

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

February 11, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

Award of Excellence – The California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) awarded the Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) the *2012 Service Award of Excellence-Champion of the Community*. Recipients are chosen based upon their significant effort to influence and improve the quality of their community through parks, recreation, and community services. The HBCOA's mission is to respond to the needs of the senior citizens of Huntington Beach through advocacy and direct action on their behalf.

The HBCOA records 4,000 volunteer hours annually. Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center hosts the HBCOA's panorama of programs for the community's older adults to remain socially, mentally and physically active, including travel, dances, bingo, Wii-bowling, movies, drum circle activities, computer classes, and arthritis exercise classes. The HBCOA also sponsors community events such as the *On Course* golf tournament, *Step-Out for Active Aging*, a senior softball tournament, the *Senior Saturday Community Festival*, the *Seniors Surf Invitational*, the *Autumn Health Fair and Flu Clinic*, and *The Ol' Fishin' Hole*, an intergenerational fishing derby for special needs children.

The HBCOA's monthly newsletter, the *Bright Outlook*, outlines the many events, activities, classes and volunteer opportunities sponsored by the HBCOA, as well as the wide spectrum of programs and services available through Huntington Beach Senior Services. The *Bright Outlook* is available at the senior center, libraries, and community centers or can be viewed online at www.hbcoa.org. There are over 1,000 HBCOA members and HBCOA membership is open to all who would like to add their say to the voice of senior citizens. The HBCOA is a pioneer in the field of senior services and truly understands the CPRS slogan, *Parks Make Life Better!* For more information on joining the HBCOA or on any of its activities, call 714-536-9387 or visit www.hbcoa.org.



Spring 2013 Recreation Guide

The spring Huntington Beach Community Services SANDS recreation brochure will be available online at www.HBsands.org beginning February 20, 2013. The spring recreation guide will include private swim lessons, Tippi-Toes dance, PILOXING fitness, and more classes for tots through seniors! The spring SANDS guide will also include a SUMMER PREVIEW of our most popular Summer Camps and American Red Cross swim classes. Spring registration begins March 5, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. online at www.HBsands.org or your local community center.

HB Tennis Academy at Edison Community Center

Edison Community Center offers a tennis academy for competitive teen players. The HB Tennis Academy is an affordable, year-round program designed for 10-17 year olds preparing for advanced level competition. The Academy offers several classes for all levels of experience. Class time will focus on applying skills and strategies to match situations.

The Academy is ideal for students looking to play on a high school tennis team. Instructors are USPTA/PTR certified. A new, 4-week session is starting this week! Registration for this new session is available online at www.hbsands.org or in person at Edison Community Center – 21377 Magnolia Street. For more information on class times, please consult the SANDS magazine or contact Edison Community Center at 714-960-8870.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chamber of Commerce – Economic Development Conference

New Year. New Energy. New Opportunity. Energizing YOUR business to lead the economic recovery - is this year's theme for the Economic Conference. The Conference Agenda has been created to provide the audience with meaningful information that you can use today to stimulate business. The program will start with two keynote addresses an Economic Forecast and How to Market/Grow Your Business. The keynote will be followed by a panel of elected officials to discuss important issues coming out of Sacramento, Orange County, and Huntington Beach. This year's conference is at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach on March 20, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at hbchamber.com or (714) 536-8888.

FIRE

HBFD Annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony

On January 31, 2013, over 120 guests attended a ceremony at the Gothard Fire Station to honor Fire Department members who received promotions and department awards. Mayor Connie Boardman and Council Member Dave Sullivan attended the Awards Program, which was established in 2011 to recognize members of the department who acted above and beyond the call of duty in the performance of their jobs.

Awards presented included the Volunteer Service Award for personnel who make significant contributions to the community; Meritorious Service Award for significant actions, on or off-duty, that significantly distinguished individuals from standard performance; the Life Saving Award granted to individuals whose actions directly contributed to saving a life; and the Medal of Bravery granted to personnel who in an effort to save another, have acted in spite of significant personal risk.

Volunteer Service

Lisa Kennedy

Life Saving Award

Ray Casillas

Bryan Kistler

Kevin Prentiss

Joel Whipp

Bravery

Darrin Witt

Meritorious Service

Ray Casillas

Philip Cheung

Andre Clarizio

Ken Deleske

Gary Finney

Greg Funderburk

Chris Galbraith

Chad Garrett

Rob Glenn

Steve Hess

Bill Reardon

Zac Wright

Huntington Beach Fire Department 2012 Recorded Incidents

In 2012, the Huntington Beach Fire Department continued to experience an increase in the number of emergency incidents. The Fire Department responded to over 16,500 emergency calls in 2012, which represents a 4 percent increase over 2011.

