

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

July 18, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Senior Services

Flag Retirement Ceremony - As an Eagle Scout Project, Jonathan Fraser from Boy Scout Troop 555 will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony in the parking lot of the Rodgers Seniors Center on Saturday, July 23 from 1:00pm -2:30pm. All are invited to attend this ceremony. Scouts are encouraged to wear their class A (Field) uniform. Old flags are being collected for the ceremony and must be dropped off by July 20 at the following locations: Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 9812 Hamilton Ave., Adams Donut Shop, 9015 Adams (Adams & Magnolia), and R Cleaners (10118 Adams Ave., (Brookhurst & Adams).

Senior Softball at the Central Park Sports Complex

The Annual Senior Softball tournament hosted by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging saw clouds and cool temperatures as the Huntington Beach Council on Aging partnered with the City of Huntington Beach in hosting the 23RD Annual Senior Men's Softball Tournament and the 1ST Annual Chad Hanna Women's Tournament at the Huntington Park Central Park Sports Complex. Teams from Arizona joined teams from Simi Valley, Valencia, Oxnard, Carlsbad, and Huntington Beach for a relaxing and fun time in the city. There were 22 teams competing in six divisions in the men's tournament and 12 teams competing in three divisions in the first-ever women's tournament. Thank you to the Huntington Beach Council on Aging for their continued support of this annual event.

Summer Gymnastics Camp

Come to Murdy Community Center for a week "tumblin' fun", from August 1 through August 5. Camp is from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm, and is open to tumblers, ages 5-12. Gymnastics camp will consist of stretching and warm-ups, conditioning and having fun while learning the proper techniques of a skilled gymnast. Floor tumbling, beam, trampoline, cartwheels, round-offs and back handsprings will all be part of this exciting camp. Beginner through advanced levels are welcome! See page 10 of the SANDS Community Services Guide for more information or visit www.hbsands.org

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Weekly Farmer's Markets!

Did you know that there are four weekly Certified Farmers Markets in Huntington Beach? Markets that apply for and meet the requirements to become certified must meet stringent standards that, under most conditions, ensure that the agricultural products sold by their vendors are also produced by them. Find one near you!

Tuesday

100-300 Block of Main Street during Surf City Nights from 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

- Take the free Surf City Downtown Shuttle from City Hall to Main and Orange or use the free Surf City Bike Valet on 5th Street at The Strand! For more information on these free programs, visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov.

Friday

Pier Plaza from 12:00 PM to dusk

Saturday

Farmers Market and Family Festival:

16400 Pacific Coast Highway @ Peter's Landing -9 AM to 2 PM

Oakview Certified Farmers Market:

Oceanview High School @ Warner/Gothard - 9 AM to 1 PM

Surf City Savings

Any Huntington Beach local or visitor who has used the Surf City Savings Program has realized its value. Not only does the program provide discounts and outstanding savings at more than 150 local businesses, it helps keep our spending dollars local and the tax revenue generated by our local businesses funds the services provided by our city. This program encourages people to visit a business they may never have known about including restaurants, healthy & beauty, services & products and leisure/entertainment. Make sure to visit www.surfcitysavings.com often to find a new business to visit, show local support and keep our tax dollars in HB!

FIRE

2011 CERT Basic Course Graduating Class

The Fire Department would like to congratulate the 2011 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Course graduating class. CERT is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) endorsed training program that prepares individuals to help themselves, their families, neighbors, and community in the event of a disaster. This year's training began in the wake of the tragic events in Japan, which resulted in a record 230 community members signing up for the training classes. The members completed 32 hours of training over a three month period. The training consisted of disaster preparedness, disaster first aid, fire extinguisher use, and light search and rescue. Of the original attendees, 122 citizens completed the course - the largest to date - and received their certificate from Mayor Joe Carchio and Fire Chief Patrick McIntosh.

The graduates now have the opportunity to become Fire Department CERT Volunteers. Once accepted, they will help the City prepare for and respond to disasters by conducting public education, providing damage assessment information, sandbagging, sheltering, helping in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and providing support to public safety personnel. Furthermore, they will have the opportunity to respond to incidents in other cities as an Orange County CERT Mutual Aid Program (CMAP) Responder.

[INFORMATION SERVICES](#)

You can obtain Traffic Collision Reports in PDF format at:

<http://huntingtonbchpd.policereports.us/>

[LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT](#)

There's an App for that!

