

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**June 11, 2012**

## CITY CLERK

### **City Clerk Receives Honor**

Joan Flynn, Huntington Beach City Clerk, was recently honored by the CSP Huntington Beach Youth Shelter as a Partner in *Guiding Children on the Path to Change*. Joan was joined by Mayor Don Hansen, Councilmember Joe Carchio, City Treasurer Alisa Cutchen and other City personnel at CSP's Anniversary Celebration and Open House held on Tuesday, June 5. CSP recognized Joan's professional involvement with the Shelter.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### **Huntington Beach Senior Services**

**Stop Medicare Fraud** – On Wednesday, June 13 at 10:45 A.M., the Department of Health & Human Services Office of Inspector will give a free presentation at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue on Medical Identity Theft & Medicare Fraud. This discussion will raise awareness on how health care fraud has become a national epidemic, describe some of the typical health care fraud schemes, explain what seniors can do to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft, and what seniors, their care takers, and family members can do to help us protect the Medicare and Medicaid programs from fraud. Arrive early to get a spot for lunch: \$3 recommended donation for adults 60+ or a \$5 guest fee for those under 60. For more information call the senior center at: 714-536-9387.

### **Project Self Sufficiency**

On June 22, the Project Self Sufficiency Foundation will award \$30,000 in scholarships to Project Self Sufficiency (PSS) participants. The June Recognition Program is the Foundation's opportunity to recognize program participants who have completed another year of college while raising families. This year PSS is delighted to announce that 11 clients have graduated with Associates Degrees or Bachelor's Degrees from local community colleges and universities. PSS is a program dedicated to assisting low income, single parent families living in Huntington Beach to achieve economic self-sufficiency. In its 26<sup>th</sup> year, PSS has helped more than 500 families reach their goals. PSS staff is proud of each participant for their commitment to the pursuit of their education! For more information on the June Recognition program or the scholarship drive, please contact the PSS Office at 714-536-5263.



### **Summer Recreation Classes**

Summer recreation programs, classes, and camps begin next week, June 18. Activities are available for all ages, ranging from one day workshops to summer-long sessions. Class information and registration is available online at [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) or at a nearby Community Center in Huntington Beach.

**62nd Annual HB Pier Swim**

Over 350 participants entered the water on Saturday June 9 for the 62nd Annual Pier Swim. Nick Sullivan was the fastest swimmer of the day with a time of 8 minutes and 45 seconds. Awards were given in 16 different divisions and the Gene Belshe Perpetual Trophy went to the Golden West Swim Club team. Beach Lifeguards were stationed in the water and on the beach to make sure that everyone made it around the pier safely. A good time was had by all.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****Surf City Valet – Fast, Easy, and Convenient Downtown Parking**

For those looking for a fast, easy and convenient alternative to searching for an available parking space during the busiest times in the downtown, take advantage of the valet parking service provided by PPS Parking at the City's Main-Promenade Parking Garage. The Surf City Valet Program begins a second season on Friday, June 15. Valet services will be offered from noon to midnight, Friday through Sunday, all summer long. Look for the new vehicle valet drop off located on Olive Avenue near Main Street. The vehicle pick up location will remain on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street near the corner of Olive Avenue.

**FIRE****Fireworks Safety**

Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but more than twice the number of fires are reported on that day than any other day of the year in the United States. Two out of five of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

Proceed with Caution!

- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- After the fireworks display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.

**NOTE:** There will be a 30 minute Commercial Fireworks display at the Pier beginning at 9:00 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Community Services at (714) 536-5486.

For the first time in many years, fireworks are being sold in the City of Huntington Beach. Fireworks sales are limited to July 1, 2, and 3 between 12 noon and 10:00 pm and on July 4th between 10 am and 8 pm. These are the only dates and hours booths will be open to sell the Safe and Sane Phantom Fireworks.

July 4th is the only day the fireworks can be discharged. They can only be discharged between 12 noon and 10 pm. The discharge of Safe and Sane fireworks during any other

time is prohibited and subject to a \$500 fine for the first offense. Fireworks cannot be discharged Downtown or anywhere near the beach.

