

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**April 16, 2012**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### **Huntington Beach Senior Services**

On Thursday, April 19, from 1:00 P.M. – 2:30, P.M. Huntington Beach Senior Services will host the Surf City Senior Providers Network luncheon at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue. Dr. Schermerhorn will give a presentation on *How, When, and Where Drugs Work and Don't Work*. Lunch will be provided by 24Hr Homecare. The Surf City Senior Providers Network is a forum founded by Huntington Beach Senior Services to address senior issues and concerns, facilitate access to needed services, provide advocacy on behalf of older adults, and improve communication between interested professional and community organizations. The network's goals are to promote and strengthen interagency communication, provide educational opportunities for network members and the community at large, and meet the needs of the older population. Senior Service providers interested in attending may RSVP to Teri Simonis (714) 374-1517 or [tsimonis@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:tsimonis@surfcity-hb.org).

### **Recreation Programs – Parks Make Life Better!**

Register now for summer camps and classes beginning the first week of July. The community services department offers a wide variety of fun and educational camps, surf classes, and sports programs available for youth of all ages. Also available; Summer Swim Lessons at the City Gym and Pool and outdoors at Marina and Edison High Schools. Register now for all of your favorite summer programs! For more information, please contact the City Gym and Pool at (714)960-8884 or [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org).

Registration for the Summer 2012 Adult Softball leagues is now underway. The registration deadline is April 26, 2012. Senior Men's leagues are offered on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights; Senior Coed leagues are offered on Tuesday nights; Senior Women's leagues are offered on Thursday nights; Men's leagues are offered on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; Coed leagues are offered on Sunday afternoons and evenings, Wednesday nights and Friday nights. Leagues play will start May 7 and conclude in late July or early August. Registration packets are available on the City Adult Softball page at [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) or can be mailed out. For more details or information, please contact the Community Services office at 714-536-5230.

### **Huntington Beach Art Center**

Please join us for the gala celebration of the Annual Student Art Exhibition, "Creative Visions, and Imagination Celebration" on April 20, from 6 P.M. – 9 P.M. The exhibition will feature student performances both inside and outside the Art Center. The HB City School District and the HB Union High School District will exhibit work created by students in grades K-12. This year the exhibition includes VSA of Orange County representing the works of artists with physical challenges. For additional information, please call the Art Center at (714) 374.1650.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Auto Dealer Reader Board Sign Lights Up**

On Wednesday, April 18, the newly redesigned Auto Dealer Reader Board Sign will be officially dedicated. The new sign will provide an enhanced LED display using approximately one third less power than the previous reader board sign. The Huntington Beach Auto Dealer's Association, comprised of 10 local auto dealerships, spearheaded the project. The newly remodeled reader board sign will help increase dealership sales and revenue to the City of Huntington Beach.

### **Spring Into The Weekly Farmers Markets!**

Visit our four Certified Farmers Markets in Huntington Beach each week! Browse through the healthy fruits and vegetables offered and also enjoy the craft booths and wonderful local food vendors. Find one near you!

#### **Tuesday**

- Main Street during Surf City Nights from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

#### **Friday**

- Pier Plaza (Main and Pacific Coast Highway) from noon 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

## **FIRE**

### **Hotel & Motel Safety**

Vacations and business travel make hotels and motels our home away from home. It is just as important to be prepared and know what you would do in a hotel/motel emergency as it is in your own home.

#### **Be Safe When Traveling**

- Choose a hotel/motel that is protected by both smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system.
- When you check in, ask the front desk what the fire alarm sounds like.
- When you enter your room, review the escape plan posted in your room.
- Take the time to find the exits and count of number of doors between your room and the exit. Make sure the exits are unlocked. If they are locked, report it to management right away.
- If the alarm sounds, leave right away, closing all doors behind you. Use the stairs – never use the elevators during a fire.

## **If You Can't Escape...**

SHUT off fans and air conditioners.  
STUFF wet towels in the crack around the doors.  
CALL the fire department and let them know your location.  
WAIT at the window and signal with a flashlight or light colored cloth.

## **FACTS**

- On average, one of every 12 hotels or motels reported a structure fire each year.
- The majority of hotel fire deaths result from fires that started in the bedroom.
- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of hotel/motel fires.

For more information, visit [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education).

## **Residential Structure Fire**

On April 14, 2012 at approximately 2:45 p.m., firefighters were dispatched to a residential structure fire on Foxdale Circle. Firefighters began fire attack with active fire reported in the walls and ceiling throughout the first floor, spreading through the concealed spaces and walls making its way to the second floor and attic. Firefighters spent extensive time performing overhaul and salvage operations to save as much of the personal belongings as possible for the family. The fire cause is currently under investigation.

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

Did you know that you can follow our Social Media sites, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube from a single page on our city website? You can also view live Twitter feeds on this page from the Public Information, Police and Fire departments sites. Just click on the "Follow Us" button on the left column of the site homepage.

