

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

January 7, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

The Art Center welcomed over 150 artists to the annual Centered on the Center exhibition as they dropped off work they had created during the last two years. Nearly 300 pieces in a variety of media will be installed and ready for viewing from January 18 through February 23, 2013. Please join us to celebrate the community of artists at the opening reception on January 18 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Call 714-374-1650 for details.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services in Our Park

Huntington Beach Senior Services volunteers delivered holiday meals to 75 older residents on Christmas. These older adults, who might otherwise be alone on the holiday, enjoyed the short visit and a festive meal prepared by Sunny's restaurant. This year the volunteers expressed amazement at the large bags delivered with the meals, filled with ornaments handcrafted by the YMCA and greeting cards handcrafted by local Girl Scouts and the National Charity League. Funded by the HBCOA and the Handy Crafters, Holiday Meals are delivered to qualified older adults in Huntington Beach on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Volunteers interested in delivering holiday meals on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013, contact Diane Swarts, Volunteer Coordinator, 714-374-1544, dswarts@surfcity-hb.org. This is a wonderful way to introduce volunteering to family and friends.

Marine Safety

Marine Safety Statistics for 2012 demonstrated the continued trend of increased aquatic rescues, medical aids, law enforcement contacts, and beach events. Rescues increased 21% to 4,628; medical aids increased 31% to 1,762; law enforcement contacts increased 5% to 51,045; and beach events increased 31% to 404.



NEW Dance Classes for Boys at the City Gym & Pool

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department and HB Tippi Toes are offering a NEW class this Winter Session exclusively for your boy. Reaching for the stars and boogieing to the beat, your little man will learn balance, rhythm, and the basics of dance while training to be the next Superhero! Classes will be offered at the City Gym and Pool on Saturday mornings and at Murdy Community Center on Tuesday mornings. Registration is available now and can be done in-person at any Community Center or online at www.hbsands.org. For more information see page 16 of the SANDS Community Services Guide or call the City Gym and Pool at (714) 960-8884.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Art Walk is All New for 2013!

The Downtown Art Walk will begin 2013 with a new event day – the third Thursday of every month. An exciting, free, kickoff event on January 17 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Shorebreak

Hotel will live entertainment by legendary producer/keyboardist Ronnie King and his popular jazz quartet. More than 100 artists have been invited to display their art at the Shorebreak that evening; the event will spotlight artists who participated in the 2012 year-round monthly ArtWalk. A highlight of the evening is the announcement of "Artist of the Year," as selected by registered attendees. In addition to featured artists, there will be an art bazaar, where visitors can find original masterpieces for sale. Visit www.hbdowntown.com to learn more about Thursday night specials being offered by the downtown merchants as well as more details about the exciting array of Art Walk events planned for 2013, including the "I Love HB" art to be featured on February 21. Also take minute to "like" the all new Art Walk Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hbdowntownartwalk.

Applications Available for 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant Funding

Applications for 2013-14 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding are available and will be accepted through 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2013. Each year the City uses CDBG funds to assist non-profit public service organizations that provide services and housing to low- and moderate-income residents. The City also uses CDBG funds to support selected capital expenditure projects that result in developments or construction that meet the eligibility criteria for federal program funds. There are two application types: 1) construction and/or development projects that include eligible public facilities and infrastructure projects, property acquisition, and other eligible renovation projects; and 2) non-construction projects that include eligible public services, fair housing activities, and housing rehabilitation. For more information and to download an application, please visit: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/ed/cdbg/>.

FIRE

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. Sixty five percent of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms at all or ones that do not work. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and smoke alarms provide notification to allow you time to exit your home.

Safety Tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home. If possible, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home and when one sounds, they all sound.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) should be installed in homes.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling.
- Batteries in smoke detectors should be changed every six months when you change your clocks to and from Daylight Savings Time. If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace battery immediately.

- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use ten year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are ten years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Alarms that are hard-wired (and include battery backup) must be installed by a qualified electrician.
- If cooking fumes or steam sets off nuisance alarms, replace the alarm with an alarm that has a "hush" button. A "hush" button will reduce the alarm's sensitivity for a short period of time.
- An ionization alarm with a hush button or photoelectric alarm should be used if the alarm is within 20 feet of a cooking appliance.
- Smoke alarms that include a recordable voice announcement, in addition to the usual alarm sound, may be helpful in waking children through the use of a familiar voice.
- Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These alarms use strobe lights. Vibration equipment can be added to these alarms.
- Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

For more information, please visit www.nfpa.org/education.