There are several strict regulations regarding the discharge of the fireworks. It is strongly recommended that anyone planning to purchase and discharge safe and sane fireworks read the flyer that they will receive at the fireworks booth.

All fireworks (other than Safe and Sane) are prohibited in all areas in Huntington Beach anytime during the year. A full listing of fireworks regulations can be found at the following link [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/charter\\_codes/fireworks-ordinance.pdf](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/charter_codes/fireworks-ordinance.pdf).

Even Consumer Fireworks (also known as Safe and Sane) can be hazardous.

#### FACTS

- Each July 4<sup>th</sup>, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- The risk of fireworks injury is highest for children ages 5-14.
- More than 80% of emergency room fireworks injuries involve fireworks consumers are permitted to use.

For information, please visit [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education).

#### INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know that the City of Huntington Beach offers a youth sports program for children three years old to eighth grade? View information about this program at: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation\\_culture/youth\\_sports.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/youth_sports.cfm)

#### LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

##### June 2012 Art Exhibits @ the Library

There are two new art exhibits showing through the month of June at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave. The Windows Gallery showcases prints by members of the Photographic Society of Orange County; some of the artwork is for sale. The Corner Gallery features sculptures by artist Fredy Dominguez. The galleries are free and open during regular Library hours. Info: [www.hbartleague.com](http://www.hbartleague.com).

##### Ballooning is FUN!

Missed the first round of the library's four week Wednesday evening ballooning classes? Don't worry. The ballooning classes are repeating starting Wednesday, June 13. Balloon Twisting Classes are held at 5:30 pm and Balloon Décor classes are held at 7:00 pm in the Tabby Theater of the Central Library. A \$5 donation is suggested per family per class. All money raised goes towards funding the library fish aquarium. The June 13 Balloon Décor class will be working together to make a Father's Day Display and June 20 Balloon Décor 7:00 class will be working together to make a balloon display celebrating this year's summer reading program "Dream Big, Read".

**Children's Library Pajama Storytime**

Family Evening Pajama Storytime is Thursday, June 14 at the Central Library. This 30 minute storytime starts at 7:00 p.m. and in the Tabby Theater. Children may wear their pajamas and bring their teddy bears. The National Charity League will be providing cookies for the children after storytime. This month's storytime will feature stories and songs about Fathers Day and our upcoming Summer Reading Program.

**Kick Off the Summer!**

The Festival of Folktales is Tuesday, June 26, and tickets are now on sale at the Children's Desk. Show tickets are \$2 per person/per show. All shows are 30 minutes long. Shows for this year's Festival are:

- 11:00 am and noon in the Library Theater - The Princess and the Pirates Marionette Show
- 11:00 am and noon in the C/D Room - The Rafael and Katia Magic Show
- 11:45 am and 12:45 pm in the Tabby Theater - Storytime Shenanigans with Miss Mary Pat
- 1:00 pm in the Library Theater - The Wacko Balloon Show

These shows could sell out before the Festival so buy your tickets now! Save time and beat the line!

Please remember that the Children's Desk only accepts cash or checks. Checks need to be made out to the "Friends of the Children's Library." Carnival tickets for Festival games, crafts and face painting are 50 cents each or a strip of tickets for \$11. These tickets will be sold at the event. Strips of tickets may also be purchased now at the Children's Desk.

**Retire Old Flags @ the Library**

June 14 is Flag Day. What happens when Old Glory is too old to fly? The U.S. Flag Code maintains that when a flag has served its useful purpose, it should be destroyed. Huntington Beach residents can drop off their worn-out flags at the Huntington Beach Central Library. A collection bin is near the front entrance next to the Circulation Desk. The American Legion picks up the flags and arranges for their proper disposal. Call (714) 842-4481 for more information.

**PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT****Planning Commission**

On June 12, 2012, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following item:

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-07 (MECHANICAL CONCEPT TATTOO)** to review a request to to permit the establishment of an approximately 900 sq. ft. tattoo studio and ancillary art studio in a vacant commercial suite (6027 Warner Avenue, 92647 - northeast corner of Warner Avenue at Springdale Street). Contact Hayden Beckman, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information.

