

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

April 22, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Marine Safety

On Sunday evening, April 21, some members of a church youth group entered the ocean and were quickly swept off their feet due to the strong side current, 5-foot surf and inshore holes. As the youths struggled to return to shore, City Lifeguard III, Jason Cloud, responded to a person floating face down 10 yards off shore. The unconscious patient was rescued and extricated from the surf by three Lifeguards. On shore, resuscitation efforts commenced for the non-breathing patient. With the assistance of City Paramedics, the patient regained consciousness and was transported, along with two other patients, to the hospital for further medical treatment.

Huntington Beach Art Center

Please join us for *Music at the Center* featuring the sizzling sounds of the **Susie Hansen Latin Band** on Sunday April 28, from 3:00 – 5 p.m. The lively performance will include hot Latin jazz, salsa, and cool swing with special guest Valerie Petersen for vocal duets with Susie. Tickets are \$25 general admission; \$20 for HB Art Center members. Call for reservations at 714-536-5258 or purchase online at www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

Volunteers are needed for “Ol’ Fishin’ Hole” Fishing Derby on May 3, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Chris Carr Park, Springdale and Heil Avenue in Huntington Beach. The Huntington Beach Kiwanis, California Department of Fish & Game, and City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department host this annual derby for local school children with special needs. Many of these youth are fishing for the first time while others are returning participants who look forward to this event every year! Last year volunteers helped students bait hooks and pull in a total eighty-three fish (over 150 lbs)! Fishing experience is not required for volunteers. They also help with registration and the lunch provided to all in attendance by the Kiwanis. To volunteer, contact Diane Swarts in HB Senior Services at 714-374-1544, dswarts@surfcity-hb.org

Learn to Fly Fish on Mondays beginning April 29 – May 13 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue in Huntington Beach. Chuck Nelson provides each student with individual fly casting and tying equipment and materials for the class. Practice techniques and fly tying and discover the “secret” fishing locations in Southern California. A post-class fishing trip is included. Register through the Sands at www.hbsands.org or in-person at the senior center. Call 714-536-9387 for more information.



Softball Registration

The deadline for the 2013 Adult Softball leagues is April 25, 2013. 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. The leagues will start play May 5, and will concluded in late July or early August. Registration packets are available on the City Adult Softball page at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov or can be mailed to you upon request. For more details or information, please contact the Community Services office at 714-536-5230.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Save the Date for Chili at the Beach!

Tickets for the 6th Annual Chili at the Beach Chili Cookoff & Salsa Tasting Contest on June 15th are now available online for \$10. This annual Father's Day weekend downtown event presented by the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District has established itself as a popular, not-to-be-missed tradition. All proceeds go to the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley. This year's sponsors of the event include Smart & Final, McKenna Volkswagen, Toyota of Huntington Beach, Melissa's Foods, and the OC Fair & Events Center. For more information, tickets, and applications for vendors, sponsors and those interested in giving the community a taste of their culinary skills can be found at: http://www.hbdowntown.com/CHILI_AT_THE_BEACH.html

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know that users can submit anonymous crime tips on the city website? From the Police Department homepage, click on "Submit Anonymous Crime Tip" below the Crime Reporting tab: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/pd/>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

If you like... then why not try...

People come into the library all the time looking for books similar to their favorites. The Huntington Beach Library can help with that. Bookmarks with reading suggestions are freely available at all library locations, with recommendations for suspense, chick lit, political thrillers, mysteries with a cooking theme, and children's books for every reading level and interest. Additionally, reading suggestions can be found online at www.hbpl.org. Just click on "Search Catalog" to get to the "Reading Suggestions" tab to access the library's Bookletters site, where users can sign up for email newsletters of new and upcoming books.

Taste of Huntington Beach

It's not too late to get tickets to the annual Taste of Huntington Beach! The Taste is Sunday, April 28 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Huntington Beach Sports Complex across from the Central Library. This all inclusive event includes music by the Tijuana Dogs, silent auction, wine, beer, and delicious food. Proceeds benefit the Children's Library. Buy your tickets online NOW at www.tastehb.com. Tickets will also be sold at the event. VIP tickets are \$85. General admission tickets are \$65. Designated Driver tickets are also available.

