

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

April 15, 2013

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Beach Art Center

The community is invited to join us for the gala celebration of Creative Visions - the annual student art exhibition opening on April 19, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The evening will feature performances by students from the Huntington Beach City School District along with the exhibition of art created by students from the Huntington Beach City School District and Huntington Beach Union High School District. The Imagination Celebration presentation of the digital media work of students K-12 from throughout Orange County will also be on display. For additional information please call the Art Center at 714-374-1650.

### Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

On Thursday, April 18, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Huntington Beach Senior Services will host the Surf City Senior Providers Network luncheon at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue. Co-Sponsors of the lunch are A Family Home Care and Above and Beyond Referral Services. William Rodman Shankle, MS MD FACP of the Hoag Neurosciences Institute will give a presentation on “*Healthy Brain Aging*”. The Surf City Senior Providers Network is a forum founded by Huntington Beach Senior Services to address senior issues and concerns and improve communication between professional and community organizations. Senior Service providers interested in attending may RSVP to Teri Simonis 714-374-1517 or [tsimonis@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:tsimonis@surfcity-hb.org).



### Babysitter Preparedness Class

The Community Services Department will be offering the ultimate babysitter preparedness class. Students learn how to market your services, safely care for children, make healthy snacks, and entertain children in a positive way! Successful students will become certified in basic first aid CPR for adults and children. For more information on this and other classes and programs, pick up a copy of the spring SANDS Community Services Guide or visit [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org).

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Bruxie Opening on April 23rd

Bruxie will open its fifth unique eatery in Huntington Beach at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23. The restaurant which focuses on a menu of savory and sweet gourmet waffle sandwich offerings, will be located one block east of Pacific Coast Highway on 5<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Street at The Strand. Bruxie will be open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner - Sunday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Huntington Beach location will feature the first ‘Bruxie Streetside’ walk-up window for shakes, floats, desserts and beverages. (Bruxie Streetside will open every morning at 7 a.m. beginning in early May).

The menu offers Bruxie’s unique takes on authentic Belgian waffles, alongside salads, locally

produced old-fashioned cane sugar sodas, real Wisconsin frozen custard, shakes, sundaes and floats. Nothing on the menu exceeds \$10.

## **FIRE**

### **Hotel & Motel Safety**

Vacations and business travel make hotels and motels our home away from home. It is just as important to be prepared and know what you would do in a hotel/motel emergency as it is in your own home.

### **Be Safe When Traveling**

- Choose a hotel/motel that is protected by both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- When you check in, ask the front desk what the fire alarm sounds like.
- When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room.
- Take the time to find the exits and count the number of doors between your room and the exit. Make sure the exits are unlocked. If they are locked, report it to management right away.
- If the alarm sounds, leave right away, closing all doors behind you. Use the stairs – never use the elevators during a fire.

### **If You Can't Escape...**

SHUT off fans and air conditioners.

STUFF wet towels in the crack around the doors.

CALL the fire department and let them know your location.

WAIT at the window and signal with a flashlight or light colored cloth.

### **FACTS**

- On average, one of every 12 hotels or motels reported a structure fire each year.
- The majority of hotel fire deaths result from fires that started in the bedroom.
- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of hotel/motel fires.

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

### **INFORMATION SERVICES**

Did you know that the Huntington Beach web site provides information about Senior Services? For more information about these services, go to:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/human\\_services/senior\\_services.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/human_services/senior_services.cfm)

**LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT****Communities Matter @ Your Library: Celebrate National Library Week April 14-20**

This week, the Huntington Beach Public Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week - a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers.

Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources, libraries are often the heart of their communities, campuses or schools. Libraries are trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and reengage to enrich and shape the community and address local issues.

Librarians work with elected officials, small business owners, students, and the public at large to discover what their community needs are and work to meet them. Whether through offering e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners, programs for job seekers or those to support early literacy, librarians listen and respond to the community they serve.

The Huntington Beach Public Library provides a wide array of traditional and innovative services including early childhood literacy programs and story times, extensive digital and online resources, available both in the library and from home, as well as Adult Literacy programs and E Books and Chromebooks for checkout. Each branch location provides services tailored to the needs and interests of their neighborhoods, extending the library's reach to all of Huntington Beach.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit the Huntington Beach Public Library or see the library's Web site at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org).

**"Romancing The West" at the Library Theater**

Friday, April 26 the Huntington Beach Central Library will be the site of the "Romancing the West" Legacy Tour. Celebrating the faith and hope of the people of the Great American West, the story is a gentle unveiling of the vision of singer/songwriter Christina Duane. The original score, written about the West over a 30-year period, will be performed by renowned artists who are touring four western states in April, culminating at the Gene Autry National Center in Los Angeles. More information and tickets are available by visiting: [www.romancingthewest.org](http://www.romancingthewest.org).

**Friends of the Library May Author's Luncheon**

The Friends of the Library are hosting an authors' luncheon on Thursday, May 9 at the Central Library. The guest speakers are Rochelle Staab and Jeri Westerson.

Rochelle Staab, a former award-winning Top 40 radio programmer and Warner Bros. Records advertising and marketing executive, blends her fascination with the supernatural and her love for mystery in the Mind for Murder Mystery series. Her most recent release in

the series is Hex on the Ex.

