

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**October 10, 2011**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Senior Center**

Ballroom Dance – This Friday, October 14 at 7:30 P.M., the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center will swing 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 only \$7.50 per person, join the ball the second Friday of each month. Singles are always welcome. For more information contact the Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, 714-536-9387 or on the web, [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org)

Wave of Fun! - The first annual Huntington Beach Senior Surf Invitational will take place Saturday, October 29 on the south side of the Huntington Beach Pier beginning at 7:30 A.M. The City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) invite all surfers ages 50+ to compete. Athletes will compete within a 5-year age group (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75+), and will be judged on wave selection, maneuvers, fluidity, and style. Advance Registration is required by Monday, October 21. The \$30.00 Registration fee includes an athlete t-shirt, goodie bag, and awards to first, second, and third place winners. To register or for more information, contact Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, 714-536-9387 or on the web, [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org)

### **Art Center**

Please join us for the opening of our next exhibition, CALidoscope, on Friday October 14. The exhibition features four artists who have created installations in the galleries and project room that transform the space into unique environments that speak to a universal experience of basic needs of shelter and emotional challenges. The artists will be present and available to discuss their works. The reception is open to the public from 7-9 P.M. Call 714-374-1658 for information.

### **Project Self-Sufficiency**

The Project Self Sufficiency Foundation (PSSF) held its second annual “Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate Please” fundraiser at the Newland Barn on Sunday, October 9. Attendees of the event enjoyed an afternoon of delicious wine, tasty cheese and decadent chocolate! A sincere thank you goes out to all of the community donors and guests for their support of Project Self Sufficiency. The mission of PSSF is to support and assist highly motivated, low-income, single-parent families with minor children achieve economic independence through education and personal development.

### **Seriously Awesome Sitters**

The ultimate babysitter preparation class is being held at Murdy Community Center on October 15 from 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Students will become certified in Basic First Aid and CPR/AED for adults and children. Future babysitters will also learn how to market their services, safely care for children, make healthy snacks and entertain kids so that you will be

asked back again and again! Visit [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org), and turn to page 8 to learn more about this and other Community Services programs.....the benefits are endless!

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Weekly Farmers Markets!**

Did you know that there are four weekly Certified Farmers Markets in Huntington Beach? Browse through the healthy fruits and vegetables offered 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

### **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

Oakview Certified Farmers Market:

Oceanview High School @ Warner/Gothard - 9 AM to 1 PM

## **FIRE**

### **REMINDER - Fire Prevention Week**

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, the Huntington Beach Fire Department will be holding its annual Open House on Saturday, October 15 at Fire Station 1 – Gothard (18311 Gothard Street) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be rescue demonstrations, educational safety handouts, tours of the fire station, staging of emergency apparatus, and meeting Sparky and firefighters.

This year's focus for Fire Prevention Week is "Protect your Family from Fire!"

Be a home fire escape planner

- Draw a map of your home and show all doors and windows
- Mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room
- Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home where everyone can meet once they've escaped. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.
- Make sure your home has the appropriate number of working smoke alarms
- Sound the smoke alarm and practice your escape plan with everyone living in your home twice a year

**INFORMATION SERVICES****City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips**

View the Little League World Series Championship Ceremony video:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/videos/events/little-league-championship-ceremony.cfm>

**LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT****Hilarious Halloween Haunt Puppet Show**

Franklin Haynes' Marionettes will present a funny Halloween puppet show at Triangle Park, next to the Main Street Branch Library, on Wednesday, October 12 at 10:00 am. The Branch Library is located at 525 Main Street. The cost is \$4 per person. Tickets can be purchased at Main Street Library or at the Children's Department of the Central Library. Parents and children will enjoy the amusing antics of pumpkins, skeleton tap dancers, and masked creatures. Calliope music plays while the puppet performers talk and dance. Seating is on the grass so bring something to sit on. As an additional treat, children may wear their Halloween costumes. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library and the Huntington Beach Library Children's Department. For additional information, please call (714) 375-5107.

**Halloween Family Evening Story Time**

Join "Miss Barbara" and her puppets for Family Evening Story Time, Thursday, October 13 at 7:00 pm at the Central Library's Tabby Theater. There will be unusual flannel boards, not-so-scary stories, and funny songs. Audience participation is encouraged so wear pajamas or Halloween costumes and be prepared to laugh. The National Charity League supplies refreshments afterwards.

**PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT****Huntington Beach Senior Center Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report**

On Wednesday, October 12, 2011, beginning at 6:30 PM in Room C/D of the Central Library located at 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, a public comment meeting will be held on Huntington Beach Senior Center Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (EIR No. 07-002). The meeting will be held to take comments related to the adequacy of the environmental issues analyzed within the Draft EIR.

Draft Subsequent EIR No. 07-002 analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of an approximately 45,000 square foot senior recreational facility on an undeveloped 5-acre portion of Central Park. The project site is located southwest of the intersection of Talbert Avenue and Goldenwest Street, south of Shipley Nature Center and north of the Disc Golf Course. Access to the facility will be provided from a planned driveway at the intersection of Goldenwest Street/Talbert Avenue. The senior center will include multi-purpose rooms/community hall, group exercise room, fitness room, arts/crafts room, multi-use classrooms, kitchen, dance room, lobby, administrative area, outdoor patio, and outdoor recreation/activity area. Approximately 227 parking spaces will be provided for visitors and City vehicles. The project also includes a General Plan Amendment

to incorporate the Central Park Master Plan of Recreation Uses into the Recreation and Community Services Element of the General Plan. The Central Park Master Plan is proposed to be updated to identify the 5-acre senior center site within Central Park and re-designate the project site from a low-intensity to high-intensity recreation area.

Any person wishing to comment on the request may do so in writing during the 45 day comment period by providing written comments to Jennifer Villasenor, Senior Planner, City of Huntington Beach Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. The 45-day public review period will end on Monday, October 31, 2011, at 5 p.m.

The Draft SEIR can be reviewed online at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/major/index.cfm>

For more information, contact Jennifer Villasenor at 714-374-1661 or via email at: [jvillasenor@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:jvillasenor@surfcity-hb.org).

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **AlertOC County Wide Test Scheduled for October 20, 2011**

On Thursday, October 20 at 5:00 pm, the City of Huntington Beach, along with 30 other Orange County jurisdictions, will conduct a test of Orange County's Regional Emergency Notification System, AlertOC.

AlertOC is a mass notification system used by the City of Huntington Beach and the County of Orange to issue government related messages to residents and businesses. The system has the capacity to send thousands of messages within minutes via phone, e-mail, and text. The primary use of the system is to disseminate messages pertaining to the health, safety or welfare of a community that is being affected by a perceived, emerging, or imminent emergency event.

This test is being conducted in conjunction with the State of California Great Shakeout Exercise. The primary objective of this regional exercise is to test AlertOC's capability, capacity, and effectiveness to deliver emergency notifications to the public during times of a major disaster. This will simulate probable use of the system during a "real" disaster event.

All Huntington Beach residential phone numbers will be called on October 20 at 5:00 pm. Businesses will not be called on this date. However, all residents and businesses are encouraged to register their cell phones, text numbers, and e-mail addresses at [www.alertoc.com](http://www.alertoc.com) if they would like those devices notified in addition to their residential phone number.

### **Reduced Hours at the Public Service Counters**

The police department, like all departments in the city, has significantly reduced staffing during the last three years. The full time funded staffing level of the police department has been reduced from 381 (including 237 sworn police positions) to 334 (including 206 sworn

police positions). The reduction in staffing has resulted in a reduced level of service in almost every function and unit of the police department except uniformed patrol services. If you plan to visit the police department, please be aware that the hours of our public service counters have been reduced. The hours of our public service counters are listed below for your information. Also, be aware that some issues can be resolved by visiting our website (listed below) and selecting eServices.

**Police Department Website**

<http://www.hbpd.org>

**Police Department Front Desk**

Monday through Sunday  
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Traffic Unit Public Counter**

Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Closed on Holidays

**Records Unit Public Counter**

Tuesday through Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Closed on Holidays

**Live Scan Fingerprinting Services**

Tuesday through Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.  
Closed on Holidays

**Property Unit Public Counter**

Tuesday  
12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Thursday  
12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Closed on Holidays

**Investigation Reception Desk**

Closed

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Civic Center Parking Lot Rehabilitation**

Since the Solar project at the Civic Center parking lots are substantially complete, the City has officially begun construction of the parking lot paving improvements. Over the course of the next several weekends, the civic center parking lots will be improved with new curbs (where needed), minor concrete repairs, localized asphalt pavement reconstruction, surface drainage improvements, new asphalt paving or slurry seal and all new striping. The Solar contractor is working with the City's paving contractor to coordinate the installation of all new landscaping in the parking lot islands.

There will be areas during the next couple of weeks where temporary no parking signs will be in place so landscape work can be completed. Staff will provide updates to the Civic Center employees advising them of areas where "no parking" will be in place for the affected weekend's work.