

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**July 9, 2012**

## CITY CLERK

### **Notice of General Municipal Election – Tuesday, November 6, 2012**

The nomination period starts this Monday, July 16, and continues for four weeks until August 10, for the following offices:

For three (3) Members of the City Council	(Full term of four years)
For a (1) City Clerk	(Full term of four years)
For a (1) City Treasurer	(Full term of four years)

Charter requirements for offices are as follows:

To become and remain eligible for all city elected positions, candidates must reside and be a registered voter in Huntington Beach.

To become and remain eligible for City Clerk, the person elected or appointed shall have a Bachelor's Degree in business, public administration, or a related field, and hold a certification as a Municipal Clerk or obtain such certification within the first three years in office.

To become and remain eligible for City Treasurer, the person elected or appointed shall have a minimum of five years of financial and/or treasury experience, and have either a Master's Degree in accounting, finance, business, or public administration; or a Bachelor's Degree in accounting, finance, business, or public administration with certification by the California Municipal Treasurer's Association, or their successor, within three years of election or appointment.

Please contact City Clerk Joan Flynn if you are interested in either learning more or setting an appointment to run for office. Joan can be reached at (714) 536-5404 or [jflynn@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:jflynn@surfcity-hb.org)

## CITY MANAGER

### **Smart Choices to Conserve Energy**

Summer is here, which often means higher energy use and costs to your family and business. With state officials indicating tight power supplies for the Orange County region, the City of Huntington Beach is encouraging residents to conserve electricity during hot summer days to help maintain service reliability and minimize emergency outages.

Southern California Edison offers some smart choices to conserve energy, reduce consumption and save money, including rebates, programs, services and educational tools. Click on the link provided to learn more <http://www.sce.com/summerreadiness>.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Overnight Family Campout

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Overnight Family Campout was held on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at Central Park. This sold out event was a chance for families to have a low-cost camping experience and share time together while enjoying a weekend outdoors. The weekend festivities included relay races, water balloon toss and soccer play, nature crafts by Mad Science, music and stories around the Campfire with Two Best Friends, an Amazing Animals presentation and nature hike at Shipley Nature Center by Inside the Outdoors, and a drum circle with David Van Dorn. The Huntington Beach Lions Club generously donated their time and efforts by cooking a hot dog dinner and pancake breakfast for all participants. Starbucks also donated coffee for the pancake breakfast. The festivities were then concluded on Sunday with a trip to Adventure Playground. Over 250 people enjoyed this camping experience and it was a great way to celebrate July as Park and Recreation Month!

### Marine Safety

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Project Wipeout Lifeguard Conference**, hosted by Hoag Hospital and the California Surf Lifesaving Association, will be held on Thursday, July 12 from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Hoag Hospital Conference Center in Newport Beach. This conference educates Southern California open water lifeguards on spinal cord injuries and drowning prevention, provides updated information on lifesaving techniques and equipment, first responder assessment and management guidelines, and issues such as water quality, health issues and other topics of particular concern to lifeguards. Project Wipeout presentations are given year round in schools, junior lifeguard programs, and at community events such as the Orange County Fair, the Orange County Youth Expo and the Festival of Children.

Huntington Beach Marine Safety Officer Mike Bartlett has been selected to receive the *Excellence in Lifesaving Award* at the **Project Wipeout Lifeguard Conference**. MSO Bartlett was selected for his 2011 ocean rescue of a drowning man, his service as Editor of the *American Lifeguard Magazine* and his acclaimed article "Not on My Watch."

### Huntington Beach Senior Services

**Ballroom Dance** - On the second Friday night of each month at 7:30 pm, the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center in Huntington Beach swings with the live music of the Bob Warren Trio at the monthly ballroom dance. Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, this fun evening includes complimentary snacks and coffee. Wine and soft drinks are available for purchase. For \$7.50 per person, join the ball on this Friday, July 13. Singles are always welcome. For more information contact the senior center, 1706 Orange Avenue, 714-536-9387 or on the web, [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org)



The Community Services Department celebrated July 4<sup>th</sup> on Main Street by "creating community" at the 108<sup>th</sup> annual Fourth of July parade. The annual parade is a Huntington Beach tradition, and this year, the Community Services Department was proud to host several participant groups. Among the notable participants were the Marine Safety Chief, Kyle Lindo; the Annual Youth Character Award honorees; the Huntington Beach Council on Aging members; and the City of Huntington Beach Youth

Sports participants. Thousands of spectators packed Main Street, and many could be heard chanting "Parks Make Life Better!" as the City youth sports league parents, coaches and participants walked by!

