

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

May 6, 2013

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Public Hearing on Fire Ring Ban – Friday, May 17 in City Council Chambers

The South Coast AQMD (Air Quality Management District) has proposed amendments to Rule 444 that would result in the ban of wood burning in open fire rings. There are 120 fire rings on the City's beach area. The Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Marketing and Visitor's Bureau, the Board of Supervisors and our state and federal legislators are all working with the City to keep open wood burning a tradition on our beaches.

A public hearing will be held on Friday, May 17 to hear from residents regarding the proposal to ban wood burning in fire rings. The hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers and starts at 5:00 p.m. It will also be broadcast live on HBTv-3. Everyone is invited to come give input that will be used at the SCAQMD Board Meeting on June 7.

The fire rings have been an important part of our beach experience for over 60 years. They provide an affordable means of gathering family and friends on Southern California shores to celebrate our outdoor beach lifestyle with s'mores and hotdog roasting under the stars, all while enjoying the glow of a warm fire.

While the fire rings are a low cost activity for Huntington Beach residents and visitors, the State of California and city also earn income from those who enjoy them. The loss of the fire rings would result in a loss of \$1 million annually in direct parking income for the City of Huntington Beach. It would also have a painful economic impact on other cities that offer beach bonfire rings, including Newport Beach, Dana Point, and Los Angeles.

If you want to take additional action, you can sign the petition at www.change.org or attend the Public Hearing at AQMD Headquarters on Friday, June 7, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. AQMD Headquarters is located at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Let your voice be heard.

To stay current on information regarding the effort to save our beach fire rings, check out www.savethebonfirerings.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

Join the dialogue! On Friday, May 10 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. the Orange County Aging Services Collaborative will hold a town hall style forum on *Sustaining Your Silver Tsunami: Hot Topics in Senior Nutrition* at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. Mayor Connie Boardman, Assemblyman Allan Mansoor, and Assemblyman Travis Allen will open the program. The featured panel of speakers includes, Dung Trinh, M.D., Geriatrician, Memorial Healthcare, Tracy Bryars, MPH, RD, CDE, CLE,

Healthy for Life Program Manager, Marilyn Ditty, D.PA., CEO, Age Well Senior Services, Inc., and Holly Hagler, President & CEO, SeniorServ. Continental Breakfast is included. There is no charge to attend. Please RSVP to Christine Chow:

Christine@ocagingservicescollaborative.org or by calling 800-272-3900.



Ole Fishing Hole Fishing Derby – “Bringing the Generations Together!”

On Friday, May 3, the City of Huntington Beach, Community Services Department together with the Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club held the Annual Ol' Fishin' Hole Fishing Derby. This award-winning recreational event for youth with disabilities was held at Chris Carr Park at Heil Avenue and Springdale Street in Huntington Beach. The derby is led by the Senior Center Staff and volunteers in an effort to provide for the recreational needs of youth who are living with various disabilities. This event is an excellent opportunity for “intergenerational” programming, as volunteers of all ages fish along-side students. Many thanks to the dozens of volunteers who gave their time to assist with this outstanding program.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Special Events at Surf City Nights in May (and a Great Way to Get There!)

In recognition of National Police Week, Surf City Nights will celebrate the Huntington Beach Police Department on Tuesday, May 14 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Visit Main Street and stop by the Surf City Nights booth to learn about Neighborhood Watch, obtain free raffle tickets to win great prizes, and receive a free blue ribbon. This is a great opportunity to recognize the brave men and women who put their lives on the line daily, rain or shine, to help keep our community great.

On Tuesday, May 21, Surf City Nights is holding the annual summer kick-off by presenting a fashion show at 6:15 and 7:15 p.m. at Main and Olive Streets. The show will feature local HB youth, live music and family fun. This event is sponsored by the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District, Jack's Surfboards, Huntington Surf and Sport and Model Citizen - making it a true community-based event. May 21 also marks the return of the Surf City Downtown Shuttle to Tuesday night service, offering free parking at the Huntington Beach Civic Center and free rides to and from downtown from 5:30-10:00 p.m. The Huntington Beach Civic Center is located at 2000 Main Street - at the corner of Main and Yorktown.

For more information about these events and how you can participate, please visit: www.surfcitynights.com and for more information about the Surf City Downtown Shuttle, please visit: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking/.

FIRE

Traffic Accident / Heavy Rescue Incident

At approximately 11:45 a.m. on May 2, 2013, the fire department responded to a reported traffic accident at PCH/Warner with a victim trapped. There was only one vehicle involved, but there was a victim trapped under it. Fire personnel carefully lifted the vehicle using specialty air-bags. Once extricated, the patient was thoroughly assessed and prepared for

air transport. The patient was transferred to the Landing Zone where the air ambulance transported them to the hospital.

