

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

May 30, 2011

ADMINISTRATION

Huntington Beach Hometown Heroes Program

On Memorial Day, Mayor Joe Carchio officially announced the Huntington Beach Hometown Heroes Banner Program to honor the brave men and women of Huntington Beach currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. As a joint effort between the City of Huntington Beach and the American Legion Post 133, the personalized banners will soon be displayed on light poles on major streets throughout the city to celebrate and remind residents of their dedication to our country.

For a banner to be on display the Hometown Hero must be an active member of the United States Armed Forces and be a resident of Huntington Beach or has an immediate family member (wife/husband, daughter/son, or granddaughter/grandson) who is sponsoring the Hero's banner and resides in Huntington Beach. Verification of these qualifications will be required. Banners will be displayed for a specified period of time before being retired and given to the Hero or the celebrated Hero's family.

Each banner costs a total of \$270 for fabrication, hardware and installation. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; however, to honor your Hero by display on the 4th of July, applications must be received by Friday, June 10 deadline. See the home page on the City's website www.huntingtonbeachca.gov for more details and a form.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to offset the cost of the program, please make a check payable to "American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 – Hometown Heroes Program" and mail to:

American Legion Post 133
ATTN: Hometown Heroes Program
PO Box 133
Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Please direct all questions to Ashley Wallace at (714) 536-5579 or ashley.wallace@surfcity-hb.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Benefits of Recreation Programs

The trend towards a sedentary lifestyle is recognized as a major contributor towards many of our health and social issues. With the increased awareness of these issues, recreation programs are designed to make physical activity fun, safe and accessible. Check out the SANDS Community Services Guide for classes and programs to enhance quality of life and contribute to better mental, physical and societal health! Beginning May 31, registration for summer programs is available online at www.hbsands.org

Art Center "Pet Project"

Please join us on Friday, June 3 for the opening reception of the newest contemporary exhibition entitled ***Pet Project***. Featuring 10 artists whose work has been influenced by their pets, the exhibition becomes the focus for a unique fundraising event that will include a DOG-A-THON and Pet Fair on June 25. The exhibition includes a series of Late8 events scheduled for Thursday evenings in June, beginning with Dr. Bernadine Cruz, author of *The Secret Sex Life of Dogs and Cats*. Admission to the reception is free. People and Pets are welcome! Pledge forms for the dog walk are available at the Art Center or on our website at www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.com. Please call 714-374-1650 for information.

Got Arthritis?

The Arthritis Foundation is offering a Chair Exercise class to relieve the pain of arthritis at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center. Class will be held on Wednesdays, June 1-July 15 in Room D from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. and Fridays in Room E from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Register in person at the Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. Class fee is just \$6.00 and the class size is limited to 25 students. For more information call the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center at 714-536-9387.

Family Hip-Hop

The Family Hip-Hop class at the City Gym & Pool on Friday nights allows parents and children to spend some quality time together. Taught by certified dance instructor, Charletta Fry, she plays the coolest music and teaches the latest Hip-Hop moves! This class is designed to help children of all ages develop performing and social skills while having fun. Bring the whole family. Register online at www.hbsands.org or visit your local community center starting May 31 at 9:00 a.m. For more information contact the City Gym at 714-960-8884.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**Surf City Savings**

Surf City Savings Discount Program continues to grow and is proud to welcome our latest participants: Rockin Baja Coastal Cantina offering free guacamole or nachos with a purchase; Luxi Lounge Outdoor Furniture with \$100 off each item; 10% off at Cheap College Printing; and 10% off at Cal Clear Window Cleaning. These new merchants have joined Surf City Savings to help folks save money and to encourage shopping locally, which helps the City generate sales tax dollars to support local services.

New merchants continue to sign up bringing valuable offers to our community. Visit www.surfcityavings.com often, print out your favorite coupons, and visit our participating merchants to receive your discounts. You can even sign up to receive an email whenever a new merchant joins the program, making it even easier for you to find money-saving opportunities in Huntington Beach.

Grow and Expand Your Business – Free Workshop for all HB Businesses

As part of the City's Ten Point Plan, the City will hold a series of workshops to make it easier to do business in Huntington Beach. The next workshop is scheduled at the Central Library on Tuesday, June 14, at 8:30 a.m. This workshop - "Grow and Expand Your Business" - is

co-hosted by the City and the HB Chamber of Commerce. SCORE, The Orange County Workforce Investment Board and the Small Business Administration will be present at the workshop to provide information and tools to help local businesses grow and prosper. For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce at 714-536-8888.

2011 Chili at the Beach Event – Chili for a Good Cause

Chili at the Beach will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2011, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Chili at the Beach is an annual fundraising event sponsored by the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District and is a competition held between member restaurants with people's choice votes to select the best chili recipe prepared on the event day. Proceeds will benefit Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) programs. Come early as the chili cook-off takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Chili "tastes" are \$10 in downtown Huntington Beach and tickets can be pre-purchased at the Information Booth during Surf City Nights. Additionally, the event includes marketplace shopping, live music, a children's street party at The Strand, plus activities for all ages. For more information, contact the BID at 714-536-8300.

Surf City Downtown Shuttle

The Surf City Downtown Shuttle, which enjoyed a successful inaugural season in 2010, will return to service on Tuesday, June 14 and will continue through Labor Day, September 5. The Shuttle will provide free rides every 30 minutes, on the hour and half hour, from the Huntington Beach Civic Center to downtown on Tuesday nights during Surf City Nights from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays, and Labor Day from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., making stops at Main & Orange and 5th Street at The Strand. Passengers can park for free at the Civic Center, located at 2000 Main Street. Enjoy the festive red trolley-style and fuel-efficient vehicles, offering a quick, fun, and comfortable alternative on days when the demand for available parking spaces in the area reaches its peak. Shuttle riders may board the shuttle near the Main Street entrance to the Civic Center, adjacent to the Police Station. The program is funded by Air Quality Management District funds provided annually to help alleviate congestion by providing viable alternatives to driving. For more information on the Surf City Downtown Shuttle, visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov or contact the Economic Development Department at 714-536-5582.

