

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

February 18, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

The Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation is presenting *Music at the Center* with a concert on February 23, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. Susan Gibson and Elizabeth Wills, two award winning musicians with a twenty-year friendship, will perform their own brand of Texas-American-folk/pop music. Tickets are \$20.00 for HBAC members and \$25.00 for general admission. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Call the Art Center for information at 714-374-1650 or purchase online at: www.huntingtonbeachartcenterfoundation.org.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

Come join the Parade! On Thursday, February 21, 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. The Mardis Gras-themed lunch is hosted by Palm Island. Lee Kix Percussion will introduce *Interactive Rhythm*, a class that will soon be offered at the senior center. Palm Island Senior Apartments, located in Fountain Valley, offer a carefree lifestyle for adults. The Surf City Senior Providers Network is a forum founded by Huntington Beach Senior Services to address senior issues and concerns, facilitate access to needed services, provide advocacy on behalf of older adults, and improve communication between interested professional and community organizations. Senior Service providers interested in attending may RSVP to Teri Simonis (714) 374-1517 tsimonis@surfcity-hb.org.



New Lighted Practice Fields at Edison Community Center

Edison Community Center has three new lighted practice fields. With multiple sports currently in season, it can be difficult to find lighted fields for practice. As part of the Edison Park renovation project, three new practice fields were built in the grassy area near Hamilton Street. Fields are available to reserve for weeknight practices. Organized teams must have their insurance on file with the City of Huntington Beach. For pricing and reservation information, please contact Edison Community Center at: 714-960-8870.

Beach Blvd of Cars Reader Board

The Community Service Department has continued to promote the physical and mental benefits of an outdoor and active lifestyle through the "Parks Make Life Better!" campaign. Thanks to collaboration with the Economic Development Department, the "Parks Make Life Better!" logo can be seen on the Beach Blvd. of Cars reader board located directly off the 405 freeway at Beach Blvd. Keep an eye out for exciting "Parks Make Life Better!" community activities at your local Huntington Beach park, beach, or facility. For questions about the "Parks Make Life Better!" campaign, programming, or activities, please email pmlb@surfcity-hb.org.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mobile Home Advisory Board Member Recruitment

The Mobile Home Advisory Board (MHAB) is currently seeking applications for Huntington Beach mobile home park owner/manager or representative, park resident and a member at large to fill vacancies on the Board. Board Members currently meet quarterly in January, April, July, and October on the fourth Monday at 6:00 p.m. to review mobile home park issues and provide a forum for communication on matters affecting the City's 18 mobile home parks. Anyone interested in obtaining an application should contact the Economic Development Department at (714) 536-5457. Applications are also available online at www.surfcity-hb.org. There are currently three (3 openings): mobile home park owner/manager or representative (1); mobile home park resident (1); and At-Large Board members. Applications are due by March 1, 2013.

FIRE

Electrical Appliance Safety

Clothes Dryer - Never leave synthetic fabrics, plastics, rubber or foam in the dryer for longer than the manufacturer's recommended time. Clean the lint screen before and after use. Keep the immediate area free of combustibles. Dryers must be vented to outside and plugged into their own outlet.

Electric Blankets, Heating Pads - Never fold or roll electric blankets while turned on. Heat will build up on wires, potentially igniting the blanket. Unplug and store flat when not in use. Don't leave a heating pad on for more than 30 minutes. Never fall asleep with it on. Set your alarm clock to awaken you in 30 minutes if necessary.

Portable Space Heaters - Use one with a thermostat (not just a switch) that shuts off by itself when tipped over. Plug directly into own outlet. Use in an area free of combustibles and well ventilated for heat to escape. Never leave it on overnight.

Vaporizers - Never leave vaporizers unattended or near combustibles. Keep the water level high. Check the cord at the plug to make sure it is not too hot. If it is, disconnect it immediately. It must be plugged into its own outlet, or with a heavy-duty extension cord.

Wires, Plugs and Extension Cords - Keep down the number of cords in one outlet. Never run cords under the rugs where they may become worn. Replace worn cords. Be sure to use proper gauge of extension cord, especially with power tools and high wattage appliances.

Traffic Collision with Major Natural Gas Line Leak

On February 15, 2013 at approximately 5:30 p.m., Huntington Beach Fire Department units responded to a traffic collision with a damaged natural gas line at the ARCO station located at Goldenwest and Heil. A vehicle was found on top of a ruptured gas line that is located above ground. The Gas Company was requested immediately. With the help of HB Public Works Haz-Mat, HBPD shut down all traffic on Heil Avenue and two lanes on southbound Goldenwest. The pipe was successfully plugged and the leak was controlled.

Residential Structure Fire

On February 14, 2013, at approximately 4:00 a.m. firefighters were dispatched to a reported fire on Mauna Lane.

