

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

December 16, 2013

## CITY MANAGER

### Holiday Closure Schedule

City Hall will be closed on December 24 at noon and all day on December 25. City Hall will also be closed on December 31 at noon and all day on January 1, 2014. Emergency services will be operational.

The Mayor, City Council and Staff wish everyone a safe holiday season.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Beach Art Center

Calling all artists! The Huntington Beach Art Center is inviting all artists to join us for the annual Centered on the Center exhibition. This is an open call, un-juried show that allows artists to submit up to two pieces for exhibition. Art Center members can drop off their work on Saturday, January 11, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All other artists can drop off that day from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, January 12, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For additional information call the Art Center at 714-374-1650 or visit our website at [www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org).



### Second Annual Breakfast with Santa Holiday Event

Santa came to visit over two hundred boys and girls of all ages at the Murdy Community Center last Saturday, December 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Families joined together to eat delicious pancakes generously made by the Huntington Beach Lions Club. Children enjoyed making different crafts and cards, decorated cookies, played games, and, of course, saw Santa.

## FIRE

### Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Fill the Boot Campaign Results

On Saturday, December 14, the Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association participated in the annual MDA Fill the Boot Campaign. The firefighters staffed the corners at the intersection of Beach and Edinger from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. collecting donations from generous passers-by. Approximately \$4,200 was raised for this worthwhile cause.

### Celebrating with 3/1 Marines Families

A group of firefighters traveled to Camp Pendleton on Saturday, December 14 to help serve lunch at the Christmas Party for the City's adopted 3/1 Marines. The 3/1 Marine's are currently deployed and helping their families celebrate the holiday season was a great way to share our appreciation for their service and dedication.

**Candle Safety**

Candles may be pretty to look at, but they are a cause of home fires – and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn. Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

**“Candle with Care”**

- Blow out all the candles when leaving the room or going to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.

If you do Burn Candles, make sure that you...

- Use candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down – put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.

**Candles and Kids**

- Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.
- Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.

**FACTS:**

- December is the peak time of year for home candle fires.
- Roughly one-third of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

For more information, visit [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education).

**INFORMATION SERVICES**

Did you know that the City of Huntington Beach offers a youth sports program for children three years old to eighth grade. View information about this program at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation\\_culture/youth\\_sports.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/youth_sports.cfm)

**LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT****Holiday Hours @ the Library**

The Huntington Beach Public Library system will be open with regular operating hours during the holiday season with these exceptions:

- Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve): Central Library will be open 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. only. Helen Murphy Branch, Oakview Branch, and Main St Branch will be open 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. only. Banning Branch will be closed.
- Tuesday, December 31 (New Year's Eve): Central Library will be open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. only. Helen Murphy Branch, Oakview Branch, and Main St Branch will be open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. only. Banning Branch will be closed.
- All Library locations will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

**Holiday Drawing at the Children's Library**

The Friends of the Children's Library are holding a holiday fundraiser raffle for a chance to win a giant toy pony, a selection of horse books, and to have **Santa** deliver them to your house. Single tickets are \$3, two tickets are \$5, and five tickets are \$10. Drawing will be held December 20 at 3:00 p.m. Winner does not need to be present to win. Purchase tickets at the Children's Desk. The Pony is on display in the Children's Department. For more details, visit [www.fotcl.org](http://www.fotcl.org).

**Storytime Takes a Holiday**

Central and Branch Library storytimes are going on vacation the week of and after Christmas, December 24 through January 4. There will be no toddler, preschool or arts and crafts storytimes at the Central Library, no toddler or preschool storytimes at Main, Murphy and Banning Branch and no after school storytimes on Wednesday at the Oak View Branch Library or at Oak View on December 27. Central Library and the Branch regular storytime schedules will resume starting January 7. Seasons Readings to all and to all a good book!

**Literacy Volunteers Celebrate the Holiday**

Adult Literacy Services at the Central Library held their annual International Holiday Potluck Luncheon on Tuesday, December 10 with approximately 80 volunteers, learners and family members bringing in a favorite dish to share. Individuals from around the world learned about traditional American holiday activities as they made popcorn and cranberry chains, decorated ornaments and had their picture taken with Santa. At the end of the old fashioned holiday party, they decorated a beautiful Christmas tree together.

For more information about literacy services, contact the office at 714/375-5102 or [literacy@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:literacy@surfcity-hb.org). *Literacy Services wishes everyone a very happy holiday season!*

**OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

**Enjoy a Holiday Night at the Movies at The Strand!**

Where else but Surf City can you enjoy the fun of an outdoor movie night in December? On Saturday, December 21, enjoy a fun, free, family-friendly evening at The Strand with a showing of a classic holiday movie and free hot cocoa and cookies. Come bundled up and bring your holiday spirit! The event will take place in the patio breezeway, and will be moved indoors to the Shorebreak Hotel in the event of inclement weather. The UHC Photo Booth and Interactive Van will be onsite for the last time from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. For more information about The Strand, visit: [www.thestrandon5th.com](http://www.thestrandon5th.com).

