

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

August 20, 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

Please join us for Art for Lunch on Wednesday, August 22, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Cool off in the Art Center's galleries as you enjoy the current exhibition ***Escape from the Landfill***. Bring your lunch and we will provide desserts and beverages. Call the Art Center at 714-374-1650 for information or visit www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

 Aloha Line Dance Party (Hawaiian shirts & leis encouraged) on Friday, August 24, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Gather at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, for a stompin' good time led by dance instructor Suzy Hazard. Beginning to advanced line dancers will join together to show off their best moves, enjoy refreshments, and have some fun - \$5.00. For more information, contact the Rodgers Seniors Center at 714-536-9387. *Sponsored by Care 1st Health Plan.*

Fall 2012 Recreation Classes

The Huntington Beach Community Services Department is offering new and exciting classes for all ages this fall. Brand new classes include: Private Swim Lessons, Littlest American Girl, Discovery Kids, Puterbugs, Country Line Dancing, Adult Volleyball Clinic, and Tippi Toes Princess. Make sure to look for the new classes in the fall 2012 SANDS Community Services Guide. For more information about the classes, please contact the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884 or visit www.HBsands.org.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Huntington Beach Surf City Days

Does your business need a team-building opportunity or just an excuse to play volleyball? If the answer is YES, then sign up for the HB Business Division of the Huntington Beach Downtown BID, Surf City Days Volleyball Contest. Don't miss this unique event and a great team-building opportunity! To sign up, go to www.hbdowntown.com.

FIRE

Never Leave Your Child Alone in a Car Program - Facts About Hyperthermia

Sunlight can raise the indoor temperature of a car by 19°F in just 10 minutes and it will continue to rise. At 104°F, the body begins to shut down, and at 107°F death occurs. Because a child's body temperature rises 3-5 times faster than an adult's, children are at much higher risk of heat stroke.

Since 1998, more than 500 children across the U.S. have died as a result of hyperthermia (also known as heat stroke). For every child who dies after being left alone in a hot car, hundreds more are near misses - those rescued before a fatality.

Having reviewed the 500+ deaths to children from heat stroke in vehicles since 1998, Safe Kids and their partners have identified three primary reasons why children are unattended in cars.

- 1) In over half the cases (51%), they were forgotten by a very distracted driver when they arrived at their destination.
- 2) In about 30% of cases, they climbed into an unlocked car or trunk to play, couldn't get out on their own and were overcome by heat.
 - o These deaths can be prevented by locking the vehicle doors so kids can't get in and become trapped. Parents should keep keys out of reach of children. Check vehicles and trunks first if a child is missing. Teach children a vehicle is not a play area.
- 3) In about 20% of cases, they were intentionally left alone by a driver as they ran an errand.

Together we can reduce the number of deaths and near misses by remembering to ACT.

- **Avoid** heat stroke-related injury and death by:
 - o Never leaving your child alone in the car, even for a minute.
 - o Consistently locking unattended vehicle doors and trunks.
- **Create reminders and habits** that give you and your child's caregiver a safety net:
 - o Establish a peace-of-mind plan. When you drop off your child, make a habit of calling or texting all other caregivers, so all of you know where your child is at all times.
 - o Make a habit of looking in the vehicle – front and back – before locking the door and walking away
 - o Place a purse, briefcase, gym bag, cell phone or an item that is needed at your next stop in a back seat.
 - o Set the alarm on your cell phone or computer calendar as a reminder to drop your child off at childcare.
- **Take action** if you see an unattended child in a vehicle:
 - o Dial 911 immediately and follow the instructions that emergency personnel provide – they are trained to determine if a child is in danger. Wait by the vehicle so EMS can find you quickly.

For more information on this program, go to www.safekids.org

[INFORMATION SERVICES](#)

Did you know you can report a crime online on the City website? By using this online reporting system, you can report harassing phone calls, thefts, hit and runs, vandalism, lost property and vehicle burglaries. You can find a quick link to this system on the Police Department homepage:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/PD/online_services/online_crime_reporting.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**Back to School @ the Library**

The term "hitting the books" these days means much more than just books. Students of all ages can take advantage of their Huntington Beach Library card to remotely access quality educational tools such as Ebsco Searchasaurus for the elementary grades and Ebsco Student Research Center for those in junior and senior high school. Both products supply magazine and encyclopedia articles at age-appropriate levels on a wide variety of topics like animals, people, health, current events, and much more. Just click on the blue "Research Databases" tab at www.hbpl.org. For more information, contact the Library at (714) 842-4481.

