

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

April 29, 2013

## CITY CLERK

### LAFCO Accepting Applications

LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County) is a state-mandated agency that oversees all jurisdictional changes within Orange County, including the incorporation of new cities; annexations to cities and special districts; and consolidations, mergers, and dissolutions of public agencies. LAFCO is accepting applications from members of the public interested in serving as the **alternate public member**. Completed applications must be returned to Carolyn Emery, Interim Executive Officer, by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2013. Employees of the county, cities, and districts are **not** eligible to serve on LAFCO. All interested parties are encouraged to contact the LAFCO office at (714) 834-2556 or by email at [cemery@oclafco.org](mailto:cemery@oclafco.org). More information and applications are available on the LAFCO website at [www.oclafco.org](http://www.oclafco.org).

## CITY MANAGER

### Fire Rings Update

The South Coast AQMD (Air Quality Management District) has proposed amendments to Rule 444 that would result in the banning of wood in open fire rings including the 120 on the City's beach area. The Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Marketing and Visitor's Bureau, the Board of Supervisors and our state and federal legislators are all working with the City to keep open wood burning a tradition on our beaches.

The fire rings have been an important part of our beach experience for over 60 years. They provide an affordable means of gathering family and friends on Southern California shores to celebrate our outdoor beach lifestyle with s'mores and hotdog roasting under the stars, all while enjoying the glow of a warm fire.

While the fire rings are a low cost activity for Huntington Beach residents and visitors, the State of California and city also earn income from those who enjoy them. The loss of the fire rings would result in a loss of \$1 million annually in direct parking income for the City of Huntington Beach. It would also have a painful economic impact on other cities that offer beach bonfire rings, including Newport Beach, Dana Point, and Los Angeles.

If you want to take additional action, you can sign the petition at [www.change.org](http://www.change.org) or attend the Public Hearing at AQMD Headquarters on Friday, June 7, 2013 at 9 am. AQMD Headquarters is located at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.

Let your voice be heard.

To stay current on information regarding the effort to save our beach fire rings, please "like" the Marketing and Visitor's Bureau Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/SaveTheBonfireRings>.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

On Friday, April 26, the Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) and Huntington Beach Senior Services hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Meadowlark Golf Club for 200 Senior Services

volunteers who had volunteered 40 or more hours in 2012. The luncheon capped Volunteer Appreciation Week during which Senior Services recognized 400 volunteers who donated a total of 53,364 hours to senior services in 2012. Mayor Connie Boardman emphasized this year's theme, Volunteers Plant the Seeds of Kindness, when she thanked the volunteers for all they contribute to the City of Huntington Beach. Diane Swarts, Volunteer Coordinator, announced that the Independent Sector's 2012 estimate for a California volunteer's time is \$24.74 /hour, making the total monetary contribution of these volunteers more than one million dollars! The estimate helps acknowledge the volunteers who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference and quantifies the enormous value volunteers provide. For information on volunteering, contact Diane Swarts at 714-374-1544 or [dswarts@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:dswarts@surfcity-hb.org).



### **Summer Classes**

The Summer 2013 SANDS Community Services Guide is now available at [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org). Registration for the new summer programs will begin on Tuesday, May 28. The SANDS is the official guide to Parks and Recreation Programs in the City of Huntington Beach! Check out City News, Events, Camps, Classes, Aquatics, Sports, Cultural and Human Services programs to enhance the quality of life in our community. **Please note:** All summer camps were listed in the Spring SANDS and have been open since March 5, 2013, so register now!