Camarillo Fire – Ventura County

As part of the state-wide mutual aid program, resources from our City were sent to help battle the wildfire in Camarillo. Huntington Beach Engine 41 responded as part of a Strike Team, which is made up of five engines from the various Orange County fire departments, and pre-identified through our county-wide regional collaboration. A Battalion Chief, which is also rotated amongst the fire departments in Orange County, leads the Strike Team and for this fire the Battalion Chief who responded was also from Huntington Beach.

Live Fire Training Exercises

The Huntington Beach Fire Department is conducting a series of live fire training exercises at the Wardlow School site from May 2 through May 10.

Training includes utilizing small fires inside of the school buildings. Toxic material that may have been in place from the construction of the school has been removed in preparation for the exercises. Smoke from the training is very limited and should not be a nuisance to the community. This exercise at a site which is being prepared for demolition will provide the Fire Department an opportunity to train under similar conditions that would exist in the event of an actual building fire.

Smoking and Home Fire Safety

The place where we feel safest – at home – is where most smoking-materials structure fires, deaths, and injuries occur. Smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths, but are preventable.

Smoking Safety

- If you smoke, use only fire-safe cigarettes.
- If you smoke, smoke outside. Most deaths result from fires that started in living rooms, family rooms and dens or in bedrooms.
- Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.

Put it Out!

- Use a deep, sturdy ashtray. Place it away from anything that can burn.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping, peat moss, dried grasses, leaves or other things that could ignite easily.
- Before you throw away cigarette butts and ashes, make sure they are out, and dousing in water or sand is the best way to do that.

Smoking and Medical Oxygen

Never smoke and never allow anyone to smoke where medical oxygen is used. Medical oxygen can cause materials to ignite more easily and make fires burn at a faster rate than normal. It can make an existing fire burn faster and hotter.

Be Alert

- To prevent a deadly cigarette fire, you must be alert. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs that make you drowsy or have consumed alcohol.
- Never smoke in bed.

FACTS

- The risk of dying in a home structure fire caused by smoking materials rises with age.
- One out of four fatalities in smoking-material fires is not the smoker whose cigarette started the fire.

Please visit www.nfpa.org/education for more information.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know the City website has information about the demographics of the City? You can find population and household income information, major employers, community overview, traffic count maps, and major employers. You can find this information at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/business/demographics/>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**Pacific Coast League Historical Society @ the Library**

Before the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles from Brooklyn, California already had great baseball and baseball teams. The Pacific Coast League was THE baseball league on the West Coast, fielding teams like the Hollywood Stars, the San Francisco Seals, the Oakland Oaks and the Los Angeles Angels (before the current Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim!). Step back in time, when the game was played in daylight and players had nicknames like "Truck" and "The Splendid Splinter" - come to the Pacific Coast League Annual Reunion on Saturday, May 11 at the Huntington Beach Central Library. Starting at 9:00 a.m., learn more about the league that produced such Hall of Famers as Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams. Presentations, memorabilia and stories of the great Pacific Coast League teams will be ongoing at the Huntington Beach Central Library all day on Saturday, May 11.

Jay Gatsby's Life and Times @ the Library

The fascination with F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel *The Great Gatsby* continues, as a new film adaptation hits theaters on Friday, May 10. Learn more about the "Roaring '20's" era with these informative books from the Library:

- *Bobbed Hair and Bathtub Gin: Writers Running Wild in the Twenties* by Marion Meade.
- *Flapper: a Madcap Story of Sex, Style, Celebrity, and the Women who made America Modern* by Joshua Zeitz.
- *Invented Lives: F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald* by James R. Mellow.
- *New World Coming: the 1920s and the Making of Modern America* by Nathan Miller.
- *Some Sort of Epic Grandeur: the Life of F. Scott Fitzgerald* by Matthew J. Bruccoli; with a genealogical afterword by Scottie Fitzgerald Smith.

- *The Art Deco Style; in Household Objects, Architecture, Sculpture, Graphics, Jewelry; 468 Authentic Examples* by Theodore Menten.
- *The Romantic Egoists*, Edited by Scottie Fitzgerald Smith and Joan P. Kerr, art editor Margareta F. Lyons.
- *Zelda Fitzgerald: Her Voice in Paradise* by Sally Cline.

Main Street Library Added to National Register of Historic Places

The Main Street Branch Library is the largest and oldest branch of the Huntington Beach Library system, opening its doors on September 30, 1951. Built as a replacement for the City's Carnegie Library, which had been in operation since 1913, the 4,500 square foot building at 525 Main Street in Triangle Park was designed by the Los Angeles architectural firm of McLellan, MacDonald and Marcwith. The mid-century modern building cost \$140,000 and served as the City's main library for 24 years until the Central Library in Huntington Central Park was opened in 1975. On April 16, 2013, the library building on Triangle Park was listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service.

Today, the Main Street Branch continues to serve the City's downtown community with 26,000 books, free weekly storytimes, public-internet computers for library card holders, free Wi-Fi, and an ongoing used book sale. For more information, call the Main Street Branch Library at (714) 375-5071.