<u>Total Fire Department Incidents</u>	
Fire	395
Medical	12,982
Hazardous Materials	139
Other Emergencies	737
Service	1,197
Out of Jurisdiction	1,071
Total Incidents	16,521

Average Response Time: 4 min. 51 sec.

Structure Fire

On February 9, firefighters were dispatched to a reported fire shortly after 10:00 a.m. at a multi-unit residential building on Montego Drive. Smoke was visible coming from the building and extensive work was required to locate all of the fire which was in concealed spaces and the walls between units, up to the second floor and the attic. There was one minor injury to a civilian and the fire is currently under investigation.

Traffic Accident

There was a major traffic accident at the intersection of Gothard & Heil Avenue in the late afternoon on February 9. The accident resulted in one victim being trapped in a vehicle that suffered extensive damage. It took firefighters nearly 30 minutes to extricate the patient in this difficult rescue. A medical helicopter was called to the scene and the patient was flown to the trauma center.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know the that the City of Huntington Beach requires anyone with an oversized vehicle (over 25 feet) and RV's, unattached boat and personal watercraft trailers over 20 feet in length, to obtain a permit before parking in a residential area? You can find out more information and obtain a permit online from the City website at:

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

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**Terra Cotta Warrior on Display at the Central Library**

The Huntington Beach Library installed a life-sized Terra Cotta Warrior replica. The reproduction is based on the terra cotta army of soldiers and horses discovered in 1974 in Xi'an, Shaanxi province, China. The Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce received the impressive statue as a gift from China and donated the warrior to the Library in order to share

it with the entire community. Similar to figures displayed in museums, this Sworded General of the first Emperor's Army offers Library visitors an impressive ceramic work as well as a special glimpse into China's history. Take a moment to visit with the Warrior at the top of the spiral ramp during normal Library hours.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Meeting Cancelled

The February 12, 2013, Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is February 26, 2013.

Design Review Board

On February 14 at 3:30 PM, the Design Review Board will review the design, colors, and materials of a proposed wireless communication facility designed as a pine tree (monopine) and at grade equipment cabinets within an eight (8) foot high block wall enclosure. The facility is proposed at 18951 Gothard Street, 92647 (northwest corner of Garfield Avenue and Gothard Street). The Design Review Board meeting will be held in Room B-8, City Hall.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Small and the police department honored employees last week at the annual employee awards breakfast, where family and friends were on hand to congratulate them. Officers and employees received awards for Distinguished Service, Merit, Employee, Officer and Supervisor of the Year as well as the Medal of Valor for heroism.

The following employees were honored:

- Medal of Valor – Officer John Elser
- Officer of the Year – Officer Shawn White
- Civilian Employee of the Year – Nurse/Detention Officer Adrienne Caouette
- Supervisor of the Year – Sergeant Timothy Martin
- Award of Merit – Officer David Dereszynski, Sergeant Jonathan Haught, Detective Art Preece, Officer Victoria Shroyer and Officer Derek Young
- Distinguished Service Award – Detective Philip Gasca, Reserve Officer Terry George and Officer Jeffrey Huss

The police department is grateful and proud of these officers for their commitment and service to the community of Huntington Beach.

PUBLIC WORKS

Water Master Plan Adopted

The City Council adopted the 2012 Water Master Plan and Financial Plan Update. The plan, was originally adopted in 1988, but funding for projects was not secured until a capital surcharge and capital facilities charge were put in place in 1995. It has been updated regularly, most recently in 2006. The plan outlines improvements to the City's water system to address any deficiencies and to plan for growth.

Bolsa Chica Remediation Project

The City Council approved a resolution to permit the sale of water outside of the City boundaries to the Bolsa Chica Land Trust for a wetlands restoration project at the February 4 Council meeting. The project will reintroduce native vegetation to an area of approximately 100 acres of the northern mesa proximate to the intersection of Warner Avenue and Brightwater. An estimated 5 acre-feet of water – about 1.6 million gallons -- will only be used during the establishment period. The Municipal Code requires a City Council resolution before water can be served outside the City Limits.