

Hayward's Historic City Hall

Vocabulary:

- **city hall** - the main building of a city government
- **groundbreaking** - a ceremony to “break the ground” for a new construction site
- **cornerstone** - a stone laid at the bottom corner of a building, often carved with the date the building was built
- **fault line** - a break in the earth's crust where two plates of rock move past each other, often causing earthquakes
- **time capsule** - a collection of objects from a certain time period, saved and hidden away to be opened at some time in the future

Questions:

- 1.) What year did Hayward officially become a town? *1876*
- 2.) What date was the *groundbreaking ceremony* for the City Hall? *March 25, 1930*
- 3.) Fill in the blank: “Hayward celebrated this day with a giant _____
marching through downtown to the building site.” *parade*
- 4.) List at least 3 groups that participated in the parade: *Hayward Police, Hayward firefighters, marching bands, schoolchildren waving flags*
- 5.) What date was the City Hall finally finished? *December 7, 1930*
- 6.) Why did the city government move out of the historic City Hall? *It was too small for the growing city. (Also, it was built on the earthquake faultline.)*
- 7.) Can the original City Hall building be used today? Why or why not? *The City Hall building cannot be used today because it was built on the Hayward Fault and is not safe.*