### **Youth Character Awards**

On May 18, 2013, the Children's Needs Task Force will be hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Character Awards at Bella Terra Huntington Beach. Since 2000, the Children's Needs Task Force together with the Community Services Department has been sponsoring the Youth Character Awards program. Community members have been invited to nominate deserving young people who exhibit strength of character. Young people who are role models for their generation, and are people whose lives and achievements demonstrate an enduring commitment to qualities associated with good character. All outstanding nominees will be recognized and several top nominees will be honored on the Bella Terra "Wall of Fame." The hour-long program begins at 10:00 a.m. and is open to the public.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Peter's Landing Farmers Market Celebration**

The Peters Landing Weekly Farmers Market is celebrating the success of its first two years this Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The day begins with a blessing of the market from Father Christian Mondor from Sts. Simon and Jude at 9:00 a.m. continuing at noon with a ceremony featuring Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Harper and Councilmember Jim Katapodis, as well as cake for everyone. There will also be bounce houses, a balloon man, a petting zoo, ponies, as well as the outstanding assortment of foods, arts and crafts which have made the market such a success, as well as live music from Carmine. Peter's Landing is located at 16400 Pacific Coast Highway. For questions, please call (562) 449-9299.

### **Surf City Downtown Shuttle Returns May 18 - Don't Forget about Free Secured Bike Parking!**

The Surf City Downtown Shuttle returns to service May 18 through October 1, offering a free, fun and convenient way to visit the Downtown on weekends, Tuesdays during Surf City Nights, Memorial Day and Labor Day. Parking for all shuttle passengers is free at the City Hall parking lot, located at 2000 Main Street, with the Shuttle departing on the hour and half-hour from that location to Main and Orange Streets and 5<sup>th</sup> and Walnut at The Strand on weekends. On Tuesdays, the Shuttle provides service to Main and Orange at the entrance to the award-winning Surf City Nights street fair and Certified Farmer's Market.

Perhaps biking is more your style? If so, then be sure to take advantage of free, secured bicycle parking offered by Pedego Electric Bikes at 5<sup>th</sup> and Olive Streets every weekend from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. This service is unique to our community, in a fenced environment, and best of all, it's absolutely free!

For more information about these programs, please visit:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle\\_parking/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking/)

## **FIRE**

### **Orange County Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors**

It is that time of year again for the Orange County Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors charity to unite Fire Departments, businesses, and volunteer citizens throughout Southern California in the common goal of raising funds to help burn survivors from all walks of life recover from the trauma of burn injuries. The Quest caravan will be traveling "Code 3" through the streets of Huntington Beach and arrive at Pier Plaza on Tuesday, May 7, at approximately 1:30 p.m. to receive donations from the Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association and the Fire Management Association. This will be the sixteenth year of fundraising for Burn Survivors, Burn Organizations, Burn Programs, World Burn Congress, and the American Burn Association. Quest Rally participants have raised well over \$2 million to date.

Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors is a non-profit organization managed by firefighters and civilians who volunteer their services and are dedicated to assist those that have been affected by burn injuries. The organization hosts fundraisers throughout the year. Donations are distributed on behalf of each donor to local burn centers and foundations as well as to burn survivors and their families. To find out more about the organization, please call the toll free number: (866) 937-8378 or visit: <http://www.firefightersquest.org>.

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

Did you know the City Website has information about the Preservation of the Historic Wintersburg property located on the southeast corner of Warner and Nichols Lane. Users can also make a donation to this preservation. You can find out information and make a donation at: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/i\\_want\\_to/give/donation-wintersburg.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/i_want_to/give/donation-wintersburg.cfm)

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Library Honors Volunteers**

The Huntington Beach Public Library annually honors its dedicated volunteers with a Volunteer Appreciation Event. This year's theme, "Our Volunteers Mean the World to Us" was meant to reflect the Earth Day date of the event, April 22, and paid tribute to the many helping hands that make the Library so successful. Volunteers who served 80 or more hours in 2012 were invited to attend a luncheon at the Library. Collectively, the volunteers contributed more than 61,000 hours to the Library during 2012, which equates to over \$1 million in personnel savings! The various volunteer groups include Branch and Central Library adult and teen volunteers, the Concours d'Elegance fundraiser, the Friends of the Library, the Friends of the Children's Library, the Genealogy Society, and the Literacy volunteers.