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

### **Design Review Board**

On June 14, 2012, at 3:30PM in Room B-8, the Design Review Board will review the following items:

**DESIGN REVIEW NO. 12-09 (CHILLI BEANS SUNGLASSES STAND)** to review the design, colors, and materials of a proposed sunglasses kiosk to be installed within an existing building alcove used as a parking valet stand (155 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 155 - north side of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, between Pacific Coast Highway and Walnut Avenue). Contact Hayden Beckman, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information.

**SIGN CODE EXCEPTION NO. 12-03 (STARBUCKS PREVIEW BOARD SIGN)** to review a request to permit a secondary freestanding menu board sign measuring approximately 6 ft. high and a total sign area of 12 sq. ft. in lieu of a maximum of one menu board sign permitted (7622 Edinger Avenue, 92647 - south of Edinger Avenue, west of Sher Lane). Contact Andrew Gonzales, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information.

**DESIGN REVIEW NO. 11-15 (PIERSIDE PAVILION EXPANSION)** to review the design, colors, and materials of plans for an approximately 27,772 sq. ft. building located at the existing southeastern plaza area; and 9,401 sq. ft. infill expansion and remodel by extending existing storefronts and updating the existing building (300 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 - northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Main Street). Contact Ethan Edwards, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information.

**DESIGN REVIEW NO. 12-08 (HUNTINGTON BEACH LOFTS PUBLIC ART CONCEPT, PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE ACCESS PLAN, AND LANDSCAPE PLAN)** to review the design, colors, and materials of the public art concept, pedestrian/bicycle access plan, and landscape plan (7400 Center Avenue - southeast corner of Center Avenue and Gothard Street). Contact Tess Nguyen, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information.

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### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **Surf City Pipeline FAQ's**

The Huntington Beach Police Department has been adding new FAQ's on crime prevention to the Surf City Pipeline, including FAQ's about identity theft. New information will be added on a regular basis to assist the community in keeping their family and property safe. The newest FAQ section gives information on How Identity Theft Happens, What Are Some Ways To Prevent Identity Theft, and What To Do If You Become The Victim Of Identity Theft.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crime trends in the United States. There are simple steps that can help prevent one from becoming a victim of this financial crime and ways to help the police department solve the crime if you become a victim.

**PUBLIC WORKS****Magic of Composting Seminar on Saturday, June 16 at Shipley Nature Center**

Saturday, June 16 at 9:00 a.m. Shipley Nature Center is hosting a seminar on backyard composting and food composting with worms. Approximately 90 minutes in length, the lecture covers the various techniques for successfully reducing waste and creating rich compost for gardens, flowerbeds and lawns. The cost is \$10 per person. Register in advance to reserve your seat at [www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org). The seminar is held at Shipley Nature Center, 17851 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach 92647 (in Huntington Central Park). Huntington Beach residents attending the lecture will receive a \$50 voucher that can be used toward the purchase of a composting unit or complete worm composting kit. This lecture series is sponsored by the Department of Public Works, Rainbow Environmental Services, Enrecos, and Friends of Shipley Nature. For more information visit [www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org).

**Bikeway Master Plan Project Development Public Meeting**

The City of Huntington Beach will be hosting our first public meeting to solicit input from our residents on how to make the City a more bike-friendly community. The City has hired the consulting firm of KTU&A to assist us in the preparation of our long range bikeway master plan. This meeting is an important step in the development of our master plan by gaining valuable input from people who bicycle or would like to bicycle in the City. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Huntington Beach Central Library, in the Talbert Room. The Library is located at 7111 Talbert Avenue, between Goldenwest Street and Gothard Street. Anyone can get more information on the meeting or the bike master plan process by contacting the City's Public Works Department at (714) 536-5431 or going to the project website at [www.huntingtonbeachbikeplan.com](http://www.huntingtonbeachbikeplan.com).