HB Reads Annual Bookfair

Get ready for back to school and fall. Buy your school books at the HB Reads Bookfair. Get the books you need and help support HB Reads at the same time! HB Reads is holding their annual fundraising bookfair on Wednesday, August 29 through Monday, September 3 at the Bella Terra Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Huntington Beach. Mention HB Reads at the time of purchase during the bookfair and HB Reads will receive up to 25% of the net sale. Interested in buying a Nook? Purchase one during the bookfair and HB Reads will receive 5% of the net sale. Can't attend the bookfair at Barnes and Noble? Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support HB Reads online from 8/29/12 to 9/8/12 by entering Bookfair ID: 10845170 at checkout.

Wanted: Homework Club Tutors @ the Library

Help make a difference in a child's life. Homework Club Tutors are needed for the Central and Oak View Libraries. Homework Club will be starting September 17. It meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Central Library. The Oak View Homework Club meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. The Homework Club is looking for adults, retirees, and high school students who are either juniors or seniors. Applicants 18 years and older will need to be fingerprinted before they can start volunteering. All tutors must be willing to volunteer a minimum of one day a week. Homework Club meets only during the school year and is not held during winter or spring break.

Become a part of this rewarding experience. For more information, contact Barbara Richardson at 714-374-5338 or email her at richardb@hbpl.org.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**Wardlow Residential Subdivision – Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration**

On Thursday, August 23, 2012, the twenty-day review period will commence for the Wardlow Residential Subdivision (MND No. 08-12). The Draft MND analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with a proposal to subdivide the 8.35-acre former Wardlow School site to accommodate 49 lots for new single-family homes. All existing school buildings and site improvements are proposed to be demolished with the project. The project is proposed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) utilizing varying lot sizes at approximately 4,250 sq. ft. (50 feet wide by 85 feet deep). All streets, landscaping, storm drains and sewers

facilities will be privately maintained by a Homeowners Association. The streets will be sized consistent with the City's public street standards, including parkways and on-street public parking. The project is adjacent to the City's Wardlow Park. The project is proposing to dedicate 0.82 acres of land and construct a new parking lot with up to 80 onsite spaces. This parking lot is proposed to count towards the project's Quimby Act park requirement for land and will be dedicated to the City for use by those parking at the adjacent Wardlow Park. This 0.82 acre for parkland will be incorporated into the adjacent Wardlow Park and Huntington Valley Little League baseball facilities.

The project includes a General Plan Amendment to change the existing General Plan designation of Public (P) to Residential Low Density (RL-7). This project also proposes a Zoning Map Amendment to change the existing zoning of Public-Semipublic (PS) to Residential Low Density (RL). A Tentative Tract Map and Conditional Use Permit will be processed in conjunction with the project to permit the subdivision and development of 49 single-family residential units and associated onsite and offsite improvements.

Lamb Residential Subdivision – Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration

On Thursday, August 23, 2012, the 20-day review period will commence for the Lamb Residential Subdivision (MND No. 08-13). The Draft MND analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with a proposal to subdivide the 11.65-acre former Lamb School site to accommodate 81 lots for new single-family homes. All existing school buildings and site improvements are proposed to be demolished with the project. The project is proposed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) utilizing varying lot sizes at approximately 3,600 sq. ft. (45 feet wide by 80 feet deep). All streets, landscaping, storm drains and sewers facilities will be privately maintained by a Homeowners Association. The streets will be sized consistent with the City's public street standards, including parkways and on-street public parking. The project is adjacent to the City's 2.6-acre neighborhood park site. The extent of proposed park improvements will be subject to further discussion and negotiations with the City.

The project includes a General Plan Amendment to change the existing General Plan designation of Public (P) to Residential Low Density (RL-7). This project also proposed a Zoning Map Amendment to change the existing zoning of Public-Semipublic (PS) to Residential Low Density (RL). A Tentative Tract Map and Conditional Use Permit will be processed in conjunction with the project to permit the subdivision and development of 81 single-family residential units and associated onsite and offsite improvements.

