

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**August 27, 2012**

## ADMINISTRATION

**The City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2012 has been cancelled. The next meeting of the City Council will be September 17, 2012 starting at 6:00 pm.**

City office will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2012 in recognition of Labor Day.

The City's Annual Huntington Beach Green Expo is set to take place on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM – 3:00PM at the Huntington Beach Pier Plaza. Co-Sponsored by the City and Chamber of Commerce, this is a wonderful event to participate in as an exhibitor as well as a great event to visit and learn all about what you can do to make a difference.

This year we have many different educational components planned for the expo! We will have educational demonstrations every hour on the hour, a showing of The Human Footprint, Children's activities and many more interactive displays. This is a do not miss event! We will have many different businesses and non-profits participating in this event to show the community how their company is making a difference as well as educate them as to how they too can make a "Green" difference and take a step towards sustainability!

Make sure you stop by on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM – 3:00PM at Huntington Beach Pier Plaza to see how you can make a difference too! Please contact Bridget Helmrich, Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce at 714-500-6108 for more information on how to exhibit and take place in the expo.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### 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 and is currently accepting registration for its Fall 2012 league. Games will be played on artificial sports turf under the lights beginning the week of September 11, 2012. Team registration costs are \$400.00 per 8-week season plus referee fees (\$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 and Coed on Thursday and Friday. All teams must have uniforms with numbers. Registration packets are available at City Hall, on the City website or by mail. 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 August 31, 2012.

### **Huntington Beach Art Center**

The Art Center is presenting a discussion on Tuesday August 28 from 6-8 p.m. in conjunction with the exhibition ***Escape from the Landfill***. The evening features Susan Carpenter, a senior features writer for the LA Times who often writes about green living and technologies. She wrote *The Garbage Maven* and *Can I Recycle* columns in 2011. The conversation will include the three artists in the exhibition. Admission is free. Call the Art Center at 714-374-1650 for info or visit [www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org).

### **Huntington Beach Senior Services**

Home Delivered Meals 100%-The Orange County Office on Aging completed a site inspection of the Huntington Beach Senior Services Home Delivered Meals program and awarded the program 100% in management practice, staff & volunteers, food production and food transport. Monday thru Friday, Huntington Beach Senior Services volunteers deliver meals to homebound residents 60 years of age or older. The meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner, are freshly prepared by SeniorServ of Anaheim and they meet all daily nutritional requirements. If you or someone you know is in need of meals please call Seniors' Outreach at 714-960-2478 and ask to speak to a Home Delivered Meals Coordinator.

### **Tumbling Classes keep kids ACTIVE!**



Over 40 aspiring gymnasts took part in a 5-day "Cheernastics" Camp at the Edison Community Center, hosted by Tumble-n-Kids of Huntington Beach. The camp was featured in the August 20 edition of the OC Register, and can be viewed online at <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/day-369099-huntington-beach.html>.

Students ages 5-12 learned aspects of gymnastics and cheerleading in a recreational atmosphere for four hours each day. In addition to the many SOCIAL benefits recreational camps and classes, there are also many HEALTH benefits to developing an active lifestyle!

The City of Huntington Beach currently taking signups for its 10-week fall session at [www.HBsands.org](http://www.HBsands.org).

### **Youth Sports**

The City of Huntington Beach Youth Flag Football and Indoor Coed Volleyball leagues begin September 8! Youth sports give children an outlet to exercise and stay active while developing positive relationships with peers and coaches. Both leagues are designed to develop the person, not just the athlete. The leagues stress the importance of teamwork, and allow players to learn the fundamentals of each game while having fun. League play for flag football runs ten weeks and volleyball spans nine, and both include evaluations, practice game, six league games, and championship tournament. Volleyball games are held in the indoor gymnasium at the City Gym & Pool, and football will take place at Murdy and Edison Community Centers. All participants will receive an HB recreation jersey and league awards. Registration is available now at any community center or online at [HBsands.org](http://HBsands.org)!

