

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

August 26, 2013

## CITY MANAGER

### **Downtown Task Force Established**

The City of Huntington Beach Downtown Task Force has been set up and the members have been named. The City Council voted to form a Downtown Task Force to review how to create a sustainable and vibrant downtown economy while maintaining a safe and high quality of life for the residential neighborhood.

The composition of the Task Force and the selected members are as follows:

- Three council liaisons – Mayor Boardman, Council members Carchio and Katapodis
- Five Downtown residents –Kim Kramer, Ralph Palomares, Michael Wentworth, Cathy Werblin, Susie Smith
- Three restaurant/bar representatives and one alternate –Ron Newman from Sharkeez, Stephanie Wilson from Fred's, Cesar Pena from the Black Bull Chop House, Craig Glatz from Kilarney's Pub
- One retail owner representative –Moe Kanoudi from Main Street Eyeware
- One representative from the Huntington Beach Marketing and Visitor's Bureau –Hilton Waterfront Resort General Manager J.D. Shafer
- One representative from the Downtown Business Improvement District –Duke's Manager Brett Barnes
- One representative from the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce- HB Digital Owner Dominic Iorfino

Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month starting September 12. The meetings will be held at the Main Street Library and start at 5:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend the meetings and provide input to the Task Force.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### **Huntington Beach Art Center**

Last chance to see the exhibition *Kustom Kulture II!* The exhibition has been extended to Sunday, September 1. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Special hours on Sunday, September 1 will be from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Do not miss this fun and funky show! Admission to the Art Center is by donation. Call 714-374-1650 for information or visit [www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org).

### **Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park**

Huntington Beach Senior Services is offering a free five-week series on aging. "The Age Wave" is designed for volunteers and anyone interested in volunteering with Senior Services. Issues covered by the class include: Aging & Boomers, Boundaries, Communication, Community Resources Elder Abuse, Grief, and the Homebound Elderly. A free CPR class is also included. The class will be held on Wednesdays, beginning October 2, from 9:00 –

11:30 a.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. This class fills quickly. For more information or to enroll contact Diane Swarts: 714-374-1544 or [dswarts@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:dswarts@surfcity-hb.org).



### **Adult Arena Soccer Sign-Ups**

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department offers year round adult arena soccer leagues at the award winning Central Park Sports Complex. Games will be played on artificial sports turf under the lights beginning the week of September 9, 2013. Fall team registration costs are \$400.00 per eight-week season plus referee fees of \$20.00 per game - paid directly to the official by each team. League play will be 6 v 6 including the goalie. Men's leagues are offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; Coed leagues are held on Thursday and Friday. All teams must have uniforms with numbers. Registration packets are available at City Hall, on the City website, or can be mailed upon request. For league information or to be placed on the individual players list, please call 714-536-5486. The deadline to turn in team registration to City Hall is Friday, August 30, 2013.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Thursday at the Strand**

This Thursday, August 29, join your friends at the Strand for a day with a Princess! The Strand will have a Princess Show with interactive Singing and Dancing, Storytelling, the Princess Pledge, and a Magic Show. There will be face painting, games and animal balloons between shows. The princesses would love to pose with you for a photo so be sure to bring your camera! The princess excitement starts at 2:00 p.m. and continues to 6:00 p.m. Arrive early and get "magic paper" to draw your own colorful art piece! The Strand is located at 5<sup>th</sup> St. and PCH.

## **FIRE**

### **Never Leave Your Child Alone in a Car**

#### **Facts About Hyperthermia (also known as heatstroke)**

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. Heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash, vehicle-related deaths for children.

Since 1998, more than 500 children across the U.S. have died as a result of heatstroke. 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](http://www.safekids.org)

### **Structure Fire on Tamaru**

On August 19, 2013, just after 2:30 p.m., firefighters responded to a call for a reported multi-unit structure fire on Tamaru. Operations were hampered by electrical wires that fell on one side of the structure, but the fire was contained to the unit of origin and was under control

within 29 minutes after searching the walls for further fire extension in the neighboring units. One victim was transported to hospital with no other injuries reported.

### **INFORMATION SERVICES**

Did you know the City website has its own custom mini Google search engine? This search engine searches information that is contained only on the City website. By using this custom

search engine, users will not get search results from other websites. Visitors use this search engine over 14,000 times a month. The search box is located on the top right side of every web page on the site: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/>.

