

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

May 3, 2010

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Charter Review Update

At the May 3 City Council meeting, the Charter Review Commission Chair and Vice Chair met with the City Council to respond to their questions on the Commission's recommendations. Straw votes on the recommendations will be made by the City Council at the May 17 Council meeting. A final vote on the Charter revisions is expected to be made by the City Council at the June 7 meeting.

CITY TREASURER

Customer Service Tip of the Week –Serve Others

To deliver amazing customer service, you need to care about others. If you care about others, you will do things that serve them. Serving others means putting them first. It means you will do things that help others accomplish what they want.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

BEST CHEF – KIDS EDITION: YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT -

Use organic foods to create delicious dishes! Learn how to shop for locally grown foods and organic foods. Menu items include triple-decker turkey club, creamy tortellini salad, veggie wraps, and zucchini bread. This workshop is held at the City Gym and Pool on May 15th from 10:30am-12:30pm. For more information contact the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884 or sign up at www.hbsands.org today!

National Senior Health and Fitness Day –

On Wednesday, May 26th from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Huntington Beach Senior Services will join 100,000+ older adults across the nation participating in Health and Fitness Day with a walk from the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center to the Huntington Beach Pier, demonstrating the importance of staying healthy and independent. Rene Burton, OC's Senior Fitness Guru and producer of *It's Never Too Late* exercise video series, begins the morning with light warm-ups. Refreshments and snacks will be provided and there are a limited number of door prizes. Sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation and the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, this event is free and open to adults 50+. Community SeniorServ will serve lunch after the event and is taking lunch reservations M-F 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Community SeniorServ lunch desk at Rodgers Seniors Center 714-536-8404. A suggested lunch donation for 60+ is \$2.50 and a there is a \$3.50 charge for those under 60. For more information on the Fitness Day or to register for the walk, call 714-536-9387 or visit Rodgers Center, 1706 Orange Avenue.

Ol' Fishin' Hole Derby -

Volunteers are being sought for the Ol' Fishin' Hole Derby that will be held on May 7 at Chris Carr Park. The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Dept. and the Huntington

Beach Kiwanis Club sponsor this event. We are expecting 180 children with disabilities and will need a lot of help. Many of these children have never been fishing before and it has proved to be a fun event for both the children and the volunteers. Kiwanis will provide lunch. We are asking that volunteers arrive at 8:30 a.m. and bring a net if they have one. Please call 536-5486 to sign up to volunteer.

Huntington Beach Art Center hosts Home Tour May 8

The Huntington Beach Art Center is proud to host the Home Tour Luncheon on Saturday, May 8th. The Annual Home Tour now in its 11th year benefits the Huntington Beach Educational Foundation and is organized by a dedicated team of volunteers, and Art Center Curator Darlene DeAngelo. The tour allows guests the opportunity to view some of Huntington Beach's most prestigious homes and gardens. During the tour guests stop at the Art Center for a luncheon and shopping boutique. Tickets are \$50 and are available by calling 714.863.7752, or for purchase through Friday at the Art Center. For further information visit www.hbef4kids.org.

Student Art Exhibit Open through May 8

Free and open to the public, this is your last week to view the wonderful Student Exhibit. The exhibit features work by Huntington Beach students from grades K – 12. For more information please call 714 374-1650.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

National Travel and Tourism Week, May 8 to May 16, 2010

The Huntington Beach Marketing and Visitors Bureau (MVB) is spearheading National Travel and Tourism Week. The MVB will present and promote "Why Travel Matters", and share the importance of the numerous jobs created by the travel industry to various local organizations during National Travel and Tourism Week. Huntington Beach was featured in Coastal Living and was winner for "Best Surfing" and quoted in the article in the May 2010 issue as the "No. 1 Family Surf Beach in the United States."

