

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

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**June 27, 2011**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Summer Swim**

Summer recreational swim for the community is offer through the City of Huntington Beach until August 13. Recreational swim is available at the Marina and Edison High School pool's from 12:45-2:15pm Monday through Friday for \$2 per swimmer and Saturday at Marina High School only. Groups with eight or more swimmers need to pre-register by calling the City Gym. In addition, the City Gym and Pool offers recreational swim from 7-8pm and adult swim from 8-8:30pm for \$2 per person. For more information please contact the City Gym and Pool at (714)960-8884.

### **Seniors Outreach Center**

Through the Seniors Outreach Center, Care Managers work with Huntington Beach older adult residents, families, and caregivers to develop and implement a plan for aging in place and facing late life transitions. The goal of the Outreach Center is to promote self-sufficiency and independence for older adults. Care Managers can objectively evaluate a situation and help find solutions. Care Managers provide consultation, assessment, education, information and support to address the future or unmet needs of older adults.

For more information on aging in place, home improvement, home safety, fall prevention, shared housing, veteran resources, health care directives, in-home help, senior living options, legal referrals, low vision referrals, elder abuse prevention, substance abuse assistance, mental health resources or other physical, emotional or nutritional needs call 714-960-2478 and ask to speak with a Care Manager.

### **Huntington Beach Art Center**

We let the dogs out! Saturday June 25, the first ever DOG-A-THON fundraiser and Pet Fair at the HB Art Center brought puppy play to downtown as 46 dogs and their walkers paraded down Main St., over to the Strand and back up Main St. to the Art Center. The dogs walked to cheers from café diners and passersby and returned to prizes, treats and pet portraits as rewards for their outstanding accomplishments. Kiki raised the most pledges coming in with \$270 with Buster running a close second at \$230. Both doggies won getaways to the Shorebreak and Hilton Hotels and will be treated to all the doggie amenities these specialty hotels offer! The event raised over \$5,950 to support the Art Center's exhibitions and education program.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Surf City Savings**

Did you know that your local merchants are taking an active role in helping you save money? For example, Linda's Mexican Restaurant offers 10% off the entire bill. Visit [www.Surfcitysavings.com](http://www.Surfcitysavings.com) to discover other offers to save money at over 150 local merchants!

Surf City Savings was created to encourage local shopping to keep tax dollars in our community. Your tax dollars provide funding for essential services that citizens rely on each and every day. Visit [www.surfcityavings.com](http://www.surfcityavings.com) often and print out discounts from categories including dining, retail/shopping, health & beauty, services, and leisure/recreational opportunities.

### **Surf City Downtown Shuttle**

Make more time for downtown fun by taking the Surf City Downtown Shuttle! The Shuttle provides fun, free rides from the Huntington Beach Civic Center every Tuesday from 5:30 to 10:00 pm during Surf City Nights, and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm, stopping at Main and Orange, and Fifth Street at The Strand. Due to road closures, the Shuttle will not operate on July 4. For more information on the Shuttle, visit the City's website at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov).

## **FIRE**

### **Structure Fire**

Shortly after 2:00 a.m. on June 23, firefighters responded on a structure fire assignment with a water flow alarm at a senior high-rise building located on Florida Street.

Upon arrival, firefighters reported that there was a fire alarm activation with several residents evacuating the building. Fire crews identified that the incident occurred on the fourth floor with a reported fire in the bedroom of one of the units. The fire protection sprinkler system had activated and extinguished the fire with damage confined to the bed and surrounding areas. The occupant in that room sustained a minor injury as a result of the fire and was transported to the hospital. As a result of the properly working fire sprinkler system, a major fire and potential loss of life was avoided.

Water damage associated with the activation of the sprinkler system was minimized by fire crews as much as possible and clean-up is being handled by the building owner.

### **Drowning Prevention**

Summer is officially here and the Huntington Beach Fire Department wants to remind you of these drowning prevention tips:

- Never leave a child unattended near water in a pool, spa, tub, or ocean. There is no substitute for adult supervision.
- Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
- Power-operated pool safety covers are the most convenient and efficient. Solar/floating pool covers are not safety devices.
- Keep a phone at poolside so that you never have to leave the pool to answer the phone, and can call for help if needed.

- Learn CPR and rescue breathing.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.
- Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
- If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Seconds count.