### **Aquatics**

Swimming lessons at the City Gym & Pool begin the week of September 10! Classes are available for participants from six months to adult, and are designed to meet a variety of aquatic needs. The program strives to provide participants with the skills necessary to become knowledgeable about both proper swimming techniques and water safety. Certified

water safety instructors will give participants the skill and confidence needed to enjoy aquatic activities throughout their lives. Instructors make every effort to provide each child with a positive water experience in the safest setting possible. Classes are still available for the Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday sessions at City Gym! Registration for these lessons is available online at [HBSands.org](http://HBSands.org) or at any community center.

**Project Self Sufficiency** - On Saturday, August 18, community member Tyler Vasquez conducted a food drive to benefit the PSS Food Pantry. Tyler is working on his Eagle Scout and wanted to do a project that directly benefitted families in need. He worked closely with PSS staff, fellow scouts, and the LDS church members to organize, implement, and oversee a food drive of gargantuan proportions! Many thanks to Albertsons and Wal\*Mart for their participation in this project, and a special thanks to all of the community members who contributed to this outstanding cause! For more information about this community collaboration, please visit

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kg1RM2TYqtM&feature=player\\_embedded#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kg1RM2TYqtM&feature=player_embedded#)

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Surf City Shuttle and Bike Parking schedules**

Even though summer is about to come to an end, the Shuttle and Bike Parking programs are still here to serve you! The Shuttle schedule for the upcoming weekend and Monday, September 3 will be 10 AM to 10 PM, including service on Monday, September 3. After that date, weekend service will end, but the outstanding service on Tuesdays during Surf City Nights will continue, providing fun, free rides to downtown from 5:30-10 PM with free parking at the HB Civic Center. It's a great – and more green!! - way to get downtown to enjoy the fun of the award-winning street fair and certified Farmer's Market.

The bike parking program, provided free of charge through the courtesy of Pedego Electric Bikes continues this weekend and every weekend throughout the year on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 AM to 6 PM at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Olive Streets. The service enables bike riders to safely leave their bicycles in a secure location while enjoying the downtown. For more information on both of these programs, please visit

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle\\_parking/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking/).

## **FIRE**

### **2012 Huntington Beach Disaster Preparedness Expo**

Residents are invited to the annual Disaster Preparedness Expo, located at the entrance of the Huntington Beach Central Library, on September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is free of charge and sponsored by the Huntington Beach Fire Department Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office. There will also be representatives from the Huntington Beach Police Department, Fire Department Urban Search & Rescue (USAR), FireMed, National Weather Service, American Red Cross, CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams), RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service), Ready OC, and more.

The Expo will have fun and exciting demonstrations by experts in disaster preparedness including preparing a grab-n-go bag and a 72 hour survival kit and how to use a fire extinguisher. Learn about the hazards facing Huntington Beach and what you can do to prepare for a disaster.

In addition, disaster preparedness vendors will be on scene to provide literature about equipment and kits that can be purchased. For more information regarding the Disaster Preparedness Expo, please contact Brevyn Mettler, Emergency Services Coordinator at 714-374-1565.

### **INFORMATION SERVICES**

Did you know the City website has a very large selection of streaming videos? You can watch a variety of videos such as HBTv3 Live, archived videos of Surf City Highlights, Cityworks, City Attractions, City Events and videos about the City departments. You can find a link to this page from the City site homepage or under the Residents navigation tab.

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/videos>

### **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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

The Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library are hosting an author's luncheon on Friday, September 14 at the Central library, featuring M. J. Lord, author of *The Accidental Feminist: How Elizabeth Taylor Raised Our Consciousness and We Were too Distracted by Her Beauty to Notice*.

Lord is a celebrated cultural critic and investigative journalist. She also authored *Forever Barbie*, where she uses Barbie as a touchstone to chart the evolution of our modern culture. Lord's works appear in numerous major publications. She teaches at USC and lives in Los Angeles.

Each reservation costs \$20, and seats are limited. Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or deliver to the Friends Gift Shop. Payment for reservations must be received no later than Monday, September 10.

#### **It's Time to Get Your Geek On**

Huntington Beach Residents may soon add a new verb to their vocabulary -'geek.'

