

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

October 18, 2010

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

Please join us for the 9th Annual **Art of the Brew**, a fun and funky micro brew tasting event featuring four local breweries, BJ's Restaurant and Brewery, BrewBakers, the Huntington Beach Beer Company, and Oggi's Pizza and Brewing Co. On Thursday, October 21 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, the brewers will present their special microbrews as well as a taste of their best beer munchies. The audience gets to vote for their favorite beer. Raffle prizes add to the fun. General admission is \$20 per person. Call 714.374.1650 for reservations.

Children of all ages are invited to attend **Family Arts Day** on Sunday October 24 from noon – 4:00 pm for an afternoon of free art activities and performances. Under tents in the parking lot and throughout the Art Center, professional artists will provide workshops in a variety of mediums including printmaking, ceramics, chalk art, and more. This event is sponsored by Target.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Senior Stamp Club –The Senior Stamp Club has a wonderful array of free stamps to help you get started in this relaxing, interesting, and informative pastime. The club meets on the first & third Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 am in the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1718 Orange Avenue. Beginners are welcome. For more information, contact Mike Heywood at heywoodhb@yahoo.com or call the senior center 714-536-9387.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB Downtown Halloween Artwalk Wednesday Night

Enjoy an evening of art and culture on October 20. The Artwalk, held the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Start at the Art Center (538 Main Street), pick-up a map of all the exhibit locations, and conclude at the Shorebreak Hotel at The Strand. You will find emerging and established artists along with musical performers along the Artwalk. This month's Artwalk will feature a live art presentation and a recycled art show featuring pumpkin art. Make an evening of it - shop and grab dinner before, during, or after touring the art exhibits. For more information, please call the Huntington Beach Business Improvement District at 714.536.8300.

FIRE**Hazardous Materials Unit Response**

On October 4 at approximately 2:00 pm, the Huntington Beach Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Unit responded to the cross streets of Saddleback and Derby for illegal storm water runoff. Upon arrival, HM-46 met with Huntington Beach Public Works who were already on scene with a private contractor. Earlier that morning the private contractor stated that his employees spread approximately 400 gallons of water based asphalt top seal to the surface of the two private roads. Before the contractor was able to finish slurring the streets, it started to rain which caused the product to be washed off the streets and into the storm drains. Inflatable bladders were placed in the storm drains to contain the spill and prevent further runoff. The private contractor was required to hire an environmental clean-up company to remove the product from the gutters and storm drains and return the area to its pre-spill state. Public Works remained on scene to monitor the clean-up.

Fire Prevention Expo

On October 6, the Huntington Beach Fire Department, Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association (HBFA), and Citizen Early Response Team (CERT) volunteers participated at the annual Boeing Fire Prevention Expo. HBFA cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for the attendees and shared information about their Seagrave Fire Engine Restoration Project. The CERT volunteers distributed materials regarding the program. Participation in the event along with the HB Police Department and Boeing's Fire Department/Security team reinforces our commitment to building strong community relationships.

Open House

On October 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Fire Department celebrated Fire Prevention Week at the Gothard Fire Station. Approximately 500 guests attended to view the various types of fire apparatus on display, tour the Fire Station, and watch vehicle fire and victim extrication demonstrations. The kids received fire helmets, educational coloring books, balloons, and were able to spray water from a fire hose. The Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association provided hot dogs and chips while the Fire Management Association provided the drinks. The CERT and RACES volunteers shared information with the public while Search and Rescue Explorers assisted with the event.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**Local Coastal Program Amendment for Parkside Estates and Coastal Zone Approved**

The California Coastal Commission approved the City's application to establish zoning on the Parkside Estates 50 acre property in conformance with the Land Use Plan approved by the Commission in 2007. In addition, the Commission approved the City's request to amend the zoning code with provisions that have applicability to all properties in the coastal zone. The unanimous approval was granted on October 13.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Search and Rescue Open House

On October 21, Huntington Beach Search and Rescue will be hosting an open house from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. There will be demonstrations of a felony car stop, the use of a K-9, fire simulation and rappelling. Refreshments will be provided. The location is 18381 Gothard Street, Huntington Beach.

Huntington Beach Search and Rescue Explorer Post #563 is chartered by the Orange County Council of the Boy Scouts of America / Learning for Life and sponsored by the Huntington Beach Police and Fire Departments. It is a co-ed youth program designed to expose high school and college age men and women to careers in the emergency services field. It is open to ages 15 to 18 for new members, with a maximum age of 19 for participation.

Explorer Post # 563 was founded in 1962 as a Law Enforcement Explorer Post. Over the years it has developed into one of the premier Explorer Posts in Orange County. In 1982, the post took on a new challenge by expanding its focus to include firefighting exploring and becoming part of the Search and Rescue Explorer Program.

PUBLIC WORKS

Level 1 Water Management Plan Still in Effect

Residents are reminded that Level 1 of the City's Water Management Plan is still in effect. This means that effective November 1 through March 31, irrigation will be limited to one day per week. Irrigation is also prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and is limited to no more than 15 minutes per station. Anyone with questions on water conservation or the Water Management Plan should call the Public Works Utilities Division at 714-536-5921 or visit the City's website (<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/>) and click the "Water Conservation" button on the left side of the page.