

# CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

**September 13, 2010**

## CITY TREASURER

### Quick Tip of the Week – All Write

Always keep a pen and paper handy for those occasions when a solution for improving service pops into your head. Creative ideas can slip from your mind if you don't jot them down.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center

Tai Chi/Kung Chair – Practice T'ai Chi exercises based on Chinese principles of health which can be done while sitting and with limited movement. Don Walker leads this class at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue on Wednesdays beginning September 15 – November 17 from noon – 1:30 p.m. This free class is funded by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, however, donations are appreciated. Register at the front desk of the senior center or call 714-536-9287.

### Third Annual Pacific Islander Festival

This festival is scheduled for September 18 and September 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Huntington Central Park (7111 Talbert Ave.) It will feature the cultural traditions, performances and arts of nine Pacific Island nations including Hawaii, Samoa, Tonga, Tahiti (Polynesia), Aotearoa (New Zealand), Guam, Northern Marianas, Marshall Islands (Micronesia), and Fiji (Melanesia).

On display: cultural demonstrations, live hands-on arts projects, coconut and pandanus plaiting (weaving), lei making, tapa making and design, drumming, traditional chants, music, story-telling, cultural artifact exhibits, traditional protocol and island ceremony, and authentic performances on center stage. While there, be sure to sample the cuisine of the Pacific, served throughout this multi-generation family event. For additional information, please log onto their website at [www.pacificislanderhealthpartnership.org](http://www.pacificislanderhealthpartnership.org)

### 3rd Annual Huntington Beach Green Expo

This Expo is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pier Plaza. Looking for easy ways to live, work, and play green in Huntington Beach? You can find the shade of green that is right for you at the third annual Green Expo, "It's Easy to be Green in Huntington Beach". This free event will educate residents and businesses on the benefits of "Going Green" by providing real-life solutions for people to live better, healthier lives with less impact to the environment. For more information please log onto [www.huntingtonbeachgreenguide.com](http://www.huntingtonbeachgreenguide.com).

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Surf Contest**

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Dept. along with Huntington Surf and Sport will be holding the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Huntington Beach Surf Contest on September 18 and 19 on the south side of the pier. This event is open to surfers who reside within the Huntington Beach High School District so it is a great opportunity to come out and watch the great local surfers show off their skill! This 40-year event is made possible by generous donations from Huntington Surf and Sport and Dukes.

**Beach Clean Up**

On September 25, the city will be hosting the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal Clean-Up Day from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This is a great event for the whole family. In 2009, more than 80,000 volunteers collected more than 1,300,000 pounds of trash from California beaches and waterways. Volunteers will be meeting on the beach just north of the Huntington Beach pier. Volunteers should enter the beach parking lot at 1<sup>st</sup> street and turn left into the parking lot. Free parking will be provided for participants as well as bags and gloves. Participants should remember to bring a hat, good walking shoes, and sunscreen.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****First Time Home Buyers Program**

Last September, the City of Huntington Beach began a First Time Home Buyer/Down Payment Assistance Program. Over the last year, the City has funded nine (9) loans, seven to people currently renting or working in Huntington Beach, and two to new residents. Two more loans are currently in escrow with another four households pre-approved and currently searching for homes. The program is meeting the goal of helping families live and work in Huntington Beach. If you are interested in the program, please contact the Affordable Housing Clearinghouse at 949-859-9255 or Sidney Stone, Housing Manager at 714-536-5901.

**LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT****International Literacy Day**

Earlier this month (September 8), people around the world celebrated International Literacy Day. Statistics from UNESCO and other sources note that some 776 million adults lack minimum literacy skills; one in five adults are still not literate and two-thirds of them are women; 75 million children are out-of-school and many more attend irregularly or drop out. Literacy is a human right, a tool of personal empowerment, and a means for social and human development. Educational opportunities depend on literacy. The library marks this important day by giving credit to the amazing Literacy programs at the Huntington Beach Public Library. Our Literacy and Families for Literacy programs make a real difference in our community, providing skills that enable success in school, work and life. Help someone learn

to read better. Contact either library to learn more about how to get involved and make a difference. Central Library (714) 375-5102, Oak View Library (714) 375-5104.

### **Terra Cotta Warrior Dedication**

Huntington Beach Public Library celebrates the Autumn Festival celebration with the dedication of the Terra Cotta Warrior that was recently donated to the library by the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce. Come join the celebration at the Central Library on Wednesday, September 22 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The dedication will be followed by a festive Lion Dance performed by Ane Thanh at 4:30 pm. Please join us for this special Asian-themed celebration and help welcome our Terra Cotta Warrior.

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **September 14 Planning Commission Meeting**

At the Tuesday, September 14, Planning Commission meeting, the Commission will review the following items:

- Plaza Almeria Carts and Kiosks. The Planning Commission will continue the review from the August 10 meeting of the proposal from Plaza Almeria to amend Conditional Use Permit No. 00-15R by expanding their allowed number of vending carts from 6 to 14.
- Sunset Beach Annexation (Study Session). The Commission will review, but take no action, on General Plan Amendment No. 10-002, Zoning Text Amendment No. 10-002, Zoning Map Amendment No. 10.-001, Local Coastal Program Amendment No 10-001, Annexation No. 10-001 and Draft Negative Declaration No. 10-005 for the Sunset Beach Specific Plan and Annexation. The Commission is scheduled to take action on these entitlements on September 28; City Council consideration is slated for October 18.

The Planning Commission Study Session takes place at 5:15 in room B-8; 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/pcagenda091410.cfm>.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Burglary suspects stuck in the sand**

On September 13, 2010, at about 01:15 in the morning, Huntington Beach police officers responded to a burglary alarm at the Radio Shack, 6991 Warner Avenue. The responding police officers saw a white 2004 Acura fleeing the location west bound on Warner. The police officers pursued the vehicle west on Warner through Pacific Coast Highway. The

vehicle crashed through the wood fence of Bolsa Chica State Beach at the bus turn around and attempted to drive across the sand. The vehicle quickly became trapped in the sand.

Two occupants jumped from the vehicle and began running across the beach. Huntington Beach police officers chased them on foot down the beach until the suspects tired and surrendered. The police officers recovered stolen cell phones, GPS units and laptops stolen from the Radio Shack. The two suspects were booked in the Huntington Beach City Jail. The suspects booked are Jaime Adrian Diez, a 22 year old resident of Winetka, and Freddy Cruz Jr., a 23 year old resident of Reseda.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Work Continues on Pavement Rehabilitation Projects**

The City's contractor is making good progress toward the completion of the three pavement rehabilitation projects currently under construction. Slater Avenue between Beach Boulevard and Newland Street is complete pending final striping and utility cover adjustments. Concrete work for the Gothard Street segment between Heil Avenue and Edinger Avenue has been completed with asphalt paving scheduled to take place within the next two weeks. The third segment on Magnolia Street from Warner Avenue to Interstate 405 is scheduled to begin construction after completion of Gothard and may result in some night work due to the amount of traffic and its proximity to the freeway. All affected residents and businesses will be notified in advance of any such work.