

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

January 10, 2011

CITY TREASURER

Accepting Application for City Treasurer Vacancy

The City of Huntington Beach is now taking applications for the position of City Treasurer. The position is part-time and has a compensation of \$48,000. The position is open following the election of longtime City Treasurer Shari Freidenrich to the position of Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

According to the City Charter, the City Treasurer must be a Huntington Beach resident, have five years of financial and/or treasury experience and have either a Masters degree in accounting, finance, business or public administration, or a Bachelors degree in accounting, finance, business or public administration with certification by the California Municipal Treasurers' Association, or their successor, within three years of election or appointment.

The City Treasurer powers and duties are specified in the Huntington Beach City Charter, section 311. The Charter is posted on the City's Website www.huntingtonbeachca.gov. The last to submit an application is January 31, 2011. All qualified applicants will be submitted to the City Council for consideration. It is anticipated that the City Treasurer will be appointed by early March.

For additional information, please see the city website announcement or email Bob Hall at bhall@surfcity-hb.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Winter SANDS Classes Begin this Week!

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department offers opportunities for living, learning, and leading full, productive lives. Some classes and programs are still available!

The SANDS Community Services Guide is available at your local library or community center, and can be found on line at: www.hbsands.org.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Great Music Classes – If your New Year's Resolution included learning something new, there several great music classes that require no previous musical experience, starting in January at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center. Enjoy lively discussions, listening, and singing with the accompaniment of a guitar or banjo. The Huntington Beach Adult School's, *History of American Folk Music* is being offered on Wednesdays 1/19 – 3/9; the *History of Jazz* on Thursdays 1/20-3/10. These classes are offered in the morning from 9:30 – 11:30am -- \$49.00 for either series. Or if you want to pick-up your own instrument, on Tuesdays, 1/11 – 3/8 from 9:30 – 10:30am, Ukulele 101 will teach you 10 songs in ten minutes! If you have

strummed a Ukulele before, Ukulele 102 begins on 1/11 – 3/8 from 10:45 – 11:45am. This class will give you tips and tricks to enhance your playing skills. For more information on any of these classes, visit the Rodgers Front Desk, 1706 Orange Avenue or call 714-536-9387.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Remember Surf City Nights – Every Tuesday from 5 PM to 9 PM

Join the festivities on downtown Main Street. Bring friends and family to stroll through the weekly Street Fair and Certified Farmer's Market. Buy locally grown produce, hand-crafted items, enjoy kids activities, local musicians and artists, and much more. Enjoy a nice dinner and shop at the downtown stores offering specials. For more information, log on to www.hbdowntown.org.

Downtown Artwalk, Wednesday January 19, 2011

The first Artwalk in 2011 will be held in one location, at the Shorebreak Hotel in Downtown Huntington Beach. Enjoy an evening of art and culture featuring emerging and established local artists that participated in the first year of the Artwalk in 2010. The Artwalk is held the third Wednesday of the month from 6 PM – 9 PM. For more information, log on to www.hbdowntown.org.

FIRE

Carbon Monoxide

Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

Symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, but without fever. They include: dizziness, nausea, fatigue, irregular breathing, and headache. If you have any of these symptoms, and if you feel better when you go outside your home and symptoms reappear once you're back inside, you may have CO poisoning.

What can you do?

- Make sure appliances are installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes. Most appliances should be installed by a professional.
- Have your heating system (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually.
- Install a CO detector for added safety.
- Look for problems that could indicate improper appliance operation, such as:
 - o Decreasing hot water supply
 - o Inability of furnace to heat house or runs constantly
 - o Sooting, especially on appliances
 - o Unfamiliar or burning odor

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

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HB Friends of the Children's Library recognize local Library Champions

Strong community support is the lifeblood of public libraries, especially in tough economic times. Budget cuts have led to shorter hours, fewer new books, and reduced services in libraries across the country. Help from volunteers, support groups and local business has helped the Huntington Beach Library to put new books on the shelves and to continue to be an anchor institution for the community when people need the library the most. One of the HBPL's active support groups is the Friends of The Children's Library. The Friends group is taking this opportunity to thank two important contributors whose efforts have supported Children's services: The Employees Community Fund of Boeing California and the Huntington Beach Restaurant Association. These two organizations have, over the past ten years, given the Children's Library over \$300,000. These groups have created the kind of community awareness and financial support that allows the library to offer crucial services to our youth during very difficult times.

The Friends of The Children's Library current fundraising program, "Books for Kids," is raising money for the materials young people need for reading and for success in school. Please visit the Central library Children's department to see how these donors, and many others, are being recognized in a special bookcase display. More information about the Books for Kids Campaign, the Friends of the Children's Library and how you can help support the library is available at www.hbpl.org.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission to Consider Amending Definition of Kennels

At the January 11, 2011, Planning Commission meeting, the Commission will hold a public hearing on Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) No. 10-005, which would exclude single family detached households with a maximum of four dogs from being defined as a kennel as long as one of the dogs is a specially trained service, guide or signal dog. The Municipal and Zoning Code currently defines any premises with four or more dogs as a kennel; kennels are not permitted in any residential district.

A copy of the staff report is available on the Planning and Building Department website, <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/pcl/pcagenda011111.cfm>. For additional information, contact Michael Fuentes, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, at (714) 375-8487. The Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

[POLICE DEPARTMENT](#)

Burglar in Custody for Multiple School Burglaries

On January 8, 2011, just after midnight, a maintenance employee was arriving at Circle View School and noticed a subject carrying a shovel to the rear of the school grounds. The employee called the Huntington Beach Police Department.

While the officers were driving to the location, the employee heard the sound of glass breaking. The police officers arrived and found a classroom window broken out and the suspect inside. He was taken into custody by the police officers without incident.

The arresting police officers found the suspect was under the influence of drugs and also had possession of illicit photographs of minors. The police officers booked Celso Solano Arcos, 21, Huntington Beach, at the Huntington Beach Police Department jail for the related charges of burglary, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and possession of obscene matter depicting a minor.

Detectives with the Huntington Beach Police Department obtained evidence linking Celso Arcos to a prior burglary of Circle View School on September 11, 2010, and the burglary of Brightstar Learning Center, a private school in Huntington Beach, which occurred on June 13, 2010.

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Water Main Flushing Program

Beginning February 1, 2011, the City of Huntington Beach Public Works Utilities Division will be implementing a water main flushing program in the north end of town from roughly Garfield Avenue to the City's northern border. The program is typically performed as routine maintenance and helps maintain the quality of the water in the distribution system. Utilities Division crews will be operating fire hydrants in order to flush the system. This work will be performed Tuesdays through Fridays barring holidays and is expected to take approximately four months to complete. Residents may experience some discoloration of their water. This is only temporary and is not harmful. If discoloration persists, or if residents have questions pertaining to the flushing program, they should call the Utilities Division at 714-536-5921.

Pothole Repairs

The heavy December rains damaged the pavement on many arterial streets throughout Huntington Beach. City crews are working diligently to fill all potholes and repair the damaged pavement. Crews will be working additional shifts to quickly restore the pavement. The work is anticipated to continue over the next two weeks. Please help our Public Works Department identify any remaining pothole locations by calling (714) 960-8861 and reporting the location.