FIRE

Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors

It is that time of year again for the Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors charity to unite Fire Departments, businesses, and volunteer citizens throughout Southern California in the common goal of raising funds to help burn survivors from all walks of life recover from the trauma of burn injuries. The Quest caravan will be traveling "Code 3" through the streets of Huntington Beach and arrive at Pier Plaza on Wednesday, May 5 at 3PM to receive a \$500 donation from the Huntington Beach Firefighters Association. This will be the 14th year of raising funds for Burn Survivors, Burn Organizations, Burn Programs, World Burn Congress, and the American Burn Association. Quest Rally Participants have raised just under \$2.3 million to date. Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors is a non-profit organization managed by firefighters and civilians who volunteer their services and are dedicated to assist those that have been affected by burn injuries. The organization hosts fund raisers throughout each year in which donations are received and distributed on behalf of each donor to local burn

centers and foundations as well as burn survivors and their families. To find out more about the organization, please call the Toll Free number (866) 937-8378. Web link is: <http://www.firefightersquest.org>.

Garage Fire

On May 2, 2010 at 2:33 a.m., the Fire Department responded to a first-alarm structure fire assignment on Wrightwood Lane. On arrival, the Fire Captain reported a fully involved attached garage fire at a single-family residence. A second-alarm was ordered based on the amount of fire along with the fact that the roof of the house on the other side was starting to smoke. Crews cut a hole in the roof over the living space and confirmed fire in the attic. HBPD Helicopter Unit HB-1 was reporting embers on the roof of the house to the rear of the involved residence. There was also a report of a medical aid across the street from the fire. That patient was transported to the hospital.

The garage was a total loss. Damage to the living space was limited to minor water and smoke damage. Firefighters were able to keep the fire confined to the garage and a small portion of the attic. Personnel assisted the residents with removing some of their belongings. The fire is under investigation.

Urban Search and Rescue Drill

The Fire Department hosted a county-wide Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) drill on Tuesday, April 27 at the Central Net Training Center. This was the final drill in a series of three county-wide drills in which eight fire agencies participated. The scenario was a confined space rescue where a man had fallen into a 14ft storm drain. The teams have a wide variety of tools and training to respond to incidents such as collapsed buildings, overturned cars, and earthquake rescues. The Fire Department received a \$95,000 federal grant for this program. Utilizing this grant money enabled the department to increase the level of service to the community at no extra cost. The USAR unit, placed in service in January 2010, is housed at Station 2-Murdy.

[LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT](#)

Free Computer Classes Beginning May 10 at Central Library

The Central Library is pleased to announce that, beginning Monday May 10, free, weekly computer classes will be offered. These classes will be taught by a team of staff and highly skilled volunteer instructors. Classes will be limited to 10 students, allowing us to offer hands-on, personalized assistance. The first five classes are: Email Basics (setting up an email account for the first time), Consumer Information on the Web (smart shopping online, avoiding scams), Computer Basics (simple introduction to desktop computing), Job Searching Online (tips for job searching, help filling out job applications), and Photosharing (managing your photos online). Register online at www.hbpl.org, select "Events" and search event type "Training". You can also stop by the Central Library Reference Desk or call 714-842-4481. Register early for the best selection! *This program is supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.*

Huntington Beach Art League Annual Art Show at the Library.

The Huntington Beach Art League invites all art lovers to attend their annual HBAL Art Show Reception on Friday, May 7 from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm at the HB Central Library & Cultural Center. Artists will be displaying their current work in both the Corner Gallery and the Windows Gallery. For more information contact Cheryl Del Toro at 714-531-3663.

A Big Thank You to National Charity League, Inc. – Pacific Coast Chapter!

Oak View Branch Library Homework Club Program is very proud to announce the recent \$10,000 donation from National Charity League, Inc. – Pacific Coast Chapter. National Charity League (NCL) is a national mother-daughter organization that supports local charities through community service and financial assistance. National Charity League has been the most stable and valuable supporter, both financial and volunteer, for the Oak View Branch Library Homework Club since 2006.

The Homework Club Program helps an average of 60 children every day by providing after school homework assistance and tutoring and nearly 275 children are currently enrolled. The Huntington Beach Public Library is very grateful to NCL for its decision to continue its support of this well attended and much needed program at the Oak View Branch Library. Thanks NCL for making a difference not only in the Oak View Community but in the City of Huntington Beach as well!

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**April 27, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting Recap**

The Planning Commission reviewed the following applications at the Tuesday, April 27, 2010, meeting.

