

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

July 11, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Art Center

The Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation and staff would like to gratefully acknowledge the support of donors whose recent gifts have enabled the Art Center to present exhibition and education programs to the community. The Huntington Beach Educational Foundation donated \$500 in support of the summer art camp. The National Charity League, who provides volunteer assistance, donated \$2,500 for the summer art camp program. The Surf City Marathon and the Linda and Todd White Foundation through the Orange County Community Foundation have made donations to our general operation. Ms. Leung has contributed to the Music Teachers Association donation fund for music recital programs at the Art Center. Support for HBAC programs is especially important as City budgets are reduced. For more information about Huntington Beach Art Center programs visit:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org/>

Aquatic Programs

Recreational swimming for seniors is offered through the City of Huntington Beach at the City Gym and Pool year round. The City Gym and Pool offers senior swim every Friday afternoon in an indoor heated pool for ages 55 and up from 3:30-5:00pm for \$2 per person. In addition, the City Gym and Pool offers adult only swim from 8-8:30pm for \$2 per person on Monday and Wednesday nights. For more information please call the City Gym and Pool at (714)960-8884.

Free Summer Events in Huntington Central Park

The Huntington Central Park bandstand is the place to be on weekends this summer! On Saturday evening, AES Huntington Beach kicked off their first ever outdoor summer movie series with the screening of "The Sandlot". Families and friends packed their lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets for an evening of fun under the stars. AES movie nights begin at 7 pm and continue through July.

Join the Huntington Beach Concert Band along with the "Hot Society Orchestra" for the third in a series of eleven Sunday evening outdoor concerts. This Huntington Beach tradition has been a part of the community for years and provides an excellent opportunity to enjoy wonderful music! The summer concerts begin at 5pm - the series continues through September 4. Visit the Central Park Bandstand this summer. Visit www.hbsands.org for more information on this and other park and recreation programs!

Marine Safety

The City of Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguard program opened on Monday, June 27! The program was established in 1963 to educate children to recognize potential hazardous conditions associated with an ever-changing aquatic environment. Emphasis is placed on safety, respect, physical fitness, instruction, and discipline. Students are schooled in the oceanic environment, First Aid, C.P.R., mutual cooperation, competition techniques, and

lifesaving methods. The Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguard program is world renowned. Students come from other countries such as Germany, France, England, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, and other states such as Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, New York, Utah and Florida to participate. The program has been involved with nine international educational exchanges with New Zealand, Australia, and Germany. For more information on the City of Huntington Beach Jr. Lifeguard Program visit: www.juniorguard.com

Overnight Family Camp-out

This sold-out event on Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July 10 at Central Park offered families a chance to have a low-cost camping experience, share time together, and enjoy a weekend outdoors. The weekend festivities included: volleyball and soccer, nature crafts by Mad Science, music and stories around the Campfire with Two Best Friends, an Amazing Animals presentation, and nature hike at Shipley Nature Center by Inside the Outdoors. The Huntington Beach Lions Club generously donated their time and efforts by cooking a hot dog dinner and pancake breakfast for all participants. Starbucks also donated coffee for the pancake breakfast. The festivities were then concluded on Sunday with a trip to Adventure Playground. Over 250 people enjoyed this camping experience and it was a great time for all“Parks Make Life Better”!

Senior Center Ballroom Dance

On the second Friday night of each month at 7:30 pm, the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center in Huntington Beach swings with the live music of the Bob Warren Trio at the monthly ballroom dance. Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, this fun evening includes complimentary snacks and coffee. Wine and soft drinks are available for purchase. For \$7.50 per person, join the ball on Friday, August 12 and wear your aloha shirts and dresses! Singles are always welcome. For more information contact the seniors center, 1706 Orange Avenue, 714-536-9387 or on the web, www.hbcoa.org.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surf City Savings

4th of July is over and you may find your house is in need of a little help after summer gatherings! You can take care of the house and save some money by taking advantage of the Surf City Savings Discount Program! Some great discounts are offered by these participating local merchants: Allied Carpet Care for cleaning up the floors, Cal Clear Window Cleaning for the dirty windows, Five Star Pool Maintenance if your pool needs some help, and if the house really needs a facelift, ABC Painting and Wallcovering can give the inside a whole new look. These and over 150 other merchants can be found on www.surfcityavings.com, offering discounts to our residents to help keep our spending dollars local which benefits our city with the sales tax dollars generated to support local services.