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Get Ready for School @ the Library**

The start of the school year is just around the corner for Huntington Beach students. Help get young children ready for that first day of school with these charming stories from the Children's Library:

- ❖ *You're Wearing That To School?!* written by Lynn Plourde ; illustrated by Sue Cornelison.
- ❖ *Otto Goes To School* written and illustrated by Todd Parr.
- ❖ *My New Teacher And Me!* written by Al Yankovic; illustrations by Wes Hargis.
- ❖ *Mom, It's My First Day Of Kindergarten!* written and illustrated by Hyewon Yum.
- ❖ *Meet Teddy Rex* written by Bonnie Williams; illustrated by John Gordon.
- ❖ *Sea Monster's First Day* written by Kate Messner; illustrated by Andy Rash.
- ❖ *I Don't Want To Go To School!* written and illustrated by Stephanie Blake

### **Friends of the Library September Author Luncheon**

The Friends of the Library are hosting an author luncheon on Wednesday, September 18 at the Huntington Beach Central Library. The guest speaker is Cathy Thomas, award winning food columnist, and the author of *Melissa's Great Book of Produce*, *Melissa's Every Day Cooking with Organic Produce*, and her latest cookbook, *50 Best Plants on the Planet: The Most Nutrient-Dense Fruits and Vegetables*.

Cathy's new book features 150 delicious recipes for simple side dishes, breakfasts, dinners and healthful desserts. Cooks of all skill levels will enjoy health and nutritional information, tips for buying and storage, quick recipe riffs, and colorful shots of finished dishes. Book sales and signings will be available after the program.

Tickets are \$20 per person. If paying by check, please make payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, or drop it off at the Friends Gift Shop. Reservations must be received no later than Monday, September 16. For more information contact the Friends of the Library at (714) 375-8429.

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **Ascon Landfill - Draft Environmental Impact Report and Remediation Action Plan 45 Day Review Period to Start August 29, 2013**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is scheduled to release Draft Environmental Impact Report / Remedial Action Plan (EIR/RAP) documents for public review and comment on Thursday, August 29, 2013. After decades of discussion, meetings and litigation, the final remedy to clean up the 38 acre ASCON Landfill site will be reviewed pursuant to the parameters of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Historically, industrial and oil field wastes were disposed of at the landfill from 1938 to 1971. After 1971, construction debris was disposed of at the landfill until it was closed in 1984. The

site contains various types of liquid and solid waste in buried pits (lagoons), surface piles of concrete, rebar and other construction debris, and open and buried lagoons. The EIR/RAP documents will be available at: 1) Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648; 2) Banning Branch Library, 9281 Banning Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92646; 3) DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630; and 4) posted on the ASCON website at [www.ascon-hb.com](http://www.ascon-hb.com).

The comment period starts Thursday, August 29, 2013, and ends Monday, October 14, 2013. A public comment meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the Edison High School cafeteria. Written comments or inquiries should be addressed to Safouh Sayed, DTSC Project Manager at [Safouh.Sayed@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Safouh.Sayed@dtsc.ca.gov) or contact Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at [Stacy.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Stacy.Lear@dtsc.ca.gov) at (714) 485-5337. A fact sheet/notification is also being distributed to students at Edison High School, Eader Elementary, Magnolia Fire Station, Edison Park Recreation Center, Banning Library and Central Library. At the end of the 45 day review period, DTSC will prepare written responses to comments received during the review and prepare a final EIR for certification.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

On August 21, the Huntington Beach Swat Team along with the Crisis Negotiation Team conducted school active shooter training at Goldenwest College. With the help of Search and Rescue, who served as actors and the GWC Public Safety Department the teams trained in a realistic, on-campus setting. The training simulated an active shooter entering the campus, injuring students, and taking hostages. This type of training is part of the department's preparation and commitment to campus safety though out the entire city.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Labor Day Holiday Affects Street Sweeping and Trash Collection**

Due to the observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 2, trash collection and street sweeping will be on holiday schedule. Trash will not be collected on Monday, September 2. All residents should place trash for collection on the day after their regular route day. For example, residents on Monday's route should place their trash for collection on Tuesday, Tuesday's route on Wednesday, and so on for the entire week. Friday's route will be collected on Saturday. The regular collection schedule resumes on Monday, September 9.

There will be no street sweeping on Monday, September 2 (first Monday route). Streets that are not swept due to holidays are not rescheduled. Due to the holiday trash collection schedule, trash carts are at the curb one day later than usual, which conflicts with scheduled sweeping days in many neighborhoods. Residents should place trash carts at the curb per the holiday schedule. Neighborhoods that can be efficiently swept will be swept per regular schedule. Example: where trash is collected from a rear alley. Neighborhoods that are impacted by trash carts at the curb will not be swept. If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance division at 714-960-8861.