

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

July 23, 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Marine Safety

On Friday, July 20 at 8:30 PM, Huntington Beach City Lifeguards were first on scene of a multiple victim traffic accident on Pacific Coast Highway just south of Goldenwest Street. Apparently, a solo driver of a truck lost control of his vehicle, jumped the curb and struck a power pole before crashing into a parked vehicle which triggered collisions with 3 other parked vehicles and 3 pedestrians. Lifeguards provided emergency care for the traumatic injuries to 4 patients until paramedics arrived on scene minutes later.

Huntington Beach Art Center

The public is invited to a poetry reading on Thursday, July 26, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The evening features Stephanie Brown, author of *Allegory of the Supermarket, Domestic Interior* and a recipient of an NEA Fellowship in Poetry, and Ashley Farmer, author of *Farm Town*, a chapbook* project from the Rust Belt Bindery.

Presented in conjunction with the current exhibition, *Escape from the Landfill*, the poetry reading is part of the Art Center's Late8 series. Admission is free. Call the Art Center at 714-374-1650 or visit www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org for additional information.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Arthritis Walk with Ease-The Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center is offering a *Walk with Ease* by the Arthritis Foundation. This free one-hour class will be held Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:00 a.m. from July 23 - August 31. The program is designed to help people living with arthritis better manage their pain and is ideal for people without arthritis who want to make walking a regular habit. Led by a certified instructor *Walk with Ease* provides participants with the information and tools they need to develop a safe exercise routine that fits their unique needs and goals. Register at Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach 714-536-9387.



Annual Huck Finn Fishing Derby, a Free Event! The Community Services Department and Let's Go Fishing at the HB pier will be hosting the 2012 Huck Finn Fishing Derby on the Huntington Beach Pier Saturday, August 11, 2012. Children ages 4 through 15 are invited to experience the fun of recreational fishing off the HB pier with prizes given to both the largest and smallest fish caught and best dressed Huck Finn and Becky Thatcher participants. The Huck Finn fishing derby begins at 9:15 a.m. and will conclude at noon, check in begins at 8:00 a.m. Bait will be provided as well as a limited amount of loaner rods offered by CA Fish and Game. Registration is available now at any Community Center and online at www.HBsands.org. For additional information, please contact the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884.

* Growing out of an earlier tradition of inexpensive ballad literature, eighteenth- and nineteenth-century chapbooks were small publications that contained songs, poems, political treatises, folk stories, religious tracts, and all manner of short texts.

Registration for the Fall 2012, Adult Softball leagues is now underway. The registration deadline is August 9, 2012. Senior Men's leagues are offered on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights; Senior Coed leagues are offered on Tuesday nights; Senior Women's leagues are offered on Thursday nights; Men's leagues are offered on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; Coed leagues are offered on Sunday afternoons and evenings, Wednesday nights and Friday nights. The leagues will start play August 20, 2012, and will concluded in November. Registration packets are available on the City Adult Softball page, www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/softball.cfm or can be mailed out. For more details or information, please contact the Community Services office at 714-536-5230.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market Grand Opening

California's first Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, located at Beach Promenade Shopping Center at the corner of Beach and Atlanta, will open this Friday. The celebration will begin at 7:30 am and will continue through August 3. The grand opening is yet another success story related to the center's exciting transformation, which will be completed in the fall, with many existing and new businesses ready to serve you. In total, Beach Promenade will offer 123,741 square feet of retail, services, and dining opportunities including Sea Legs Wine Bar, Verizon, Starbucks, Mama's on 39, Chase Bank, Seaside Tropical Pets, Fresch Electric Bikes, Bikram Yoga, the Avon Store, Las Barcas Mexican Restaurant and many more to come. Look for Grand Opening specials in the center celebrating the arrival of the new Wal-Mart market.

FIRE

Lightning Safety

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. But did you know that lightning strikes and lightning fires occur most often in the summer? Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when it does strike!

Outdoor Safety

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away. Do not go under tall trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If you are in or on open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.
- If you feel your hair stand on end, that means lightning is about to strike. Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet; place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. This is a last resort when a building or hard-topped vehicle is not available.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 and get medical care immediately. Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing, heartbeat, and pulse. CPR may be needed.

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

INFORMATION SERVICES

Information Services Staff to Present at International GIS Conference

Daniel Richards, Operations/GIS Manager, and Leslie Edwards, GIS Analyst II Information Services Department staff will be presenting "Developing a Mobile Public Safety Application using the Flex API" at the 28th Annual ESRI International Users Conference in San Diego on July 26. This is the largest GIS conference in the world, with over 15,000 GIS professionals in attendance.

This application is the first completely web-based mobile application developed by city staff and is designed to meet the mapping needs for police officers in their vehicles. It displays highly detailed maps hosted on city servers, incorporates custom search engines, and is optimized for touch screen devices. The system also accesses other city systems, including water billing and property databases.

Online Parking Information

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

Mission to Mars @ the Library

NASA's Mars Science Laboratory carries the *Curiosity* rover, scheduled to land on the surface of Mars on August 5. The red planet has long held a fascination for those on Earth, from the earliest telescopes and the speculative fiction of Edgar Rice Burroughs and Ray Bradbury, to today's exploration with sophisticated spacecraft and robotic rovers.

