town!!! In October, 2009, Mr. Steven Rondina started working in the Code Enforcement Division as the City's newest Code Compliance Officer. He also has experience with Building Code(s) and is certified. So when you have a chance, stop by and say "hello" to him. Congratulations and welcome aboard, Steven!!!



And another new face in town!!! In March, 2010, a new part time Code Compliance Officer has joined the ranks of Code Enforcement. His name is Steve Harrison and was an employee from Willdan and has been doing Code Enforcement for many years and in other jurisdictions for Willdan. Stop by and say, "Hello" if you happen to be in City Hall, or in town and see Steve. Congratulations, and welcome aboard, Steve!!!

Update on Vacant Property Registrations. This is an update on vacant, foreclosed properties. The process is that the Bank(s) registers with the City those vacancies,

foreclosures, and handles the maintenance for said properties. When the Bank has the property registered with the City, and if there is problem, the City can contact the Bank to resolve the problem. In addition, the Bank is to also post a sign on the house with information for the neighbors to contact the Bank if problems arise. To date, the City has 110 properties registered and that fourteen (14) of those properties have already sold. Code Enforcement has generated \$12,100 in Registration Fees alone. Not to mention the advantage of finding illegal additions, etc. that will generate money in Permits.



Public Works

Graffiti Report. During the period of 4/21/10 - 4/28/10, graffiti known to Public Works staff, by the following means, was removed: **Reported to Hotline:** Church Ave. n/o Norwood to 5th St., Valaria, Pacific, 8045 Marilyn, 8056 Del Rosa Dr., Orange St. at SR210, Osbun/Base Line, Church/Base Line, Foster/Villa Ct. to Villa Ave., Church/Pacific, Fisher/Church Ave., 7099 Church, Osbun/Pacific, 25565 Pacific to Sterling, Norwood e/o Springmeadow, 6th St. to e/o Victoria; **Reported by Staff:** Community Park; **Routine Observation by Public Works:** SR210 at City Creek, Victoria n/o Base Line, Pacific to Olive, Victoria n/o 6th to Cypress, 26762 Cypress, 26772 Cypress, Cypress/Cunningham, 7835 Cunningham, 7511 Church Ave., 7499 McKinley, 9th/Elmwood, 9th w/o Del Rosa Ave., 9th w/o Golondrina, Sterling s/o Fisher, Sterling s/o Jane, Church to Powell, Del Rosa Ave./7th St., Del Rosa Ave./9th, 25454 9th, 7741 Elmwood, 25573 9th, 9th/McKinley, Lankershim/9th, 26020, 9th, 26120 9th, 9th e/o Cole, Pacific/Church Ave., Alice/15th, Pacific/Miller, 7734 Cunningham, 25502 5th, 25476 5th, 8023 Del Rosa Ave., 4th/Del Rosa Dr., Shirley/5th, Base Line/Guthrie, at end of Walker St., 8036 Marilyn, Nona/Orange, Orange/Millar, n/o Pacific between Highland Ave. and Pacific w/o Victoria, Central/Cypress, 6933 Palm, 7113 Victoria, Base Line/Yarnell, Base Line w/o Webster,

Foster/Buckeye, 14th/Buckeye, 6939 Del Rosa Ave., s/s Pacific to Sterling.

What's New in Public Works? The following activities were completed by Public Works Crew between 4/15/10 - 4/28/10: Checked USA tickets; installed trail signs; landscape/irrigation maintenance at designated City locations; pressure-washed sidewalks; pothole repair at various locations; interior/exterior light work at Fire Station #3; cleaned-up trash at City parks; walk-thru inspection of LMD 48B in front of L.A. Fitness on Greenspot; sign replacement at 14th/Colwyn, Central n/o Base Line, 7161 Central, 7166 Olive, Victoria/9th, Cypress/McKinley, 26421 9th, 25715 Jane, Base Line between Webster & Boulder, Base Line at Royal Palm Apts., 26772 Cypress, 26762 Cypress, Victoria/Union; City vehicle checks; replaced lights at YMCA, Athletic Center; miscellaneous repairs at City Hall; installed street name signs at Elm St. & Amanda St.; checked electrical meters at Community Park, reset timing, replaced ballast/bulbs in parking lot area; repaired broken pvc fence railings and brackets on Northfork Trail; cleaned drain screens at Water/Clubview; traffic & warning signs replacement at Victoria/6th, Vince/Sterling, Elm s/o Base Line, Water/Weaver, Base Line w/o Valaria, 26300 block of Base Line, Base Line/McKinley; trimmed trees at 27045 Base Line, 26782 Cypress, Jane/Sterling, Pacific e/o La Praix, Sterling s/o Pacific; planted tree at 7412 Club View; picked-up dumped furniture at 26923 Cypress, Greenspot Rd, Union St. alley; PARSAC training; removed damaged pvc fence railing at LMD #30 on Marianne Ln./Frontera Del Sur along flood control road; trenched basin at Environmental Learning Center and filled w/gravel and sand, hauled-off clay soil; worked on lighting problem at Fire Station #2; cut-out, re-patched and covered sink hole on Palm/Pacific; cleared water channel at 6th to Palm; cleaned gas spill at Base Line/Guthrie; repaired waterline leak at Corp. Yd.; replaced damaged lumber on iron bridge at



Greenspot.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, May 1, 2010

9 am to 2 pm - Fire Station Open House
Station #1 - 26974 Baseline

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Planning Commission Meeting - canceled

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

6 pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Community Trails Committee Regular Meeting has been canceled

5 pm - Study Session, On-site Location

Saturday, May 15, 2010

8 am to Noon - Highland Improvement Team Cleanup, Meet at City Hall - 27215 Baseline
Armed Forces Day

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

6 pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Saturday, May 22/Sunday, May 23, 2010

8 am to 8 am (24-hour event)
Relay for Life (Highland), Highland Community Park - 27003 Hibiscus

Monday, May 24, 2010

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

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

6 pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Monday, May 31, 2010

Memorial Day - City Offices are closed

Tuesday, June 1, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

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

Thursday, June 3, 2010

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

Saturday, June 5, 2010

8 am - Community Trails Day Event
9 am to 2 pm - Fire Station Open House
Station #2 - 29507 Baseline

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

6 pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Thursday, June 10, 2010

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

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

6pm - Planning Commission Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

6 pm - City Council Regular Meeting, Donahue Council Chambers

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