Jeri Westerson has been a journalist, a theology teacher, and graphic artist. A longtime amateur historian, she cross-pollinated the medieval with the hard-boiled and came up with her own brand of medieval mystery. Her latest novel is Blood Lance, a tale of rebellious factions in King Richard's court, Spanish spies, an old friend's honor and a deadly joust.

Book sales and signings will be available after the program.

Tickets are \$20 and seating is limited. Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, or drop it off at the Friends Gift Shop. Reservations must be received no later than Monday, May 6. For more information contact the Friends of the Library at (714) 375-8429.

### **EveryoneON – NEW National Digital Literacy Campaign**

The EveryoneOn campaign aims to help the millions of Americans who do not have the digital literacy skills they need to succeed and help them understand the relevance the Internet has in their lives. Whether it's finding a job, helping their children complete homework for school or accessing e-commerce, electronic medical records and connecting with distant family, it is vital that we encourage every American to take advantage of the tools they need to succeed.

More than 80% of FORTUNE 500 companies post their job openings online only and require online applications. Fifty percent of today's jobs require technology skills and this percentage is expected to grow to 77% in the next decade.

By calling 1-855-EVERY1ON or visiting [www.everyoneon.org](http://www.everyoneon.org), users have access to a zip code search tool to find free computer and internet training classes in their area. The website also includes information on computer basics, job searches, how to access government resources, and how to connect with friends and family.

### **Did You Know?**

- ❖ 1 in 5 Americans consider themselves non-users of the Internet.
- ❖ 80% of teachers give homework online.
- ❖ According to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), digital literacy is one of the top three reasons Americans don't use PCs and the Internet, with 46% of non-users responding that they lack the necessary skills.

The Huntington Beach Public Library is trying to help give everyone the chance to get on the Internet and bridge the digital-divide. The Library offers a variety of digital services and support that can help EVERYONE learn how to make the most of the Internet and the resources available online. Come on in and learn more about all that the Library has to offer.

### **Paint a Tile for National Library Week @ Your Library**

Want to paint a tile that will be installed in the Children's Department on the Central Library? The Friends of the Children's Library are celebrating National Library Week by holding a

week long sale April 15 through April 20. All tiles and tile painting certificates will be \$40 each during National Library Week only. Normal tile prices are \$50 each or two for \$80. The Library supplies the tiles and glazes and the tiles are installed on the wall in the picture book area. Tile painting is done in the Children's department. For more information or to arrange a time to paint a tile, please call (714) 374-5330.

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **Zoning Administrator**

On April 17, 2013 the Zoning Administrator will review the following items:

- Coastal Development No. 13-001 (Wood Residence) to permit the demolition of an existing approximately 3,675 sq. ft. single-story residence and to construct a new approximately 4,482 sq. ft. two-story residence at a maximum height of 27 feet at 4031 Morning Star Drive, 92649 (north side of Morning Star Drive, west of Saybrook Lane – Huntington Harbour). City Contact: Kristi Rojas.
- Conditional Use Permit No. 13-002 (Verizon Wireless Facility) to permit the installation of wireless communication antennas mounted onto an existing 138 foot tall Southern California Edison (SCE) transmission tower at an overall height of 65 ft. in lieu of the maximum height of 45 feet permitted at 21261 Brookhurst Street, 92646 (east side of Brookhurst Street, between Effingham Drive and Hamilton Avenue). City Contact: Ethan Edwards.

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

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Emergency Dispatchers Honored this Week across U.S.**

Happy National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week! In recognition of the vital work performed by the nation's police and firefighter dispatchers and technicians, Congress declared April 14-20 this year as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

For forty years, 9-1-1 has served as the vital link between the American public and emergency services. Public education and awareness initiatives throughout the years have contributed in large measure to the incredible and ongoing success of the emergency communications system as a whole. With 25 CHP communications centers statewide, the CHP took 9.2 million calls for service last year. About 75 percent of them, 7.1 million were wireless 9-1-1 calls.

As always, we would like to recognize the importance of those ***Dispatchers*** who coordinate the efforts of Police, Fire, and EMS workers as they perform their duties. Thank you!

**PUBLIC WORKS****Every Day Can (and Should) Be Earth Day!**

Each year we celebrate Earth Day on April 22. The month of April has become the time when many of us commit to Earth-friendly projects and ideas. Although at this time each year, we focus on how to promote awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment, we can focus every day on recycling and conserving energy! Try to incorporate one or more of the useful ideas below and visit [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) for more inspiration:

- Less is More - purchase items with less packaging.
- Use energy efficient light bulbs in your home and office.
- Encourage e-mail recipients to print only when necessary.
- Turn off all unnecessary lights.
- Pick up litter at your local park, street, or on the beach.
- Walk or ride a bike when you can.
- Start a recycling program at your school, office or work place.
- Repurpose waste items into new things that are functional or beautiful or both.
- Try and live the 75/25% Rule- Recycling 75% of all waste in the Blue Recycling Cart, leaving only 25% in the Brown Trash Cart.
- Review the new list of all of the items that can be recycled in Huntington Beach at <http://www.rainbowes.com/carts.php>.