Check out these new titles at the Huntington Beach Library that are out of this world:

Fiction

- *Life on Mars : Tales from the New Frontier* edited by Jonathan Strahan
- *Losers in Space* by John Barnes
- *Winning Mars* by Jason Stoddard

Non-fiction

- *Exploring Mars : Chronicles from a Decade of Discovery* by Scott Hubbard
- *Martian Summer : Robot Arms, Cowboy Spacemen, and My 90 Days with the Phoenix Mars Mission* by Andrew Kessler
- *First Contact: Scientific Breakthroughs in the Hunt for Life Beyond Earth* by Marc Kaufman.

Summer Fun at the Library!

Beat the heat and take a seat! Enjoy the Summer Jam Spectacular laser show being held in the Central Library's theater on Tuesday, July 24 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4 per person and

may be purchased at the Children's Desk. Rock out to popular summer songs and dazzling laser pictures.

Be prepared to laugh at David Skale's Comedy and Magic show being held at the Main Street Branch on Wednesday, July 25 at 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$4 per person and may be purchased at the Central Library's Children's Desk or at the Main Street Branch. This event will be held outside in Triangle Park next to the library. Seating will be on the grass. Who knew magic could be so funny?

Coming in August: the Central Library Children's Department hosts a Musical Barnyard Extravaganza on Saturday, August 4 at 11:00 a.m. This show will be held outside at the Central Park Bandstand. Tickets are \$4 per person and may be purchased at the Children's Desk. Four tickets to the Orange County zoo will be raffled off before the show!

Or you could buy a cup of coffee...

"Per capita" spending is one way libraries can judge their efficiency, compare their support with other institutions', and demonstrate their value to their community. At present, the Huntington Beach Public Library spends \$21.83 per resident to supply library services. For less than the cost of one hardcover book, or about \$1.82 per month, everyone in the community gets access to all the services the Library provides. This is a lower per capita than the OC Public Library system and most other libraries in the county. If someone checks out several books, borrows some DVDs, uses a computer to go online, or even drops by to browse new magazines, they can be saving hundreds of dollars per year. People who read a lot, access the Internet using the library's free Wi-Fi connection, learn a new language or get homework help (on databases like *Mango* and *Brainfuse*), and bring children to the popular storytimes could be saving hundreds of dollars per month! To get an idea of what the library does (or can do) for you, go to "www.hbpl.org/contact_us_about/valuecalculator.cfm" – It's almost certain to be more than \$1.82 a month!

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission

On July 24, 2012, at 7:00PM in Room B-8 in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following item:

ENTITLEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 12-005 and DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 12-001 (AMENDMENTS TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 02-20/TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 16338 AND TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - PACIFIC CITY) Applicant and Property Owner:

Chaim Elkoby, 21002 HB, LLC, 2200 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL, 33137
Request: EPA: To amend the conditions of approval for Conditional Use Permit No. 02-20, Special Permit No. 02-04, Coastal Development Permit No. 02-12, and Tentative Tract Map No. 16338 for the Pacific City project. The Pacific City project is approved for 191,100 square feet of retail, office, restaurant, cultural, and entertainment uses; an eight-story 250 room hotel, spa, and health club; a 2.03 acre open space/park easement; and 516 multifamily residential units above subterranean parking. The applicant proposes to amend conditions of approval pertaining to

affordable housing (TTM: No. 2.b.), school impact mitigation requirements (TTM: No. 3.g.), park land in-lieu fee requirements (TTM: No. 11.), project phasing (CUP: No. 3.), and description of public open space amenities (CUP: No. 6.c.). **DA:** To enter into a development agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and 21002 HB, LLC for a term of 10 years for the Pacific City project. The applicant requests the development agreement to provide assurances that the land use designations and development standards are vested, to establish that a delay fee will be paid to the City if more than 50 percent of the residential units are constructed prior to construction of the retail or hotel components of the project, to establish future condominium sale provisions, and to establish affordable housing provisions for the project. **Location:** 21002 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (bounded by Pacific Coast Highway, First Street, Atlanta Avenue, and Huntington Street) **Project Planner:** Jane James, Senior Planner

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bank Robbery Suspect Arrested

On July 19, 2012 at 12:59 PM the Huntington Police Department received a call of a bank robbery that had just occurred at the Union Bank located 16141 Beach Blvd. A male suspect entered the bank threatening to have a weapon and demanding cash. Bank employees cooperated with the suspect and he left the location with undisclosed amount of cash.

Officers responding to the area were provided with a description and began searching for the suspect. A Huntington Beach officer spotted and detained a male in a neighboring shopping center that matched the description of the suspect. Employees from the Union Bank positively identified the detained suspect and police arrested David Hill, a 52 year-old transient. All the money was recovered and the F.B.I. responded to assist in the investigation.

Hill is currently on federal probation for bank robbery. Huntington Beach Detectives and the F.B.I. are looking into the possibility Hill may be involved in other robberies. Hill has been booked at the city jail for bank robbery.

PUBLIC WORKS

Parking Lot Improvements for Shipley Nature Center

The Public Works Department, working with Community Services, has completed interim improvements for the Shipley Nature Center parking lot. The ADA parking has been paved providing the access zone and a path to access the park trail system. The permanent improvements to the entire parking lot are included in the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which will be considered as part of the upcoming fiscal year budget.