

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

December 23, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

Calling all artists! The Huntington Beach Art Center is inviting all artists to join us for the annual "Centered on the Center" exhibition. This is an open call, unjuried show that allows artists to submit up to two pieces for exhibition. Art Center members can drop off their work on Saturday, January 11, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All other artists can drop off that day from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, January 12, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For additional information call the Art Center at 714-374-1650 or visit our website at www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know that the City website contains information about parking violations and related fees? Click on the "Residents" navigation tab then click on "Parking Information." You will find a link to this page on the "Parking Information" page.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/parking_enforcement.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

NEW Digital Magazines coming January 1 at Huntington Beach Public Library

Did Santa put a tablet under the tree this year? Upgrade to a new iPad or smartphone? Looking for content for the new gadget/device? Check out the Huntington Beach Public Library. EBooks and EAudiobooks are available for just about any device found under the tree. Starting January 1, the Library will also offer a new Digital Magazine Service – Zinio for Libraries. With Zinio, check out the latest edition of magazines to read on iPads, Android tablets, Kindle Fires and other digital readers. Any cardholder can utilize this new program with their library card and pin. Visit the Library website at hbpl.org and learn more about all the new digital services at the Library.

Basic Genealogy Workshop on January 4, 2014

An informal Basic Genealogy workshop is conducted at the monthly meetings of the Orange County, California, Genealogical Society. The next workshop will be on Saturday, January 4, 2014, at 12:30 p.m. in Room D of the Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave. For more information, call the Society at 714-536-5549 or visit www.ocgcs.com.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Surf City Nights Taking a Holiday Break

Surf City nights will be taking a break during the holidays and will not operate on Tuesday, December 24 or Tuesday, December 31. They will be back with your favorite food, entertainment and shopping on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. For more information about Surf City Nights, please visit: www.hbdowntown.com.

Applications Available for 2014-15 Community Development Block Grant Funding

The application period is now open for 2014-15 Community Development Block Grant Funding requests. Applications must be received no later than Friday, February 21, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

There are two application types:

- 1) construction and/or development projects that include eligible public facilities and infrastructure projects, property acquisition, and other eligible renovation projects; and
- 2) non-construction projects that include eligible public services, fair housing activities, and housing rehabilitation.

Applications are available on the Economic Development Department website at: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/ed/cdbg/>. Questions regarding funding eligibility or the CDBG program may be directed to Simone Slifman at (714) 375-5186 or Simone.Slifman@surfcity-hb.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT**HBPD Sergeant Receives Honors**

Sergeant David Wiederin was honored at the 9th Annual Volunteer Police Officer Awards dinner and Recognition Program at the Mason's Lodge last week. Sgt. Wiederin has displayed exemplary community spirit and dedicated such time and efforts to the City of Huntington Beach. The presentation included a special plaque, along with a check for \$250 which will be presented in the name of Sgt. Wiederin to the charity of his choice, AYSO.

HBPD Requests Information on December 22 Incident

On December 22, 2013, at approximately 3:30 a.m., the Huntington Beach Police Dispatch Center received a 911 call from a residence reporting a woman in her 60's who appeared to have been badly beaten. The residence is located in a large condominium complex in the area of Beach and Adams.

Thomas Clifford Johnson of Huntington Beach has been arrested in connection with this investigation. Detectives do not believe at this point there is any ongoing threat to the community. The investigation is ongoing and there are no additional details being released at this time.

If you have any information regarding this case, please contact Detective Steve Wickser on the HBPD Tip Line at 714/375-5066 or Orange County Crime Stoppers at www.crimestoppers.org or 1-855-847-6227.

PLANNING**Surf City Nights**

Surf City Nights is an existing downtown street festival which occurs every Tuesday night. Surf City Nights includes a Certified Farmer's Market, live entertainment consisting of amplified music, street performances, children's games and activities, local merchant

displays, sidewalk sales, a food-court, and the sale of prepackaged food and hand-crafted items. The festival runs weekly on Tuesday nights from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., but is cancelled in the event of heavy rain or showers. This event was established in 2007 and run by the City of Huntington Beach (City) for the first two years, and is now run by the Downtown Business Improvement District (DTBID), which took over management and operations of the festival in 2009.

The City's Office of Business Development and the DTBID are co-applicants for the proposed Project, which includes renewed discretionary permits for 1) the current operation; and 2) the expansion of Surf City Nights from its current location on Main Street between Pacific Coast Highway and Orange Avenue, onto 5th Street, between Pacific Coast Highway and Walnut Avenue. The Project requires the temporary closure of downtown streets, including Main Street and 5th Street of Huntington Beach every Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The street closures are facilitated by the use of metal bollards and other similar barricades, placed to divert traffic and promote pedestrian safety. However, all blockades are removable and the site is fully accessible to emergency vehicles at all times.