Huntington Beach Public Library is participating in Geek the Library, a community-based public awareness campaign. The campaign highlights what people are passionate about and how libraries can support them, in an effort to heighten awareness about the value of libraries and the critical funding issues they face. Geek the Library introduces 'geek' as a verb, and encourages the public to talk about what they 'geek'—whether it's engineering, superheroes or art.

The public awareness campaign illustrates the fact that everyone is passionate about something - everyone 'geeks' something - and that the library supports them all. The awareness campaign features advertising, social networking elements, a Web site and grassroots community initiatives to draw attention to the value of public libraries and the importance of community support. The campaign Web site, [www.geekthelibrary.org](http://www.geekthelibrary.org), provides information about how people can get active and support their local library.

As the national economy slowly recovers, millions of Americans are turning to local libraries for educational opportunities, job-searching resources and entertainment. The increased demand for library services is taking a toll on libraries already experiencing flat or decreasing budgets. And state and local cuts are impacting public library hours, programs and staffing. While most people have visited their public library and understand its important role in their community, many do not know that libraries are at risk or that local funding for libraries is heavily influenced by community members.

Library Director Stephanie Beverage: "Libraries are an incredible value and demand for services has never been greater. The Geek the Library campaign will encourage library users to support their library, and remind those not using the library of the new and exciting programs and services they can find at their local library."

### **School's in session and Homework Clubs are too!**

The Central and Oak View Library Homework Clubs begin Monday, September 17. This is a free service for the community and is staffed by dedicated volunteers. Central Library's Homework Club meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the downstairs Maddy Room. Registration for new and returning students and parents starts at 3:15 p.m. All new and returning students and parents will need to register with the Central Library Homework Coordinator before tutoring starts. Students are required to bring their homework and reading materials with them to Homework Club.

Oak View's Homework Club meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00 to 5:00 and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 4:30. Students and parents must register with the Oak View Homework Coordinator before tutoring will start.

Both Homework Clubs are offered during the school year only and do not take place during the winter and spring holidays.

For more information about these programs, or if you are interested in being a homework tutor, please call Barbara Richardson at (714) 374-5338 or send an email to [richardb@hbpl.org](mailto:richardb@hbpl.org). Tutors must be willing to volunteer at least once a week.

### **What's Been Going On at the Oak View branch library?**

Oak View Branch Library had a very busy summer!

- A total of 543 children, 38 teens and 74 adults participated on the different summer reading programs.

- Besides that, a Math Club Program, Reading Partners Program, Children's Summer Literacy Program and a Book Club were offered for children attending 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. All these programs were very well attended.
- On Fridays, children were invited to participate on the Board Game Day with a successful participation, too.
- On July 11, Oak View Branch Library offered a special children's program sponsored by the OC Animal Care. It was attended by 26 children and 5 adults.
- On July 17, our Branch Library sold out the 100 tickets for the program that FOTCL sponsored at Oak View: "Rafael & Katia's Magic Show". We had a total attendance of 90 patrons. It was the first time that we sold tickets for a program and the response from the community was incredible. Each ticket was sold for \$2.00.
- Laura Dale-Pash, Oak View Elementary School Principal, offered two children's storytimes sessions on Thursdays August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Both events were attended by 271 library patrons. The school advertised the event to parents of all Oak View Elementary students so it was *really* crowded. People seemed to enjoy having the principal reach out to the community through their branch.

Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers that made all these programs possible!

### **September is Library Card Sign-Up Month**

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month - a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that the most important school supply of all is the library card, and to remind everyone that a library card is the smartest card in their wallet.

Getting a library card at Huntington Beach Public Library is free and easy for all City residents and property and business owners. Applicants can pre-register on the Library's website [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) by clicking on the brown "My Account / Renew" tab, then selecting the "Sign up for a Library Card" button.

To complete the registration process, or to apply in person, simply visit any of the 5 Library facilities in the city: Central Library, Banning Branch, Main Street Branch, Oakview Branch, or Helen Murphy Branch. Bring a picture ID, such as a driver's license, student ID, and one (1) piece of official mail, such as a bank statement, utility bill, or other proof of current address.

