

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

August 8, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2011 Huck Finn Fishing Derby – Free Event

The City of Huntington Beach is proud to offer local youth the opportunity to participate in the annual Huck Finn fishing derby held at the HB Pier! Prizes will be given for the largest fish caught and the best Huck Finn/Becky Thatcher costume. Bait will be provided and there will be a limited amount of “loaner Rods” made available by CA Fish and Game. Register online at www.hbsands.org or call (714) 960-8884 for information.

Huntington Beach Art Center

Join us for a free Late 8 special event on Thursday August 11 from 6-8 pm. as the Art Center presents an evening of poetry in the galleries. Allison Benis White is the author of Self-Portrait with Crayon, winner of the Cleveland State University Poetry Center First Book Prize. Her poems have appeared in The American Poetry Review, Iowa Review, and Ploughshares, and are the recipient of awards from the Indiana Review, Prairie Schooner, and Poets & Writers magazine. Collier Nogues's first book of poems, On the Other Side, Blue, was published this spring by Four Way Books. She has recently been a MacDowell Fellow and a UCross Foundation Resident. Call the Art Center for information at 714-374-1650

Is Central Park your FAVORITE Park?

The Coca Cola Company is sponsoring the 2nd Annual “Vote for Your Favorite Park” Competition. Last year, Bear Head Lake State Park was the winner of a \$100,000 grant from Coca-Cola. This year Coke will honor the top three parks with grants totaling \$175,000. Who will win this year? Only your votes can decide so go to: <http://www.livepositively.com/#/americasparks/vote> , go to “search for a park” and enter CENTRAL PARK in HUNTINGTON BEACH to vote for Central Park! You may vote as many times as you like between now and September 6! Your vote can make a difference in Central Park and in your community! VOTE NOW!!

Huntington Beach Senior Services

The Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC) presented Commendations for Outstanding Service to two Huntington Beach Senior Service volunteers, Tom Rasmussen and Kay Nichols. SCAC is an advisory board that reports on aging related issues to the Orange County Board of Supervisors and Tom and Kay were awarded in recognition of their distinguished service to the senior citizens of Orange County. Tom had driven for the Surf City Seniors on the Go program for eight years and Kay is both a driver and an escort for the transportation program. Congratulations and thanks to Tom and Kay for their dedicated service to the Huntington Beach Community!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surf City Savings Update

Surf City Savings Discount Program continues to grow and gain popularity. With over 150 businesses represented, there is something for everyone to save money and keep our spending dollars local. A landmark here in Huntington Beach, Old World German Restaurant and Festival Hall, shared this with us about how they feel about the program: "Surf City Savings is a valuable and free marketing program that allows us to offer discounts to our community, which helps promote our location, keeps local residents spending within our City, and brings money into Huntington Beach from all of Orange County. We see the value in Surf City Savings for bringing new people through our doors as well as the benefit to our city." Surf City Savings is a valuable resource for consumers and participating businesses. See for yourself at www.surfcityavings.com.

Shuttle and Bike Valet Continuing Through Labor Day

The Surf City Downtown Shuttle and Surf City Bike Valet continue to demonstrate great success in changing the way people travel to the downtown! There is only one month left to take advantage of these outstanding – and free – services. The last day of the valet program is Labor Day.

On Tuesdays, ride the Shuttle from 5:30pm-10pm from the Civic Center to Main and Orange, or visit the Bike Valet on 5th Street and Walnut Avenue from 5pm-9pm. On Saturdays and Sundays, the Bike Valet is open from noon to 5pm. The Shuttle operates from the Civic Center to Main at Orange and 5th Street at the Strand from 10pm-10pm. For more information, visit the City's website at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov.

Surf City Nights Presentation - August 9

Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) will present a check to Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) Tuesday evening, August 9 at 7:00pm at Olive St and Main St. Funds were raised for CHOC through proceeds from the Chili At the Beach event which included a Chili Cook Off, Harley Davidson Trike Show and Marketplace with over 60 vendors. Susan Dill from the Little Mermaid Guild will accept the check for CHOC and CHOCO the bear will also make an appearance at the ceremony. For more information, contact the BID office at 714.536.8300.

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 to pick up the used oil 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 of 50 to 100 parts per million of used oil 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

Many types of city maps are available to download in PDF format from the City Map Gallery page at: <http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/about/maps/>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Bookflix: Children's books online & interactive

Folks who have seen children reading picture books on an iPad or Nook have seen the appeal of digital learning for young readers. More and more digital and online content is being created for young users and a great example of the fun and stimulating tools available is now on the Huntington Beach Library's website. Bookflix is a new online literary resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction Ebooks to build a love of reading and learning. Children pre-K through third grade choose a category, such as "Animals and Nature" or "People and Places," then select a story book and an accompanying nonfiction book. The children can listen to the story and watch the video, choose to see the words as they are read, even click on words to hear them again and learn what they mean. This exciting new resource is being made available through support from the California State Library. To have a look, visit www.hbpl.org, click the "Research Databases" tab, then the "login from home" option. Once on the database page, select "Bookflix." This interactive program is another fun way libraries hope to teach and inspire young readers.

