

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**August 13, 2012**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Beach Senior Services



The Senior Saturday Community Festival will be held at Pier Plaza in downtown Huntington Beach, on Saturday, September 8, 2012, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Admission is free. Over 70 exhibitors including health professionals, banking and investment representatives, realtors, dentists, health plan representatives, physical therapists, home health agencies, senior living communities, physical fitness professionals, elder law attorneys and many other businesses and organizations will be at the event offering information, products and services, free health screenings and giveaways geared toward seniors.

This is an excellent opportunity for seniors and their families to spend a Saturday by the Pier gathering pertinent information in a festive atmosphere. In addition to the sponsor booths, a \$2 continental breakfast, \$2 hot dog lunch (with chips & soda included), free entertainment, and many prize drawings will be held throughout the day.

Pier Plaza is located adjacent to the Huntington Beach Pier at the intersection of Main St. and Pacific Coast Highway. Free shuttle service runs every 15 minutes from City Hall and Rodgers Seniors' Center. City Hall is located at 2000 Main Street and the Senior Center is located at 1706 Orange Avenue. Free parking is available at both shuttle locations. This is the Huntington Beach Council on Aging's (HBCOA) 24<sup>th</sup> annual Senior Saturday. The HBCOA is a non-profit organization that supports programs and services for Huntington Beach Seniors through the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center and the Huntington Beach Senior Outreach. For more information, please call the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center at (714) 536-9387 or visit the Huntington Beach Council on Aging web site at [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org).

### Huck Finn Fishing Derby



On Saturday, August 11, the Community Services Department presented the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Huck Finn Fishing Derby on the Huntington Beach Pier. This free event marks the 49<sup>th</sup> year that community members have spent the morning fishing with family and friends! Prizes were awarded to the best dressed Huck Finn and Becky Thatcher, and trophies were given to the largest and smallest fish in three different categories. If you were not able to participate in the 2012 event, view the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLe5a8MDU2A&feature=youtu.be>. Parks really do make life better in Huntington Beach!

### Class Registration begins August 14

Community Services Department classes and programs are available for registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 14. Walk in registration is accepted at City Gym and Pool, Edison and Murdy Community Centers, Huntington Beach Art Center, and Rodgers Seniors Center. Online registration is also available, and this process can be completed in the comfort of your own home, by visiting [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) and going to the "REGISTER

NOW" button. For more information on "how to register" please view the step by step instructions at <http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/videos/training/sands-training.cfm>. Remember, Parks really do make life better!

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **FREE Outdoor Yoga at The Strand every Saturday through September 1**

Only a few more weeks to start your weekend off with free yoga at The Strand in downtown Huntington Beach. Every Saturday from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM - bring your own towel or mat. CorePower yoga instructor will guide all levels of yogis through an hour of outdoor yoga on the patio of the Shorebreak Hotel. For more information, log on to: [www.thestrandon5th.com](http://www.thestrandon5th.com).

## **FIRE**

### **Successful Use of an Automatic External Defibrillator**

During a recent life-threatening medical emergency at the Huntington Beach Central Library, a patient who dropped to the ground near the entrance experienced the right circumstances for their best chance of survival. Several by-standers called 911 while an off-duty nurse started CPR, an off-duty paramedic stabilized the person's head and neck, and a doctor, who was arriving for a videoconference, helped with CPR and used an automatic external defibrillator (AED) located at the Library's front desk. The AED at the library is one of 22 other AEDs that are strategically placed in public facilities throughout the City as part of the Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) Program. Just as the AED's electric shock was delivered to the patient, the Fire Department arrived and administered advanced life support measures to the patient. The quick actions of all involved helped to provide critical life-saving measures to promote a patient's survival during this medical emergency.

### **Car Seat Installation**

Car seat installation is not one of the services performed by the Fire Department, but there are several agencies in Orange County that provide car seat safety classes and inspections. Huntington Beach residents can contact:

- 1) Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) – to register, call 714-532-8887  
They offer free car seat classes and inspections once a month. One-on-one appointments are available for a fee.
  