Minors can obtain a card with permission from their parent or guardian, who must be present. Anyone who does not live in or have a business in Huntington Beach or Seal Beach may obtain a library card for an annual fee of \$25.

For more information on how to sign up for a Huntington Beach Library card, call (714) 842-4481.

## [PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT](#)

### **See a Problem? Contact Code Enforcement**

Residents and other interested parties are encouraged to report suspected violations or eyesores on private property to the Code Enforcement Division. You can [file a complaint online](#). Please include the following information:

- Location (address) of the alleged violation
- Brief description of the complaint
- Contact information (name, address, phone, or email)
- Whether or not a code enforcement officer may contact you

After receiving the complaint, a Code Enforcement Officer will investigate the problem (normally within 3 days). Your identity will not be disclosed to the offending party. You can also call Code Enforcement at (714) 375-5155 to report a suspected violation or speak to Code Enforcement personnel.

If you prefer, you can also fill out a [Code Enforcement Complaint Form](#) and mail it to the Code Enforcement Division or submit it to the 3rd Floor, Department of Planning and Building, City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, 92648.

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## [POLICE DEPARTMENT](#)

On August 21, 2012, a Federal Task Force comprised of agents from the United States Secret Service and officers from the Huntington Beach Police Department in conjunction with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department, and Irvine Police Department served multiple state and federal search / arrest warrants in the County of Los Angeles. Seven persons were arrested during the operations, and multiple suspects were detained. Items seized included evidence of the crimes, several hundred thousand dollars in cash, jewelry, and high end cars.

The warrants and arrests are the culmination of an investigation which has taken place over the last year. Major leads in the investigation came with the tremendous cooperation from investigators at Chase Bank, Bank of America, and US Bank. The bank investigators worked very closely with the Federal Task Force and provided the evidence leading to the arrests. A large majority of the victims are from California and the State of Washington. The crimes were perpetrated by the same individuals and occurred inside bank branches all over the United States. The scheme involves using counterfeit driver's licenses, Social Security cards, and credit cards as identification. The suspect removes cash from the victim's savings and checking accounts ranging from \$4000 to \$9000 in a single transaction. The investigation revealed a suspect could remove as much \$25,000 to \$35,000 from a victim per day. The scam involving the suspects has taken place over the last several years, and the loss is estimated to be in the multiple tens of millions. The investigation is ongoing.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

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

Due to the observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 3, trash collection and street sweeping will be on holiday schedule. Trash will not be collected on Monday, September 3. 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 10.

There will be no street sweeping on Monday, September 3 (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.

### **Orange County Sanitation District Ocean Outfall Repair Project**

The Orange County Sanitation District will begin a rehabilitation project as early as September 4, 2012, that will last through the end of October. This work will consist of inspection, condition assessment and rehabilitation of corroded elements of the land section of the 42 year old, 120 inch diameter, long ocean outfall system. The project location stretches from OCSD's Huntington Beach facility to a large concrete and steel "Beach Box" located on Huntington State Beach near the Santa Ana River outlet.

During a portion of this project, the long ocean outfall will be taken out of service. At that time, the short ocean outfall will be placed into service for approximately four weeks. During this period, in an effort to expedite the work, construction crews will be working 24-hours a day inside the long ocean outfall. Construction staff will be visible at night on the beach supporting the work efforts of the crews working inside the Beach Box and the long ocean outfall.

Other work on above-ground facilities at OCSD's Huntington Beach facility will occur weekdays between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. and on Saturday's between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Traffic on Pacific Coast Highway will not be impacted. The bicycle paths in this area will remain open. However, construction personnel utilizing flags may be used to direct cyclists and pedestrians when necessary.

OCSD has taken great care in assessing all impacts and identifying mitigation efforts to minimize impacts to nearby residents, ocean water quality and marine life. As part of this project, continuous ocean monitoring will be taking place during the use of the short outfall.

That data will be provided at: <http://www.sccoos.org/projects/ocsd-diversion/> and is open to the public.

For additional information see: [www.ocsewers.com/outfall](http://www.ocsewers.com/outfall) or contact Ms. Jennifer Cabral, OCSD Senior Public Information Specialist, at (714) 593-7581.