

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

January 17, 2011

CITY TREASURER

Accepting Application for City Treasurer Vacancy

The City of Huntington Beach is now taking applications for the position of City Treasurer. The position is part-time and has a compensation of \$48,000. The position is open following the election of longtime City Treasurer Shari Freidenrich to the position of Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

According to the City Charter, the City Treasurer must be a Huntington Beach resident, have five years of financial and/or treasury experience and have either a Masters degree in accounting, finance, business or public administration, or a Bachelors degree in accounting, finance, business or public administration with certification by the California Municipal Treasurers' Association, or their successor, within three years of election or appointment.

The City Treasurer powers and duties are specified in the Huntington Beach City Charter, section 311. The Charter is posted on the City's Website www.huntingtonbeachca.gov. The last to submit an application is January 31, 2011. All qualified applicants will be submitted to the City Council for consideration. It is anticipated that the City Treasurer will be appointed by early March.

For additional information, please see the city website announcement or email Bob Hall at bhall@surfcity-hb.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

The annual community exhibition, Centered on the Center, opens Friday, January 21 from 6pm – 9pm. This dynamic exhibition reflects the talents of artists working in a variety of media featuring over 225 local and regional artists and over 386 works of art. The public is invited to attend this exciting celebration gathering artists, friends, and family. The Art Center is located at 538 Main St. Admission is free.

Please join us January 30 for an afternoon of music and art as The Music Teachers Association presents a piano concert to support the student performance program. The program features works by Rachmaninoff, Ravel, Chopin, Bach, Liszt and Ellington. Performers include Judy Huang, Teresa de Jong-Pombo, Hedy Lee, Nikolas del Palacio, Jason Cottrell, Alain Huynh, and Brian Barclay. Admission is \$25 per adult and \$20 for students and seniors. Refreshments will be served at 2pm. The concert begins at 2:30 pm. Guests can also explore the annual community exhibition Centered on the Center. For tickets and information please call the Art Center at 714.374.1650.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Volunteers are essential to the success of the programs of Senior Services and there is always a place for new volunteers. Senior Service Volunteers say they volunteer to give back to the community, to make someone's day, to feel good about themselves, to have fun, to learn new skills, to meet interesting people, and to learn something new. Because of our dedicated team of volunteers, Huntington Beach has a thriving senior center and outreach center with a wide range of services, activities, and classes. Currently volunteers are being sought for the Beach Clean-up, the Transportation program, the Meals to the Home program and Easter Holiday Meals. For more information on volunteer opportunities available, contact Diane Swarts, Volunteer Coordinator 714-374-1544 dswarts@surfcity-hb.org.

Travel Photography Classes

Are you interested in learning more about photography, but don't think you have the time for a lengthy series of classes? It is not too late to register for a "One Day Workshop" through the SANDS Community Services Guide. On January 24, students can learn the basics of travel photography including timing, lighting, weather and basic camera techniques can improve one's travel photography. This class is followed with another workshop on February 17, teaching students how to prepare for and research a destination to photograph, including the creation of a shot list to make sure that nothing is missed! Visit www.hbsands.org and flip to page 9 for more information!

MARINE SAFETY

Visitors to Huntington City Beach experienced summer-like conditions over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. Marine Safety Officers were busy dealing with challenging conditions due to large crowds, big surf, warm temperatures, and two surf contests. One surfer was pulled so far off shore by a rip current that he was picked up by a passing boat. Marine Safety Officer Matt Norton used a rescue paddle board to safely return the surfer to shore. Marine Safety statistics for the weekend: 61,659 Beach Visitors; 1,025 Public Contacts; 1 Rescue; 279 Preventative Actions; 271 Law Enforcement Contacts; 2 Major Medical Aids, and 1 Lost & Found Child.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Proposed Van's Skate Park

On January 18, 2011, the Redevelopment Agency approved an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Vans to develop a world-class skate park near Center Street and Gothard. This agreement allows the Agency/City to exclusively negotiate the terms and conditions of a Development Agreement with Vans. If the proposed skate park is developed, it would include the construction of a 12,000 square foot skate plaza, 15,000 square foot elevated skate bowl area, a turf/walking area, and a 2,000 square foot skate shop/snack/concession/building.

FIRE**Fire Escape Planning**

Plan Ahead. If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

Safety Tips

- Draw a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your home.
- Practice the plan at night and during the day with everyone in your home at least twice a year.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- Practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.

