

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

March 12, 2012

CITY CLERK

Former Mayors' Photos Wanted

The City Historian is seeking the public's assistance in sharing photos with historical significance in order to preserve them for future generations. He is especially interested in photos of the following four former mayors:

2 nd Mayor	W. D. Seeley	(1912-1914)
5 th Mayor	W. E. Tarbox	(1917-1918)
10 th Mayor	Lawrence R. Ridenour	(1924-1926)
13 th Mayor	Elson G. Conrad	(1931-1934)

City Historian Jerry Person can be contacted at jpersion@hbquik.com or (714) 378-1243.

CITY MANAGER

Youth in Government Day

Youth in Government Day 2012 is quickly approaching on April 19. Hosted by the City of Huntington Beach Youth Board each year, Huntington Beach high school students are invited to spend the day learning how their local government works and gain exposure to possible career paths. Each department hosts a group students for a two-hour job shadowing experience, followed by a mock City Council meeting in which students play the role of various stakeholders and discuss a current issue facing Huntington Beach. This year's theme is "Code Green" chosen by the Youth Board to showcase how the City has taken great strides toward becoming a destination for green living and align student interest in the environment. Applications for students (grades 9-12) to attend Youth in Government Day are available at Huntington Beach, Oceanview, Marina and Edison High Schools and are due by Friday, March 16.

Youth Board is also holding a fundraiser on Thursday, March 15 at Rubio's on Goldenwest and Garfield from 4pm-close. Present the flyer and a portion of your purchase will go toward Youth in Government Day. Thank you for your support!

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Pilates, mat or chair, is one of the new classes geared toward active aging at the Michael E. Rodgers Senior Center. Pilates is low impact exercise with high results. There will be a free demonstration on Monday, March 19, 12:30 P.M. and again on Saturday, March 24, at 10:00 A.M. The Monday class targets older adults who may have balance or mobility challenges and a chair is incorporated into the class. The Saturday class is geared towards all active adults. The Monday class begins 3/26 through 6/4 for \$88.00 and the Saturday class begins

3/31 through 6/2 for \$110.00. Register for either class through the Sands at: www.hbsands.org or at the front desk of the senior center, 1706 Orange Avenue. For more information call, 714-536-9387.

Huntington Beach Art Center

The Artists in Residence program features two free events this week that will give the community a chance to engage the artists selected for the program. On Tuesday, March 13, artist Tm Gratkowski will discuss his project "a collage for every hour." On Thursday, March 15, please join us for Meet the Artists, an evening of open discussion with Tm, Betsy Lohrer Hall and P. Williams. Both events are from 6:00 P.M. – 8 P.M. Call for information 714-374-1650.

Recreation Programs

Free Demonstration Classes – HB Pilates will be offering FREE demonstration classes for PILOXING, Pilates Mat Class, and Pilates Cardio Barre for a limited time. Classes will be offered at the City Gym and Pool, Murdy and Edison Community Centers, and Rodgers Senior Center between the dates of March 12 – March 23. Do not miss the perfect opportunity to try one of these amazing fitness classes for free. For more information about registration or class times, please call the City Gym at (714) 960-8884.

Marine Safety

Ocean Lifeguard Tryouts were held on March 4. Seventy-nine applicants started the performance examination and 57 finished all three physical events (1,000-yard pier swim, 500-yard surf sprint, and 1,500-yard run-swim-run.) The top 36 qualifiers were invited to an oral screening process and nineteen (19) cadets were admitted into the Ocean Lifeguard Training Program where they will receive more than 100 hours of physical and mental training.

On March 8, The Marine Safety Management Association volunteered their time to provide surf orientation and lessons to 25 New York City Firefighters who performed in the Orange County Fire Authority Pipes & Drums St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Irvine Marriott on March 10.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Conference

Be sure to attend the 25th Annual Economic Conference Huntington Beach hosted by the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce "Why Huntington Beach? Development Destination Jobs" on Wednesday March 21, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa. The keynote speaker Dean Andrew J. Policano, UC Irvine Paul Merage School of Business, Dean of Students. In addition there will be exciting panels of Development, Destination, and Why Huntington Beach for Retail and Jobs/Workforce? For additional information contact the Chamber of Commerce at (714) 536-8888 or www.hbchamber.com Registration is \$85 members and \$100 non members.

FIRE

2012 Huntington Beach Disaster Preparedness Expo

The Huntington Beach Fire Department Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office will be sponsoring the third annual Disaster Preparedness Expo at the Huntington Beach Central Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 17.

The Police Department, Fire Department's Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) Team, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and FireMed will be participating. Also represented will be the National Weather Service, American Red Cross, Ready OC and more.

The Expo is free of charge and will have fun and exciting demonstrations by experts in disaster preparedness. Learn about the hazards facing Huntington Beach and what you need to plan for emergencies such as:

- How to use a fire extinguisher
- What you need for a grab-n-go bag
- How to prepare a 72 hour survival kit

In addition, disaster preparedness vendors will be present to provide literature about equipment and kits that can be purchased.

