

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

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CITY TREASURER

Quick Tip of the Week – U.S. Government Prepares Global Public for New \$100 Note

A new \$100 note will begin circulating on February 10, 2011. To ensure that the people who rely on the \$100 note know how to use the security features in the new design, the U.S. government has launched a global public education program.

The new design for the \$100 note was unveiled on April 21, 2010, and incorporates security and design features that are easy for the public to use, but difficult for counterfeiters to replicate. The redesigned \$100 note includes two new, advanced security features: the *3-D Security Ribbon* and the *Bell in the Inkwell*. Three highly effective security features from the old design were also retained in the new \$100 note: the *Portrait Watermark*, the *Security Thread* and the *Color-Shifting Numeral 100*.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Project Self Sufficiency Children go “Back to School”

On Monday, August 30th, the PSS Children will be celebrating “Back to School” at the Edison Community Center. Thanks to the generosity of the Huntington Beach Community, children will be given “fully loaded” backpacks for their first day at school! We are grateful to Huntington Beach First Christian Church whose members have generously donated backpacks for these families; however, PSS is looking for additional donors for this much needed program. If you are interested in learning more about PSS or would like to donate a fully loaded “Back to School” Back Pack, please contact Jennifer Munson in the PSS office at 714-536-5263.

Office Yoga

Are long hours sitting at your desk getting you down? Give your body the care it needs without leaving City Hall. Office Yoga can be done in business attire without breaking a sweat. Get the calm, relaxed, “inspired” state of mind that facilitates great decision making. Visit www.hbsands.org to learn more about this and other interesting and fun classes! Class begins September 15. No Yoga experience necessary.

Open House

The Community Services Department held an Open House on Saturday, August 21st to showcase a sampling of Recreation Classes offered in the SANDS Community Services Guide. Demonstration classes included Karate, Ballet, Pilates, Youth Fitness, Gymnastics, Tap Dance, Tiny Tot Sports, Mad Science, Zumba, Pre-teen yoga and more! The event gave prospective students a sneak peek at fee-based classes for families, adults and kids, and was a great kick-off to the fall Instructional class session. Check www.hbsands.org to learn more about SANDS Recreation classes offered this fall!

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Singing Goodtimers- The fantastic Singing Goodtimers will be performing this week at the Bella Terra Amphitheater on Tuesday, August 24th at 6:30 p.m. They will also open the entertainment for the Senior Saturday Community Festival at Pier Plaza on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. Come and enjoy the fun. The Singing Goodtimers meet Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. If you like to sing, perform and want to join others in great sing-a-longs, come join the fun with the Goodtimers. All are welcome. For more information, call 714-536-9387.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Just Two Weeks Remaining to Ride the SURF CITY DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE!

Although the perfect Surf City weather would have us believe that summer has only just begun, Labor Day is just two weeks away, marking the end of the busiest period of the year in downtown Huntington Beach and the end to the successful pilot season of the Surf City Downtown Shuttle. The service will continue from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM August 28-29 as well as September 4-5 and Monday, September 6 (Labor Day). Free parking is available at Huntington Beach City Hall (2000 Main Street) and the Shuttle operates continuously throughout the day, providing free, convenient rides to stops at Main and Orange, and 5th Street/The Strand on the fun, woody-style vehicle. Recent passenger surveys have indicated that people from both Huntington Beach, surrounding cities, and even visitors from other countries have given high marks to the shuttle for efficiency, fun and service – if you haven't had the chance to experience it, or want to make sure you get a chance to ride again before summer is over – make time to shop, dine and stroll downtown via the Surf City Downtown Shuttle! For more information, visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov or call (714) 536-5542.

FIRE

Structure Fire

On Saturday morning August 21, 2010 at 8:26 a.m., HBFD units responded to a reported structure fire on Shaffer Circle. HBFD responded with 3 engines, 2 trucks, and a Battalion Chief. When the first unit arrived, there was fire and smoke showing from the second story of a 4-unit apartment building. Residents were alerted to the fire by activation of a smoke alarm and were able to evacuate safely. The Red Cross assisted with lodging for the displaced residents and there were injured no civilians or firefighters. The cause of the fire is under investigation at this time.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Me First!

Many generous library users donate their new book purchases after they've been read, and these donations help build the collection and help raise money through book sales. A new library program called *Me First!* alerts donors as to which books the library needs the most

and rewards them by letting them be first to read donated titles. To see what books the library needs, visit hbpl.org and click on Me First! Potential donors are connected to Amazon.com where they see a list of new titles by authors such as John Grisham, Janet Evanovich and Stieg Larsson. If they purchase the book through this program, it is sent to the library to be processed, held for the donor to read first, then added to the library's collection. Me First! is a fun way for both shoppers and readers to help the library while keeping up on the latest popular books.