HB Gastro-Truck Fest III - Food Truck Event

Bring friends, family, and an appetite for a third round of feasting this summer from Orange County's premier food trucks this Sunday, July 17 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Guests will have choices from an array of cuisine: from the gourmet Asian cuisine of Komodo to fresh

seafood offered by Slapfish. The event will take place in Peter's Landing at 16400 PCH. For more information, log on to www.facebook.com/gastrotruck.

FIRE

Earthquake Preparedness

The Huntington Beach Fire Department Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office provide the following information on earthquake preparation. When earthquakes strike, electrical power may go out, gas lines and water lines may break, buildings may collapse and residents may require emergency medical assistance. In a major emergency, police, fire, and paramedic resources are often overwhelmed and unable to respond to all calls for assistance. Therefore, it is important that you and your family be prepared to be self-sufficient for three to five days.

To ensure that your family is prepared for such an emergency, you should do the following:

- Have a family disaster plan
- Have a plan for your workplace
- Know the plan for your children's school and participate in the school's preparedness efforts
- Have sufficient food, water, medical prescriptions, and disaster supplies to sustain your family for at least 72 hours
- Eliminate hazards in your home
- Know how and when to shut off damaged or leaking utilities
- Ensure your family is fire safe
- Be sure to have smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in your home
- Have an evacuation plan and a "Grab-N-Go" bag ready

If you are a Huntington Beach resident, you are encouraged to participate in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program to better prepare yourself for disasters.

For more detailed information, contact the Emergency Services Coordinator at 714-374-1565 or visit:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/emergency_preparedness/

INFORMATION SERVICES

Enroll online for the FireMed Paramedic Subscription Program at:

<http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/FireMed/enroll/>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

On the Road this Summer?

It's been said that planning a trip can be as fun as the trip itself. There's no better place to start planning than 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 about day hikes in Orange County and outdoor activities throughout California and beyond.

Traveling with kids? Pets? On a budget? There are books about these and a hundred other topics. Fishing? Boating? Diving? Check! 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 to learn a little French (or German, Hindi, Tagalog, or Norwegian!). Those who enjoy learning can brush up on facts about food, culture, architecture, and history of almost any destination. Listen to the music of Ireland, Brazil, or Hawaii before leaving. Savvy travelers can browse Conde Nast Traveler and other magazines, search for hotels and restaurants in Frommer's, Fodor's, and Lonely Planet travel guides. Log onto a library computer to do more research or make reservations. Travel planning is just one more way the public library helps residents learn, save money, and have fun. Bon voyage!

Family Literacy Program Celebrates Volunteer and Student Achievement!

The Family Literacy Program, part of Literacy Volunteers-HBPL, held its Annual Awards Night on June 29 with more than 140 attendees. Special guest, Mayor Joe Carchio, presented awards to four tutors. Volunteer Dona Burrell earned recognition for volunteering 15 years with literacy students; tutors Luz Zambon, Alice Seltzer, Betty Murphy, and Barbara Binaski earned pins for five years of service. Mayor Carchio thanked all tutors for their generous gift of time and congratulated students for their hard work. The program honored nine adult students for their dedication to learning. Literacy students overcome many obstacles in order to increase their skills and meet important goals. Their dedication means a brighter future for them and for their families and a better community for us all. We congratulate our tutors and learners and look forward to another year of learning and success!

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning and Building Department to use Quick Response Codes

Quick Response Codes (QR) will now be available for the Planning and Building Department website. QR Codes are easy to use website addresses codes providing a convenient way to save website information on your smart phone. Customers can simply download a free "Scan" application from your App Store and use the phone camera to scan the code. A separate code has been created for the Planning Division, Building and Safety and the Huntington Beach home page. Scan codes for the General Plan and Zoning Code will soon be available as well. Technology is amazing!



