

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

July 2, 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) will march in front of a decorated *Seniors on the Go* shuttle in the July 4th parade to demonstrate their support for Huntington Beach Senior Services. Wearing red white & blue, 20 marchers will wave American flags and placards illustrating the support that the HBCOA gives to local older residents throughout the year.

The HBCOA provides an annual donation to the transportation program's 34,000 annual rides and funds a part-time care manager. In a unique program with Rescue Alert of California, the HBCOA provides low-income older adults with medical alert buttons. In addition, the HBCOA funds programs at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center such as dances, bingo, tai chi chair, Wii bowling, and Friday Afternoon at the Movies. Computer classes are made possible by donations of computers and upgrades from the HBCOA. The HBCOA sponsored *Step-Out for Active Aging* in May and will sponsor the upcoming Senior Softball tournament on July 6 and the Senior Surfing Invitational in October. The Mission of the HBCOA is to enhance the dignity and quality of life of Huntington Beach Seniors. That is something to march about! Visit www.hbcoa.org for more information about the HBCOA.

Course of the Force

Star Wars™ fans will have a chance to channel their force of goodwill while raising a light-saber, an elegant symbol of hope, in an epic journey worthy of the Jedi Knights. *Course of the Force*, an Olympic torch-style relay, in the days leading up to the San Diego Comic Con International® will travel down the Southern California coast July 7-11. A replica of Jabba the Hutt's sail barge on a flatbed truck will serve as the lead vehicle in the epic journey. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Make-A-Wish® chapters of San Diego, Greater Los Angeles, and Orange County and the Inland Empire.

On Sunday, July 8, the relay runners will arrive at the Huntington Beach Pier where a concert and festival will take place. The runners are expected to arrive at 4:00 PM and the festivities will continue until 9:00 PM.

Comedian and all-around geek hero Chris Hardwick will be the master of ceremonies, along with Her Universe's Ashley Eckstein and Alison Haislip. Parts of the event will be streamed live on StarWars.com and the [Nerdist YouTube Channel](#). The event is held in partnership with Lucasfilm, Ltd., Nerdist Industries and Octagon.

For more information visit: www.courseoftheforce.com.



PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER Hits "YouTube"

Diverse benefits can be realized by participating in programs offered in the SANDS Community Services Guide! These programs make life better by providing access

to the serenity and inspiration of nature, outdoor space to play and exercise, facilities for self-directed and organized recreation for residents of all ages, positive alternatives for youth ranging from sport to art, which help lower crime and mischief, and a variety of activities that facilitate social connections, human development, the arts and lifelong learning. To learn more about ways in which PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER, watch our new "YouTube" video at <http://youtu.be/Nt7unBP3Bos>.

The 7th Annual Overnight Family Campout

The harmonic laughter of children and melodic chirps of birds, as the sun sets in the west, are going to be music to the ears of 250 campers at the 7th annual Overnight Family Campout. This sold out event on Saturday, July 7 to Sunday, July 8 at Central Park is a chance for families to enjoy the crackles and pops of the campfire, the wind singing amongst the trees, and rustle of cute little woodland creatures with large, adorable eyes. However, there is more to the low-cost camping experience than nature's symphony. The weekend festivities include nature crafts with Mad Science, music around the campfire with Two Best Friends, drum circle time, and a wildlife presentation and nature hike at Shipley Nature Center by Inside the Outdoors. No campout is complete without a hot dog dinner and pancake breakfast, cooked and served by the Huntington Beach Lions Club. The festivities crescendo on Sunday with a trip to Adventure Playground: a cornucopia of mud, memories, and merriment.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FREE Surf City Shuttle (free parking, too!) - Tuesdays and Weekends through Labor Day!

The Surf City Shuttle operates every Tuesday during Surf City Nights from 5:30-10 PM and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 AM-10 PM, providing a fun, easy and FREE option for getting to the downtown during its busiest times. The Shuttle operates every 30 minutes from the Huntington Beach Civic Center at 2000 Main Street, where shuttle passengers can also take advantage of free parking! **Note that the Shuttle will not be in operation on Independence Day, July 4, but plenty of other options are available for your visit to the downtown.** For more information on the Shuttle as well as weekend vehicle valet and free secured downtown bike parking, please visit:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/visitors/parking/shuttle_parking/

Surf City Valet – Fast, Easy, and Convenient Downtown Parking

For those looking for a fast, easy and convenient alternative to searching for an available parking space on the 4th of July, take advantage of the valet parking service provided by PPS Parking at the City's Main-Promenade Parking Garage. Valet services will be offered from 6 am to midnight. Look for the vehicle valet drop off located on 3rd Street near Olive Avenue.

