

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

July 15, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

The Huntington Beach Art Center welcomed over 1,500 guests to the opening of **Kustom Culture II** Saturday night. Sponsored by Vans, the exhibition explores a contemporary look at Kustom car, motorcycle and surf culture, and related art from the traditions of Von Dutch, Big Daddy Roth, Robert Williams, Rick Griffin, Basil Wolverton, Margaret Keane, Don Ed Hardy, Billy F. Gibbons, and others. The exhibit will run from July 13 through August 31. Admission to the Art Center is by donation. Call 714-374-1650 for information.

The final week of Young Artists Camp begins on Monday, July 22, featuring the theme Wonderlands. From caves to spider webs, campers will learn to sculpt, draw, and paint to create 2D and 3D projects. 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

On Friday, July 19 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., The Society of Financial Awareness, a non-profit organization, will give a workshop on Income Investing 101 at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, and cover the following topics:

- Understanding the term investment and factors used to differentiate types of investments
- The Investment process and types of investors
- Principal types of investment vehicles
- The steps in investing and managing personal tax issues
- How to invest over the life cycle and in different economic environments
- The popular types of short-term investment vehicles

Drop-in now reservations required. For more information, contact the senior center, 714-536-9387.



Senior Softball at the Central Park Sports Complex

The annual Senior Softball tournament hosted by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging saw great weather as the Huntington Beach Council on Aging partnered with the City of Huntington Beach in hosting the 25th Annual Senior Men's Softball Tournament and the Chad Hanna Memorial Women's Tournament at various sites throughout the city. The tournament continued to have inter-state appeal as teams from Arizona and Nevada joined teams from Simi Valley, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Oxnard, Carlsbad, and of course Huntington Beach for relaxing and fun time in the city. There were 22 teams competing in five divisions for the men's side of the tournament while there were 6 teams competing in the two divisions for the women's tournament for the claim to the best of the Southland in their competition level. All participants in the tournament received the very popular special edition commemorative shirt, celebrating the anniversary of this event. The

women's tournament is named in honor of Chad Hanna, who played a very vital part in getting women's softball established as a national activity.

On the Men's side the Nazzareno Electric team outlasted the So. Cal Knights for their first Huntington Beach Tournament championship; The Venom team from Simi Valley topped the BYOB team of Huntington Beach to finish on top in Division 2; The Warriors from Long Beach came out on top of a tough Division 3 bracket – outlasting the Orioles to win their second tournament championship; in Division 4 the Gusto team held off the Huntington Beach Rebels to win their second tournament; and in Division 5, the Latin Mix 2000 team overcame the very determined Gold Coast 75 team in the championship game to take their division.

In the women's tournament, the All In team from La Mirada came out of the tournament undefeated to take the Division 1 Championship with the Fun With It team finishing second and in a tough Division 2, the Santa Barbara Bat Arounds managed to hold off the Sol Sisters from Fountain Valley to capture their second consecutive Championship.

Many of the participants in this year's event commented on how much they enjoy the tournament and are already looking forward to next year's tournament. The teams appreciated the support of the tournament by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging and the City of Huntington Beach in continuing to offer this annual event.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Downtown BID Seeking Hosts and Artists for July Artwalk and Beyond

The monthly Downtown Artwalk will take place on July 18 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The Downtown Business Improvement District is actively seeking event hosts and new artists to participate in this monthly gathering, held on the third Thursday of each month. The event is always free to the public featuring new and emerging artists displaying their work in various stores and restaurants throughout downtown. Most of the art is for sale at each location.

Downtown businesses are sought to help expand the number of participants. This is a great way to showcase participating businesses as part of a vibrant and dynamic community event. For more information on the Artwalk, including applications for artists, performers, and venue hosts, please visit: www.hbdowntown.com/artwalk.

FIRE

Home Safety Tips for the Elderly

Many senior citizens choose to live alone so it is important to take into consideration some simple tips to help safeguard and prevent injuries. The following are some helpful tips:

- To avoid tripping hazards:
 - Remove scatter rugs
 - Reduce clutter
 - Keep stairs and entry ways brightly lit
 - Relocate lamps and appliances close to walls so the electrical cords are not in the traffic areas. If a cord must extend across a traffic area, secure the cord with
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- brightly colored tape to draw attention to it. Do not cover the cord with a rug as the bump may create a tripping hazard.
 - Move low furniture out of traffic areas
- Use non-skid wax and floor cleaners to prevent a slippery floor
- Use a textured bathmat in shower stalls, bathtubs, and floors to reduce the risk of slipping
 - Other helpful bathroom devices: raised toilet seats and grab bars
- Brighten lighting by using at least 100 watt bulbs for reading and at least 60 watt bulbs in most other rooms
- Place night lights in pathways, especially the route to the bathroom
- Reduce water temperature on water heaters to avoid scalding
- Keep regularly used items located on shelves that are easily accessible
- Steps and ramps – consider building a ramp or gradual slope with a handrail for easier access
- Smoke Alarms
 - Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
 - For added safety, interconnect all the smoke alarms so that when one sounds, they all sound
 - Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years, which can be helpful for people who have difficulty changing batteries
 - Smoke alarms and alert devices, called accessories, are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Strobe lights throughout the home are activated by smoke alarms to alert the deaf to fire conditions. When people who are deaf are asleep, a high intensity strobe light is required along with a pillow or bed shaker to wake them up and alert them to fire conditions.
- Heating
 - Keep anything that can burn, at least three feet away from heating equipment (i.e., furnace, fireplace, portable space heater)
 - Never use your oven to heat a home
 - Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed

The Fire Department's Senior Home Inspection Program (SHIP) has trained volunteers who provide free home safety inspections. Callers can leave a message on the Project SHIP request line at 714-374-1615 and a volunteer will contact them to schedule the inspection.

