

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

August 29, 2011

CITY MANAGER

HB Recognized As Outstanding Green City

Huntington Beach water conservation and energy program staff accepted the Emerald Award for Outstanding Green City. The application, prepared by the Environmental Board in cooperation with water conservation staff, was selected for the award by the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County. Huntington Beach water conservation programs have reduced city-wide water consumption by 10% since 2007. The city's energy programs were recognized for creating over \$330,000 of annual energy savings, being the first Orange County city to achieve Gold partner status with SCE, and the installation of 3 large solar installations providing shaded parking and on-site clean energy to cost-effectively, power city facilities.



Sunset Beach Annexation Recorded

The unincorporated community of Sunset Beach was annexed on August 22, 2011, to the city of Huntington Beach. On August 29, 2011, calls for Police and Fire services were handed over to the City from the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Orange County Fire Authority. It is anticipated that the balance of services including Public Works, Marine Safety, and Beach Maintenance will be handed over to the City on October 1, 2011. The residents of the annexed area will continue to retain their identity as Sunset Beach. Please check the City's website www.huntingtonbeachca.gov for updates on the transition. Utilize the Surf City Pipeline Citizen Inquiry process, found on our home page, to seek answers to frequently asked questions or to ask questions not covered on the webpage.

The Fourth Annual Huntington Beach Green Expo - Saturday, September 17

The Fourth Annual Huntington Beach Green Expo takes place on Saturday, September 17 from 9 AM – 5 PM at the Huntington Beach Pier Plaza - attendance is free. The event is co-

sponsored by the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce (HBCOC).

Over 50 vendors will be showcasing their sustainable and “green” products and services. Each vendor meets the “green” classification of energy efficiency, water reduction, recycled materials and organic products. Vendor types range from non-profits and nature reserves, to furniture, clothing, food, paper, vehicle, solar, architecture, and agriculture industries. Live artists will be creating chalk murals and sand sculptures, acoustic music, and giveaways. This is a not-to-miss event! There are a few booth spaces still available – to reserve a booth call Chamber of Commerce at 714-536-8888.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Youth Flag Football & Coed Indoor Volleyball

The City of Huntington Beach offers Youth Flag Football for children from first to eighth grade. The junior program accommodates those age six to eight, and provides a fun, semi-competitive environment for children to learn the basics of the game. Children age nine and up compete in competitive leagues where they learn the fundamentals of the game while staying healthy and active. Games are held on Saturdays at Murdy and Edison Community Centers. Indoor Co-ed Volleyball is also offered for children from fifth to eighth grade. These players will develop new skills in a fun and active setting. All games are played in the indoor gym at the City Gym & Pool. Players in both sports will be placed on a team and receive an HB recreation jersey and end of season trophy! Both sports begin Saturday, September 10.

Aquatic Demonstration

The City of Huntington Beach is offering a free Aquatic Exercise Bazaar at the City Gym and Pool. The Aquatic Exercise Bazaar will give adults and seniors the opportunity to watch class demonstrations or actively participate in aquatics classes. Experience the benefits of low impact aquatic exercises in a heated therapy pool. The Aquatic Exercise Bazaar will be held from noon to 2:30pm on Friday, September 9. Transportation to the City Gym and Pool from the Rodger's Senior Center is available by signing up at Rodger's Senior Center's. For more information or to register please contact the City Gym and Pool at (714)960-8884 or go online to www.hbsands.org.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surf City Savings

Surf City Savings is a program created to encourage shopping locally to help keep our tax dollars in our community, which helps to provide funding for essential services that our

citizens rely on each and every day. Visit www.surfcitysavings.com often to view and print out various discounts from over 150 local businesses and let the savings begin!

Some of the local merchants taking an active role in the program are **Hashigo Sushi** offering a free appetizer, **What's For Dinner** Heat & Eat Meals with a buy one, get one offer and **The Fragrance Shop** with discounts off purchase. With deals like this, there's no reason not to visit www.surfcitysavings.com to discover all the great offers from Huntington Beach businesses!

Shuttle And Bike Valet – Now Through Labor Day Only!