Avoid Late Fees – Get E-mail Alerts from the Library!

The Huntington Beach Library offers courtesy e-mail alerts to remind patrons when books are due. Huntington Beach Library cardholders can give staff their e-mail address in person at the Library, or it can be entered online from home. Simply visit www.hbpl.org, click the brown

"My Account / Renew" tab and login. The Account Overview screen provides a link called "Profile- Update email address". On the Profile screen, enter the e-mail address and click the Update button. For more information or assistance, call the Library at (714) 842-4481.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission

On April 23, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. the Planning Commission will review the following items:

- Environmental Impact Report 07-001/ General Plan Amendment No. 05-001/ Zoning Map Amendment No. 05-001 (Warner Nichols) to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with a proposal to change the land use and zoning designations from Residential Medium Density to Commercial General and Industrial on the subject property and demolish or remove existing structures that meet state criteria for historic resources at 7622-7642 Warner Avenue, 92647 (southeast corner of Warner Ave. and Nichols St.). City Contact: Ricky Ramos

- Coastal Development Permit No. 09-001/ Conditional Use Permit No. 09-019 (Atlanta Avenue Widening) to permit the widening Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street to comply with the primary arterial street classification in the General Plan Circulation Element, to allow construction of the project and associated improvements within the non-appealable area of the coastal zone, and an eight-foot tall block wall atop a variable height retaining wall (zero to seven feet) in lieu of the maximum allowable height of 42 inches within the 10-foot front yard setback along Atlanta Avenue at the Atlanta Avenue Right-of-Way: between Huntington Street and Delaware Street; Pacific Mobile Home Park: 80 Huntington Street (south side of Atlanta Avenue, between Huntington Street and Delaware Street). City Contact: Jennifer Villasenor

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Denim Day, Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Make a Social Statement with Your Fashion Statement and WEAR JEANS WITH A PURPOSE

There's No Excuse:

- To ignore rape
- Not to talk to your teen
- Not to support survivors
- To joke about rape
- Not to support male survivors

During the month of April, CALCASA observes Denim Day California. This day protest an Italian Supreme Court decision that overturned a rape conviction. The Court decided the female plaintiff could not have possibly been raped because she was wearing tight jean pants, and the defendant could not have removed her pants without her assistance and thus

consent. After the ruling, female Italian parliamentarians wore jeans in protest, and in solidarity, this protest was followed by California's Senate and Assembly. Since the 1990s, Denim Day California has sent a message that there is never a reason or excuse to sexually assault someone. (For information about the national Denim Day, please visit the [Denim Day in USA website](#).)

National Take-Back Initiative, Take-Back Day — Saturday, April 27, 2013

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications.

In the five previous Take-Back events, DEA in conjunction with our state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners have collected more than 2 million pounds (1,018 tons) of prescription medications were removed from circulation.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications.

Huntington Beach Police Department has a bin in the lobby where you can dispose of any unwanted drugs on a daily basis.

PUBLIC WORKS

Reset Your Automatic Sprinklers

Daylight Savings Time kicked in last month, with longer days and mostly warmer weather. The City of Huntington Beach is reminding its customers to adjust your automatic sprinkler settings to ensure your lawns and gardens are getting the right amount of water at the right time.

We recommend that your sprinklers are set either before 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m. to ensure the most efficient irrigation schedule. In fact, this tip alone can save upwards of 25 gallons per day! Avoiding afternoon winds and evaporation during the warmer part of the day keeps lawns looking great, while cutting down on the amount of water needed.

For more tips and information on how to maximize your outdoor resources visit us at: www.surfcitygardening.com.

In Your Neighborhood.....Stop by our booth at the Shipley Nature Center Spring Festival on April 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to test your water knowledge.