### **REMINDER - Fireworks Safety**

Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but more fires are reported on that day than any other day of the year in the United States. More than half 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:

There are 3 basic forms of fireworks:

#### **1) Commercial**

- To safely enjoy fireworks, attend a public display conducted by trained professionals (also known as Commercial fireworks).
  - Commercial firework displays are typically used for large public audiences. They are maintained and monitored by licensed pyro-technicians and inspected by the Fire Department during the setup and launching process. A permit from the city is required to possess and discharge such pyrotechnics.

**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.

#### **2) Consumer**

- Consumer Fireworks (commonly known as "Safe and Sane") are sold to the general public for use.
  - These are legal in some areas of California, but in **Huntington Beach, it is illegal to possess or discharge any fireworks (78.202 HBFC)** even if they were legally purchased outside of the city.

#### **3) Dangerous**

- These are explosives such as M-80's firecrackers and even small firecrackers known as "Lady Fingers". **It is illegal to possess (12677 H&S) or discharge (12680 H&S) such fireworks anywhere in California.**

#### **FACTS**

- Each July 4th thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks (Safe and Sane).
- The risk of fireworks injury is two-and-a-half times higher for children ages 10-14 than for the general population.

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

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

Apply online to serve on one of the city's 18 boards and commissions involving the Arts, Fourth of July, Library and more:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Boards\\_Commissions/application/application\\_form.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Boards_Commissions/application/application_form.cfm)

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Summer Reading Program Starts**

The annual Summer Reading Program officially began Monday, June 20. The theme for children age two through 12 is "One World, Many Stories." Teen's ages 13 – 18 can join their own program, "You Are Here." The program theme for adult readers this year is "Novel Destinations." There are prizes, raffle tickets and/or potential gift baskets to win for all three groups. Each program runs until Friday, August 12. All ages can sign up at any of the five Huntington Beach Public Libraries.

For the first time this year, children, teens and adults can sign themselves up online from home or one of the library's many computers. Go to the web page: [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org), click the Summer Reading Program page. From there, click onto your age group and fill in a few pieces of information. Reading logs can be printed at the successful completion of the sign-in process. Library staff is trained and available to assist with the log-in procedures. Please call (714) 375-5107 for more information.

### **"Festival of Folktales" to be held Tuesday, June 28, 2011**

The annual "Festival of Folktales" takes place on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, from 11 am to 3 pm. This is the special carnival which features free folklorico dancers, reggae musicians, story tellers, puppet shows, arts and crafts and a unique "book walk." Each event requires a certain number of tickets, ranging in price from \$.50 to \$2. This year, two new performers are joining the festivities. A special music and laser light show will be held at 11 am in the Library's Central Theater for \$3 per ticket. Another special treat on June 28 is David Fisher, a Guinness record-holder in jumping rope. He will perform two shows: 12:30 pm and 2 pm. Both shows will be held in the Central Theater, tickets are \$3 each. Please call (714) 375-5107 for more information.

### **On the road this summer?**

It's been said that planning a trip can be as fun as the trip itself, and there's no better place to start planning than at the Huntington Beach Library. Browsing through books about beautiful places, both near and far, can spur the imagination and help in choosing a destination. Interested in hiking? The library has books on day hikes in Orange County, and outdoor activities throughout California and beyond. Traveling with kids? With pets? On a budget? There are books about these and a hundred other topics. Fishing? Boating? Diving?

Those planning to travel farther from home can borrow DVDs to help plan a trip. Rick Steves' 10-disc series about Europe is just one example. True planners (and even armchair travelers) can access the Mango Languages database at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) to start learning French (or

German, Hindi, Tagalog, or Norwegian). Those who enjoy learning can brush up on facts about the food, the culture, the architecture and history of almost any destination and can borrow a cd to listen to the music of Ireland, Brazil, or Hawaii before leaving. Savvy travelers will browse articles in Conde Nast Traveler and other magazines, look for hotels and restaurants in the Frommer's, Fodor's, and Lonely Planet travel guides. Travel planning is just one more way the public library helps residents learn, save money, and have fun. Bon voyage!