Spring Art Show @ the Library

The Spring Open Art Show runs through May 30 in the Windows Gallery of the Huntington Beach Central Library. The Huntington Beach Art League awards prizes in six categories, including oil/acrylics, watercolor, mixed media, drawings/pastels, photography, and sculpture. Some of the artwork may be for sale. The Library is at 7111 Talbert Avenue; the gallery is free and open during regular Library hours. Info: www.hbpl.org or www.hbartleague.com.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Draft EIR Available for Public Review

A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared for the remediation and reuse of the former gun range within Huntington Central Park. The EIR analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with a proposal by the City of Huntington Beach to remediate the subject site of hazardous materials contamination associated with the site's historical use as a gun range facility. Following remediation, the project site would be developed as an open space/park element, as part of Huntington Central Park. On-site improvements may consist of facilities typical of open space/park uses, such as a children's playground/park area, dog park, basketball courts, tennis courts, snack bar/restaurant, picnic area, and associated parking areas, restrooms, irrigation, lighting, and various utilities. Potential future improvements could also include higher intensity uses such as an approximately one-acre commercial recreational facility (e.g., skate park). The project site is approximately 4.91 acres in size and is located within Huntington Central Park (between Goldenwest and Gothard Streets, south of Talbert Avenue).

The EIR will be available for public review and comment for 45 days commencing Thursday, May 9, 2013, and ending Monday, June 24, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. at:

- 1.) Planning and Building Department, 3rd floor, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648;
- 2.) City Clerk, 2nd floor, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648;
- 3.) Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648;
- 4.) City website at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/Departments/Planning/Environmentalreports.cfm>

Any person wishing to comment on the request may provide written comments to Ricky Ramos, Senior Planner, City of Huntington Beach, Planning and Building Department, P.O. Box 190, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or RRamos@surfcity-hb.org by Monday, June 24, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. At this time, no date has been set for a public hearing on the project. For further information please contact Ricky Ramos at (714)536-5624.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Seek Public's Help

On May 7, 2013, at about 2:40 a.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department received a report of a traffic collision on Beach Boulevard north of Edinger Avenue. The arriving officers discovered the pedestrian victim, a 34 year old female, injured and unconscious in the roadway.

Initial investigation shows the pedestrian was walking east across Beach Boulevard under the 405 Freeway overpass, when she was struck by a white 2013 Honda Accord being driven by a 36 year old male from Garden Grove. The Honda had been travelling north on Beach Boulevard. After being struck by the Honda, the pedestrian got up and ran south on Beach Boulevard, where she was struck a second time by a blue 2002 Dodge Caravan being driven by a 26 year old male from Huntington Beach. The Dodge also had been travelling north on Beach Boulevard.

The female pedestrian sustained serious injuries and was treated on scene by Huntington Beach Fire Department paramedics. She was transported to the hospital, where she remains in critical condition.

HBPD Accident Reconstruction Officers responded to the collision scene and conducted the initial investigation. This is an ongoing investigation and the Huntington Beach Police Department is seeking witnesses regarding this incident. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is encouraged to contact Officer Barr at 714-536-5666.

37th Annual California Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony

This past weekend, the Huntington Beach Police Department Honor Guard participated at the 37th Annual California Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony. In remembrance, Deputy Robert Lee Paris Jr., Stanislaus County Sheriff Department, and Officer Kenyon M. Youngstrom, CHP - Contra Costa, were added to the more than 1,500 other names listed on the memorial of California peace officers who have died in the line of duty.

May is National Bicycle Month. Please help encourage safe bicycle riding.

PUBLIC WORKS

Lambert Park Slope Repair

On May 6, the City Council awarded a construction contract for improvements to a slope failure at Lambert Park. The project will stabilize an approximately 8,000 square feet area on the north side of the Park, which had earlier experienced a slope failure. In an effort to provide this safety measure, approximately 17 trees will be removed. Given the nature of the mitigation, approximately 7 trees will be replaced in the same area, leaving approximately 10 trees to be replaced in close proximity to the park or elsewhere in the City. The project cost is approximately \$322,000. Construction is expected to start with the next few weeks and is anticipated to be complete by the end of summer.

Arterial Rehabilitation

On May 6, City Council awarded a construction contract to improve Garfield Avenue (Magnolia St. to Bushard St.) and Goldenwest Street (P.C.H. to Yorktown Ave.). This project will replace damaged sidewalk, curb and gutters and rehabilitate the asphalt roadway. The final roadway surface layer will utilize rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC). RAC contains crumb rubber derived from 100% California waste tire rubber. This project will divert more than 12,000 waste tires that would otherwise end up in a landfill. Including this project, to date the use of RAC in the rehabilitation of the City's arterial streets has resulted in the diversion of over 256,000 waste tires. The total cost of this project is approximately \$3,300,000. Of that cost, approximately \$1,400,000 will be reimbursed from grants from Proposition 1B and CalRecycle as well as a contribution from the City of Fountain Valley for the portions of work performed within their city limits. Construction is scheduled to commence in the next few weeks and is anticipated to be complete by the end of summer.