

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

August 6, 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Swim Level Testing

The Huntington Beach Community Services Department will be offering FREE swim level testing at the City Gym and Pool this Saturday, August 11, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Certified Red Cross Water Safety Instructors will evaluate the child and recommend the appropriate swim level based on their skill and comfort in the water. This gives parents the opportunity to have their child tested before the fall registration starts on August 14th at 9:00 a.m. so do not miss out. For more information or to make an appointment, please call the City Gym and Pool at (714)960-8884.

Huntington Beach Art Center

This week's Art Camp, titled "How We Roll", features ex-professional skateboarder Quy Nguyen who will teach campers to create unique designs using color, composition and observation as they design their own skateboard deck. This week's camp will also include a field trip to the International Surfing Museum for a tour and talk by their exhibits director. Call the Art Center at 714- 374-1650 for information or register for the class at www.hbsands.org.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

The Seniors' Outreach Care Management team coordinated with Hope Chapel's Nails in His Hands Ministry to complete a home improvement project for a senior couple who are long-time Huntington Beach residents. Due to limited funds and a major health disability, the couple was unable to complete home repairs needed to keep up to city codes. In addition to inspecting, planning, purchasing, and organizing, 34 ministry volunteers ages 6 to 60+ spent the majority of the day doing yard clean up, removal of two un-repairable patio covers, removal of dead ivy, improving landscape, teardown and construction of a dilapidated fence, fixing a broken gate, fixing a broken door, and more. The Huntington Beach Council on Aging provided additional funding towards materials and supplies. Photos of this and other projects by the Nails in His Hands Ministry are available at:

<http://nailsinhishands.shutterfly.com/> "July's project- July 25, 2012." For more information on Seniors Outreach, call 714-960-2478.



Central Park Sports Complex Batting Cages

The cages are located at the center of the Central Park Sports Complex and feature seven cages: four baseball, two slow-pitch softball, and one fast pitch softball. The Summer Hours are Monday through Friday from 2:00 – 9:00 p.m., Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hours are subject to change due to inclement weather. Tokens for the cages are \$1.00 each for 18 pitches or six tokens for \$5.00. Cages can be reserved in 30-minute increments at the cost of \$15.00. For more information, please contact the batting cage office at 714-375-3960.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Art Walk August 15

The next monthly Downtown Art Walk will take place on Wednesday, August 15 from 6:00-9:00 PM, featuring emerging artists and student artists with unique and unusual presentations including mannequins and military art at host locations throughout the downtown. Free to the public, this non-juried art show features artist displays in restaurants and stores throughout downtown Huntington Beach. You are invited to attend and meet the artists. Most works are available for sale. The Art Walk has become an exciting feature in Huntington Beach's colorful downtown, stretching from the Art Center and branch Library at the northern end of Main Street down to the businesses in the first block and over to the Strand on Fifth Street. From poets to painters, photographers to sculptors, the Art Walk offers guests an entertaining evening of exploring art and ambiance in Huntington Beach. The event takes place on the third Wednesday each month. For more information on attending or displaying art at the event, please visit <http://www.hb-downtown.com/ARTWALK.html>.

FIRE

Free Residential Used Oil & Oil Filter Disposal

Are you a do-it-yourself mechanic who needs to dispose of used motor oil from your car, boat, power tools, or recreational vehicle? The Huntington Beach Fire Department, in coordination with the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), has developed a residential used oil disposal program that gives Orange County residents three convenient and **cost-free** disposal methods:

- 1) Call 800-449-7587 to arrange for "curbside" service. Our vendor will arrange collection of your used oil at your doorstep on one of their semi-monthly collection dates.
- 2) Drop off used oil at one of the Certified Collection Centers. These centers are local auto parts stores & auto service shops that will accept used oil for free. Businesses participating in the program will have a blue and yellow "Used Oil Collection Center" sign in the window. To find the nearest location, call 800-CLEANUP or log on to CalRecycle's website at:
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/Reports/CenterSearch>
- 3) Take used oil to the Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center located at:

Rainbow Disposal
17121 Nichols Street, Gate 6
(off Warner Avenue between Gothard Avenue and Beach Boulevard)
Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Saturday (closed on holidays and rainy days)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do not mix used oil with any other materials

Used Oil Facts & Figures

Problems of Improper Used Oil Disposal

- The oil from a single oil change (1-gallon) can ruin the taste of a million gallons of drinking water (enough water to supply 50 people for one year).
- A film of oil on the surface of water blocks sunlight and prevents oxygen from dissolving in the water, which impairs photosynthetic processes in plants and kills fish and other aquatic life.
- Oil dumped on land reduces soil productivity and can cause expensive clean-up problems.
- Concentrations as low as 50 to 100 parts per million of used oil (about one drop per quart of wastewater) can foul sewage treatment processes.

Re-Refined Oil Facts

- 2.5 quarts of re-refined lubricating oil can be produced from one gallon of used oil.
- Re-refining is energy efficient – less energy is required to produce a gallon of re-refined oil than to produce one gallon of oil from fresh crude oil.
- Re-refined oil prices are competitive to equivalent virgin oil products.
- The United States Postal Service and National Park Service use re-refined oil in their vehicle fleets.
- The Department of Defense compared making lube oils from virgin base oil and used oil and determined used oil was more environmentally friendly and cost-effective to use.
- Most auto manufacturers allow use of re-refined oils as long as they meet/exceed the SAE viscosity, API, or specialty use standards of new oils.

Oil Filter Recycling

- Each year the US generates 425 million used automotive oil filters containing 160,000 tons of recyclable metals and 18 million gallons of oil.
- Recycling all the oil filters sold annually in the US would result in the recovery of about 160,000 tons of metal, or enough to make 16 new stadiums the size of Atlanta's Turner Stadium.
- Used oil filters can contain more than 45 percent used motor oil (by weight).

For more information about the disposal of used oil, please call 714-834-6752.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Introducing a Whole New Way to See HB!

We are excited to introduce the new HB Mobile website. We've taken everything you love about our website and put it in the palm of your hand. The new website is compatible with most smart phones and mobile devices, including Android, iPhone, iPad, and Windows Mobile.

You can now use your mobile device to look up and navigate through the City's website, check news and announcements, review calendar of events, tap to call phone numbers, get directions, register for online services, make online payments, download mobile apps, search library catalogs, find businesses, interact with City officials, and many more services through a user-friendly mobile platform designed for mobile devices giving you the best user experience possible.

You can access the Mobile website by entering the City's official website URL (www.huntingtonbeachca.gov) in your mobile browser or download "HBMobile" app from Apple Store or Android Google Play/Market Place.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

There's an APP for That!

The Huntington Beach Public Library has implemented a new smartphone App that lets customers check for books, place holds, renew items and keep up with their reading, all on a mobile device. The App is Bookmyne, available through the iPhone App and Android stores. With a simple download, readers are ready to find the Library and login. Bookmyne puts the Library in readers' hands when and where they need it.

Reading is Fun!

By reading two books, children can earn 3 free carnival rides at the OC Fair. Pick up an Orange County Read and Ride form at the Central Library Children's Desk. Children ages 5 – 11 must read two books and fill out the form. They write a brief summary of approximately 25 words per book. Children under 6 years may draw pictures. Parents then sign the form confirming that the books were read and bring the completed form to the OC Fair Information Booth located at the Centennial Farm. The child must be present to redeem the form for ride tickets. A maximum of two forms per child may be submitted during the 2012 OC Fair. Only one form per child may be submitted per day. The Orange County Fair ends August 12.