The Surf City Downtown Shuttle and Surf City Bike Valet are now winding down the second success summer run, and if you haven't yet tried these fantastic – and FREE – options for visiting the downtown, this is your last chance! Both programs are continuing through Labor Day. The Shuttle operates on Tuesdays from 5:30 -10 PM from the Civic Center to Main and Orange Streets during Surf City Nights, and on weekends and Labor Day from 10 AM-10 PM to Main and Orange and 5th Street/The Strand. The Bike Valet is located at The Strand on 5th Street/Walnut Avenue on Tuesdays from 5-9 PM during Surf City Nights and on weekends and Labor Day from 12-5 PM. For more information, visit: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/videos/hbtv3/shuttle-bike-promo.cfm>.

Kathy May's Lakeview Café at Central Park:

The former Alice's Café at Central Park has a new tenant - Kathy May's Lakeview Café. Scheduled to open by March 2012, Kathy May's will offer American Family Style cuisine for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and an optional alternative healthy menu for those counting your calories. For more information log on to www.kathymayslakeviewcafe.com.

FIRE

National Preparedness Month

Since its inception in 2004, National Preparedness Month is observed each September in the United States. Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) within the Department of Homeland Security, National Preparedness Month encourages Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities. FEMA's Ready Campaign educates and empowers Americans to prepare for, and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks.

Since September 11, 2001, the US Government has encouraged all citizens to make their own survival preparations. September was chosen as National Preparedness Month as the tragedies of September 11, 2001, highlighted the importance of being prepared.

As of 2009, the Citizen Corps National Survey revealed that only 57% of Americans surveyed report having supplies set aside in their homes just for disasters; only 44% have a household emergency plan. National Preparedness Month serves to encourage individuals across the nation to take important preparedness steps including: getting an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, being informed about the different emergencies that may affect them, as well as taking the necessary steps to get trained and become engaged in community preparedness and response efforts.

Throughout the month of September, the Fire Department will present Emergency Preparedness Information in the City Manager's Weekly Report to educate families on the importance of being prepared for emergencies.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Huntington Beach Senior Services provides many services. For more information about these services, go to:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/human_services/senior_services.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Get the Smartest Card at Your Library

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Huntington Beach Public Library wants to make sure that all children in Huntington Beach have the smartest card of all – a library card.

Public library programming and books for children make a difference in the lives of students. By providing school-age children with engaging programs and amazing collections, students from all backgrounds become excited and enthusiastic readers.

“A library card has always been the most important school supply of all,” says library director Stephanie Beverage. “Today’s libraries are thriving technology hubs that millions rely on as either their first or only choice for computer and Internet access. In doing so, libraries provide children with not only the tools to be literate, but information literate as well. There’s a lot happening at the Huntington Beach Library, and the best part for both children and parents – in these tough economic times - is that it’s all free with a library card.”

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month is a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit any

branch of the Huntington Beach Public Library, call 714-842-4481 or visit the library online at www.hbpl.org.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Warner/Nichols Focused EIR to be Prepared

A Notice of Preparation of a Draft Focused Environmental Impact Report and an Initial Study has been prepared for the southeast corner of Warner and Nichols. The project proposes to change the General Plan and zoning designations from residential to commercial/industrial and demolish or remove the existing historical structures at 7622-7642 Warner Ave. The Notice of Preparation and Initial Study will be available for public review and comment for 30 days commencing Thursday, September 1, 2011, and ending Friday, September 30, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

General Plan Amendment No. 05-001 and Zoning Map Amendment No. 05-001 are requested by the property owner, Rainbow Disposal, for the approximately 4.4 acre site. The project would designate 1.1 acres fronting on Warner as Commercial General and the remaining 3.3 acres as Industrial.

