

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

April 25, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Shipleyn Nature Center

Composting Seminars - Mark your calendars for 9 am on May 21 or June 18 to learn all about composting and vermicomposting (worm composting), and how to turn kitchen scraps and backyard cuttings into "black gold" for your garden. Registration is \$10 per attendee. Register online at www.shipleynature.org. HB residents get a \$50 voucher toward the purchase of either type of composting bin. See www.shipleynature.org for all event details. Shipleyn Nature Center is located at 17851 Goldenwest St., 714-842-4772. Open Monday – Saturday, 9 am-1 pm.

Huntington Beach Art Center

The community is invited to join us for the gala celebration of the Annual Student Art Exhibition on April 29 from 6 – 9 pm. Performances by students from elementary and middle schools as well as the exhibition of art created by students from the HB City School District and the HB Union High School District will be featured. Included in the exhibition is the Imagination Celebration presentation of the digital media work of kindergarten through twelfth grade students from throughout Orange County. Admission is free. For additional information please call the Art Center at 714.374.1650.

Join the Art Center at Family Fun Day on Saturday April 30 from 11 am – 4 pm. Professional artists will be teaching mini-workshops for children, sampling some of the special projects that will be taught at summer art camp. The event will be held at the HB Sports Complex across from the Library at Golden West St. Presented in cooperation with the Taste of Huntington Beach and the Kiwanis Foundation, admission to Family Fun Day is \$5 per person at the gate.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Holiday Meals - On Easter Sunday, Huntington Beach Senior Services volunteers and their families delivered holiday meals to 75 qualified older adults in Huntington Beach who otherwise would be alone and without support on the holidays. The seniors look forward to the festive meal as well as the brief visit from the volunteers. Sunrise Senior Living cooked-up a festive spring feast of ham, potatoes, green beans, and pumpkin pie. Local Girl Scouts handcrafted Happy Spring cards and Easter baskets for each senior and a local quilters' guild, Quilters by the Sea, group made quilted placemats for all. The Handy Crafters and the Huntington Beach Council on Aging fund the Holiday Meals program. Holiday Meals are delivered on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. For information on volunteering, contact Diane Swarts, Volunteer Coordinator, 714-374-1544 dswarts@surfcity-hb.org

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surf City Savings

Did you know that your local merchants are taking an active role in helping you save money? For example, **REI in Bella Terra offers a 15% discount** on any one item (which is significant when in the market for a bigger ticket item!), and **Combest General Store at 5 Points Plaza is currently offering 20% off your entire purchase**, and creates new offers every quarter to encourage you to keep shopping in Huntington Beach. With deals like that, there's no reason not to visit surfcityavings.com to discover other chances to **save money at nearly 150 local merchants!**

Surf City Savings is a program created to encourage shopping locally to help keep our tax dollars in our community, which help to provide funding for essential services that our citizens rely on each and every day. Visit www.surfcityavings.com often to view and print out various discounts from categories including dining, retail/shopping, health & beauty, services, and leisure/recreational opportunities. Visit the merchant with your coupon and let the savings begin!

HB Gastro-Truck Fest, Surf City's First Food Truck Event

Bring friends, family, and an appetite to Peter's Landing at 16400 PCH for a day of feasting from one dozen of Orange County's premier food trucks. On Sunday, May 22 from 11 am to 3 pm, patrons will have an array of cuisines from which to choose: from Bacon Mania to Spudrunner's Gourmet Fry Truck. For more information, log on to www.facebook.com/gastrotruck.

FIRE

Huntington Beach Alerting, Warning & Notification Systems

During an emergency, local officials and emergency managers must provide the public with life-saving information quickly. The City of Huntington Beach uses multiple methods to provide information to the public such as the Emergency Alerting System (EAS), Sirens, AlertOC, etc. Once an emergency notification from public safety officials is delivered, follow the instructions provided.

Emergency Alert System (EAS)

The EAS is a national public warning system that requires AM/FM radio stations, TV and cable TV systems to provide federal, state and local authorities to deliver important emergency information. Although most stations will broadcast EAS messages, 107.9 KWVE is Orange County's primary broadcast station and will broadcast all EAS messages.

Siren System

Huntington Beach has sirens located at all eight city fire stations. The sirens are tested on the first Friday of each month at noon. The sirens may be activated for ANY impending emergency. If you hear the sirens and it is not the first Friday of the month, turn on your television and/or radio (107.9FM KWVE) and await further instructions.

AlertOC

AlertOC is Orange County's regional public mass notification system designed to keep those who live or work in Orange County informed of important information during emergency events. The system is sponsored and led by the County of Orange in partnership with many Orange County cities.

Public mass notification systems have become a critical component of emergency preparation and response.

- Residents *prepare* to be notified of emergencies by providing their landline phones, cell phones and e-mail addresses.
- Public safety officials *respond* by using the system to rapidly send out messages when there is a perceived, upcoming or imminent situation that may require community action.

Based on the severity of the event, AlertOC may be used to contact residents by one or all of the following methods: home phone, work phone, cell phone, e-mail, text message. Mass notification systems have been attributed with saving lives during the 2007 Southern California wildfires by quickly notifying residents of evacuation instructions at all hours.

The legal authority (County or City) responsible for announcing emergency notifications depends on the nature and scale of the incident. With the AlertOC partnership between the County and Cities, residents and businesses only need to provide their contact information once to receive emergency messages from either the County or City in which they live or work.

How does it work?