Any person wishing to comment on the above requests may do so in writing within the 20-day comment period by providing written comments to Andrew Gonzales, Associate Planner, City of Huntington Beach Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. The 20-day comment period will end on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 5:00 PM.

A copy of Draft MND No. 08-12 and Draft MND No. 08-13 is on file with the Planning and Building Department, City Hall – 3rd Floor, 200 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. The Draft MNDs are also available for review at the City's Clerk's Office, City Hall – 2nd

Floor, the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648; and on the internet at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/Environmentalreports.cfm>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

WWII Hand Grenade Located in Huntington Beach.

On August 17, 2012, at about 11:48 AM, a resident in the 6900 block of Canterbury Drive was doing yard work and located a suspicious object in the soil. The object ended up being a WWII era Japanese hand grenade.

Huntington Beach police officers responded and the grenade appeared to be weathered, but still live. The police officers evacuated the area and requested the Orange County Sheriff Department Bomb Squad. The deputies on the bomb squad x-rayed the device and determined it was a live device. They detonated it in place. The yard was searched for additional devices but none were located. How the device got there is unknown. The residents who were evacuated have all returned home.

National Night Out a Huge Success!

National Night Out is a central point of focus to rally our community together to fight crime. It is also an essential component to our Neighborhood Watch Program creating an opportunity within a neighborhood or community to celebrate together (Police, businesses, and community members). National Night Out is a demonstration of the positive value of a strong community and police partnership based on a mutual concern for the safety of our neighborhoods.

Target Stores are the National Sponsors for National Night Out and we have partnered with the HB Target Store the past 4 years. They have hosted this event in their parking lot so we have ample room for people. Target and Chase Bank provided and set up most all the tables and chairs for all the participants. Each year we see this event grow a little bigger with more involvement from organizations, businesses and the residents that come to enjoy the evening.

This year Chase Bank (Beach/Atlanta, branch) joined the planning committee assisting with much of the event. Other organizations and participating groups were, RSVP's, VIPS, HB Neighborhood Watch Program, Officer McGruff, HBFD, HBFD RACES & CERT, Magic Fredy Events (balloons & body painting), AAA Automobile Club of So. California, Make-A-Wish America with K-9 Ambassador Doc-Barker, City of HB Water Conservation, Bright Futures 4 Kids, Healthy Smiles for Kids of OC., CSP, and Reserve Officer Mark Thompson. There were many games for everyone to play, and hot dogs, chips and drinks for the first 100 people to RSVP. Approximately 600 people attended this event.

PUBLIC WORKS

Maintenance Operations Project to Control Dust in Shipley Nature Center Parking Lot

On Monday August 27, Public Works crews will begin preparation to remediate dust at the Shipley Nature Center parking lot. The parking lot will be closed from Monday, August 27, through Friday, August 31. Visitors can use the parking lot off of Edwards St.

Crews will begin leveling and wet compaction in preparation for soil treatment for erosion control and dust suppression. Visitors to Shipley Nature Center and Central Park will enjoy dust free parking.

Construction Contracts Awarded

At the August 20, 2012, meeting of the City Council a number of major construction contracts were presented for approval:

Springdale Water Main Corrosion Control and Rehabilitation and Arterial Street Rehabilitation – This contract was awarded to CCL Contracting, Inc. The limits of this project are from Warner Avenue north to the City limit and will include the segments of pavement grinding and overlay, slurry seal and crack sealing and the installation of cathodic protection and appurtenances on the 36-inch diameter water transmission main. The cost is \$6,465,000.

Golden View School - Safe Routes to Schools – A contract in the amount of \$141,141 was awarded to PTM General Engineering, Inc. and will include installation of left turn arrows, striping and signage.

Sunset Beach Water Main Replacement – A contract in the amount of \$1,295,430 was awarded to Kana Pipeline, Inc. The project will replace older substandard pipeline and facilities in 15 alleys.

Reconstruct Algonquin Sewer Lift Station- A contract in the amount of \$2,190,510 was awarded to Metro Builders and Engineers. The project will involve the replacement of a sewer lift station originally constructed in 1964.

2011-12 ADA Curb Ramp Project – A contract in the amount of \$41,400 was awarded to GM Sager Construction and will involve the installation of 35 ADA compliant curb ramps located throughout the City.