The Initial Study concludes that a Focused Environmental Impact Report addressing historic resource and land use/planning impacts is necessary. A copy of the Notice of Preparation and Initial Study is available for review at:

- 1.) Planning and Building Department, 3rd floor, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648;
- 2.) City Clerk, 2nd floor, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648;
- 3.) Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92647; and
- 4.) City website at:
<http://www.surfcityhb.org/Government/Departments/Planning/Environmentalreports.cfm>

Any person wishing to comment on the request may provide written comments to Ricky Ramos, Senior Planner, City of Huntington Beach, Planning and Building Department, P.O. Box 190, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or RRamos@surfcity-hb.org by September 30, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Back to School Safety Reminder

Summer is coming to an end and the beginning of a new school year is fast approaching. It is time once again for the many thousands of students attending various schools throughout Huntington Beach to return and resume their studies. School can be a hectic time for us all, but the beginning of the year always seems to be the most confusing. Some

students are attending school for the very first time, other are attending a new campus, and still others are newly licensed and driving to school for the first time.

Be aware there are plenty of children and teenagers traveling our streets. Make sure your kids are taking the safest possible route to school. Instruct your child to pay attention to the traffic control signals and exercise patience when crossing the street or stepping into traffic. Crossing guards are here to help and their priority is to keep your child out of harm's way. Many parents drive their children to school. If that is you, keep in mind you

are responsible for obeying the rules of the road. The **maximum** speed limit in a school zone is 25 MPH. As a driver, expect kids to do things that are unexpected like stepping into traffic without looking, crossing streets outside of crosswalks, or riding their bikes against the flow of traffic.

Some safety tips to discuss with your children before they start school:

Walking

- Always cross at an intersection or crosswalk, if available, and look both ways before crossing.
- When no cars are coming, walk - do not run - across the road, **and keep looking for cars while crossing.**
- At intersections with traffic lights, watch for turning cars and obey all traffic signals.
- Always walk on the sidewalk if there is one.
- If there are no sidewalks, be sure to walk *facing traffic* so you can see what's coming.
- Don't run between parked cars and buses.
- Don't run across the street or through a parking lot.
- No cell phone talking or texting while going to or from school. Watch what's going on around you.

Bicyclists

- Always wear a helmet.
- Always ride on the right side of the road. Never ride against traffic.
- Ride single file.
- Watch out for dangerous things in the roadway – storm drains, gravel, pot holes, trash.
- Stop at all stop signs and at all traffic lights. Be extra careful at crossroads.
- Maintain control of your bike. Don't swerve or make sudden turns.
- Watch out when riding next to parked cars. They can open doors or pull into the street.

- Listen for cars approaching from the side or behind you. Never wear headphones.
- Know your road signs and obey them.
- Always be prepared to stop.
- No cell phone talking or texting while riding. Watch what's going on around you.

PUBLIC WORKS

Labor Day Holiday Affects Street Sweeping and Trash Collection

Due to the Monday, September 5, observance of Labor Day, trash collection and street sweeping will be on holiday schedule. Trash will not be collected on Monday, September 5. All residents should place trash for collection on the day after their regular route day. For example, residents on Monday's route should place their trash for collection on Tuesday, Tuesday's route on Wednesday, and so on for the entire week. Friday's route will be collected on Saturday. The regular collection schedule resumes on Monday, September 12.

There will be no street sweeping on Monday, September 5 (first Monday route). Streets that are not swept due to holidays are not rescheduled. Due to the holiday trash collection schedule, trash carts are at the curb one day later than usual, which conflicts with scheduled sweeping days in many neighborhoods. Residents should place trash carts at the curb per the holiday schedule. Neighborhoods that can be efficiently swept will be swept per regular schedule, for example: where trash is collected from a rear alley. Neighborhoods that are impacted by trash carts at the curb will not be swept. If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance division at 714-960-8861.

Seapoint Avenue and Palm Avenue Slurry Project

Public Works Maintenance recently completed a Slurry Seal project on Seapoint Avenue and Palm Avenue. The Slurry project was an inexpensive alternative as compared to an entire street overlay. The project was done in three phases. (1) The crack fill phase of this project sealed cracks on the pavement surface to prevent moisture penetration and reduce reflective cracking. (2) The extensive milling and paving phase of this project repaired existing failures in the pavement and allowed the street to become slurry ready. (3) The Rubber Polymer Modified (RPM), Type II, slurry seal phase of this project increased the overall service life of the street, significantly reducing traffic noise and providing a more aesthetically pleasing appearance to the existing roadway.