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/social-media.cfm>

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Family Literacy Cleans Up**

Family Literacy students and families joined forces with El Viento students and families to participate in the monthly Oak View Community Cleanup in the Oak View neighborhood on March 31. More than 120 volunteers in all fanned out to clean streets, alleys and the library, school and community center areas. Each month different organizations recruit volunteers and the Literacy Program was proud to give back to the community in this way. The monthly community cleanup is coordinated by Oak View Renewal Partnership and is a collective effort of multiple community-based organizations to empower residents to take responsibility of the cleanliness and health of the neighborhood.

### **Ballet Fundraiser @ the Library**

Missed getting tickets for Mulan - the Ballet, April 17 and April 18? There is still a chance to see excerpts from this sold-out performance. On Friday, April 20, Ballet Etudes is holding a special fundraiser at 7:00 pm in the Library Theater. Tickets are \$20 each and the proceeds

will help Ballet Etudes Miss Julie's fight against breast cancer. Benefit Ticket Sale Hotline is 714-902-9423.

### **Wild Animal Show @ the Library**

The upcoming May Children's library program is Wild Wonders' Let Your Imagination Run Wild Animal Show. This program will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 4:00 pm in the Library Theater. Tickets are \$4 per person and go on sale Tuesday, April 17. Children will get to see and learn about a Great Horned Owl, Giant Sloth and other animals they'd never dreamed they'd see up on the big stage. They may even get to **touch** an enormous snake!

### **Chinese Art Exhibit**

Along with its large collection of books, magazines, DVDs and CDs, the Huntington Beach Central Library is also a Cultural Center with rotating art exhibits coordinated by the Huntington Beach Art League. Until April 26th, the Corner Gallery is featuring the Chinese brush paintings and calligraphy of artist Tom Chow. The Library is located at 7111 Talbert Avenue; the gallery is free and open during regular Library hours. For more information visit: [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) or [www.hbartleague.com](http://www.hbartleague.com).

### **Toddler Storytime @ the Library**

The Week of the Young Child (April 22-28, 2012) is an annual celebration to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The theme for 2012 is "Early Years are Learning Years."

The Huntington Beach Library has always been committed to young children and their families. The Central Library offers Toddler Storytime for ages one and up on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 10:00am, with additional 9:15am and 11:00am times on Tuesday only. Main Street Branch, Banning Branch, and Helen Murphy Branch also offer Toddler Storytime at 10:00am on varying weekdays. The Oakview Branch offers a bilingual Spanish-English Storytime for ages 2-4 on Fridays at 10:00am. For a complete schedule contact the Huntington Beach Children's Library at 714-375-5107 or visit [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org).

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **Zoning Administrator**

On April 18, 2012, at 1:30PM in Room B-8, the Zoning Administrator will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

#### **ENTITLEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 12-002 (DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE SERVICE EXPANSION AND REMOTE PARKING LOT)**

to review a request to permit modifications to the remote parking lot and shuttle service program serving the downtown area during summer weekends as approved by Conditional Use Permit No. 2010-009. The modifications consist of expanding the shuttle service program from operating on Tuesday nights during the summer months to operating on a year-round basis and adding 5<sup>th</sup> Street as a proposed stop for the Tuesday night shuttle route (2000 Main Street, 92648 - southeast corner of Main Street and Yorktown Avenue – City Hall parking lot). Contact Jill Arabe, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information. A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### **National Telecommunications Week**

The official name of the week when originally introduced in Congress in 1991 was "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week." This week is set aside to recognize the importance of those *Dispatchers* who coordinate the efforts of police, fire, and EMS workers as they perform their duties.

### **29<sup>th</sup> District American Legion, Post 132, Recognizes Huntington Beach Officer**

Officer Dereszynski received an Award of Merit for his service to the community and law enforcement last week at the American Legion Law and Order Awards Banquet. The American Legion honored several uniform officers, traffic officers, and investigation officers along with firefighters, engineers, paramedics and lifeguards from each city in Orange County.

Officer Dereszynski has served two tours overseas as an Army Reserve, volunteers his time for the Search/Rescue Program is a SWAT member, an Arrest and Control Instructor and received the 2011 MADD Double-Century Award for making 243 DUI arrests.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### **Earth Day Composting Seminar on Saturday, April 21 at Shipley Nature Center**

This Saturday, April 21, at 2 p.m. Shipley Nature Center will host a seminar on backyard composting and food composting with worms. Approximately 90 minutes in length, the lecture covers the various types of commercial and homemade composting units and techniques for successfully reducing waste and creating rich compost for gardens, flowerbeds and lawns. The cost is \$10 per person and seating is limited. Register in advance to reserve your seat at [www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org). The seminar is held at Shipley Nature Center, 17851 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach 92647 (in Huntington Central Park). Huntington Beach residents attending the lecture will receive a \$50 voucher that can be used toward the purchase of a composting unit or complete worm composting kit. This lecture series is sponsored by the Department of Public Works, Rainbow Environmental Services, Enrecos, and Friends of Shipley Nature. For more information visit [www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org).

### **Warner Avenue Emergency Sewer Repairs**

The Warner Avenue emergency sewer repair work is now complete. All lanes were opened to traffic on Monday April 16, 2012. Crews worked through the weekend and during the rain storm Friday to complete the repair work.