

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

June 25, 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

Wanted: volunteers to join in the adventures of the Art Center as we move into a bustling season of special events and programs. Curious about how an art center operates? Do you just love art and want to be part of the scene? Enjoy the satisfaction of volunteerism as you become part of the behind scenes activities that produce and promote a variety of arts programs? Call the Art Center for information at (714) 374-1650.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Each weekday, Huntington Beach Senior Services volunteers deliver meals to older adults 60+ living in Huntington Beach who no longer able to shop and cook for themselves. The meals are freshly prepared in the Community SeniorServ (CSS) kitchen, meet all nutritional requirements, and are delivered daily to Seniors Outreach. In an ongoing commitment to offering the most healthful meals, this month CSS changed the lunch to a frozen, microwaveable meal that is lower in sodium. Participants now receive a small cold pack including cereal, milk, fruit, bread & dessert and two frozen meals for lunch and dinner. The days' meals have approximately 1400 calories and constitute a low-cholesterol, low-sodium and low-fat diet. A low-sugar meal is available upon request. To qualify, Huntington Beach residents must be 60+ older and homebound. For more information on the Home Delivered Meals program, call (714) 960-2478.



Parks Make Life Better Photo Contest

Show us how Parks Make Your Life Better (PMLB) by entering a photo submission into the PMLB photo contest. Submissions are due by the end of the day on June 30. For more information or to submit an entry, email PMLB@surfcity-hb.org or call (714) 374-1710. The first 100 submissions will receive a Parks Make Life Better t-shirt and have a chance to win a city beach parking pass as well as having their photo recognized on the cover of the SANDS recreation brochure!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FREE Outdoor Yoga at The Strand every Saturday through September 1

Start your weekend off with free yoga at The Strand in downtown Huntington Beach. CorePower yoga instructor will guide all levels through an hour of outdoor yoga. Every Saturday from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - bring your towel or mat! For more information, log on to: www.thestrandon5th.com.

FIRE**Drowning Prevention**

Summer is officially here and the Huntington Beach Fire Department wants to remind you of these drowning prevention tips:

- Never leave a child unattended near water in a pool, spa, tub, or ocean. There is no substitute for adult supervision.
- Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
- Power-operated pool safety covers are the most convenient and efficient. Solar/floating pool covers are not safety devices.
- Keep a phone at poolside so that you never have to leave the pool to answer the phone, and can call for help if needed.
- Learn CPR and rescue breathing.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.
- Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
- If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Seconds count.

REMINDER - Fireworks Safety

Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but more than twice the number of fires are reported on that day than any other day of the year in the United States. Two out of five of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

Proceed with Caution!

- Leave fireworks to the professionals. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- After the fireworks display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.

NOTE: There will be a Commercial Fireworks display at the Pier beginning at 9:00 p.m. on July 4th. For more information, please contact Community Services at (714) 536-5486.

Even Consumer Fireworks (also known as Safe and Sane) can be hazardous.

FACTS

- Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.
- The risk of fireworks injury is highest for children ages 5-14.
- More than 80% of emergency room fireworks injuries involve fireworks consumers are permitted to use.

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

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know that the City website contains a section where you can look up all Businesses that are licensed in the City? You can also download lists of licensed Businesses in an Excel format. Just click on Businesses and then Business Lookup.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/business/business_lookup/

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Trace Your Roots @ the Library

The Orange County California Genealogical Society is a non-profit, educational organization which strives to instill and promote interest and instruction in genealogical research. Its collection of more than 18,000 genealogical books is housed and indexed at the Huntington Beach Library. General membership meetings are open to the public and are held at 10:00 am the first Saturday of each month (except for June and December) at the Central Library. The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 7. For more information, please visit www.occgs.com or call (714) 842-4481, ext. 2227.

Huntington Beach Excited about E-books!

E-books have taken Huntington Beach by storm! First introduced a year ago, Huntington Beach Library patrons are now downloading e-books at a rate of 1,000 per month. Visit e.hbpl.org for the Library's complete collection of digital materials.

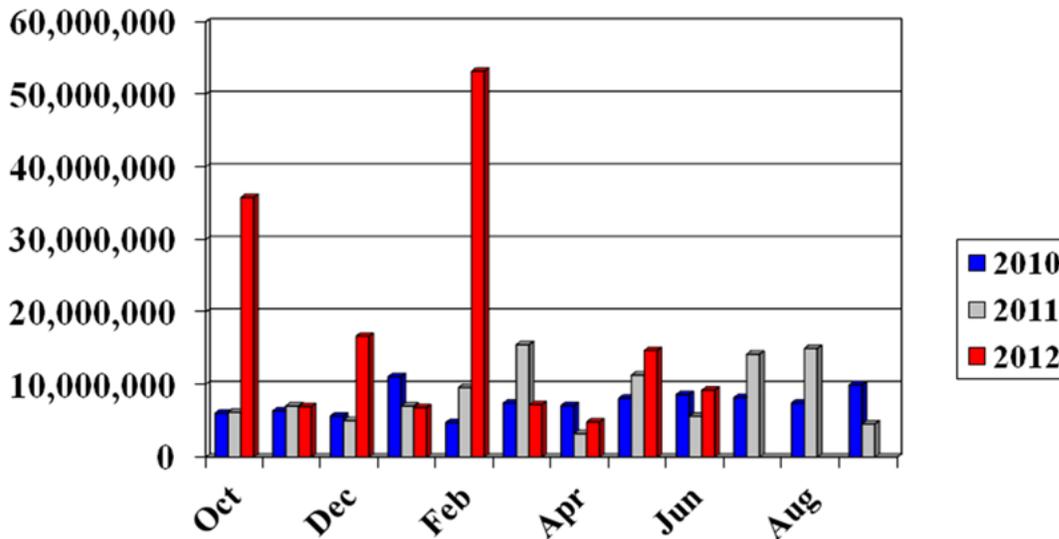
2012 Summer Reading Program at the Library