- 2) California Highway Patrol – Westminster - call 714-892-4426 for an appointment  
13200 Golden West Street  
Westminster, CA 92683

### **Child Passenger Safety**

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death in the US to children 14 years and under according to the National Center for Health Statistics. They are also a major cause of permanent brain damage, epilepsy, and spinal cord injuries. Many of the deaths and injuries can be prevented with the proper use of car seats.

Effective January 1, 2012, California Law says that children under the age of 8 or under 4'9" tall must be properly secured in the rear seat of a vehicle with a child passenger restraint system.

To achieve a proper fit, most children need to ride in a booster seat after they outgrow car seats. The reason for 4'9" requirement is seat belts were designed for that height so children could potentially use a boost to be in the right position for the belt. Make sure the lap belt fits low over the hips and the shoulder belt fits across the center of the chest. Use of booster seats requires BOTH a lap and shoulder belt.

CHOC recommendations:

- Always read and follow the directions that come with the car seat.
- Read your car owner's manual. It will describe how your seat belts lock, if you need to use a locking clip to put in your car seat, and if you can use a tether strap to reduce forward head movement in a crash.
- All seats have height and weight limits. Make sure you buy a seat that is appropriate for your child's height, weight, and physical needs.
- If your car seat is over 6 years old or has been in a crash, it may not be safe. Buy a new one.
- Put children under the age of 13 in the back seat. It is the safest place for any child to ride.
- Get a tight fit. Car seats should move no more than one inch from side to side or toward the front of the car.
- Children should face the rear of the vehicle until age 2 or until they reach the maximum height and weight of their seat.
- NEVER put an infant facing the rear of the car in the front seat with an active airbag.
- Harness straps should be as snug as possible and the harness clip should be placed at armpit level.
- Young infants need to ride reclined to keep their airway open. The most a rear facing car seat should be reclined is 45 degrees.

For more Child Passenger Safety information or resources near you, please call CHOC Community Education at 714-532-8887.

### **INFORMATION SERVICES**

Did you know the City website has a list of all Huntington Beach School Districts and schools in the city? This page also has links to all of the elementary, middle and high school websites. You can find this information under the "About" navigation tab and then click on "Education": <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/about/education/>.

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Storytime Vacation Notice**

The Library Storytimes are going on vacation the week before and after Labor Day. There will be no Toddler, Preschool, and Arts and Crafts Storytimes August 28 through September 8 at the Central, Main Street, Murphy and Banning Branches. The Central Library's Grandparents and Books Storytime will still be taking place during this time. The regular storytime schedules will resume Tuesday, September 11.

### **"Grandparents & Books" Program**

The Huntington Beach Public Libraries offer a free "Grandparents & Books" program at four locations throughout the year. Specially-trained grandparents provide stories, puppets, stickers and stamps to children and their parents on a regular schedule:

Central Library: Mon. – Wed., 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Thur., 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Fri., 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Banning Branch: Thur., 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Main Street: Wed., 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Oak View: Tues., Wed., Fri., 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy stories and puppets for kids and parents alike. No registration is needed. For more information, call (714) 374-5330.

### **Julia Child Anniversary**

On August 15th everybody's favorite chef would have turned 100 years old. Celebrate the life of Julia Child through her recipes, wisdom, and often hilarious quotes with these great titles at the Library:

- *As always, Julia - the letters of Julia Child and Avis DeVoto: food, friendship, and the making of a masterpiece*, selected and edited by Joan Reardon.
- *Baking with Julia: based on the PBS series hosted by Julia Child*, by Dorie Greenspan; photographs by Gentl & Hyers.
- *Dearie: the remarkable life of Julia Child* by Bob Spitz.
- *Julia's kitchen wisdom: essential techniques and recipes from a lifetime of cooking* by Julia Child with David Nussbaum.
- *My life in France* by Julia Child with Alex Prud'homme.

