

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**December 10, 2012**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Beach Art Center

Do not miss the final week of the exhibition *The Cylinder, the Sphere, the Cone*, which is open through December 15. The exhibit features three artists who present a contemporary view of landscape in sculpture, painting and mixed media. The OC Register describes the show as one of the finest exhibitions in Southern California this year. Take a look at the article at <http://m.ocregister.com/entertainment/art-379971-one-center.html> and come in to enjoy the show! Call 714-374-1650 for details.

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

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging will host their annual New Year's Eve Dance and dinner on Monday, December 31, 2012, from 8:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue in Huntington Beach.

Your \$40.00 ticket includes the swinging sounds of the Bob Warren Trio, raffle prizes, a festive buffet dinner and a "Grand Countdown Champagne Toast" at midnight sponsored by Greater Newport Physicians, Huntington Beach Hospital, Professional Healthcare Services Inc, Professional In-Home Care Services, LLC, SeaCliff Home Care and Memorial Care Medical Group.

Purchase tickets in advance at the Senior Center front counter. The purchase of eight tickets reserves a table. Singles are welcome at the friendly single's table. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, December 21, 2012. For more information, please call the senior center at (714) 536-9387.

### 2013 Rose Parade

Join the Huntington Beach Community Services Department for the spectacular 2013 Rose Parade. The \$115.00 per person ticket includes a chartered bus from City Hall to the Rose Parade and grand stand seating on Colorado Boulevard. Be prepared to walk up to ½ a mile from the bus parking to the grand stands. All registrants under 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Depart from the Civic Center, 2000 Main Street, at 6:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 1 and return immediately after parade, approximately 3:00 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance by December 21 from the Travel Coordinator, Betty Hickey, at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., or Thursdays and Fridays from 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 714-536-9387.



### NEW Computer Classes at the City Gym & Pool

The Huntington Beach Community Services Department will be offering NEW Computer classes at the City Gym and Pool by FRESHi®. Freshi Media places cameras and computers right into the hands of young filmmakers and gamers, allowing them to imagine, plan, shoot, edit, and then watch or play

their own films and games. Freshi's educational unit focuses on mentor-led and kid-directed programs designed for any student. Youth can learn to create Films from Script and learn to design their own Video Game for friends and family. Beginning Video Game Design will be taught Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. –5:00 p.m. and Filmmaking from Script to Premiere on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. For more information, see pages 18 of the Winter SANDS Community Services Guide at [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) or call the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Vans Skate Park Groundbreaking**

Vans (VF Outdoor, Inc.) and the City of Huntington Beach are excited to announce a groundbreaking ceremony for the highly anticipated Vans Skate Park project. VF Outdoor, Inc will host the groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m. Construction is expected to last several months, with an anticipated grand opening of summer 2013. When completed, the world class skate park facility will be free to the public and will consist of a 14,500 square foot skate plaza, an 11,800 square foot skate bowl, and a 3,500 square foot skate shop. The project site is located at 7461 Center Avenue.

### **Get a Jump Start on Your 2013 New Year's Resolutions – Resolution #1: Shop Local with Surf City Savings!**

The Surf City Savings program is a partnership of the City of Huntington Beach and TheLocalHB.com featuring special, money-saving coupons offers from 150 Huntington Beach businesses of all kinds: restaurants, services, entertainment, and retail stores. It is all but impossible to find a collection of offers more unique and more focused on promoting shopping locally in Huntington Beach so make December 2012 the official kickoff to your New Year's Resolution to shop locally in 2013. To see the offers currently available, visit [www.surfcityavings.com](http://www.surfcityavings.com).

### **Downtown Artwalk Hosting Holiday Fine Art & Craft Show**

The HB Downtown Artwalk moves indoors on December 19 from 5-9 p.m. to present the Holiday Craft & Fine Art Show at the Huntington Beach Art Center, located at 538 Main Street. With over 20 artists and fine crafters in attendance, you are sure to find something for everyone on your list (or maybe even for you). Enjoy refreshments, live entertainment by the Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts Surf City Singers beginning at 6 p.m., and free pictures with Santa Claus from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Admission is free! Attendees will also have a chance to win one of several beautiful gift baskets, and pick up a copy of the Downtown Coupon Book with over 40 exciting and limited-time offers from merchants in the Downtown. The HB Artwalk is presented monthly by the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District. For more information, please visit [www.hbdowntown.com](http://www.hbdowntown.com).

### **Surf City Nights and Surf City Downtown Shuttle Taking a Holiday Break December 25 and January 1**

Surf City Nights and the Surf City Downtown Shuttle will be cancelled on December 25 and January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays. However, the best weekly street fair in Orange County will return for business as usual on January 8! For more information about Surf City Nights, please visit [www.hbdowntown.com](http://www.hbdowntown.com).

