

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

February 4, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Pilates at the City Gym & Pool

The Huntington Beach Community Services Department and HB Pilates will be offering AB-Core Blast at the City Gym and Pool this spring. Make sure to look for AB-Core Blast in the Adult and Teen section of the Spring SANDS coming out February 20, 2013. This class will strengthen your abdominals and core muscles, while improving posture and enhancing movement and mobility. Registration begins March 5, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. online at www.hbsands.org or at any Huntington Beach Community Center.

Huntington Beach Art Center

The Huntington Beach Art Center is featuring Art for Lunch on Thursday, February 14 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Guests are invited to bring their lunch to enjoy in the galleries surrounded by the eclectic work presented in Centered on the Center, the Art Center's annual community exhibition. The Art Center will provide desserts and beverages. Call 714-374-1650 for information.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services in Our Park

Valentine's Day Ballroom Dance – New Time - New Band - New Fun! On Friday, February 8, the Huntington Beach Council on Aging will premier live music by the Sam Conti Trio featuring your favorite tunes from the 1940-1960s! This romantic dance will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. Orange Coast Memorial Care Health System will sponsor dessert and wine is available for purchase. New sweethearts and long-time sweethearts will be recognized during the dance. Singles are also welcome to join the ball for \$7.50 per person. For more information, contact the senior center, 1706 Orange Avenue, 714-536-9387 or visit: www.hbcoa.org



Ballroom Dance Lessons at Edison Community Center

If you're looking to prepare for a big event or just learn something new, Edison Community Center offers fun and affordable dance lessons on Monday evenings! In the Ballroom Dance lessons, students will learn steps from dances such as the Waltz, Foxtrot, Cha-Cha, and Salsa. In East Coast Swing, dance steps are taught to jazzy big band and popular music. No partner needed to sign-up! Sessions begin on February 11, 2013. Registration is available in person at any community center or online at www.hbsands.org. For more information, please consult the SANDS magazine or contact Edison Community Center at 714-960-8870.

Marine Safety

This winter, Marine Safety Officers continue to remove lobster traps that become hazards when they are pushed into the surf line. On February 4, strong lateral currents pushed five traps into the pier. Buoy lines wrapped around pier pilings and became tangled under Tower Zero. As surfers paddled out through the fog, they were unaware of the danger created by

the submerged traps. Marine Safety Officers utilized a rescue vessel to negotiate the five foot surf and strong currents to cut the buoy lines.

On January 30, Marine Safety officials attended the United States Coast Guard Public Safety Agency Meeting in Long Beach. Topics included multiple casualty incidents, domestic terrorism, homeland security, incident command system, hazardous materials response, and vessel inspections.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Western Nights at Surf City Nights

February is Western Nights month for Surf City Nights. Join in on the western fun each Tuesday night from 5 PM to 9 PM throughout the entire month of February. Enjoy free line dancing lessons, chili pepper eating contest, country and western music, and much more! For a full schedule of events go to: www.hbdowntown.com. Surf City Nights is a Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District organized event.

FIRE

High-Rise Apartment and Condominium Safety

People living in a high-rise apartment or condominium building need to think ahead and be prepared in the event of a fire. It is important to know the fire safety features in your building and work together with neighbors to help keep the building as fire-safe as possible.

Be Prepared

- For the best protection, select a fully sprinklered building. If your building is not sprinklered, ask the landlord or management to consider installing a sprinkler system.
- Meet with your landlord or building manager to learn about the fire safety features in your building (fire alarms, sprinklers, voice communication procedures, evacuation plans and how to respond to an alarm).
- Know the locations of all available exit stairs from your floor in case the nearest one is blocked by fire or smoke.
- Make sure all exit and stairwell doors are clearly marked, not locked or blocked by security bars, and clear of clutter.
- If there is a fire, pull the fire alarm on your way out to notify the fire department and your neighbors.
- If the fire alarm sounds, feel the door before opening and close all doors behind you as you leave. If it is hot, use another way out. If it is cool, leave by the nearest way out.
- If an announcement is made throughout the building, listen carefully and follow directions.
- Use the stairs to get out – never use the elevator unless you are directed to by the fire department.