College Test Preparation Workshops

The Friends of the Children's Library are offering a practice run of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) in the Children's Department of the Central Library on August 20, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This practice test and a follow-up workshop help high school students prepare for taking the actual test, so they can anticipate questions and increase their scores. A Kaplan company employee will administer the "mock" exam. Cost per student is \$10, which includes the practice test on August 20, and the follow-up workshop, held on Thursday, August 25, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please contact the Children's Information Desk at (714) 375-5107 for ticket purchase and additional information.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Design Review Board Meeting: August 11, 2011

On August 11, 2011, the Design Review Board will hold a meeting to review the following projects:

- **Sea Cliff Verizon Wireless Facility:** Design Review No. 11-004 is a request to review the design, colors, and materials associated with the installation of a wireless communication facility consisting of 55 ft. high monopole disguised as a pine tree and associated support equipment located adjacent to the base of the tower within an approximately 860 sq. ft., 7 ft. 6 in. high block wall enclosure. The project is located at 6541 Palm Avenue (north of Palm Avenue, west of Goldenwest Street—Sea Cliff Country Club).
Project Planner: Andrew Gonzales, Associate Planner, agonzales@surfcity-hb.org, (714) 536-5271.
- **Talbert Park Verizon Wireless Facility Canopy:** Design Review No. 11-010 is a request to review the design, colors, and materials of a canopy for an existing equipment cabinet of a wireless communication facility located under a SCE transmission tower at Talbert Park. The project is located at 19242 Magnolia Street (east side of Magnolia Street, south of Garfield Avenue).
Project Planner: Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, tnguyen@surfcity-hb.org, (714) 374-1744
- **Auto Dealers' Association Readerboard Sign:** Design Review No. 11-009/Sign Code Exception No. 11-001 is a request for the following: 1) **DRB:** To review the design, colors, and materials of a proposed multiple-user electronic readerboard sign (85 ft. high and 2,740 sq. ft. of total sign face area – 1,370 sq. ft. area on each sign face side) designed in a wedge based shape. This sign is a reconstruction of an existing 85 ft. high, 1,200 sq. ft., two-sided, multiple-user, electronic readerboard sign. 2) **SCE:** To permit a wedge-shaped, freestanding sign with a total sign area of 2,740 sq. ft. (each sign face measures 1,370 sq. ft.) in lieu of the maximum allowed 1,200 sq. ft. The project is located at 7991 Center Avenue (north side of Center Avenue, approximately 650 feet west of Beach Boulevard).
Project Planner: Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner, jarabe@surfcity-hb.org, (714) 536-5271
- **El Pollo Loco Facade Remodel:** Design Review No. 11-011 is a request to review the design, colors, and materials of a facade remodel of an existing El Pollo Loco restaurant. The project is located at 16920 Goldenwest Street (east side of Goldenwest Street, north of Warner Avenue).
Project Planner: Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, tnguyen@surfcity-hb.org, (714) 374-1744

The Design Review Board meeting takes place on Thursday, August 11 at 3:30 p.m. in room B-8 in the Lower Level of the Huntington Beach Civic Center. A copy of the agenda is available on the Planning and Building Department website at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/Planning/PJB/dr1/index.cfm>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officers End Dangerous Police Pursuit and Arrest Suspect

On August 7 at approximately 11:30 PM, a Huntington Beach police officer initiated a traffic stop on a gray 2000 Honda Accord for speeding on Brookhurst Street. The vehicle turned into the residential tract of homes and slowed to about 15 miles per hour. The vehicle then sped up and attempted to flee from the police officers. At the cul-de-sac of Kamuela Drive,

the vehicle turned around onto the wrong side of the road and rammed into the front of the police car. The vehicle sped from the collision and drove back onto Brookhurst Street.

The vehicle turned into another residential tract and again rammed into a police car speeding away from the collision. After going through another tract of homes, the vehicle got back onto Brookhurst Street, sped through several red lights then got onto the southbound 405 freeway.

Accelerating to over 100 MPH, the driver continued to flee from the police. When the vehicle slowed for the Bristol Street exit, an officer used the PIT maneuver and spun the vehicle around. Rather than giving up, the suspect rammed into the additional police officers' vehicles and fled. The pursuit continued to the northbound 55 freeway and exited at MacArthur Boulevard where police officers successfully used the PIT maneuver and ended this dangerous, high-speed pursuit.

Officers arrested the driver, Patrick Ray Bleak, 27, of Orange for multiple criminal charges that included several counts of assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer (ramming the police cars), evading a police officer, possession of narcotics, transporting narcotics, sales of narcotics, under the influence of narcotics, bringing narcotics into the jail, DUI drugs, driving without a valid license and multiple outstanding warrants. He was booked at the Huntington Beach Police Department city jail.

Vehicle pursuits are very dangerous. The Huntington Beach Police Department trains all its police officers to use the PIT maneuver to stop vehicle pursuits when safe to do so. While four police vehicles received minor traffic collision damage in this pursuit, the end result was no one was injured and the suspect was stopped before he injured or killed someone with his reckless driving.

PUBLIC WORKS

Rain Water Barrel Program

The Utilities Division is proud to present the Rain Water Barrel Program, offering Huntington Beach property owners (residential, institutional or businesses) up to four 55-gallon rain water barrels at the discounted price of \$75 per barrel!

Rain barrels are one of the components of Low Impact Development and offer multiple benefits such as diversion of water from the municipal storm drain system and protecting the ocean from storm runoff pollution. Rain barrels also help to conserve water by reducing the demands on our potable water supply. The "soft" rain water collected is ideal for plants and vegetable gardens. Many may question the use of rain barrels in our semi-arid climate, but for every inch of rain falling on a one thousand square foot roof, 600 gallons of water can be collected.

For more information on barrel specifications and how to reserve up to four rain barrels, please visit www.surfcity-hb.org/hbwater or call 714-374-1796. Rain barrels will be available for pickup on Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Huntington Beach Utilities Yard, 19001 Huntington Street.