

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

November 26, 2012

CITY MANAGER

City Council Transition December 3

Monday, December 3, the City Council will be holding its transition meeting to welcome new Council Members: former Mayors Dave Sullivan and Jill Hardy along with new Council Member Jim Katapodis. Mayor Don Hansen, Mayor Pro Tem Devin Dwyer, and Council Member Keith Bohr will be leaving the City Council after many combined years of service.

The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall - 2000 Main Street.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is my Park

On Thanksgiving, 10 HB Senior Services' volunteers and their families delivered a holiday feast with all the fixings to 80 qualified older residents. These homebound seniors are often alone on the holiday and unable to cook for themselves. They appreciate the short visit from smiling volunteers as much as the traditional meal. The volunteers pick up the freshly prepared turkey dinner from Huntington Beach Hospital.

In addition to the meal, the volunteers gift these elder residents with holiday cards handcrafted by the National Charity League and placemats quilted by the Flying Geese Quilters. The Holiday Meals Program is funded by the Handy Crafters and the Huntington Beach Council on Aging. Furthermore, for sixteen years, an anonymous community donor has been taking care of low-income seniors who are not served by the Holiday Meals Program. These older adults are still able to prepare Thanksgiving dinner, but they cannot afford to buy the groceries. So each year, this donor gives 25 frozen turkey breasts to Seniors Outreach. The Care Managers then deliver the turkey breasts to participants in time for the holiday. The citizens of Huntington Beach take care of their aging residents and make Huntington Beach a place to age! For information on volunteering or Care Management, call Seniors Outreach 714-960-2748.



Recreation Classes Available for the Holidays

The Holidays are upon us and the SANDS Community Services Guide has several offerings to make the holidays brighter this season! Edison Community Center is offering a "Holiday Baking" class on December 4 and "Homemade Gifts from the Kitchen" class on December 18. On December 8, parents can bring their children to Murdy Community Center to enjoy a day filled with holiday crafts, games, lunch, movies, and fun while providing parents time to finish shopping! Register now at www.hbsands.org.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nominate HB's Kindest Business Owner!

Do you know a business owner in HB with holiday spirit, and a kind, cheerful attitude, who goes the extra mile for employees and customers all year long? The 25th Annual Holiday Spirit Award, presented by the Orange County Register, honors local business owners who don't get many accolades for being good to employees, generous to local charities, and grateful to their customers. There are certainly businesses in our community who embody the holiday spirit all year long. Nominations should be sent to OC Register small business columnist Jan Norman at jnorman@ocregister.com - but hurry, as nominations are due by November 28. Winners will be announced in the OC Register on December 24.

FINANCE

Disability Access - State Mandated Fee effective in 2013.

At the end of the 2012 legislative session the Legislature approved and the Governor signed SB1186. The primary intent of the bill was to limit the liability of businesses to lawsuits under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). As a component of this bill the state sought to bolster the Certified Access Specialist Program (CASP) administered by the State Architect and local governments.

To provide funding for CASP the bill imposes an additional state fee of \$1 on "any applicant for a local business license or equivalent instrument or permit, or renewal thereof". All businesses are subject to this fee including: rental properties, out-of-town businesses, home-base-businesses, contractors, exempt businesses, and non-profits. The bill divides this money between the State Architect and the City, at specified percentages, 30% is transmitted to the State, and 70% is retained by the City and is restricted for use in its CASP program and for associated administrative costs.

In order to comply with the legal mandates of SB1186, the City of Huntington Beach will charge the additional \$1 fee on business license renewals, new business applications, and similar licensing and certification instruments effective January 1, 2013 and thereafter.

The bill also requires local entities to transmit to local businesses information regarding compliance with and legal obligations under federal and state disability laws. The City has added information to its business license application form and similar instruments and will include additional information with each renewal notice.

FIRE

CFL Light Bulb Safety

Energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) are becoming more common in homes and at work. In addition to using less electricity, they also have a positive impact on the global climate. Here are some important safety tips you should know about CFLs.

