

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

March 14, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Recreation

The Community Services Department offers a pee wee and junior soccer program for children age three to eight designed to enhance their sport skills, social development and confidence. Players engage in game-based drills and supervised scrimmages that help develop character and self-esteem. They learn to cooperate with teammates and coaches while staying healthy and active. The recreation staff is trained to create a positive environment where enjoying soccer is the key to learning. Pee wee and junior soccer are held at the indoor soccer arena at the Central Park Sports Complex, allowing players to participate in an enclosed setting. Shooting Stars Soccer is available for athletes with disabilities, between the ages eleven to twenty-one. These participants learn the basics of the game through practice and instruction, and compete in scrimmages. All participants will be given an HB recreation jersey and a team photo certificate. Protective equipment is provided for players during all games and practices. Soccer begins the week of April 12.

Huntington Beach Art Center

Open Dialogues, Artists in Residency program continues this week with an event on Thursday March 17 from 6- 7:30 pm. Artist Jeffery Frisch will present a literary reading of “**wordWorks**”, his original writings, combining Jeffrey’s love of words with his fascination of the idea of found objects assembled as art. Leprechaun shakes and Irish tea cakes will be served. **Open Dialogues** presents a unique opportunity for the community to learn firsthand how artists conceive and create original work. For additional information please call the Art Center at 714.374.1650.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Meals to the Home – Each weekday, Huntington Beach Senior Services volunteers deliver meals to older adults 60+ living in Huntington Beach who are no longer able to shop and cook for themselves. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are freshly prepared in the Community SeniorServ kitchen, designed meet all daily nutritional requirements. If you or someone you know are in need of meals please call Seniors Outreach, 714-960-2478. If you are interested in volunteering for the meals to the home program, contact Diane Swarts, Volunteer Coordinator 714-374-1544 dswarts@surfcity-hb.org.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lil’ Red Cupcakery Grand Opening at The Strand

On March 3, the City and Chamber welcomed a delightfully sweet business to the downtown; Lil’ Red Cupcakery had their grand opening at The Strand on 5th Street. The store offers up to 14 types of cupcakes daily with over 75 flavors in rotation. Lil’ Red Cupcakery also offers cake pops, cake bites, cookie of the day, and cinnamon rolls. For more information: log on to www.atthestrland.com.

[FIRE](#)

2011 Huntington Beach Disaster Preparedness Expo

The Huntington Beach Fire Department Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office will be sponsoring the second annual Disaster Preparedness Expo at the Huntington Beach Central Library from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. Also participating in this event: Police Department, Fire Department's Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) Team, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and FireMed. The National Weather Service, American Red Cross, Ready OC and more will be on hand.

The Expo is free of charge and will have fun and exciting demonstrations by experts in disaster preparedness. Learn about the hazards facing Huntington Beach and what you need to plan for emergencies such as, how to use a fire extinguisher, what you need to prepare a grab-n-go bag or a 72 hour survival kit, etc. In addition, disaster preparedness vendors will be present to provide literature about equipment and kits that can also be purchased. For more information regarding this event, please call the Emergency Operations Center at 714-374-1565.

[INFORMATION SERVICES](#)

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Check out the Huntington Beach Softball League information: schedules, standings and registration information:

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

[PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT](#)

Planning & Building Department Staff Achieves LEED Green Associate

In an effort to provide Huntington Beach customers diverse service and expertise, Planning Aide Hayden Beckman recently passed the LEED Green Associate exam. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Associate credential is intended for professionals seeking basic knowledge of green design, construction, and operations and was created under the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) direction.

[POLICE DEPARTMENT](#)

Seven subjects arrested for DUI warrants

On March 13, 2011, Huntington Beach police officers attempted service of 25 driving under the influence (DUI) arrest warrants for subjects in Huntington Beach. The police officers located and arrested seven of the 25 subjects during this six hour detail. Warrant service details such as this are carried out on a regular basis as part of the Huntington Beach Police Department's commitment to DUI enforcement and keeping the streets safe.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Huntington Beach Police

Department is working in partnership with OTS to educate the community on traffic safety issues, as well as helping to prevent DUI related traffic incidents.

PUBLIC WORKS

Night Work at Beach Boulevard / Adams Intersection

Beginning Monday, March 14 through Saturday, March 19, Construction crews will be working at night to install two 6-inch sewer lines across the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Adams Avenue as part of the Oceanhill Gravity Sewer Main and Lift Station Abandonment project. Caltrans requires the work be performed at night due to the number of traffic lanes that must be closed for the work. Traffic will be restricted to one lane in the northbound direction between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am. Residents and businesses adjacent to the site have been notified. The overall project is scheduled to be completed by early June 2011.

Huntington Beach Tree Society Celebrates California Arbor Week

The Huntington Beach Tree Society and the City's Tree Maintenance program celebrated California Arbor Week with a tree planting and dedication. The ceremony took place on Tuesday, March 15, at Main Street and Adams Avenue with the planting of four Camphor trees in the City's median. As part of the festivities, which were open to the public, visitors presented their favorite poems about trees and inscribed meaningful words on leaves that were then buried with the trees' roots.

Four years ago, the society and the City began planting Camphor trees along several blocks on the Main Street medians; Tuesday's Arbor Week ceremony marked the final phase. The City and society chose Camphors for the attractive shady cover they provide for the median. The Tree Society has planted more than 5,000 trees at parks, schools, and other sites around Huntington Beach. Mature trees enhance the city's appearance and may even increase property values.