### **Kids: What does your teddy bear do when you're asleep?**

Imaginative children can find out what their favorite stuffed animals do at night – by letting them sleep over at the library. The *Great Stuffed Animal Library Sleepover* takes place Friday, August 24 at the Central Library. Bring a stuffed toy to the Children's desk between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For the low entry fee of \$4.00 per toy, children can fill out a name tag for their stuffed animal and receive a Teddy Bear bookmark. The next morning at 10:00 a.m., children can come to a special story time in the Tabby Theater, pick up their toy, and watch a slideshow about what adventures the animals got into overnight! This sleepover can inspire lots of imaginative stories about the secret lives of beloved stuffed animals – don't miss out!

**PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT****Planning Commission**

On August 14, 2012, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

**ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 12-02 (PARK FEE)** **Applicant:** City of Huntington Beach **Property Owner:** Not Applicable **Request:** To: 1) amend Chapter 254 (Dedications and Reservations) of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (HBZSO) to delete the site-specific-appraisal approach for determining park in lieu fees for residential projects that require tentative maps and replace it with standard citywide fees and incorporate other related changes; and 2) delete Section 230.20 of the HBZSO pertaining to park fees for projects not requiring a tentative map. **Location:** Citywide **Project Planner:** Ricky Ramos

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 11-007/COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 11-012/CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-021/ENTITLEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 11-007/VARIANCE NO. 11-005/DESIGN REVIEW NO. 11-015 (PIERSIDE PAVILION EXPANSION)** **Applicant:** Michael Adams, Michael C. Adams Associates **Property Owner:** Joe Daichendt, Theory R Properties LLC **Request:** **MND:** To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed project. **CDP/CUP:** To permit: a) the demolition of approximately 400 sq. ft. of the existing structure including an elevator shaft and two stairwells; and construct a connecting four-story, 90 foot high, approximately 27,772 square foot mixed-use, visitor serving/office building and approximately 9,401 sq. ft. infill expansion by extending existing storefronts; b) the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the restaurant areas; c) to expand the allowable uses within the Pierside Pavilion development from the previously approved limits established by Entitlement Plan Amendment No. 07-01 and the Owner Participation Agreement (executed in 2009 and amended in 2011) by adding 10,527 sq. ft. of retail, 5,705 sq. ft. of restaurant, and 21,441 sq. ft. of office; and, d) permit shared parking. **EPA:** To amend Conditional Use Permit No. 10-017 to modify the location of the existing retail carts on public and private property. **VAR:** To permit a maximum height of 68 ft. (plus up to 90 ft. for mechanical housing) in lieu of a maximum of 45 ft. **DR:** To review the design, colors, and materials of the remodel of the existing building to remain and proposed building. **Location:** 300 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Main Street) **Project Planner:** Ethan Edwards. A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

On August 12, 2012, at about 3:50 PM, residents' called 911 to report a neighbor had just caught someone breaking into their vehicle in the area of Florida Street and Yorktown Avenue. Two neighbors were chasing the suspect down the street. The suspect got away from the neighbors as police officers were responding to the location. The investigation revealed several vehicles had been broken into.

HB1 was patrolling over Newport Beach and heard the radio call of the crime. HB1 responded to Huntington Beach and established a perimeter of the area. The police officers in HB1 located the suspect hiding between apartment buildings near Hess Circle and Utica Avenue. HB1 directed the police officers on the ground to the suspect. He was taken into custody without incident. The juvenile suspect was arrested for burglary.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Permit Parking Districts Updated Throughout the City**

The Public Works Department recently sent out notices to all residents within established permit parking districts regarding the renewal of their parking permits. One major program change is going into effect this year that is intended to make the program more convenient for residents and also save them money. All new parking permits issued this year will be good for 5 years so residents will not have to go through the renewal process each year. They will also only have to pay the processing fee once in each 5 year period – and the fees have not increased. Residents can apply for the permits by mail or they can purchase them at the Public Works counter on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of City Hall starting August 20, 2012. Any questions regarding the program or the notices can be directed to (714) 536-5431.