### **Before the Series there was a Book**

The phrase "adapted for the screen" is usually associated with the film industry, but in recent years a number of books and book series have also been adapted and re-imagined for the "small" screen.

Among today's television shows that have been adopted from popular book series are *Pretty Little Liars*, *Gossip Girl*, *Vampire Diaries* and *True Blood*. Other shows that got their start in novel form are *Dexter*, *A Game of Thrones*, and *Justified*. *The Walking Dead* is based upon the comic novels of Robert Kirkman, while *Once Upon a Time*, *Grimm*, and *Beauty and the Beast* use the classic fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm as their inspiration. All of these titles/series are available at the Huntington Beach Library. Check them out today!

## PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### Red Table Restaurant Hosts Event to Support Historic Wintersburg Preservation

Red Table Restaurant will donate a percentage of proceeds for the entire day's returns on Monday, May 13, to the Historic Wintersburg Preservation Fund. Everyone eating at Red Table Restaurant that day will enjoy a great meal and help preserve Huntington Beach history. The Huntington Harbour Mall also has announced it will match the donation by Red Table Restaurant, doubling the support for Historic Wintersburg.

Historic Wintersburg is a century-old goldfish and flower farm including the Wintersburg Japanese Presbyterian Mission complex, founded in 1904. It is a unique, intact pioneer farm and mission site representing Huntington Beach's pioneer settlement and agricultural era. Information about Historic Wintersburg can be found at: [www.HistoricWintersburg.blogspot.com](http://www.HistoricWintersburg.blogspot.com).

The Red Table Restaurant is in the Huntington Harbour Mall in northwest Huntington Beach, 16821 Algonquin St., Huntington Beach, CA 92649, (714) 846-4700. It is a popular gastropub featuring dishes like crab ceviche, Barbacoa beef tacos, and a variety of small plate dishes with warm cupcakes and broken banana cream pie to finish. Historic preservation tastes great!

Enjoy an exceptional dining experience anytime between 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, and a percentage of your bill is contributed to the Historic Wintersburg Preservation Fund, with an additional matching donation!

### Housing Element

The Housing Element is one of the seven state-mandated elements of the City's General Plan and must be updated pursuant to California Government Code Section 65588 for the 2013-2021 planning period. The Housing Element identifies and assesses projected housing needs and provides an inventory of constraints and resources relevant to meeting these needs. Components of the Housing Element include: a Housing Needs Assessment with population and household characteristics; identification of constraints to providing housing; an inventory of available sites for the provision of housing for all economic segments of the community; and a statement of goals, policies and programs for meeting the City's housing needs. **The draft Housing Element will be available for public review and comment for 60 days commencing Monday, April 29, 2013, and ending Friday, June 28, 2013.**

The draft Housing Element is available for review at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648; the Rodgers Senior Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648; and the City of Huntington Beach Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Third Floor, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. The draft Housing Element is also available on the City's website at the following link: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/major/index.cfm>. Any person wishing to comment on the draft Housing Element may do so in writing within 60 days by providing written comments to Jennifer Villasenor, Senior Planner, City of Huntington Beach Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Public hearings on the Housing Element are scheduled to occur in late summer/early fall 2013. For further information, please contact Jennifer Villasenor at 714-374-1661 or [jvillasenor@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:jvillasenor@surfcity-hb.org).

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

On April 27, 2013, the Huntington Beach Police Department participated in the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration's fourth National Take Back Initiative. The purpose of the event was to collect accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, and to safely dispose of those medications. The final number for our collection site was over 750 pounds over the past six months from the lobby bin, and 180 pounds from Saturday alone.

Last September, DEA's state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners, working at more than 5,263 locations, collected 488k, 395 pounds (244 tons) of prescription medications from members of the public. When added to the collections from DEA's previous four Take Back events, more than 2 million pounds (1,018 tons) of prescription medications were removed from circulation.

The Huntington Beach Police Department aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of the these medications.