### **Senior Softball at the Central Park Sports Complex**

The annual Senior Softball tournament hosted by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging saw morning clouds and nice temperatures as the Huntington Beach Council on Aging partnered with the City of Huntington Beach in hosting the 24<sup>TH</sup> Annual Senior Men's Softball Tournament and the 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Chad Hanna Women's Tournament at the Huntington Park Central Park Sports Complex. The tournament continued to have inter-state appeal as teams from Arizona joined teams from Simi Valley, Valencia, Oxnard, Carlsbad, and Huntington Beach for a relaxing and fun time in the city. Twenty teams competed in six divisions in the men's tournament, while there were 4 teams competing in the women's tournament for the claim to the best of the Southland in their competition level. All participants received the special edition commemorative shirt celebrating the anniversary of this event.

On the Men's side - the Just 4 Fun team from Arizona finished on top for their second tournament championship, finishing ahead of the Old Fatcola team. The Eagles from Huntington Beach finished on top in Division 2 – just edging out the Thirsty Bunch in a nail biter. The P-38 survived a rough start to come out on top in their division, finishing just ahead of the Fountain Valley Outlaws. The Hossierdaddy team from Huntington Beach completed the tournament taking Division IV with the Orioles from Huntington Beach finishing second. The Hawks held off Last Call in the Division V championship for their first Senior Tournament Championship.

In the women's tournament, the Santa Barbara Bat Around took first place in the championship game, edging out the So Cal Stingers.

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 Huntington Beach Council on Aging and the City of Huntington Beach in continuing to offer this annual event.

### **Huntington Beach Art Center**

The public is invited to join us on Saturday July 14 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM for the opening reception of the next exhibition titled ***Escape from the Landfill***. The exhibition will feature new works in large scale sculpture and installation from artists Joyce Dallal, Olga Lah, and Cynthia Minet. Works combine discarded and repurposed materials and address issues concerning plastics in our environment, consumerism, and energy consumption in a playful escape from the landfill. Call the Art Center for info at (714) 374-1650.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Spring Into The Weekly Farmers Markets!**

Browse through the healthy fruits and vegetables offered at the three local Farmer's Markets and also enjoy the craft booths and wonderful local food vendors. Make a morning, afternoon or evening at our local farmers market. Find one near you!

#### **Tuesday**

- Main Street during Surf City Nights from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM – plus, make it even more fun by catching the free Surf City Downtown Shuttle from the Huntington Beach Civic Center and take advantage of free parking for shuttle passengers!

#### **Friday**

- Pier Plaza (Main and Pacific Coast Highway) from noon to dusk

#### **Saturday**

- Farmers Market and Family Festival:  
16400 Pacific Coast Highway @ Peter's Landing –9 AM to 2 PM

## **FIRE**

### **Earthquake Preparedness**

The Huntington Beach Fire Department Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office have provided the following information on earthquake preparation. When earthquakes strike, electrical power may go out, gas and water lines may break, buildings may collapse and residents may require emergency medical assistance. In a major emergency, police, fire, and paramedic resources are often overwhelmed and unable to respond to all calls for assistance. Therefore, it is important that you and your family be prepared to be self-sufficient for three to five days.

To ensure that your family is prepared for such an emergency, you should do the following:

- Have a family disaster plan
- Have a plan for your workplace
- Know the plan for your children's school and participate in the school's preparedness efforts
- Have sufficient food, water, medical prescriptions, and disaster supplies to sustain your family for at least 72 hours
- Eliminate hazards in your home
- Know how and when to shut off damaged or leaking utilities
- Ensure your family is fire safe
- Be sure to have smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in your home
- Have an evacuation plan and a "Grab-N-Go" bag ready

If you are a Huntington Beach resident, you are encouraged to participate in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program to better prepare yourself for disasters.