If the alarm sounds

- If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
- Feel the knob and door before opening a door.
- Call 9-1-1 from outside your home.

For information, please visit www.nfpa.org/education.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**Children's Library**

On Tuesday, January 25, 2011, the annual Huntington Beach Authors' Festival will be held at local area schools and the Children's Library. This event, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library, the Huntington Beach Public Library, the Sand Scribes children's writing group and the Employees' Fund of Boeing Corporation, is celebrating more than 20 years of writing for children.

In the morning, fourteen children's authors will visit Huntington Beach schools to talk about the art of writing, their own particular work and their experiences as authors. Each school will host an author and his/her works at an assembly. After lunch at the school, the authors will return to the Central Library for a reception honoring them. From 2:30 pm to 4 pm, authors will sign copies of their books, sold by Barnes & Noble.

In addition, the winners of the 2010 Sand Scribes' writing contest for children will be named and their essays and/or drawings will be posted on display in the Library's lobby. This most recent theme was "Books Fall Open. You Fall In." Children were asked to write or draw a

picture about what would happen if a book happened to fall off the library shelf in front of them. It was so interesting that their attention was captured and they recorded the experience.

Also, calligraphers from the Orange County of Calligraphers will be at the Library to make hand-made bookmarks for children.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Approved Amended Definition of Kennels

At the January 11, 2011, Planning Commission meeting, the Commission approved Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) No. 10-005, which excludes single family detached households with a maximum of four dogs from being defined as a kennel as long as one of the dogs is a specially trained service, guide or signal dog. The Municipal and Zoning Code currently defines any premises with four or more dogs as a kennel; kennels are not permitted in any residential district. The item is tentatively scheduled to go before the City Council at the February 7, 2011, hearing. For additional information, contact Michael Fuentes, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, at (714) 375-8487.

January 25 Planning Commission Meeting

At the January 25, 2011, Planning Commission meeting, the Commission will hold a public hearing on Conditional Use Permit No. 10-028 to permit the sales and service of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine only) for on-site consumption within an existing 1,489 sq. ft. restaurant and 143 sq. ft. outdoor dining area during the hours of 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM for the Bomburger Restaurant. The project is located at 200 Main Street, Suite 114, 92648 (east side of Main Street, between Olive Avenue and Walnut Avenue – Downtown). The Planning Commission meeting takes place at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

A copy of the agenda and staff report is available on the City website at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/pcl/pcagenda012511.cfm>. For additional information, contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, at (714) 536-5271. The Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

HBPD and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement

The Huntington Beach Police Department, working with the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), makes inquiries into the immigration status of individuals booked in the Huntington Beach Police Department jail. In 2010, this resulted in 99 subjects having an ICE hold placed on them while in our custody. The following is a summary of the ICE holds placed on individuals in 2010:

Gender:

89 - Male
10 - Female

Country of Origin:

89 - Mexico
2 - Guatemala
1 - Poland
1 - El Salvador
1 - Latvia
1 - Russia
1 - Romania
1 - Vietnam
1 - Thailand
1 - Laos

Original Arrest Offense:

25 - DUI
20 - Warrants
18 - Drug Offenses
11 - Domestic Violence
11 - Burglary
6 - Theft
3 - Driving without License
2 - Hit and Run
1 - Assault
1 - Robbery
1 - Child Neglect

PUBLIC WORKS**Free Electronics Drop-off This Weekend to Benefit Friends of the Library**

The City of Huntington Beach Public Works Department and All Green Electronics Recycling will be holding their annual electronic recycling event. The free electronics drop-off will be held on January 21 and 22, from 9 am to 4 pm in the parking lot at the Central Library. The Library is located at 7111 Talbert Ave. The free recycling event is open to businesses and residents from Huntington Beach, Sunset Beach, and other neighboring cities. Items to be collected and recycled include computers, monitors, televisions, cell phones, MP3 Players, ink toner cartridges, printers, microwaves, cables, wires, laptops, and anything electronic. This is a perfect opportunity to clean out the garage, get rid of those old electronics, and help protect the environment at the same time. Workers will be available to remove the items from car so you won't even have to lift a finger to do your recycling! The Friends of the Library will receive a donation based on the total tonnage of TV's and computer monitors collected. For more information, call Public Works at 714-375-5010 or All Green Electronics Recycling at 1-800-780-0347.