Escape 101

- Go to your outside meeting place and stay there. Call 9-1-1. If someone is trapped in the building, notify the fire department.

- If you can't get out of your apartment because of fire, smoke or a disability, stuff wet towels or sheets around the door and vents to keep smoke out.
- Call 9-1-1 and tell them where you are located.
- Open a window slightly and wave a bright cloth to signal your location. Be prepared to close the window if it makes the smoke condition worse.
- Fire Department evacuation of a high-rise building can take a long time. Communicate with the fire department to monitor evacuation status.

For information, please visit www.nfpa.org/education.

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

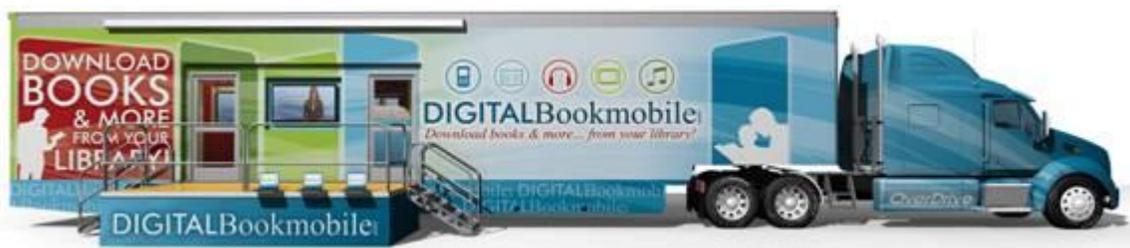
Did you know that the City website contains a map of city streets with daily vehicle traffic counts? To find this map, click on the "Services" tab, then "Traffic Streets & Parking" and then click on "Traffic Count Map."

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/traffic-streets-parking.cfm>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Digital Bookmobile Comes to Central Library!

February 14 and 15, the **Overdrive Digital Bookmobile** will be coming to the Huntington Beach Central Library to celebrate the finale of Digital Literacy Week (February 11-15). Overdrive works with the Library to provide EBooks and EAudiobooks for checkout. The Digital Bookmobile is a great resource giving everyone the opportunity to learn how to load free ebooks and audiobooks onto an iPod, iPad, tablet, kindle, nook and other digital devices. Got a new device over the holidays? Come spend Valentine's Day at the library and learn more!



The high-tech bookmobile will be open to the public from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, both days. It is equipped with broadband Internet-connected PCs, high definition monitors, premium sound systems, and a variety of portable media players and digital devices. Visitors of all ages will enjoy going inside the digital bookmobile to learn the what, who, where, and the how of downloadable materials in an exciting multimedia venue!

February Art Exhibit @ the Library

"Our Animal Friends" is the theme of February's special members' exhibit in the Windows Gallery at the Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave. This is a non-juried show for the Huntington Beach Art League but ribbons will be awarded for outstanding entries. The exhibit is free and

open during regular Library hours. For more information, call Windows Gallery Manager Cheryl Del Toro at (714) 531-3663 or visit www.hbartleague.com.

February is Black History Month

Black History Month honors the contributions and achievements of African Americans to American life. First proposed in 1926, the original Black History Week was celebrated in February to commemorate the birthdays of two men who greatly affected the African American community: Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and Frederick Douglass (February 14), and was later expanded to an entire month. 2013 has special significance to Black History as it is the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. President Lincoln in particular has been in the spotlight lately, both in the recent award-winning film and in these titles available at the Library:

- *Emancipating Lincoln : The Proclamation in Text, Context, and Memory* by Harold Holzer
- *Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination that Changed America Forever* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard.
- *Lincoln and the Border States : Preserving the Union* by William C. Harris
- *Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation : The End of Slavery in America* by Allen C. Guelzo
- *Lincoln's Hundred Days : The Emancipation Proclamation and the War for the Union* by Louis P. Masur
- *Rise to Greatness : Abraham Lincoln and America's Most Perilous Year* by David Von Drehle

Children's Program with Lasers!