For more information regarding this event, please call the Emergency Operations Center at 714-374-1565.

INFORMATION SERVICES

The Huntington Central Park Sports Complex is a 45 acre facility that has eight softball fields overlaid with seven soccer fields. Also available are three open artificial turf fields and one arena turf field. Batting cages are also available along with two concession stands and two playgrounds. Check out more information about this complex on the city web site at: http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parks_facilities/parks/huntington_central_park/sports_complex.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Library Newsstand

The Huntington Beach Library stocks over 300 magazine titles for residents to read, research, and check-out. Foodies can sample Food Network Magazine, Bon Appetit, and Everyday along with Rachel Ray magazines. Sports fans can peruse Hockey News, Tennis, ESPN the Magazine, and Sports Illustrated. Parents can get advice from American Baby, Parents, and Working Mother. Plan this summer's vacation with Camping Life, Sunset, Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel or Motorhome. Children can explore with American Girls, Boys Life, National Geographic Kids, and Ranger Rick magazines. The Ebsco database (www.hbpl.org) allows online users to search and read these magazines and hundreds of others from home. Check them out today!

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission

On March 13, 2012, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 11-002/ COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 09-011/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 09-037/ SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 12-001

(WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT & HILTON EXPANSION) to permit the expansion of the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort including a nine-story tower providing a total of 156 new guestrooms with appurtenant facilities and grant a 5 year extension of time to the existing Amended and Restated Development Agreement adopted on October 21, 1998 (21100 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 - bounded on the north by Pacific Avenue, on the east by Twin Dolphin Drive, on the south by Pacific Coast Highway, and on the west by the existing Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort.) Contact Ethan Edwards, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-030 (GYU KAKU RESTAURANT OUTDOOR ALCOHOL SERVICE)

to permit the establishment of alcohol service within an existing 193 square foot outdoor dining area located in front of an existing restaurant that currently provides interior beer and wine sales and service (7862 Warner Avenue, Suite 109, 92647 – southwest corner of Warner Avenue at Beach Boulevard). Contact Hayden Beckman, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;

12-MONTH REVIEW OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 09-001 (DIGG'S RESTAURANT & BAR)

to review compliance with the conditions of approval for Conditional Use Permit No. 09-001 and applicable Chapters of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. (8052 Adams Avenue, 92646 - southeast corner of Beach Boulevard and Adams Avenue). Contact Jill Arabe, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information; a copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

MADD Awards

The Orange County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) held the **25th Annual Law Enforcement Recognition Luncheon** last week for Officers with one hundred or more DUI Arrests. Four Huntington Beach Police Officers were recognized at luncheon this year. The **Century Award winners** are Officer Demetre with 114 arrests, and Officer Scott with 181 Arrests. The **Double Century Award winners** are Officer Tai Huynh with 229 arrests, and Dave Dereszynski with 243 arrests. Congratulations to all!

PUBLIC WORKS

Center Avenue Rehabilitation

Center Avenue rehabilitation from the railroad crossing to the I-405 off-ramp is nearing completion. Final paving was completed last Friday. This week, the contractor will be

placing temporary painted striping, adjusting utility boxes to grade, and installing traffic signal loops. Next week, the final striping will be installed and the project will be considered complete. The project utilized rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) which contains crumb rubber derived from 100% California waste tire rubber. A two-inch layer of RAC uses over 2,000 waste tires per lane mile. This project diverted more than 3,500 waste tires that would otherwise end up in a landfill.

The contractor expedited the original project schedule and coordinated their work with others in order to complete this project a full two weeks ahead of the original schedule and to meet the City's and Costco's deadline to have the street opened for stocking of the new Costco. Staff appreciates the public's patience and understanding during construction.

Staff, Volunteers, and Huntington Beach Tree Society Join Forces to Commemorate Arbor Day

The City Of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Tree Society celebrated California Arbor Day on March 10 with the 11th annual Arbor Day tree planting project. This year also marks the tenth year that Huntington Beach has earned Tree City USA recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation. Our 2012 Arbor Day project consisted of the planting of thirty Pink Cloud cherry trees along the path below the Central Library, on the east side of Huntington Central Park. Over 200 volunteers were on hand to participate in the planting and mulching of the trees as well as the mulching around existing trees in the area.

The Tree Society donated the trees and coordinated the volunteer forces, while the Public Works Tree Maintenance Staff provided site preparations, proper planting illustrations, public education, and assistance to the eager volunteers. The 11th annual Arbor Day planting project was a huge success due to the coordinated efforts of the Huntington Beach Tree Society, the expertise of the Public Works Tree Maintenance staff, and the willingness and enthusiasm of the volunteers.