1. AlertOC has significant capacity to send large volumes of messages through phone, e-mail and text communication channels.
2. When there is an emergency event requiring community action, authorized officials record a voice, e-mail or text message that is then delivered quickly to individuals affected by the event.

Example: a wildfire event triggers an evacuation notice.

3. Officials will use the system to keep affected communities informed of event information as necessary.

Example: evacuation call-off notice.

4. The System uses the 911 emergency databases to contact Orange County households.
5. Since there are many instances when the public may not be at home to receive an emergency message, public safety officials feel it is critical that all residents and

businesses provide additional contact channels by registering voluntary cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses and text numbers through the AlertOC self-subscription web portal.

For more information and to register for AlertOC, please visit:
<http://bos.ocgov.com/alertoc/alertoc.asp>

HUMAN RESOURCES

2010 Occupational Safety Award

Risk Management is proud to announce that the Performance Award for *Excellence in Occupational Safety* in 2010 has been awarded to "Surf City Seniors on the GO" in Community Services. The employees are proudly recognized as the most valuable players who, on the front lines work safely and with integrity, day in day out; performing selflessly to the public they serve. Thanks to all the Departments for their continued efforts in employee and public safety. All of your efforts over the past year have not gone unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.

Last year, Community Services partnered with Human Resources to provide specialized behind the wheel training classes specific to senior transportation for staff and volunteers. With funding from a variety of grants and donations, staff also provides regular trainings for drivers including topics such as "Know your Surroundings" and "Proper Procedures for Loading and Off Loading Your Passengers." Huntington Beach senior transportation also participates in the DMV "Pull" program to ensure the safe "off-duty" driving habits of staff and volunteers, and works with the California Highway Patrol to assure that all vehicles meet or exceed state standards. Congratulations to Senior Transportation staff for your ongoing commitment to excellence in safety!

INFORMATION SERVICES

Stay Current on City Infrastructure Projects

Would you like to know what city infrastructure projects are under construction? You can view an updated list at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/public_works/infrastructure-construction-in-progress.cfm

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

April 26 Planning Commission Meeting

At the Tuesday, April 26 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission will review the following items:

- First Christian Church Sign. The Commission will consider the appeal of the Director's approval of the First Christian Church Sign Code Exception (SCE No 10-001). Located at 1211 Main Street, 92648 (southwest corner of Main Street and Adams Avenue), First Christian Church is requesting a total sign area of

approximately 440 sq. ft. (a total of 17 signs - 12 freestanding signs and 5 wall signs) in lieu of 32 sq. ft. for the First Christian Church complex. Project Planner: Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, (714) 536-5271, tnguyen@surfcity-hb.org.

Please note, the Planning Commission Study Session has been cancelled; the regular meeting is at 7:00 pm in the City Council chambers. A copy of the agenda and staff reports is available on the City website at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/pcl/PCAgendas.cfm>.

April 27 Zoning Administrator Meeting

At the Wednesday, April 27 Zoning Administrator meeting, the Zoning Administrator will review the Coastal Development Permit (CDP No. 11-003), Conditional Use Permit (CUP No. 11-003) and Variance (VAR No. 11-01) for the Goodman Residence, which was continued from the April 6 meeting. **CDP:** To permit the demolition of an existing single-family dwelling and the construction of an approximately 5,869 sq. ft. single-family dwelling at an overall building height of 35 ft. with a 683 sq. ft. attached garage; **CUP:** To permit (a) an approximately 1,361 sq. ft. third story deck including an approximately 300 sq. ft. access area and (b) an overall building height exceeding 30 ft.; **VAR:** To permit the third floor deck railing and flagpole at variable setbacks ranging between 0 ft. and 3 ft. from the exterior of the side and rear building elevations in lieu of a minimum 5 ft. required. This request includes a review and analysis for compliance with the Infill Lot Ordinance. The project is located at 16591 Ensign Circle (terminus of Ensign Circle, south of Humboldt Drive – Humboldt Island). Project Planner: Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner, (714) 536-5271, jarabe@surfcity-hb.org.

A copy of the agenda and staff reports is available on the City website at: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/zal/ZAAgendas.cfm>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stabbing Suspect in Custody for Gang Related Incident

On April 8, 2011, about 11:00 pm, several residents in the 8400 block of Tamaru Drive called 911 to report a fight and possible stabbing in the street. The suspects were described as young males with shaved heads that left in a dark colored Honda vehicle. The police officers located the victim who had been stabbed. The victim had serious injuries that were not life threatening. The suspects were not located after an extensive search. This incident was investigated as a gang related crime and the Huntington Beach Police Department Gang Unit continued to follow up on this case.

On April 24, 2011, at about 4:30 am, Huntington Beach police officers arrested Mark Anthony Luna, 18, Huntington Beach, related to this investigation. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, participation in a criminal street gang, threatening a police officer, and an outstanding warrant. Luna was booked at the Huntington Beach Police Department city jail.

PUBLIC WORKS**Water Well No. 10 Reconstruction**

Reconstruction of Water Well No. 10 located on the northwest corner of Sun View Park will begin this week. The facility was originally constructed in 1982 and is used to extract groundwater to meet City's annual water use. On September 21, 2009, Water Well No. 10 sustained significant fire damage. It is believed that the pressurized ventilation/cooling system caused the fire. After evaluation, City staff decided to revise the ventilation system design to reduce the fire potential and also included other design changes in the revised plans and specifications to further improve the operation and maintenance of this water well. Notices regarding the upcoming construction will be sent this week to surrounding residents and the nearby school. A construction fence will isolate the project from the park whose use will not be affected by the project. Construction is expected to take approximately 5 months to complete.