The event requires that parking meters within the festival area of Main Street and 5th Street be bagged and labeled with No Parking signs, indicating that vehicles must be moved by 2:00 p.m. Parking for the event is available on surrounding streets and within an 850 stall parking structure located on Main Street in addition to other available publically accessible parking areas.

Peak attendance is observed during the summer months, when the City accommodates additional off-site parking with a free shuttle to and from the event site. The shuttle has operating hours of 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and is initiated once the Main Street Parking structure is full. The project includes amplified music on Main Street. No amplified music is proposed for 5th Street.

A focused EIR will be prepared to analyze potential environmental impacts associated with the Project, including Land Use and Planning, Noise, Traffic/Parking, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Alternatives to the proposed project and Growth Inducing and Cumulative Impacts. Any person wishing to comment on the request may provide written comments to Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner, City of Huntington Beach, Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 by Friday, January 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Ethan Edwards can also be contacted by email at ethan.edwards@surfcity-hb.org or telephone (714) 536-5561.

The Notice of Preparation will be available for public review and comment for thirty (37) days commencing Thursday, December 19, 2013, and ending Friday, January 24, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. and available for public review at the locations listed below during regular business hours:

1. City website at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/Planning/Environmentalreports.cfm
2. Planning and Building Department, 3rd floor, Civic Center, 2000 Main Street, Huntington

Beach, CA 92648

3. City Clerk, 2nd floor, Civic Center, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

4. Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92647

5. Main Street Library, 525 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

PUBLIC WORKS

Christmas and New Year Holidays Affect Trash Collection and Street Sweeping

Trash Collection

Trash will be collected per regular schedule on Monday December 23, Tuesday December 24, Monday December 30, and Tuesday December 31. There will be no trash collection on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, so trash collection on Wednesday through Friday each holiday week will be delayed one day. Residents on Wednesday's route should place their trash for collection on Thursday, and so on for the entire week. Friday's route will be collected on Saturday.

2013 Christmas and New Year Trash Collection Schedule					
Regular Collection Day	Mon 12/23 Mon 12/30	Tues 12/24 Tues 12/31	Wed 12/25 Wed Jan 1	Thu	Fri
Holiday Collection	Unaffected	Unaffected	Thu	Fri	Sat

Street Sweeping

During the holiday period, streets will be swept according to the schedule below. There will be no street sweeping tickets issued on Monday and Tuesday, December 23 and 24. Street sweeping and ticketing are cancelled from Wednesday, December 25 through Friday, January 3 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays. Regular street sweeping schedules and ticketing will resume on Monday, January 6.

If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance division at 714-960-8861.

2013 Christmas and New Year Street Sweeping Schedule				
Mon 12/23	Tues 12/24	Wed 12/25	Thu 12/26	Fri 12/27
4 th Monday Regular Sweep No Tickets	4 th Tuesday Regular Sweep No Tickets	Holiday No Sweep No Tickets	4 th Thursday No Sweep No Tickets	4 th Friday No Sweep No Tickets
Mon 12/30	Tues 12/31	Wed 1/1	Thu 1/2	Fri 1/3
5 th Monday No Sweep No Tickets	5 th Tuesday No Sweep No Tickets	Holiday No Sweep No Tickets	1 st Thursday No Sweep No Tickets	1 st Friday No Sweep No Tickets

Post Holiday Christmas Tree and Cardboard Recycling

Rainbow Environmental Services is offering free post-holiday recycling of non-artificial Christmas trees and cardboard cartons. Rainbow will pick up Christmas trees and any flattened cardboard cartons that are placed next to the trees from January 2 through January 15, 2013.

To recycle your tree, simply remove all ornaments, hooks, light strings, tinsel, and stand, and place it **next to** your carts on your trash day. Flatten cardboard and place next to trees. The automated trucks are not collecting trees so please do not block access to the carts and **do not put Christmas trees in your carts**. Larger trees should be cut to six-feet maximum. Multi-family, condo and townhome residents with commercial service (blue dumpster) should place trees to the side of the dumpsters, not in front or on top of the dumpster. Check with your property manager or HOA for other restrictions.

After January 15, tree pickups will have to be scheduled as a 10/4 Pickup arranged directly through Rainbow Environmental. For further information, please contact Public Works Trash and Recycling at 714-375-5010 or Rainbow Environmental Services at 714-847-3581.