Purchase CFL light bulbs that have the listing label of a recognized testing laboratory. Light bulbs labeled by a recognized testing lab will ensure that the bulb meets the latest product safety standards.

When a CFL Burns Out

- It may smoke and the plastic base may blacken. This is normal and is not a fire safety issue.
- CFLs should never be discarded with household trash. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that consumers use local recycling options for CFLs. Contact your local government or visit www.epa.gov/cfl/cflrecycling or www.earth911.com to identify local recycling options.

If a CFL Breaks

CFLs are made of glass and can break. Be careful when removing from packaging and installing or removing from a socket. If a CFL breaks:

- OPEN a window to allow the room to air out for 5-10 minutes
- People and pets should LEAVE the room
- TURN OFF forced air heating and/or air conditioning
- COLLECT broken glass and visible powder using stiff cardboard, tape or a damp paper towel
- PLACE the debris in a glass container with a metal cover in a safe location outside until you can dispose of it
- CONTACT your local government to find out how to dispose of the jar containing the debris
- CONTINUE airing out the room for several hours

NOTE:

Consider checking the Consumer Product Safety Commission (cpsc.gov) for recalls of CFLs that may present fire danger.

FACT:

CFL bulbs contain a small trace of mercury within the glass. When broken, mercury will immediately dissipate into the air. Concentrations of mercury will likely approach zero in an hour or so. For more safety information, visit www.nfpa.org/education.

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

View the latest and previous City Manager Weekly Reports at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/news_publications/weekly_report/.

[LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT](#)

Choose Gifts Wisely – Access Consumer Reports from Home!

'Tis the season for choosing holiday gifts, and *Consumer Reports* magazine can provide information that makes good decisions easier. In addition to perusing print copies of the magazine, Huntington Beach Library cardholders can access full-text *Consumer Reports* articles online from home. Simply visit www.hbpl.org, click on the green "Quick Login to Databases" tab, and login. From the database menu on the left, click on the "Ebsco Consumer Reports" link to begin your search. Library cardholders can also browse entire issues of the magazine by clicking on the Ebscohost blue menu bar where it says "Publications" and then search for *Consumer Reports*. Take a minute to explore the library's databases and experience the world of information available through the Huntington Beach Public Library! For more information call (714) 842-4481.

[PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT](#)

Zoning Administrator

On December 5, 2012, at 1:30PM in Room B-8, the Zoning Administrator will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-024 (LIQUOR WAREHOUSE ALCOHOL TASTING): **Applicant:** Jerry Tsukamoto, Liquor Warehouse Property **Owner:** Lester Small **Request:** To permit an approximately 612 sq. ft. dedicated alcohol tasting area (wine only) within an existing retail grocery store. **Location:** 9092 Adams Avenue, 92646 (southwest corner at Magnolia Street) **Project Planner:** Ethan Edwards.

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 12-013 (RIETSCH SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE): **Applicant:** Jim Caldwell, Architect Property **Owner:** Kurt Rietsch **Request:** To permit the demolition of the existing single-family residence and construction of a new approximately 5,718 sq. ft., two-story single-family residence. **Location:** 17066 Marinabay Drive, 92649 (south of Coral Cay Lane at the terminus of Marinabay Drive) **Project Planner:** Ethan Edwards.

A copy of the agenda will be available on the City's website on November 29, 2012.

[POLICE DEPARTMENT](#)

Burglary Suspects Arrested – Stolen Property Recovered

The Huntington Beach Police Department recently made an arrest of serial residential burglary suspects, who committed numerous burglaries in Huntington Beach and throughout Orange County between May and November, 2012. During the investigation, numerous pieces of property including: rings, watches, necklaces, bracelets, iPhones, iPods, cameras and GPS units were recovered. HBPD will attempt to return the property to the rightful owners by the end of the year. For more information, please contact Sergeant Abrahams in Investigations.

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 collections 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.