**Make it a Shop Local Holiday**

In a mad rush to finish holiday errands? There is no easier way to reduce the amount of time on the road than to shop locally this season and all throughout the year! Shopping locally saves time, reduces fuel consumption, and helps to make a difference in our community by supporting the creation of new and temporary jobs and generating tax revenues that are used to make Huntington Beach the beautiful and safe community it is today. Try using your social media profiles to request recommendations for local businesses that offer what you need. If you have become a new customer of a local business, be sure to spread the word by writing a great review so others in the community will support them as well. Nearly everything one might need can be found here in town and our local businesses are ready to serve you today, tomorrow, and into 2014!

**PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT****Zoning Administrator**

On Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for review by the Zoning Administrator:

1. **DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 13-007 (MAGNOLIA STREET BRIDGE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE - CONTINUED FROM THE DECEMBER 4, 2013 MEETING)**: To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with maintenance activities to restore the integrity of the existing Magnolia Street bridge. The project is located over the Huntington Beach Channel along Magnolia Street, east of Pacific Coast Highway and south of Banning Avenue. Please contact Hayden Beckman, Planning Aide, for more information.
2. **SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 13-002/ VARIANCE NO. 13-006/ TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 13-112 (MARRIOTT SPRINGHILL SUITES HOTEL)**: To permit the development of a four-story 126-room hotel on a 1.89-acre site within the Town Center Boulevard Segment of the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan. The project includes variance requests to development standards and consolidation of existing parcels. The project is located at 7872 Edinger Avenue, 92647 (southeast corner of Edinger Avenue and Parkside Lane). Please contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, for more information.
3. **TEMPORARY USE PERMIT NO. 13-004/ SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 13-004 (JACK'S SURFBOARDS OUTDOOR SALES)**: To permit private property outdoor display and

sales for up to fifty days per year for a period of five years from 2014 through 2018. The project includes a special permit for lighted canopies at 101 Main Street, #101, 92648 (west side of Main Street, north of Pacific Coast Highway). Please contact Jill Arabe, Associate Planner, for more information.

4. **TEMPORARY USE PERMIT NO. 13-006 / SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 13-005 (JACK'S GIRLS OUTDOOR SALES)**: To permit private property outdoor display and sales for up to 50 days per year for a period of five years from 2014 through 2018. The project includes a special permit for lighted canopies at 101 Main Street, #111-113, 92648 (west side of Main Street, north of Pacific Coast Highway). Please contact Jill Arabe, Associate Planner, for more information.
5. **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-006/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 13-012 (WOODS RESIDENCE)**: To permit the demolition of an existing two-story residence and to construct a new three-story residence at a maximum height of 35 feet at 4151 Morning Star Drive, 92649 (North side of Morning Star Drive, between Edgewater Lane and Saybrook Lane). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.
6. **VARIANCE NO. 13-013 (GOODMAN RESIDENCE)**: To permit the construction of an approximately 3,089 sq. ft. three-story single-family residence with one (1) ft. side yard setback in lieu of minimum three (3) ft. required at 621 Frankfort Avenue, 92648 (north side of Frankfort Ave., between White Sand St. and Hill St.). Please contact Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website. Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Police Chief Robert Handy Sworn In at December 16 City Council Meeting**

Police Chief Robert Handy was sworn in by Mayor Harper at the Council Meeting on Monday, December 16, 2013. Chief Handy comes to Huntington Beach from The City of San Bernardino where he served as the Chief of Police for more than two years. Chief Handy guided the San Bernardino Police Department through turbulent times as the City filed for Federal bankruptcy protection.

Prior to San Bernardino, Chief Handy was with the Phoenix, Arizona, police department for 21 years. He started as a Police Officer in 1990 and rose through the ranks to Commander. During his tenure in Phoenix, Chief Handy served in a variety of assignments working in Patrol, Gangs, Training, Tactical Support, and Administration.

Chief Handy holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Arizona, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He was also an adjunct professor at Arizona State University for 13 years teaching and developing Criminal Justice classes. Chief Handy was

heavily involved in community boards and organizations in Phoenix and San Bernardino. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters ages 19 and 22.

### **DUI Checkpoint Nets Two DUI Arrests and Six Citations for Unlicensed Drivers**

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety and Drivers License checkpoint on Saturday, December 14, 2013, from 7:15 p.m. to 2:20 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public. Over the past year, there have been 25 alcohol-related collisions on Pacific Coast Highway. These resulted in 25 injuries to the vehicles occupants. There have also been 104 citations issued to drivers on Pacific Coast Highway for being unlicensed or driving on a suspended/revoked license.

Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoints help lower DUI related deaths and injuries. A major component of checkpoints is the deterrent effect they have on those who might drive drunk and/or drug impaired, unlicensed, or with a suspended/revoked license. Checkpoints help to bring more awareness to motorists and encourage everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies.