Boardwalk Mixed Use Project

Saris Regis has announced the commencement of construction for the Boardwalk Project, located at 7441 Edinger Avenue (the former Levitz site). The project will consist of 487 multi-family units, 10,000 square feet of commercial/retail space and a half-acre public open space area located on a 12 acre site. The demolition will begin of the existing structure and parking area between July and September followed by rough grading.

FIRE

Field Day with RACES

On June 23, 2012, the Huntington Beach Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) group participated in a nationwide amateur radio "Field Day". During this 24 hour event that took place at the 6th Street beach parking lot, amateur radio (HAM) operators from the US and Canada communicated with over 500 contacts throughout North America to practice their emergency communications skills. Their goal of demonstrating portable and completely independent communications was successful.

RACES (pronounced "RAY-sees"), is an auxiliary communications group of volunteers administered by the Huntington Beach Fire Department. During an emergency, normal lines of communications can fail leaving amateur radio as the only means to communicate. In addition, RACES supports public events such as the Surf City Marathon and the 4th of July Parade, and participate in the National Weather Service weather spotter program. RACES members use personal equipment and volunteer their time and skills to provide this service at no cost to the City. There are currently 18 RACES groups within Orange County, operated under their respective city and county emergency management departments.

Multi Family Residential Structure Fire

On July 1, 2012 at approximately 10:00 p.m., firefighters were dispatched to a residential structure fire, in a multi-family complex on Lake Street. Upon arrival, firefighters reported a fully involved garage fire and found it was extending to the second floor bedroom area. Occupant's smelled smoke, opened a window, witnessed smoke coming from the garage and evacuated the residence. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know the main city website yearly site visits have grown from 500,000 per year in 2003 to over 3,600,000 visits in 2011: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov>.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Banning Branch Library

Banning Branch Library is pleased to announce its first "Wonders of Wildlife" program sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library. Come see and learn about a variety of nocturnal animals presented by animal trainer, Cheryl Rendes. This program will be held Thursday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the park next to the Banning library. Tickets are \$4.00 per person and may be purchased at the Banning Library or at the Central Library children's desk. For more information please call 714-375-5005.

Top Reading Series for Youth

From the classic *Little House* and *Narnia* to today's *Warriors* and *Magic Tree House*, kids love to read books in series. Young readers make a connection with the characters and look

forward to discovering what happens next. The top 10 spots on the June 4, 2012, children's bestseller lists are all from a trilogy or longer series of books, and all of them are available at the Huntington Beach Library. Why not check them out today?

Big Nate by Lincoln Peirce

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Divergent by Veronica Roth

Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell

Heroes of Olympus by Rick Riordan

Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Kane Chronicles by Rick Riordan

Middle School by James Patterson

Pretty Little Liars by Sara Shepard

Theodore Boone by John Grisham

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

"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 is 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:"

Building and Safety Plan Check, Permit and Inspections

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

Zoning 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**

Code Enforcement/Zoning Code Violations

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Street Cops Awards

On June 30, 2012, the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 hosted the 2012 Annual Huntington Beach Street Cops Awards. The dinner and awards banquet recognizes the outstanding work by employees of the Huntington Beach Police Department. Recipients were nominated and selected by their peers in four categories:

Patrol Officer – Officer Read Parker

Traffic Officer – Officer Corwin Bales

Detective – Detective David Humphreys

Police Services – Bonnie Meakin, Records

The Huntington Beach Police Department is very proud of the recognition received by these four employees, and honored to be a part of the special event hosted by the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge.

PUBLIC WORKS

Substantial Completion of Arterial Rehabilitation Project

Arterial rehabilitation of segments along Center Avenue, Magnolia Street, Main Street, and Heil Avenue are substantially completed. Specific project locations included Center Avenue, from the east side of the railroad crossing to the I-405 freeway on/off-ramps, Magnolia Street from Indianapolis Avenue to Adams Avenue, Main Street from Yorktown to Utica Avenue, and Heil Avenue from Gothard Street to Silver Lane. Scope included pavement rehabilitation or slurry seal, limited replacement of concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk as well as construction of access ramps where needed. Manholes, monitoring wells, survey monuments, and water valve assemblies were adjusted to grade and traffic loops and striping were replaced. Final project cost was approximately \$2.4M.