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know you can watch HBTv3 live on the City website? To view this live video stream, click on Residents and then Videos. The link to the live stream is at the top of this page.

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/videos/>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Top Titles of 2012

Booklist magazine, the American Library Association's review journal, has announced its Top of the List winners for 2012. The winning titles were chosen from the annual Editors' Choice selections as the best books and media of 2012—meaning these Top titles are considered the best of the best! All of the top winners are available at the Huntington Beach Library—check one out today:

- **Adult Fiction** – *The Lower River* by Paul Theroux
- **Adult Nonfiction** – *The Passage of Power: the Lyndon Johnson Years* by Robert A. Caro
- **Audiobook** – *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein; read by Morven Christie and Lucy Gaskell
- **Video** – *The Dust Bowl* by Ken Burns (PBS)
- **Youth Fiction** – *Dodger* by Terry Pratchett
- **Youth Picture Book** – *Extra Yarn* written by Mac Barnett and illustrated by Jon Klassen

Friends of the Library January Author's Luncheon

The Friends of the Library are hosting an author's luncheon on Saturday, January 26 at the Central Library. The guest speaker is Linda Alexander, author of *A Maverick Life: the Jack*

Kelly Story, a biography of the 1950's actor who later become mayor of Huntington Beach. Book sales and signings will be available before and after the program which begins at noon.

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 Friday, January 18. For more information contact the Friends of the Library at (714) 375-8429.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Southeast Area Committee

On Wednesday, January 9, 2013, the Southeast Area Committee resumes at 5:15 PM in City Hall Room B-8. The newest item to be added to the list of recurring topics is the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS). Jenelle Godges, Regional Manager, Local Public Affairs, Southern California Edison will periodically be providing the City with status updates. Additionally, Aaron Klemm, the City's Energy Project Manager is providing an update regarding the recent meeting conducted by AES to inform the public on the status of their application before the California Energy Commission for reconstruction of the Huntington Beach Generating Station.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Robbery Suspect in Custody

On September 25, 2012, police officers responded to a report of an armed robbery at "Helme Antiques." Upon arrival they found the victim bound with duct tape and suffering serious facial injuries from being beaten. The suspects fled on foot and were described as male Hispanic. The loss was an undetermined amount of jewelry. The scene was processed by Huntington Beach CSI officers. A DNA hit from evidence at the scene was identified as belonging to Benjamin KUAHUIA, a gang member from Long Beach. An arrest warrant was obtained and HBPD Detectives initiated surveillance in the 400 block of 21st Street in the City of Long Beach.

With the assistance of the Long Beach Police Department's Directed Enforcement Team, KUAHUIA was taken into custody without incident. At the time of the arrest, KUAHUIA was found to be involved in the sale of methamphetamine and charged with that crime as well. KUAHUIA was identified in a similar armed robbery in 2010 in the City of Santa Monica. He pled to a lesser charge and spent four months in Los Angeles County Jail before being released on September 20, 2012, five days prior to the Helme Antiques robbery. KUAHUIA has been arrested three times in the past three years. During each of these arrests, KUAHUIA was in possession of either a loaded handgun or an assault style weapon. This case will be forwarded to the District Attorney's office for filing as a gang case.

New Year's Eve was very busy, with 125 calls for service phoned in to the police department between midnight and 3:30 a.m. Police officers were proactive between calls for service. The first police report written for the New Year was an arrest of a DUI driver. The police officer

pulled him over after seeing the occupants of his car actively drinking beer while the car was driving down Warner Avenue. Happy New Year!

PUBLIC WORKS

Main Street Rehabilitation Project

The Main Street Rehabilitation Project is nearing completion. The project, which extends from Utica Avenue to Adams Avenue, consists of grinding the existing pavement, removing failed roadway sections, and overlaying the street with rubberized asphalt concrete. The bulk of this work was completed over the Huntington Beach High School winter break, which ended last Friday. Improvements also include limited replacement of concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk, and installation of ADA access ramps where needed. Manholes and water valve assemblies will be adjusted to grade and traffic loops and striping will be replaced over the next 2 to 3 weeks.

The project utilizes rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC), which contains crumb rubber derived from 100% California waste tire rubber. A two-inch layer of RAC uses over 2,000 waste tires per lane mile. The Main Street Project alone diverted more than 1500 waste tires that would otherwise end up in a landfill.