FIRE

Water Safety Basics

Summer is just around the corner and the Huntington Beach Fire Department wants to remind you that childhood drowning and near-drowning can happen in a matter of seconds. These situations typically occur when a child is left unattended or during a brief lapse of supervision.

- Never leave a child unattended near water (pool, spa, tub, or ocean). There is no substitute for adult supervision.
- Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
- Make sure pools and spas are enclosed on four sides with a fence at least 5 feet high with a self-closing and latching gates.

- Keep a phone at poolside to call for help in case of an emergency.
- Learn infant and child CPR and rescue breathing.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.
- Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
- Power-operated pool safety covers are the most convenient and efficient. Solar/floating pool covers are not safety devices.
- If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Severe and permanent brain damage affects as many as 20 percent of near-drowning victims.
- Never let children eat candy or chew gum when swimming.
- Get out of the water right away if you hear thunder or see lightning.

For more water safety information, please visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at: www.nfpa.org

INFORMATION SERVICES

Rent City Facilities

Did you know that that residents and visitors can rent city facilities for special events? View rental facilities information at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/rental_facilities/

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

"One World, Many Stories" 2011 Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading Program tee shirts are here. Each bright yellow shirt is decorated with a parrot and crest with the letters "READ." They also have the theme, "One World, Many Stories" on the front. Children's sizes in small, medium and large are available at the Central Library Children's Department for \$5 each, cash or check. For additional information, please call 714-375-5107.

"Rafael and Katia Magic Show" at the Central Library Theater

The children of Oak View Elementary School will enjoy the "Rafael and Katia Magic Show" at the Huntington Beach Central Library on June 9, 2011. These well-known Los Angeles performers will entertain their audience with card tricks, animals and sleight-of-hand amusements. Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Friends of the Children's Library, this annual event entertains students and teachers alike. Rafael and Katia also incorporate elements about the upcoming Summer Reading Program to encourage participation.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

City to Receive Award for Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan

At the Monday, June 6, 2011, City Council meeting, the City Council will be presented with the "Outstanding Planning Project" award for the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan from the Orange County Section of the American Planning Association (APA CA/Orange

Section) by Mr. Don Lamm, former Planning Director, APA CA, OC Section Juror and Executive Advisor representing one of five jurors. In receiving this award, the City of Huntington Beach is now eligible for consideration of a statewide APA "Outstanding Planning Project" award. For more information on the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan, please visit the Planning and Building Department website at http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/major/Beach_Edinger.cfm

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DUI Checkpoint results

The Huntington Beach Police Department Traffic Bureau conducted a sobriety/drivers license checkpoint at Pacific Coast Highway and Huntington Street on Saturday May 28, 2011. The checkpoint began at 9:00 p.m. and ended at 3:00 a.m. The following is statistical data for the evening:

• Vehicles through the checkpoint	1539
• Vehicles screened for DUI	473
• Field Sobriety Tests administered	14
• DUI Arrests	5
• Other criminal Arrests	1
• Unlicensed/Suspended citations	5
• Vehicles impounded - 30 days	2
• Other citations	4

Overall, the checkpoint was a success. We handed out almost 500 educational drinking and driving pamphlets, which were donated by the Community Services Program as part of "Project Path."

PUBLIC WORKS

Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program Grant

In an effort towards meeting the City's strategic plan to assess the condition of and perform maintenance activities on all 36 City-maintained bridges over the next several years, an application was submitted in December 2007 to the State for its Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program (BPMP) for the following three bridges:

- Warner Avenue Bridge over Bolsa Chica Channel
- Magnolia Street Bridge over Huntington Beach Channel
- Brookhurst Street Bridge over Talbert Channel

In December 2009, the City received notification that these three bridge maintenance projects had been accepted into the Highway Bridge Program and that the grant funds had been slated for the design and construction phases of these projects. In May of 2011, the City received authorization to proceed with the design phase of these projects. It is anticipated that the design phase, including the necessary environmental approvals, will take approximately six to eight months to complete. Funding for construction of these

preventative maintenance efforts is being proposed for the Warner Avenue Bridge in FY 11/12, with the remaining bridges in the following fiscal years. Of the approximate \$3 million design and construction costs estimated for these three bridges, the City expects to be reimbursed approximately \$2.7M through the BPMP grant funds. It is proposed to use Measure M turnback funds to meet the required local match; therefore no General Fund monies will be necessary for these projects.

Traffic Signal Modifications

The \$300,000 traffic signal modification project, which began on February 14, 2011, has just been completed. The construction work consisted of installing east-west protected left turn arrows at Yorktown Avenue and Brookhurst Street, installing north-south protected left turn arrows at Newland Street and Atlanta Avenue, and installing protected left turn arrows in all directions at the intersection of Atlanta Avenue and Magnolia Street. The work included the installation of new traffic signal poles, signal heads and conduit installation to accomplish the proposed operation. Finally, the project also included some minor curb and gutter and access ramp installation to comply with the current requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The three intersections were funded under the Hazard Elimination Safety program administered by the Federal Highway Administration and California State Department of Transportation. The projects were funded to address a higher than expected incidence of left turn collisions at each of the intersections.