- The Ridge, located at 17202 Bolsa Chica Street (5-acre site located southeast of the intersection of Bolsa Chica Street and Los Patos Avenue) involves a request by Hearthside Homes to amend the zoning and land use designations on an existing 5-acre parcel from Residential Agricultural – Coastal Zone (RA-CZ) with a General Plan land use designation of Open Space – Parks (OS-P) to Residential Low Density – Coastal Zone (RL-CZ) with a General Plan Land Use designation of Residential Low Density – 7 units/acre (RL-7). In addition, the project applicant is requesting approval of a coastal development permit, conditional use permit and tentative tract map to subdivide and develop the project site with a 22-unit single-family planned unit development (PUD) with a 5,776 square foot common open space area. The application also consists of a zoning text amendment that would amend the Planned Unit Development (PUD) supplemental standards and provisions of Chapter 210.12 of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (HBZSO) to allow greater flexibility in the provision of parking spaces for a PUD development. The Planning Commission considered a recirculated draft mitigated negative declaration, which analyzes the environmental impacts associated with the project, in conjunction with the proposed legislative amendments and development project during the public hearing. Upon final local

action, an amendment to the City's certified Local Coastal Program to change the Land Use Plan from OS-P to RL-7 and reflect changes proposed to the HBZSO and zoning map will be forwarded to the California Coastal Commission for certification.

The Planning Commission approved the Recirculated Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Tentative Tract Map, the Coastal Development Permit and the Conditional Use Permit. The Planning Commission also approved the General Plan Amendment, the Zoning Map Amendment, the Zoning Text Amendment and the Local Coastal Program Amendment, and these four entitlements will now be forwarded to the City Council for adoption.

- HB Dental Alley Vacation. General Plan Conformance (GPC 09-008) to determine if the vacation of an approximately 2,864 square foot portion of an unimproved alley right-of-way is in conformance with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan. The alley is located south of Warner Avenue, west of Ash Lane. This item was continued from the February 23, 2010, Planning Commission Meeting.

The Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 1642, approving General Plan Conformance No. 09-008.

April 28, 2010 Zoning Administrator's Meeting Recap

The Zoning Administrator reviewed the following application at the Wednesday, April 28, 2010 meeting.

- Conditional Use Permit No. 10-009 (Downtown Shuttle Service & Remote Parking Lot) to permit the establishment of a remote parking lot with shuttle service to the downtown area during summer weekends, beginning the weekend prior to Memorial Day through the weekend after Labor Day, and 10 additional days for special events and holidays on a yearly basis. Remote parking will be located at an existing parking lot located at City Hall. The shuttle route will operate along a 3.5 mile continuous loop, circulating from City Hall to the Strand via Lake and Main Streets. The request is intended to increase parking capacity within the downtown area during peak parking conditions. This item was continued to the May 5, 2010 Zoning Administrator's meeting at the applicant's request, due to public comments from surrounding property owners.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Robbery of Liquor Store

On May 2, 2010, at about 9:36 a.m., Lows' Liquor at 14928 Springdale was robbed. The suspect is described as a male, black, in his 20's, five foot nine inches, wearing a white sweatshirt, sunglasses and gloves. He was armed with a black handgun.

The suspect entered the store and demanded money from the cashier. After robbing the cashier, he left on foot and jumped the wall leading into a residential backyard. Responding officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect. No vehicle was ever seen.

PUBLIC WORKS

Volunteer Renewing Our Parks Day May 8

All community members are invited to volunteer for a service project in local parks in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Westminster. Hours are 9 AM to 3 PM. Work at Huntington Central Park will include spreading wood chips around trees and walkways, painting picnic tables, weeding and general park cleanup. Volunteers also are being sought for Gibbs Butterfly Park, Murdy Park, Edison Park, and Bartlett Park. A family-friendly project at Golden View Park School Farm is seeking 10 families to work the barn and see the animals. The Huntington Beach Wetlands at Magnolia Marsh will include planting and habitat restoration. Similar cleanup projects will be held at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley and Sigler, College and Goldenwest Parks in Westminster. Volunteers are invited for a free breakfast and brief program between 8 and 8:45 at the LDS meetinghouse at 5402 Heil Avenue, Huntington Beach before leaving for the projects. This volunteer program is sponsored by the Huntington Beach Stakes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For more information or to volunteer call 714-848-0860.