Here are some of our statistics from Saturday's checkpoint:

- 2,330 vehicles through the checkpoint;
- 1,164 vehicles screened and given a pamphlet with information about DUI;
- Four Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered;
- Two DUI- Alcohol impaired suspects arrested;
- Six Drivers cited for operating a vehicle while unlicensed;
- No Vehicles impounded;
- Four citations issued for other Vehicle Code violations

Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on December 27, in our ongoing commitment to reducing deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways. Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Huntington Beach Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. If you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.

### **Injury Accident on December 14 and December 16**

On December 14, 2013, at about 8:45 p.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department responded to the area of Newland Street and Talbert Avenue regarding an injury traffic collision involving two vehicles. Arriving officers located a silver 1999 Toyota 4Runner and a silver 2005 Nissan Altima near the intersection. Both vehicles had sustained significant damage. Each vehicle had only once occupant.

Huntington Beach Fire Department personnel responded to check for injuries to the two drivers. The driver of the Nissan Altima, a 77 year old male from Huntington Beach, had sustained major injuries and passed away at the scene. The driver of the Toyota 4Runner, a



51 year old female from Fountain Valley, was transported and admitted to UCI Medical Center with moderate injuries.

Based on the preliminary investigation, it appears the Nissan Altima was traveling westbound on Talbert and collided with the Toyota 4Runner which was traveling northbound on Newland. Officers are still investigating the cause of the collision.

HBPD Accident Reconstruction Officers responded to the collision scene and conducted the initial investigation. This is an ongoing investigation and the Huntington Beach Police Department is seeking witnesses regarding this incident. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is encouraged to contact Officer Huynh at: 714-536-5670.

On December 16, 2013, at about 5:20 a.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department responded to the area of Ellis Avenue and Beach Blvd. regarding an injury traffic collision involving a single vehicle into a tree. Arriving officers located a blue 2007 Honda Civic near the intersection. It appeared the vehicle had split into at least two pieces as a result of the collision. The two occupants, one male and one female, were both pronounced deceased at the scene.

Based on the preliminary investigation, it appears the Honda Civic was traveling westbound on Ellis approaching the intersection of Beach Blvd. At some point the vehicle lost control and collided with a tree. Officers are still investigating the cause of the collision but speed appears to be a factor.

HBPD Accident Reconstruction Officers responded to the collision scene and conducted the initial investigation. This is an ongoing investigation and the Huntington Beach Police Department is seeking witnesses regarding this incident. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is encouraged to contact Officer Barr at: 714-536-5666.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Christmas and New Year Holidays Affect Trash Collection and Street Sweeping**

***Trash Collection***

Trash will be collected per regular schedule on Monday December 23, Tuesday December 24, Monday December 30, and Tuesday December 31. There will be no trash collection on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, so trash collection on Wednesday through Friday each holiday week will be delayed one day. Residents on Wednesday's route should place their trash for collection on Thursday, and so on for the entire week. Friday's route will be collected on Saturday.

2013 Christmas and New Year Trash Collection Schedule					
Regular Collection Day	Mon 12/23	Tues 12/24	Wed 12/25	Thu	Fri

	Mon 12/30	Tues 12/31	Wed Jan 1		
Holiday Collection	Unaffected	Unaffected	Thu	Fri	Sat

**Street Sweeping**

During the holiday period, streets will be swept according to the schedule below. There will be no street sweeping tickets issued on Monday and Tuesday, December 23 and 24. Street sweeping and ticketing are cancelled from Wednesday, December 25 through Friday, January 3 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays. Regular street sweeping schedules and ticketing will resume on Monday, January 6.

If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance division at 714-960-8861.

2013 Christmas and New Year Street Sweeping Schedule				
Mon 12/23	Tues 12/24	Wed 12/25	Thu 12/26	Fri 12/27
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday Regular Sweep No Tickets	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday Regular Sweep No Tickets	Holiday No Sweep No Tickets	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday No Sweep No Tickets	4 <sup>th</sup> Friday No Sweep No Tickets
Mon 12/30	Tues 12/31	Wed 1/1	Thu 1/2	Fri 1/3
5 <sup>th</sup> Monday No Sweep No Tickets	5 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday No Sweep No Tickets	Holiday No Sweep No Tickets	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday No Sweep No Tickets	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday No Sweep No Tickets

**Hydrant Flushing**

Beginning the week of January 6, the Public Works Utilities Division will begin its fire hydrant flushing program. Hydrant flushing is a necessary maintenance activity that helps flush the City's water system, removing sand and sediment that has accumulated on the bottom of water pipelines over time. This is typically done every two to three years. This year, the south side of the City (everything south of Ellis Avenue) is scheduled. It is estimated the process will take about 10 weeks to complete.

During this time it is possible water customers may experience some discolored water from their tap. They could also experience some minor loss in water pressure as crews begin to flush hydrants in your area. This is a temporary situation. We recommend in these instances of discolored water, customers refrain from doing any laundry and flush their plumbing system by running a few taps until the water runs clear.

Before work is done, door hangers will be distributed with the date, time and location of the flushing program. Please be aware that the information presented on the hanger may be subject to change. It is our goal to be as accurate as we can when the hanger is distributed. If you should have any questions or concerns, simply call the Public Works Utilities Division at 714-536-5921.



