

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

April 9, 2012

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1st Annual Earth Day Expo for Green Businesses in Orange County

On April 25, Golden West College and the Campus' Sustainability Commission will host the 1st Annual Earth Day Expo for Green Businesses in Orange County. Businesses are encouraged to participate as a way to give back to their community. This is an opportunity for local organizations to inspire environmental awareness, promote sustainability, encourage recycling and composting and stimulate the purchase of environmentally-friendly products.

The Earth Day Expo will also feature guest speaker Aaron Klemm, Energy Project Manager for the City of Huntington Beach. Booth space is available on a "donation" basis. Raffle prizes are also accepted in lieu of attendance. Join with students, staff and faculty as we strengthen our shared commitment to the environment, and give thanks to Mother Earth!

For further information, contact Deborah Orrill, Sustainability Coordinator at GWC at dorrill@gwc.cccd.edu or by phone at (714) 892-7711 x 52787.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Senior Services Volunteers –Huntington Beach Senior Services is seeking volunteers for the Home Delivered Meals program and the Transportation program. Home Delivered Meals volunteers use their own vehicle to deliver meals to older residents one weekday each week between 9:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. Transportation volunteers drive city vehicles to take older residents to medical appointments, shopping, classes, and activities. Fingerprinting and background checks are required for both positions. Volunteers give back to the community, brighten someone's day, have fun, learn new skills, and meet interesting people. Because of the dedicated team of volunteers, Huntington Beach has a thriving senior center and outreach center with a wide range of services, activities and classes. For more information on these or other volunteer opportunities, contact Diane Swarts, Volunteer Coordinator, (714) 374-1544 dswarts@surfcity-hb.org.

Recreation Programs

Mad Science Explorations classes are starting soon. The Huntington Beach Community Services Department will be offering Mad Science classes at The City Gym and Pool, Edison Community Center, and Murdy Community Center. Mad Science Explorations combines scientific concepts with fun hands-on experiments to teach students about gravity, life in the sea, motion, and robotics. Children ages 5-12 years will be able to take their science projects home each week. Do not miss your chance to sign up for these classes starting the week of April 23. For more information, visit www.hbsands.org on page 18 of the SANDS Community Service Guide or contact the City Gym and Pool at (714) 960-8884. Parks Make Life Better!

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department, together with the Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club presented the 22nd Annual Easter Hunt together with the 2nd Annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 7th. Thousands of families came out to the Huntington Beach Central Park Sports Complex to enjoy music, food, games, and of course the Annual Easter Hunt. Families were able to get hands on with displays by Fire, Police, Public Works, City Clerk, and to learn about upcoming Community Services recreation and cultural activities and programs. Adults and Children alike were able to watch performances by several Instructional Classes, and participate in relay races, games and FUN. Community Services is fortunate to collaborate with the Huntington Beach Kiwanis club to produce this very popular community event. Learn more about this and other City of Huntington Beach Special Events at www.hbsands.org and remember... **Parks Make Life Better!**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Costco Scheduled To Open

Visit the new Huntington Beach Costco at Bella Terra. The new Costco will open on May 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The store location is 7562 Center Avenue.

Four New Businesses Open On 5th Street

BAGUETIER ARTISAN BAKERY is a genuine French style bakery featuring delicious gourmet pastries and coffee located at 120 5th St. - 714-317-1814

NORTH SHORE POKE CO. is all about bringing fresh fish prepared Hawaiian style using traditional flavors to the mainland located at 214 5th St. - 714-960-6700

BANZAI BOWLS prepares Acai bowls and smoothies made from natural fruit, organic juices, no sugar or ice added and definitely no fillers located at 222 5th St. - 714-594-3220

PEDEGO RENTALS offers electric bike tours, rentals and sales on the corner of Olive Ave. and 5th St. Pedego electric bikes combine style and function to open up cycling to anyone who might otherwise not be getting the benefits from bike riding. Located at 301 5th St. - 714-580-6262

Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself and welcome our newcomers to Downtown Huntington Beach!

FIRE

Scald Prevention Safety Tips

A scald injury can happen at any age. Children, older adults and people with disabilities are especially at risk. Hot liquids from bath water, hot coffee and even microwaved soup can cause devastating injuries. Scald burns are the second leading cause of all burn injuries.

Scald Safety

- Teach children that hot things can burn. Install anti-scald devices on tub faucets and shower heads.
- Always supervise a child in or near a bathtub.
- Test the water at the faucet. It should be less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38° Celsius).
- Before placing a child in the bath or getting in the bath yourself, test the water.
 - Test the water by moving your hand, wrist and forearm through the water. The water should feel warm, not hot, to the touch.
- Place hot liquids and food in the center of a table or toward the back of a counter.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Open microwaved food slowly, away from the face.
- Never hold a child while you are cooking, drinking a hot liquid, or carrying hot foods or liquids.
- Never heat a baby bottle in a microwave oven. Heat baby bottles in warm water from the faucet.
- Allow microwaved food to cool before eating.
- Choose prepackaged soups whose containers have a wide base, or to avoid the possibility of a spill, pour the soup into a traditional bowl after heating.

