

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

July 1, 2013

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Beach Art Center

The second week of Young Artists Camp begins on Monday, July 8, featuring the theme **Creepy Creatures**. Campers will explore the world of animals and insects through drawing, painting, print, and 3D techniques. Art Camp offers full and half day attendance options and Art Center members qualify for tuition discounts. Call the Art Center at 714-374-1650 for information.

### Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) will march in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade to demonstrate their support for Huntington Beach Senior Services. In front of a decorated *Seniors on the Go* shuttle, wearing red white & blue HBCOA marchers will wave American flags and placards illustrating the support that the HBCOA gives to older residents throughout the year. The HBCOA provides an annual donation to the transportation program's 32,000 rides and funds a part-time care manager. In a unique program with Rescue Alert of California, the HBCOA provides low-income older adults with medical alert buttons. In addition, the HBCOA funds programs at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center such as Healthy Drumming, dances, bingo, Arthritis exercise, Wii bowling, and Friday Afternoon at the Movies. The computer classes are made possible by donations of computers and upgrades from the HBCOA. The HBCOA sponsored Step-Out for Active Aging in May, and will sponsor the upcoming Senior Softball tournament on July 13 and the Senior Surfing Invitational in October. The Mission of the HBCOA is to enhance the dignity and quality of life of Huntington Beach Seniors. That's something to march about! Visit [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org) for more information about the HBCOA.



### Adventure Playground

The City of Huntington Beach's Adventure Playground is open for business for the summer. Adventure Playground is located east of the Central Park Library and is open from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It is closed on Sundays and also on July 4. Adventure Playground will close for the summer on August 9. The cost is \$3.00 per person and all adult chaperones are FREE. Kids can raft across the mud pond, balance on the rope bridge, splash down the mud slide, and build with hammers and saws. Adults are required for all children under the age of 12 and closed toed shoes like tennis and running shoes are a must. NO OPEN toe shoes or crocks allowed! No exceptions!! Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. For more information please contact Adventure Playground at 714-842-7442.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Surf City Downtown Shuttle July 4th

Getting downtown is about to get easier and a whole lot more fun! The FREE Surf City Downtown Shuttle will be offered on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This is the first year the City will be offering the shuttle on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Hours of the Shuttle are 1:00 -10:00 p.m. on July 4
- The free shuttle service will operate from the Civic Center to the Main/Orange Stop only!
- There will be three shuttles operating on a continuous basis until 10:00 p.m.

The Shuttle will return to normal operating hours for the weekend: every half-hour on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., originating at the Huntington Beach Civic Center to stops in the downtown at Main and Orange Streets, and 5<sup>th</sup> Street at The Strand - outside the Shorebreak Hotel. As always, the Shuttle is free of charge, and free parking is available for Shuttle passengers at the Huntington Beach Civic Center, located at 2000 Main Street, at the corner of Main and Yorktown. For more information, visit [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle\\_parking/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking/) and be sure to "Like" the Surf City Downtown Shuttle page on Facebook for updates.

## **FIRE**

### **Lightning Safety**

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. But did you know that lightning strikes and lightning fires occur most often in the summer? Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when it does strike!

#### Outdoor Safety

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away. Do not go under tall trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If you are in or on open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.
- If you feel your hair stand on end, that means lightning is about to strike. Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet; place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. This is a last resort when a building or hard-topped vehicle is not available.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 and get medical care immediately. Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing, heartbeat, and pulse. CPR may be needed.

For information, please visit [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education).

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

### **City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips**

The City web site contains information about the CalRecycle Rubberized Asphalt Project. The can find out information about the program and what streets in the city will be rehabilitated at: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/public\\_works/rubberized-asphalt-project.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/public_works/rubberized-asphalt-project.cfm)

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **See a Problem? Contact Code Enforcement**

Residents and other interested parties are encouraged to report suspected violations or eyesores on private property to the Code Enforcement Division. You can [file a complaint online](#). Please include the following information:

- Location (address) of the alleged violation
- Brief description of the complaint
- Contact information (name, address, phone, or email)
- Whether or not a code enforcement officer may contact you

After receiving the complaint, a Code Enforcement Officer will investigate the problem (normally within 3 days). Your identity will not be disclosed to the offending party.