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know that you can have a wedding on the City beach? You can find out more information at: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/beach_info/beach_wedding.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Library named "Best of 2013"

Huntington Beach Public Library recently received *Orange Coast Magazine's* "Best of 2013" award. In the letter accompanying the award, Martin J. Smith, editor in chief of *Orange Coast* says: "For 39 years, *Orange Coast* has been the leading lifestyle magazine in Orange County, which has an international reputation for offering the best of everything. {The library is} among this year's winners because of sustained excellence or perhaps because you offer one of a kind product or service. Whatever the reason, you are among the chosen in 2013, and it's our privilege to welcome you to the exclusive club. Let this certificate mark your achievement and let us be the first to wish you continued success." This award, along with others from local groups and publications, is very gratifying and is testimony to the library's success at serving Huntington Beach residents.

Delicious Reading @ the Library

Cooking shows have proliferated on television, so it's no surprise that cookbooks are now the most popular nonfiction topic for library patrons to check out, both nationwide and here in Huntington Beach. In addition to offering up a scrumptious buffet of celebrity cookbooks and bestsellers, the Library also has a choice menu of cookbooks for those with food allergies/sensitivities, cookbooks for kids, and various ethnic cuisines. Still hungry? Magazine morsels at the Library include *Bon Appétit*, *Cooking Light*, *Every Day with Rachel Ray*, and *Food Network Magazine*. Bon appétit!

Videoconferencing Services @ the Library

The Huntington Beach Public Library has six separate meeting rooms with seating capacities ranging from 10 (boardroom style) to 200 (theater style) to meet the community's videoconferencing needs. Catering is also available on premises with an in-house commercial kitchen and local referrals. Videoconferencing allows real-time interviews, business meetings, depositions, training sessions, seminars, and family visits to take place across the country and around the globe. For more information, please contact the Facility Rentals department at 714-960-8839.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Housing Element Update – Draft Negative Declaration Comment Period

Draft Negative Declaration No. 12-007 analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with the 2013-2021 Housing Element Update. The Housing Element is one of the seven State-mandated elements of the City's General Plan and must be updated pursuant to California Government Code Section 65588 for the 2013-2021 planning period. The Housing Element identifies and assesses projected housing needs and provides an inventory of constraints and resources relevant to meeting these needs. Components of the housing element include: a housing needs assessment with population and household characteristics; identification of constraints to providing housing; an inventory of available sites for the

provision of housing for all economic segments of the community; and a statement of goals, policies and programs for meeting the City's housing needs.

The Draft Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment for 30 days commencing Thursday, July 18, 2013, and ending Friday, August 16, 2013. A copy of the Draft Negative Declaration is on file with the Planning and Building Department, City of Huntington Beach City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California, 92648. A copy of Draft Negative Declaration No. 12-007 is also available for review at the Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, California, the City Clerk's Office, 2000 Main Street,

2nd Floor, Huntington Beach, California and on the City's website at the following link: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/major/index.cfm>. Any person wishing to comment on the request may do so in writing within 30 days of this notice by providing written comments to Jennifer Villasenor, Senior Planner, City of Huntington Beach, Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Public hearings on the Housing Element Update are scheduled for August 2013 (Planning Commission) and September 2013 (City Council).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Vans US Open of Surfing July 20 - 28

The concerts will be held Thursday and Friday at 5:00 p.m.

The concert lineup is:

Thursday: FMLYBND, Twin Shadow, The Faint

Friday: Matt Costa, Modest Mouse

We would like to remind everyone of some simple rules to keep this event enjoyable:

- NO ALCOHOL OR SMOKING ALLOWED ON THE CITY BEACH.
- No animals are allowed on the beach (service road is ok).
- No coolers, skateboards, bikes, glass, umbrellas are allowed in the concert venue and all bags are subject to search entering the concert.
- In the venue- all large coolers and large bags, for everyone's safety, may be subject to search. Refusal could result in being removed from the venue. Remember to report all suspicious bags or activity to Law Enforcement.
- No Sharpies or Paint – If you are caught writing or painting on people you could be removed from the venue.
- Alcohol – we will be using undercover officers this year to identify alcohol violations – 0 tolerance – you will be cited or arrested.
- Parking and traffic will be congested – please use the FREE shuttle service from HB High School and Edison High School.
- No selling or handing out any products unless you are a vendor in the US Open or have a mobile vending permit and business license from the city – this includes downtown!

The Huntington Beach Police Department, Fire Department and Marine Safety Division are working closely with IMG to provide a safe and fun event. IMG reserves the right to remove

anyone from the event for any reason. Also remember the slogan, "If you see something, say something" report any suspicious activity or bags to public safety immediately – you are our eyes and ears. #vansusopen.

Facebook – Thanks for over 6,000 Likes! HBPD Appreciates the Support!

PUBLIC WORKS

Lambert Park Slope Repair Project, CC-1337

A portion of the existing slope within Lambert Park, located at 18321 Newland Street, experienced a surficial slope failure in June 2006. As the failure did not present an imminent threat to public safety, a geotechnical engineer was contracted by the City to analyze the existing slope conditions and design a project to reconstruct the slope and minimize the potential for future slope failure in this area. This project is substantially complete and the slope has been reconstructed. The final stages of the project will involve the planting of trees and should be complete within the next month.