Burn Rx

Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3-5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.

FACT

Prepackaged microwavable soups are a frequent cause of scald burn injuries (especially noodle soups) because they can easily tip over, pouring hot liquid (and noodles) on the person.

For more information, please visit www.nfpa.org.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Dance with the Stars @ the Library

It's another season of *Dancing with the Stars*! Time to sashay over to the Huntington Beach Library and check out books from cast members like Tom Bergeron's *I'm Hosting as Fast as I Can!* and Cheryl Burke's *Dancing Lessons*. The Library also has memoirs by current contestants Melissa Gilbert, Gladys Knight and Martina Navratilova, plus titles from former participants Florence Henderson, Jerry Rice, Apolo Ohno and Marie Osmond.

The Library's Media Center has more options for those bitten by the ballroom bug, including how-to-dance instructional videos, and some Hollywood films that focus on ballroom dance

like the comedy *Strictly Ballroom*, the romantic comedy *Shall We Dance*, and the inspiring *Take the Lead*. Check them out today! www.hbpl.org.

Harry Potter EBooks @ the Library

Harry Potter eBooks are here! All seven titles in the bestselling series are now available for download from the Huntington Beach Library. Library eBooks can be checked-out for a three week period on a Kindle, Nook or other e-reader. Visit the library's electronic materials website e.hbpl.org to get started.

Still a Night to Remember

April 15, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking of that great ocean liner, *Titanic*. The public's fascination with the story of the "unsinkable" ship endures, as new titles at the Huntington Beach Library attest. New adult titles include *Voyagers of the Titanic* and *The Band that Played On*, and adult fiction titles are *Promise Me This* and *The Dressmaker*. New children's titles are *Iceberg*, *Right Ahead!* and *Titanic Sinks!* New Young Adult fiction titles are *The Time-Traveling Fashionista*, and *Fateful*. Check them out today! Visit www.hbpl.org for more information.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Design Review Board

On April 12, 2012, at 3:30PM in Room B-8, the Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

DESIGN REVIEW NO. 12-002 (CITYWIDE RECEPTACLES) to review the design, colors, and materials of approximately 150 citywide receptacles housing bins for trash and recyclables. The 4 ft. high, 8 sq. ft. receptacles will feature two 8 sq. ft. advertising panels (front and back) displaying sponsored messages promoting recycling and environmental stewardship. The receptacles will be located on City-owned property including sidewalks in the downtown area, Central Park, Sports Complex, beach parking lots, the pier and Pier Plaza, the bluff top and bike paths, selected parks and community centers, and bus stops. (Citywide). 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

DUI/CDL Checkpoint

The Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI/CDL checkpoint at Beach Blvd. and Speer Drive on Saturday, March 31, 2012. The checkpoint was set up at 2100, but due to rain we were not able to start screening vehicles until approximately 2220 hours. The checkpoint ended at approximately 0300 hours. The following is statistical data for the evening:

Vehicles through the checkpoint 1247; Vehicles screened for DUI 533; FST'S administered 14; DUI Arrests 9; Criminal Arrests 3; Unlicensed/Suspended citations 0; Vehicles impounded for 30 days 0; Other citations 1.

Overall, the checkpoint was successful with over 500 drivers screened for DUI. We handed out educational drinking and driving pamphlets to each driver. These were donated by the Community Services Program as part of "Project Path".

In addition to the 9 DUI arrests, one suspect was arrested for a felony warrant and another suspect was arrested for a DUI warrant. The second suspect was later booked with an additional immigration hold. A third suspect was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

PUBLIC WORKS

Installation of Sunset Beach Play Equipment Completed

The City of Huntington Beach finished installation of the Sunset Beach play equipment on Monday April 2, 2012. Construction started on March 19 and took two weeks to complete. The new equipment replaced the existing structure that had been closed to the public since Huntington Beach took over maintenance operations in October 2011. The old play equipment did not meet the safety standards and replacement parts for the structure were no longer manufactured and custom repair would have exceeded the cost of new equipment.

Emergency Street Work On Warner Avenue

Emergency repairs are underway on Warner Avenue just west of Rotterdam Lane (near Lowe's Home Improvement) and are expected to be completed Wednesday, April 19, 2012. The work has included dewatering excavation in order to provide conditions to install the new pipeline and manhole. Following the pipe repair and injection grouting to fill the void of the sinkhole, the street will be repaved and striped.

City staff appreciates the public's patience and understanding during the repairs. Should you have any questions, please contact Eric Charlonne at (714) 536-5430.