## FIRE

### Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

#### Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

#### Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

#### Before Heading Out or to Bed

- Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

#### FACTS

- One quarter of home decoration fires happen in December
- More than half of the December home decorations fires are started by candles
- Half of the holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source

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

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

### **City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips**

Did you know the City website contains numerous safety tips for your home or business? You can get safety tips on barbecue grilling, carbon monoxide poisoning, holiday fire safety, home fire hazards, home fire escape plans, earthquake preparedness, smoke detectors, etc. You can find this valuable information in the Education Programs section of the HB Fire department section at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/safety\\_tips/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/safety_tips/)

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Season's Readings @ the Library**

Take a break from all the hustle and bustle at the mall and escape into a less stressful endeavor—reading! Here are the season's new holiday titles available from the Library:

- *Angels at the Table : a Shirley, Goodness, and Mercy Christmas Story* by Debbie Macomber
- *The Bridge* by Karen Kingsbury
- *A Christmas Garland* by Anne Perry
- *A Cowboy Under my Christmas Tree* by Janet Dailey
- *A Winter Wonderland* by Fern Michaels
- *My Kind of Christmas* by Robyn Carr

### **Holiday Used Book Sale @ Main Street Library**

The Main Street Branch is holding a Holiday Book Sale now through December 15. Funds raised from the sale are used to purchase new books for the branch. Main Street is open 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday. For more information call (714) 375-5071.

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

At the November 27 Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission presented Herb Fauland, Planning Manager, with Resolution No. 1664, acknowledging his hard work and dedication and expressed their deep appreciation for his service.

Mr. Fauland, who is retiring at the end of December, began his work at the City of Huntington Beach in 1988 as a full-time Administrative Aide II to assist the public at the zoning counter and process entitlements. He has served the city in various roles throughout his years of service, including: Assistant Planner, Associate Planner, Senior Planner, Principal Planner, and, finally, Planning Manager.

As the Current Planning Division's Planning Manager Mr. Fauland has spent endless hours managing and processing complex and controversial projects to the Planning Commission and City Council; acting as the Planning Commission Liaison coordinating agendas, reports and meetings; explaining technical planning and zoning information in an understandable

style; providing mentoring and leadership to the Planning staff; and assisting and resolving zoning related issues for the public. Herb Fauland has contributed valuable and conscientious service to the community through the careful and equitable application of his extensive knowledge of city, regional, state and national planning principles, and expertise in the planning process.

The City of Huntington Beach acknowledges the excellent individual performance of Planning Manager Herb Fauland, expresses their appreciation for his service to the City, and wishes him well.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Huntington Beach- Detectives from the Special Investigation Bureau and Officers from the Special Enforcement Bureau worked with Investigators from the Alcohol Beverage Control to conduct "Minor Decoy" and "Shoulder Tap" operations in Huntington Beach on November 10.

Officers and decoys attempted to purchase alcohol from ten different licensed establishments in the city. Five establishments sold alcohol to minors after not asking for identification or looking at their identification and still selling to underage minors. Those who sold to the minor face a minimum fine of \$250, and/or 24 to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. In addition, ABC will take administrative action against the alcoholic beverage license of the business where alcohol was sold to a minor. That may include a fine, a suspension of the license, or the permanent revocation of the license.

The locations that sold to minors were: Primo Market 17465 Beach Boulevard, M&P Liquor 6029 Warner, Rite Aid 5881 Warner, Seacoast Liquor, 17701 Beach Boulevard, Silvery Liquor 16091 Beach Boulevard #101

In addition to the Minor Decoy Operation, Detectives also conducted a Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation. A Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation targets adults who purchase alcohol for people less than 21 years of age. Two individuals agreed to buy alcohol for minors. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$1000 fine and 24 hours of community service.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) through the department's Grant Assistance Program.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **Christmas and New Year Holidays Affect Trash Collection and Street Sweeping**

##### ***Trash Collection***

Trash will be collected per regular schedule on Christmas Eve, Monday Dec. 24 and on New Year's Eve, Monday Dec. 31. There will be no trash collection on Christmas Day and New Year's Day so trash collection from Tuesday through Friday each holiday week will be delayed one day. Residents on Tuesday's route should place their trash for collection on Wednesday, and so on, for the entire week. Friday's route will be collected on Saturday.

<b>2012 Christmas and New Year Holiday Schedule</b>					
Regular Collection Day	Mon 12/24 Mon 12/31	Tues 12/25 Tues 1/1	Wed	Thu	Fri
Holiday Collection	Unaffected	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

***Street Sweeping***

Street sweeping is cancelled from Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays and the City Hall holiday closure. From January 2 through January 4 street sweeping will be on holiday routing due to trash carts at the curb one day later than usual. Neighborhoods that are impacted by trash carts at the curb will not be swept. Neighborhoods that can be efficiently swept will be swept per regular schedule. Example: where trash is collected from a rear alley. No street sweeping tickets are issued during the Christmas/New Year holidays. The regular street sweeping schedule with parking enforcement will resume on January 7. Routes cancelled due to holiday scheduling are not made up.

If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance division at 714-960-8861.