Computers-to-Go: A Mobile Training Lab

"Computers-to-Go" is a LSTA grant-funded program of the Huntington Beach Public Library that provides free small group laptop and desktop-based computer instruction at the Central Library and Oak View Branch Library. Since August of 2010, we have brought 111 community members into a one-on-classroom setting where they learned personal computer skills, developed expertise in photo editing and photosharing, became more discerning consumers, and learned to search and apply for jobs online. The outcomes have been impressive – 100% of core computer skills students reported that they continue to use a computer on a regular basis, 100% of photosharing students established at least one digital photo album and shared pictures successfully online, and 50% of the job searching class students reported applying for at least two jobs online since completing the class. The Library will continue offering free classes in coming months and is placing all interested HBPL cardholders on an interest list, with fall dates to be announced. To put your name on the list, visit the Reference Desk at Central Library or call 714-842-4481.

Fundraising Campaign for New Books for Oak View Branch Library

This year, the Oak View Branch Library is celebrating its 15th anniversary! As part of the celebration, everyone is invited to help the library raise funds for new children's books by making contributions as low as \$1.00 to "The Giving Tree/El Arbol Generoso". Library patrons can buy a leaf to put on the tree for \$1.00, an apple for \$5.00, a butterfly for \$10.00 or an owl for \$25.00. All items can be personalized by the donor and will be on display at the Oak View branch. The Oak View Branch hopes to raise at least \$1,500 -- \$100 for each year of success in the community -- to purchase new books for the library. Every leaf will help Oak View get closer to that goal! Anyone wishing to make a donation and/or to obtain additional information can call (714) 375-5068.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Costco Update

The Planning Commission will review the General Plan Amendment (GPA 10-001), Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA 10-001) and Site Plan Review (SPR (10-001) for the Costco at the Village at Bella Terra at the Tuesday, August 24 meeting. The 154,113 sq ft Costco will include tire sales/installation, outside food service, and a gas station. Additionally, the Village at Bella Terra will include up to 468 multi-family residential units with 30,000 sq ft of additional retail. The Costco is proposed for the north side of the project area, closest to Center Avenue; the remaining retail and residential portion is proposed for a location closer to

Edinger Avenue. The proposal includes demolition of the former Mervyn's and Montgomery Wards.

A copy of the agenda and staff report is available on the department website at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/pcl/pacagenda082410.cfm>. For additional information, contact Jane James, Senior Planner, at (714) 536-5271.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sexual Assault Suspect Located and Arrested

On August 19, 2010, at about 3:00pm, a male suspect entered a shop in the 300 block of Main Street. He confronted the lone female clerk in the store and started making sexual and threatening comments to her. He took her cell phone from her and obtained her personal cell phone number from the phone. The suspect eventually left the shop when a second male came to the shop and joined the suspect. The victim called the Police Department and officers started an investigation and looking for the suspect. The victim described the suspect as a male black in his early 20's with distinctive tattoos and the male that joined him was a male white. Later that evening, two other women reported to the downtown foot beat police officers that they had also been approached and physically touched by a male fitting the description of the suspect.

As the investigation continued, it was discovered other Huntington Beach police officers had seen a male fitting the description of the suspect in a light blue Lincoln Towncar with Alaska license plates earlier in the day.

The evening of August 20, 2010, a Huntington Beach police officer saw a blue Lincoln Towncar with Alaska license plates in the area of Beach Boulevard and Slater Avenue. The vehicle was stopped and after further investigation, the suspect was arrested. The suspect, Kenneth Anthony Huskey, a 25 year old male from Las Vegas was booked into the Huntington Beach City Jail for charges of robbery, false imprisonment, sexual batter, battery on a person and driving without a license. Kenneth Huskey also shows to be a registered sex offender in the state of Alaska.

PUBLIC WORKS

New Traffic Signal in Operation

A new traffic is being put into operation at the intersection of Atlanta Avenue and Huntington Street. The signal is currently in flash mode, to bring it to the attention of travelers in the area. Constructed as a condition of approval for the Pacific City development, the new signal replaces a four-way stop. The traffic signal will be a standard permissive operation, in which safe left turns are allowed on the green light. The signal is expected to be fully operational by next week.