Planning Division



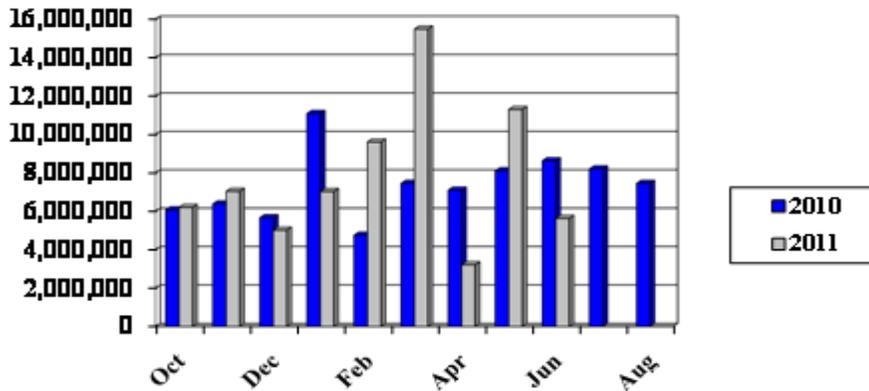
Building Division



City of Huntington Beach

Construction Valuation (\$)

Residential, Commercial & Industrial



June 2011 Total Construction valuation was \$5,628,231. The majority of valuation was in the Residential additions & remodels \$2,034,856 and residential upgrades (block walls, re-roofs, patio covers, doors, windows) \$1,615,765. Inspection activity for the month of June trended up, confirming the summer ramp-up in building activity.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Public's Assistance Requested in Locating Suspect Convicted of Child Abuse

On November 6, 2010, at about 11:50 pm, a resident called reporting she heard a female screaming "stop" and crying in the next door apartment. Huntington Beach police officers responded; a male subject answered the door and told police officers there was no female inside the apartment. Due to the exigent circumstances involved, police officers explained they had an obligation to come inside to ensure no one was hurt or in need of help.

Police officers entered the apartment and discovered a minor female child at the residence who was bleeding from the mouth. Officers conducted their investigation and subsequently arrested the male subject, Mario David Abernathy, 43, Huntington Beach, for corporal injury of a child (child abuse).

On February 10, 2011, Mario Abernathy filed a claim against the City of Huntington Beach accusing the police officers: 1) unlawful search of his daughter's bedroom, 2) police falsified police report of approx [sic] Dec. 7, 2010, 3) police maliciously prosecuted [him], 4) violated due process denied copies of exculpatory evidence [sic]. The claim was reviewed by the Huntington Beach City Attorney Office and denied on March 8, 2011.

The Orange County District Attorney Office prosecuted the criminal case and on July 5, 2011, Mario Abernathy was found guilty by jury of the charge corporal injury of a child, Penal Code 273d(a). Mario Abernathy has been out on bail since his arrest and was to be sentenced on

July 7, 2011, but failed to appear in court for the sentencing hearing. Mario Abernathy is now a fugitive and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Huntington Beach police officers are actively looking for him to take him back into custody.

The Huntington Beach Police Department is seeking the public's assistance with any information regarding Mario Abernathy's whereabouts. In addition to this current conviction, he was also convicted of financial elder abuse in 2009. He is described as a male white, 5-10, 210 pounds, brown hair and brown eyes. A photograph of Mario Abernathy is available at www.facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice.

PUBLIC WORKS

Cooperative Street Paving Project Starts Construction

Construction is scheduled to begin this week on Edwards Street from the I-405 freeway to Bolsa Avenue; and Bolsa Avenue from Edwards Street to Goldenwest Street. The project will include the rehabilitation of street pavement, as-needed concrete repairs, and re-striping. The City of Westminster is the lead agency per a cooperative agreement approved by the Huntington Beach City Council on March 7, 2011. Under this agreement each City pays for actual construction cost within their respective City, while the lead agency is also responsible for preparing the construction documents and administering the construction contract at its cost. Project completion is expected in late August 2011. Huntington Beach's portion is not expected to exceed \$450,000 in cost.