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **June 28, 2011 Planning Commission Agenda**

At the June 28 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission will consider the following projects:

- **Boardwalk Mixed Use Project.** The Commission will consider Development Agreement No. 11-001, a development agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and the Sares Regis Group for the Boardwalk Mixed Use project. The Boardwalk Mixed Use Project consists of 487 multi-family apartment units, 10,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, 4,500 square feet of leasing office space, 9,000 square feet of resident recreation area and a half-acre public open space area. The Development Agreement is required as a condition of approval in order to provide for affordable dwelling units in accordance with Section 2.2.3 of the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan and the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (HBZSO) as well as specify required traffic mitigation fees. The project is located at 7441 Edinger Avenue, 92647 (northeast corner of Edinger Avenue and Gothard Street – former Levitz Furniture site). Project Planner, Jennifer Villasenor, Senior Planner
- **BT's Southern BBQ Restaurant.** Conditional Use Permit No. 11-011 requests to permit the sales and service of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) for on-site consumption within an existing 1,200 sq. ft. eating and drinking establishment. BT's Southern BBQ is located at 7144 Edinger Avenue, 92647 (southeast corner of Edinger Avenue and Goldenwest Street) Project Planner: Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner
- **Digg's Restaurant and Bar.** The Commission will conduct a six month review of Conditional Use Permit No. 09-001 approved by the Planning Commission on June 23, 2009. The review is to ensure compliance with the approved conditions of approval, applicable Chapters of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, and Municipal Code. Digg's is located at 8052 Adams Avenue, 92646 (southeast corner of Beach Boulevard and Adams Avenue). Project Planner: Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner

A copy of the staff reports is available on the Planning and Building Department website, <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/pcl/PCAgendas.cfm> The Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Using 9-1-1 for an emergency

When you dial 9-1-1, a professionally trained person called a "dispatcher" answers the phone at the police department. The call goes to the police department because the majority of 9-1-1 calls are police related emergencies. Wired house or business phones automatically go to the local police department. Wireless phones are usually routed to the local police department but are not always accurate if you are near the border of two cities or a freeway. Keep this in mind if you are using a wireless phone to call 9-1-1.

When you call 9-1-1:

- Remain calm.
- You may hear a recording asking you to wait for the dispatcher. Do not hang up or try to call again. Calls are answered in the order they are received.
- When the dispatcher answers, briefly explain the problem.
- The dispatcher will ask questions to find out what the emergency is and where it happened.
- Give short, direct answers to the dispatcher's questions. The faster you give this important information, the faster help can be sent to you.
- Follow the dispatcher's instructions.
- Do not hang up until the dispatcher tells you to.

The dispatcher can, in most cases if you are calling from a wired telephone, see the address and number of the phone you are calling from on their display screen when you dial 9-1-1. The dispatcher will still ask for the location, in case you are calling from a wireless phone, using VoIP (internet based phone system), a hotel, business with a PBX system or in case you are calling from a different place than the emergency.

Examples of emergency calls:

- "My house is on fire."
- "A man has been shot."
- "A woman is threatening to jump off a bridge."
- "My son had an accident and I can't stop the bleeding."
- "I think I am having a heart attack."
- "Someone suspicious is entering my neighbor's house."
- "Someone with a gun is robbing a store."
- "I think I see a drunk driver on the road."

Examples that are NOT an emergency:

- "Was that an earthquake?"
- "I scraped my knee."
- "My car was towed. How do I get it back?"
- "My car was stolen last night."
- "Is the highway open?"

If you dial 9-1-1 by accident, **DO NOT HANG UP**. Stay on the line and tell the dispatcher that everything is all right. If you do not stay on the line, the dispatcher may think that something is wrong and send a police officer. This can potentially take that police officer away from a real emergency somewhere else.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Independence Day Holiday Affects Street Sweeping and Trash Collection**

Due to the observance of Independence Day on Monday, July 4, trash collection and street sweeping will be on holiday schedule. Trash will not be collected on Monday, July 4. All residents should place trash for collection on the day after their regular route day. For example, residents on Monday's route should place their trash for collection on Tuesday, Tuesday's route on Wednesday, and so on for the entire week. Friday's route will be collected on Saturday. The regular collection schedule resumes on Monday, July 11.

Due to the holiday trash collection schedule, it is necessary to adjust the street sweeping schedule. If you live in the downtown area with boundaries from First Street to Goldenwest and from PCH to Palm Avenue, your streets will be swept on the regular alternate side schedule. For all other areas of the city there will be NO street sweeping for the week of July 4 through July 8.

If your street is usually swept on the first Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of the month, it will not be swept during the holiday week. If your street is usually swept on the second Friday of the month, it will not be swept during the holiday week. Streets that are not swept due to holidays are not rescheduled. If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance division at 714-960-8861.