You can also call Code Enforcement at (714) 375-5155 to report a suspected violation or speak to Code Enforcement personnel.

You can also download the [Code Enforcement Complaint Form](#) and mail it to the Code Enforcement Division or submit it to the third Floor, Department of Planning and Building, City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, 92648.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Fireworks in Huntington Beach**

The Huntington Beach Police Department responds to citizen complaints of fireworks all year long. These complaints include both the use of illegal dangerous fireworks (those that shoot up in the sky and/or explode) and state approved fireworks (referred to as Safe and Sane).

From July 1 – July 4, state approved fireworks are permitted to be sold in Huntington Beach at various approved firework stands around the City. A flyer explaining the allowed and prohibited use of fireworks and locations for their use is provided to everyone purchasing fireworks at the approved firework stands. State approved fireworks can only be used in Huntington Beach from 12:00 noon – 10:00 p.m. on the 4th of July. Use of state approved fireworks before or after those times is prohibited. The use of illegal, dangerous fireworks is always prohibited. The civil fine for a first violation is \$500, second and subsequent violations are \$1,000. More information on fireworks is available on the City website.

From July 1 – July 5, additional police officers will on patrol focusing on enforcement of firework violations. Complaints of firework violations use should be to the police department non-emergency phone number 714-960-8825. For an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

### **4th of July Street Closures and Beach Parking**

Closures:

- July 4th @5:00 a.m. through July 7th – first 3 blocks of Main Street
- July 4th @ 5:00 a.m. – PCH between Beach and Goldenwest (until Approx 1:00 p.m.)

- July 4th @ 5:00 a.m. – Main Street from Garfield to PCH (until approx 1:00p.m.)
- July 4th @ 7:00 p.m. – PCH between Beach and Goldenwest recloses for firework show-  
Reopen by 11:00 p.m.
- Note – there will be no parking on PCH all day on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Beach Parking:**

The beach parking lot will open July 4th at 5:00 a.m. Vehicles will not be allowed to queue prior to midnight the night before. Vehicles will not be allowed to remain overnight on July 3 (they will be towed). If you choose to queue after midnight, you MUST be parked along the curb line, not in a traffic lane.

Beach and PCH entrance will open at 5:00 a.m. This is the only entrance that will open. Cars parked along the curb line on PCH north of Beach and on Beach Blvd north of PCH will be allowed in when the lot opens. Officers will assist by alternating lines.

Cost is \$25 per vehicle/per stall. If your motor home takes 2 spots, be prepared to pay \$50.

The lots are usually full by 7:00 a.m.

**NO ALCOHOL OR FIREWORKS ARE ALLOWED ON THE BEACH OR BEACH PARKING LOTS**

**Patriotism - Respect for our Flag**

No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental colors, State flags, and organization or institutional flags are to be dipped as a mark of honor.

(a) The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

(b) The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.

(c) The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.

(d) The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red, always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of the platform, and for decoration in general.

(e) The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.

(f) The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

(g) The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.

(h) The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

(i) The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary

use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the flag is flown.

(j) No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.

(k) The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Free Residential Landscape Classes !**

Are you eager to spruce up your gardens with California friendly or native drought tolerant plants? Having trouble with your irrigation system and need some advice?

**Mark your calendars to attend our California Friendly Landscape Workshop series.**

**Landscape Design (July 13, 2013)** - There are many reasons to consider a shift in landscaping practices, from the water intensive lawns, often requiring pesticides and synthetic fertilizers, to beautiful and beneficial plants well adapted to our lovely Mediterranean coastal climate.

**Soils, Fertilizers & Plants (August 24, 2013)** - By drawing on rich California native drought tolerant plants and California friendly plant life, we can design and create enchanting gardens that are multi-functional, supportive of the regions biodiversity and adapted to our climate. Understand our soils and the proper use of fertilizers to grow healthy plants.

**Irrigation Systems, Watering & Garden Maintenance (September 21, 2013)** - Learn about the different types of installation and maintenance of irrigation systems, and general garden maintenance.

Classes will be hosted by the City of Huntington Beach Public Works Water Conservation located at 19001 Huntington Street, HB, 92648 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

To register log on to: [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop-events/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop-events/) Or call: 714.536.5921.