The 2012 Huntington Beach Library Summer Reading Program begins on Tuesday, June 26 and runs through August 17. The theme for the children's program is "Dream Big, Read," the theme for the teen program is "Own the Night" and the theme for the adult program is "Between the Covers". Register for any of the programs online at www.hbpl.org, or in person at any Huntington Beach Library Branch starting June 26. Children earn prizes for listening or reading stories, while teens and adults earn raffle tickets to win prizes. Teens can enter raffles to win such prizes as an iPod Nano donated by MacMall and adults can enter raffles to win such prizes as a Nook or tickets to next year's Taste of HB. Teen and adult prizes will be displayed in the Used Book Sale Display case at the Central Library, and can also be viewed at www.flickr.com/hbpl. All children who participate in the reading program will be invited to a special outdoor concert at the Central Park Bandstand, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. to enjoy the music of "Razzle Bam Boom".

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Valuation (\$)

Residential, Commercial & Industrial



Total construction valuation for FYTD 11/12 is \$155,345,967 Compared to the same time last year, \$70,504,027 valuation is up 120% New Residential construction starts have tripled over last year. The increase was driven by strong gains in the multifamily sector (Pacific Shores, Village at Bella Terra and Red Oak) which will add 50 condos and 911 apartments within the city. For the month of June new housing starts, residential remodels and residential miscellaneous (Block walls, reroof, window replacement, etc) were the leading segments having a total valuation of \$7.5 million. This indicates a strong confidence in the residents of Huntington Beach as they upgrade/maintain the older housing stock.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to Officer Besuzzi

Congratulations to Officer Besuzzi for being recognized at the Annual Auto Theft Advisory Committee (ATAC) Awards ceremony last week. He and officers from other Orange County Police Agencies were honored for their efforts to reduce auto theft in our communities. Officer Besuzzi was recognized for his recovery of stolen vehicles and auto theft-related arrests for the year 2011.

Tips for a Safe 4th of July

The 4th of July celebration is rapidly approaching. The Police Department wants to remind everyone to have an enjoyable, safe and responsible celebration. The following are some reminders to help everyone enjoy the holiday:

Parade: The parade will once again be held on the morning of July 4th. The parade route will begin at 9th and Pacific Coast Highway, travel south to Main Street and end at Main and Yorktown. Staking out a viewing area on public property is permitted starting at **7:00 AM on July 3rd**. Any items used to reserve a spot prior to that date and time will be removed by the city. Any items left unattended are done so at your own risk.

*** Someone occupying someone else's staked out area, while rude, is not a violation of law.**

Fireworks: Safe and Sane fireworks are being sold at 10 locations within the city this year beginning July 1st. They can **only** be used on **July 4th from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM**. They are **prohibited everywhere south of Pacific Coast Highway including Sunset Beach**. The 4th of July Committee will be hosting a professional firework show at the end of the pier at 9:00 pm.

Beach Parking: The city beach parking lot will open at 5:00 AM on July 4th. **No overnight parking from July 3rd** will be allowed in the lots (they will be cleared) and **no one will be allowed to line up for parking until midnight**. Please use the Beach and Pacific Coast Highway entrance.

Road Closures: Pacific Coast Highway from Beach to Goldenwest will be **closed on July 4th at 5:00 AM** for the parade along with Main Street from Pacific Coast Highway to Garfield. We hope to have it re-opened by 1:00 PM. Pacific Coast Highway will be **closed again from Beach to Goldenwest at 6:00 PM** for the evening firework show. We hope to have it re-opened by 9:30 PM. Remember, on July 4 there **is no parking at all along Pacific Coast Highway (including the metered spots) from Brookhurst to Goldenwest**.

It is the police department's desire for everyone to enjoy this holiday. However, unruly or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.

[PUBLIC WORKS](#)

Independence Day Holiday Affects Street Sweeping and Trash Collection

Due to the observance of Independence Day on Wednesday, July 4, trash collection and street sweeping will be on holiday schedule. Trash will be on regular schedule on Monday and Tuesday, July 2 and 3. Trash will not be collected on Wednesday, July 4. Affected residents should place trash for collection on the day after their regular route day. Residents on Wednesday's route should place their trash for collection on Thursday, Thursday's route on Friday, and Friday's route will be collected on Saturday. The regular collection schedule resumes on Monday, July 9.

Streets will be swept per regular schedule on Monday and Tuesday, July 2 and 3. **There will be no street sweeping on Wednesday, July 4** (first Wednesday route). Streets that are not swept due to holidays are not rescheduled. Due to the holiday trash collection schedule,

trash carts are at the curb one day later than usual, which conflicts with scheduled sweeping days in many neighborhoods. Residents should place trash carts at the curb per the holiday schedule. Neighborhoods that can be efficiently swept will be swept per regular schedule. Example: where trash is collected from a rear alley. Neighborhoods that are impacted by trash carts at the curb will not be swept. If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance division at 714-960-8861 or refer to chart:

	MON July 2	TUE July 3	WED July 4	THU July 5	FRI July 6	SAT July 7
Trash	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Holiday-No Collection	Wednesday's Route	Thursday's Route	Friday's Route
Street Sweeping	1 st Monday Regular Sweep	1st Tues. Regular Sweep	Holiday No Sweep	1 st Thurs. No Sweep where Trash at Curb	1 st Friday No Sweep where Trash at Curb	