The fire was contained primarily to the room of origin, but smoke and water damage was extensive throughout the home. The origin was in a spare bedroom. The cause is under investigation, but is suspected to have been electrical in nature.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know the City website contains information about the Adult Softball League? Users can find team schedules, standings and registration information at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/softball.cfm.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**Speak Up in any Language with Mango!**

February is Discover Languages Month, so what better time to discover Mango, an online language-learning system that teaches practical conversation skills in as little as 15 minutes per lesson. Mango is perfect for brushing up on a language, preparing for a vacation or business trip, or to learn the languages of coworkers and friends. It's fast, easy and effective - and it's free for Huntington Beach Library card holders! Just visit www.hbpl.org, click on the green Quick Login to Databases tab, login, then select Mango Language to get started. Instruction is available in Spanish, French, Japanese, Brazilian Portuguese, German, and Mandarin, plus several others. There's also an option for ESL students who want to speak better English. Open the door to an exciting new learning opportunity today!

Award Winning Children's Books @ the Library

Each year, the American Library Association presents awards for the best in children's literature at its annual winter conference. The Newbery Medal is awarded for "the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children", and has been awarded this year to Katherine Applegate for *The One and Only Ivan*. The Caldecott Medal is for "the most distinguished American picture book for children", and has been awarded to *This is Not My Hat*, written and illustrated by Jon Klassen. Come check them out from the Library!

H.B. in Watercolor @ the Library

Vivid watercolor paintings of familiar Huntington Beach sites painted by artist Eileen McCullough can be seen now through February 27 in the Corner Gallery of the Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave. The gallery is free and open during regular Library hours. For more information, contact Paul Scott, Corner Gallery Manager, at (714) 625-9295 or www.hbartleague.com.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project Scoping Meeting**

A scoping meeting for the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project will be held Thursday, February 21, 2013. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Huntington Beach Central Library in Room C/D on the lower level, at 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, California. The purpose of the meeting is to take comments related to the scope of the environmental issues to be analyzed within the draft EIR.

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, including an environmental assessment (initial study), was released for public review and comment for 30 days, commencing Thursday, January 31, 2013, and ending Friday, March 1, 2013.

The City of Huntington Beach proposes to widen the Brookhurst Street/Adams Avenue intersection in all directions to add travel lanes on both roadways. The following new travel lanes are proposed: two additional northbound right-turn lanes (Brookhurst Street); one additional southbound right-turn lane (Brookhurst Street); one additional eastbound through lane (Adams Avenue); and one additional westbound through lane (Adams Avenue). The project is proposed to satisfy the requirements of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed in 2006, between the cities of Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach and the Orange County Transportation Authority. The proposed intersection widening would require right-of-way (ROW) acquisition on all four legs of the intersection on both sides of each street. The proposed project would require approximately 31,230 square feet of ROW acquisition, predominantly from commercial properties but with one partial residential land acquisition (approximately 143 square feet).

Written comments on the NOP must be submitted to Mary Beth Broeren, Planning Manager, City of Huntington Beach Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California 92648 by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2013. A copy of the NOP is on file at the following locations:

- City of Huntington Beach Department of Planning and Building, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach;
- Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach;
- Banning Branch Library, 9281 Banning Avenue, Huntington Beach; and
- on the internet at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/Environmentalreports>.

Zoning Administrator

On February 20 at 1:30 p.m., the Zoning Administrator will review a proposed wireless communication facility designed as a pine tree (monopine) and at-grade equipment cabinets within an eight (8) foot high block wall enclosure. The facility is proposed at 18951 Gothard Street, 92647 (northwest corner of Garfield Avenue and Gothard Street). The Zoning

Administrator meeting will be held in Room B-8, City Hall; contact Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach detectives have been following up an arrest by Newport Beach detectives related to the series of residential burglaries in southeast Huntington Beach over the past few weeks. Our investigations are still active. Please remember to keep diligent with your home security and maintain a good Neighborhood Watch attitude for suspicious activity. Also secure your cars throughout the day and night. If a citizen sees something they think may be suspicious we ask they call the police and report it as soon as possible. You can call the police department directly at 714-960-8825.

PUBLIC WORKS

Golden View School Area Improvement Project

The Public Works Department is nearing completion of neighborhood improvements to enhance pedestrian and bicycle access for students attending Golden View Elementary School. The project includes new school area traffic signs and markings, sidewalk improvements, 15 new curb ramps, the addition of left turn arrows for east-west traffic at the intersection of Goldenwest Street and Slater Avenue and a bicycle helmet distribution program. The project was funded through the State Safe Route to School competitive grant program and was completed in cooperation with Ocean View School District.

Free Rainwater Harvesting Seminar

The City of Huntington Beach Public Works Utilities Division and Shipley Nature Center will be hosting a Rainwater Harvesting Seminar on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Shipley Nature Center, 17851 Goldenwest Street. Topics will include rainwater harvesting, benefits of a rain barrel, installation of a rain barrel, sustainable gardening and water conservation techniques. Attendance is free of charge. To register for the seminar, call 919-602-6316.

Rain barrels will be available for purchase at the event for \$75 or can be purchased in advance for pick up at the event by visiting www.RainBarrelsIntl.com by February 22. Attendance is not required for purchase of a rain barrel. Pick-up of barrels is scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and noon.