Smart phones, tablet computers and other mobile devices have become such a large part of our lives partly because of their great adaptability. For many, shopping, school, games, cameras and contacts are all on their phones or pads. Today everyone offers an app to make life easier and more fun, and that's starting to include the library. If someone wants to get ebooks or audiobooks from the Huntington Beach Library online, they can download the Overdrive Media Console (<http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/>). There are versions for Android devices as well as for Apple products. Mango Languages, a database that offers online language instruction through the library has an app that makes lessons available on the iPhone and iPad (available at the iTunes store). Apps for other devices will be offered based depending on demand. How long before someone can look through the Huntington Beach Library catalog using their phone or other mobile device? Reserve items? View library events? Place reserves and actually check out materials? The future is almost here - stay tuned! For more information on available Apps and the Library, visit the library's website, www.hbpl.org.

[PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT](#)

Planning Commission Meeting: July 12, 2011

On July 12, 2011 the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-003/Coastal Development Permit No. 09-005/Conditional Use Permit No. 09-021/Variance No. 09-003/ Special Permit No. 09-001/Special Permit No. 09-002/Tentative Parcel Map No. 09-078 (Garguis Mixed-Use Development). The request was for the demolition of a vacant drive-thru restaurant and construction of a three-story, 35 ft. tall, approximately 8,972 sq. ft. mixed-use development consisting of visitor-serving commercial (retail) on the ground floor and a total of four residential units on the second and third floors (110 9th Street, 92648 (northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and 9th Street). The Planning Commission approved the request findings and conditions of approval.

"Second Opinion" Services

Anytime you need further clarification or if additional confirmation regarding a land use, zoning, building, permit, code enforcement, or certificate of occupancy matter is necessary, feel free to ask for a "Second Opinion." While we are legally responsible to apply the zoning code, building codes, development regulations, and City policies to foster quality development, Planning and Building staff want to ensure complete and clear information has been given to minimize any confusion. Our commitment is one of open communication designed to ensure the highest quality of entitlement processing, plan checking, code interpretation, inspections, and neighborhood preservation. Here is the list of ombudspersons to contact for a "Second Opinion:"

Entitlement Processing

- Herb Fauland, Planning Manager (714) 536-5271

Zoning Counter, Land Use, Code Interpretations, and Planning Plan Check

- Jason Kelley, Senior Planner (714) 536-5271

Building and Safety Plan Check and Inspections

- Mark Carnahan, Inspection Manager (714) 536-5241

Code Enforcement/Zoning Code Violations

- Mike Fuentes, Senior Code Enforcement Officer (714) 536-5261

POLICE DEPARTMENT

ABC Grant Funds Awarded to Police Department

The Huntington Beach Police Department has been awarded grant funding in the amount of \$50,000 from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to help reduce alcohol-related crime.

ABC's Director Jacob Appelsmith has budgeted \$3 million for a grant program to help 46 local law enforcement agencies combat alcohol-related problems. ABC will administer the grants to local police and sheriff's departments through its Grant Assistance Program (GAP).

The GAP Program was created in 1995 to strengthen partnerships between ABC and local law enforcement agencies in order to put bad operators out of business, keep alcohol away from minors, and bring penalties such as fines, suspensions or revocations against businesses that violate the law.

In Huntington Beach the funds will be used to curb alcohol related problems in the downtown area as well as other identified areas within the City. Funds will also be used to reduce the number of alcohol sales to minors and obviously intoxicated patrons. It will also clamp down on illegal solicitations of alcohol and other criminal activities such as illegal drugs.

PUBLIC WORKS

Water Well No. 2 Landscape Improvements

Work has started on the Water Well No. 2 Landscape project, which will provide landscape and hardscape improvements on the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Edinger Avenue and Springdale Street (near Marina High School). The site was formerly a water well site. In 2001, this water well was decommissioned due to its aged structure and diminishing water quality.

To visually enhance the appearance and improve pedestrian (student) circulation through the site, the project will remove existing damaged concrete, gravel, and guard rail, and replace it

with a meandering concrete walk way, pervious colored concrete, curb replacement, sidewalks, driveways, and a handicap access ramp. Landscaping will include a mix of King and Windmill palm trees, drought tolerant shrubs and plants, and engineered wood fiber for groundcover. Irrigation includes new water service, meter, and solar power controller. All work is expected to be completed before school is back in session in early September.

Goldenwest Street has Re-opened

On July 1, 2011, an underground oil pipeline cracked and leaked oil onto the southbound lanes of Goldenwest Street just south of Ellis Avenue. The southbound lanes were immediately closed between Ernest Drive and Ellis Avenue. From the onset, the responsible oil company's environmental clean-up contractor worked diligently with City personnel to clean the street, remediate the soil, and reconstruct the affected street section as quickly as possible.

On Sunday, July 24, Goldenwest Street was re-opened to traffic. However, there may still be some additional remediation and soil testing in the parkway requiring intermittent single lane closures. City staff appreciates the public's patience and expects all work to be completed in the near future.