The end of the Summer Reading Program Celebration Concert, featuring musician, Jack Forest, will be held on Saturday, August 18 at the Central Park Bandstand. The show starts at 11:00 a.m. All children registered in the library's "Dream Big, Read" Summer Reading Program and their families are invited. No tickets are required. Seating is on the grass. People may bring blankets and towels to sit on, and maybe even pack a picnic lunch. Mr. Forest will be selling and autographing his CDs after the show.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Draft Environmental Impact Report No. 2009-001 for the Huntington Beach Circulation Element Update

The City of Huntington Beach has prepared Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) No. 2009-001 for the proposed Huntington Beach Circulation Element Update. The DEIR

analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with a proposal by the City of Huntington Beach to adopt and implement the General Plan Circulation Element Update. The purpose of the Circulation Element Update is to evaluate the long-term transportation needs of the city and present a comprehensive plan to accommodate those needs. The proposed Circulation Element covers various circulation issues such as regional mobility; roadway circulation; neighborhood traffic management; public transportation; transportation demand management; parking; pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian paths; waterway facilities; and scenic corridors. The entire Circulation Element is being updated including goals, policies, and objectives pertaining to the issues above and Level of Service standards. The citywide traffic model was also updated. The traffic model identifies year 2030 projected average daily traffic volumes on the City's Arterial Highway Plan including nineteen intersections that will require long-term improvements to accommodate projected traffic volumes. Several roadway segments are proposed for classification change and changes are proposed to the Master Plan of Arterial Highways.

The DEIR will be available for review and comment for forty-five (45) days commencing Thursday, August 2, 2012 and ending Monday, September 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Any person wishing to comment on the DEIR may provide written comments to Ricky Ramos, Senior Planner, City of Huntington Beach, Planning and Building Department, P.O. Box 190, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 by September 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The DEIR is available at:

- 1.) Planning and Building Department, 3rd floor, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648;
- 2.) City Clerk, 2nd floor, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648;
- 3.) Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648; and
- 4.) City website at:
<http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/Departments/Planning/Environmentalreports.cfm>

For further information please contact Ricky Ramos, Project Planner, at 714-536-5624.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

City to Host Seminar August 14 on Living with Coyotes

Urban Wildlife Specialist Lynsey White Dasher will present "Living with Coyotes" – a workshop on August 14, 2012. The workshop will be held at the Central Library Theater starting at 7:00 pm. Residents are encouraged to attend to listen to Ms. Dasher who is with the Humane Society of the United States and has led training workshops for animal control officers representing more than 100 communities in the United States. The Central Library Theater is located at 7111 Talbert Avenue in Huntington Beach.

Conflict between coyotes, people and pets are becoming increasingly common problems in urban and suburban areas across the country. Increased coyote sightings, attacks on pets, and even fear for human safety are concerning to local residents and pose challenges for animal control professionals.

Lynsey White Dasher's "Living with Coyotes" workshop will feature discussion on issues including:

Background on Coyote Ecology and Behavior:

- Why are Coyotes in Huntington Beach?
- Types and Causes of Human-Coyote Conflicts
- Keeping Coyotes out of yards and neighborhoods
- Tips for protecting pets
- Discouraging undesirable behaviors or activities
- Examples from the Field
- Question/Answer Session

Lynsey White Dasher's experience with coyotes includes completing research and data analysis for the Cook County Coyote Project in Chicago, Illinois, the largest study of urban coyotes in the country. She has also published an analysis of coyote attacks on people throughout the U.S. and Canada. She has her Master of Science degree in Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development and a Bachelor of Science in Zoology. For more information, contact HB Police Department Lt. Steve Bushhousen, 714-536-5661.

2012 National Night Out

HBPD and Target invite you to celebrate "2012 National Night Out Against Crime!"

WHEN: Tuesday, August 7, 4pm to 8pm

WHERE: Target
9882 Adams Ave., HB
714/536-5933

The first 100 to call Nilda Berndt at 714/536-5933 to pre-register will receive a FREE MEAL and GIFT.

Participants include: HBPD Officer McGruff, HB Fire Department, CERT/RACES, Clowning Around Entertainment, HBPD RSVP's, AAA- Automobile Club of Southern CA, Make a Wish Foundation, America with K9 Ambassador Doc-Barker, HB Water Conservation, Bright Futures 4 kids, Healthy Smiles for kids of O.C., Chase Bank, and more.

PUBLIC WORKS

Landscape Irrigation Tips

Warmer weather is most definitely here. For information on the City's water conservation program and lots of tips, suggestions and links visit the City's main website page at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov> and click on the water conservation button on the left. Also, check out the Huntington Beach Water Facebook page.