Don't miss the American Pride laser show by Prismatic Magic - just in time for Presidents Day - in the Library Theater on Wednesday, February 13 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4 each and are available at the Children's Desk in the Central library. After the show, souvenir light pens that change colors will be available for \$5 apiece. Listen to patriotic songs, seeing dazzling lights and be amazed. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administration

The Zoning Administrator will review the following items on February 6, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8, City Hall:

1. Conditional Use Permit No. 12-032/Design Review no. 12-021 (Verizon Communication Facility)

APPLICANT: Yumi Kim, Verizon Wireless

PROPERTY OWNER: LMC, LP, c/o Mark Sork, 140 Newport Center Drive, Suite 260, Newport Beach, CA 92663

REQUEST: To permit the removal of an existing 50 ft. high monopole and installation, maintenance, and operation of a new 51 ft. high wireless communication facility designed as a palm tree (monopalm) with twelve (12) existing four (4) ft. high panel antennas and a new eight (8) ft. six (6) in. high screen wall for an existing equipment shelter.

LOCATION: 9901 Adams Avenue, 92646 (northwest corner of Adams Avenue and

Brookhurst Street)

PROJECT PLANNER: Tess Nguyen

STAFF RECOMMENDS: Approval with modifications based upon suggested findings and conditions of approval

2. Coastal Development Permit No. 12-016 (Pederson Single Family Residence)

APPLICANT: John Hamilton, Hamilton Architects

PROPERTY OWNER: Alan Pederson, 16532 Cotuit Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

REQUEST: To permit the demolition of the existing single-family residence and construction of a new approximately 5,154 sf. ft., two-story single-family residence. The request includes a review and analysis for compliance with the Infill Lot Ordinance. The Infill Lot Ordinance encourages adjacent property owners to review proposed development for compatibility/privacy issues, such as window alignments, building pad height, and floor plan layout.

LOCATION: 16532 Cotuit Circle, 92649 (south of Humboldt Drive at the terminus of Cotuit Circle)

PROJECT PLANNER: Ethan Edwards

STAFF RECOMMENDS: Approval based upon suggested findings and conditions of approval

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Surf City Marathon a Success

Over 20,000 runners participated in the Annual Surf City USA Half and Full Marathon in Huntington Beach on Sunday. Race participants ran along our beautiful beach, through Huntington Beach Central Park, and along the usually congested Pacific Coast Highway. Thanks to the staff and volunteers, road closures throughout the city were a success. Congratulations to all the Runners! Another beautiful day in Surf City USA!

PUBLIC WORKS

Construction of approximately 600 lineal feet of new distribution main along Springdale Street and Briarcliff Drive has been completed. The adjacent residential tracts now have a continuous looped water system, which will eliminate water quality concerns and provide service redundancy and enhanced reliability for greater fire protection.

General Services Tackles a Variety of Interior and Exterior Maintenance Projects

The General Services division has a busy schedule of interior and exterior maintenance planned for the current fiscal year. A makeover of the City Gym and Pool has already been completed, including refinishing the hardwood floors throughout the building, and patching and painting the walls and overhead pipes in the Pool area. Seven additional facilities are scheduled for a complete exterior refurbishment--these projects include the Downtown Substation (aka Shank House), Rodgers Senior Center, Senior Outreach, Main Street Library, Banning Branch Library, and the picnic shelters at Central Park and Marina Park. Prior to painting, these facilities will be renovated to replace damaged wood, repair and secure handrails and, at the Shank House, replace damaged and missing shingle siding. Several sports courts are scheduled to be repaired and resurfaced in 2013 including the courts at Edison Recreation Center, Murdy Recreation Center, Marina Park, Lebard Park, Worthy Park, and Manning Park. It has been 5 years since these were last resurfaced.