For more detailed information, contact the Emergency Services Coordinator at 714-374-1565 or visit:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/emergency\\_preparedness/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/emergency_preparedness/)

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Top Reading Series for Youth**

From the classic *Little House* and *Narnia* to today's *Warriors* and *Magic Tree House*, kids love to read in series. Young readers make a connection with the characters and look forward to discovering what happens next. The top 10 spots on the June 4, 2012, children's bestseller lists are all from a trilogy or longer series of books and all of them are available at the Huntington Beach Library. Why not check them out today?

*Big Nate* by Lincoln Peirce

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney

*Divergent* by Veronica Roth

*Dork Diaries* by Rachel Renee Russell

*Heroes of Olympus* by Rick Riordan

*Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

*Kane Chronicles* by Rick Riordan

*Middle School* by James Patterson

*Pretty Little Liars* by Sara Shepard

*Theodore Boone* by John Grisham

### **Used Books Sale**

The Friends of the Library Used Books Sale is ongoing at the Huntington Beach Library, 7111 Talbert Ave. Books, magazines, DVD's, CD's, and vinyl records are available. An additional 3,000 titles are for sale via the Friends' Amazon Marketplace store at [www.amazon.com/shops/hbfriends](http://www.amazon.com/shops/hbfriends). Proceeds are used to purchase new books for the library collection. Call the Friends at (714) 375-8429 for more information.

### **"Wonders of Wildlife" at the Banning Branch**

**Banning Branch Library** is pleased to announce its first "Wonders of Wildlife" program sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library. Come see and learn about a variety of nocturnal animals presented by animal trainer, Cheryl Rendes. Program is to be held Thursday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the park next to the Banning branch library. Tickets are \$4.00 per person and may be purchased at the Banning Library or at the Central Library children's desk. For more information please call (714) 375-5005.

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **Planning Commission**

On July 10, 2012, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following item:

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-031 (GREEN & CLEAN DEVELOPMENT)** to review a request to permit 1) the construction of an approximately 3,200 sq. ft. express carwash

and 3,400 sq. ft. retail building, and 2) the sales, service, and onsite consumption of alcohol within the proposed 2,650 sq. ft. restaurant and 400 sq. ft. outdoor dining area 7311 Edinger Ave., 92647 - northwest corner of Edinger Avenue and Gothard Street). Contact Jill Arabe, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;

**DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 12-002 (BEACH WALK APARTMENTS)** to review a request to enter into a Development Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and DCO Beach Walk LLC (developer) pursuant to approvals for the Beach Walk Apartments Project (Site Plan Review No. 11-005). (19891 and 19895 Beach Boulevard, 92648 - west side of Beach Boulevard between Utica Avenue and Adams Avenue). Contact Jennifer Villasenor, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **POLICE – Communications Center**

The police department has recently upgraded our 9-1-1 Communications Center which is the Huntington Beach public safety answering point (PSAP). Project expense was approximately \$528,000 received from the California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Office. This upgrade is one of the main steps in preparing for Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) standards for Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), 9-1-1 texting and live streaming video that are becoming more common with mobile phone use and technology changes.

Legacy 9-1-1 systems being replaced around the United States were comprised of basic communications architecture created 40 years ago when the 9-1-1 system was developed. While technology has increased over the years, 9-1-1 communications systems have been outpaced. This recent upgrade at the Huntington Beach Police Department, and taking place around the United States, is a significant step forward in matching the needs and technology of the community we serve. We will continue to adapt to technology changes, constantly reviewing our policies and procedures to match changes in our wireless mobile society.

NG911 technology will aid in recognizing the source technology of the device making the 9-1-1 call, determining the location of the source and forwarding the information through the infrastructure to improve response to the emergency service need.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Free Disposal of Bulky Items for Residential Trash Customers**

If you are a residential trash customer in Huntington Beach you are eligible for the **10/4 Pick-up Program**. This free program allows residents to schedule special collections of up to **10** bulky items per appointment, **4** times per year. Qualifying items include bags of trash or yard clippings (that will not fit in the trash or yard waste cart), appliances, furniture, and mattresses. Contact Rainbow Disposal at 714- 847-3581 to schedule your 10/4 Pickup appointment. Most 10/4 pickups are scheduled for your next regular trash day. Because a special truck is dispatched to collect the items from the curb, please allow a minimum of 2 business days notice for scheduling.