

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

December 17, 2012

CITY MANAGER

Holiday Closure Schedule

City Hall and the Art Center will be closed beginning Monday, Dec. 24 through Tuesday, Jan. 1, opening with regular hours on Wednesday, January 2. However, the Central Library will be open Dec. 26, 27, and 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All branch libraries will be closed.

The Rodger's Senior Center will be closed December 24 through December 31, but will be open for the New Year's Eve celebration.

The Police Department front desk will be open regular hours. Records and Traffic Bureaus will be closed for public business.

There will be no interruption of Fire or Police safety services.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is my Park

In December, Santa's elves, the DreamCatchers, delivered 50 generous holiday gift bags to Seniors' Outreach for Huntington Beach Senior Services Care Management participants. The DreamCatchers color coded the gift bags. There are red Christmas bags, blue bags, "happy holidays" and green bags that have lower sugar content for participants may need to manage their sugar intake. The bags are stuffed full of easy to prepare meals, snacks, beverages, microwavable popcorn, sundries, cough drops, holiday cards with stamps, note pads with pens, and playing cards. What a generous outpouring of holiday spirit! The DreamCatchers are an auxiliary group of the Assistant League. Each year the group pledges funds to its *Support our Seniors* program and throughout the year they supply Seniors Outreach with gift certificates to local grocery and discount stores. Care Managers give the certificates to qualifying, low-income, older residents to enable them to purchase food, medication, and personal items. For information on Care Management call, 714-960-2478.



Softball Registration

Registration for the Winter 2013 Adult Softball leagues is now underway. The registration deadline is January 10, 2013. Senior Men's leagues are offered on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights; Senior Coed leagues are offered on Tuesday nights; Senior Women's leagues are offered on Thursday nights; Men's leagues are offered on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; and Coed leagues are offered on Sunday afternoons and evenings, Wednesday nights, and Friday nights. The leagues will start play January 20, 2013, and will conclude in late April or early May. Registration packets are available on the City Adult Softball page or can be mailed. For more details or information, please contact the Community Services office at 714-536-5230.

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 January 14, 2013. Team registration costs are \$400.00 per 8-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 and Coed on Thursday and Friday. All teams must have uniforms with numbers. Registration packets are available at City Hall starting, 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 January 4, 2013.

Breakfast with Santa

Do you have childhood memories of participating in programs at a local recreation center? It is through our recreational experiences that we connect on a deeper level to the natural world around us, to our families, to each other and to our communities. Recreation programs not only make a community more livable and desirable, they are also deeply connected to many of our memories and family traditions. The first annual "Breakfast with Santa" was held on Saturday, December 15, 2013, at the Murdy Community Center. Over one hundred participants put on their holiday gear and shared holiday festivities including a pancake breakfast, holiday music, arts and crafts and a picture with Santa himself! Parks Make Life Better in Huntington Beach!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**Surf City Nights and Surf City Downtown Shuttle Taking a Break December 25 And January 1**

Surf City Nights and the Surf City Downtown Shuttle will be cancelled on December 25 and January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, but the best weekly street fair in Orange County will return for business as usual on January 8. For more information about Surf City Nights, please visit www.hbdowntown.com.

SHOP LOCAL WITH SURF CITY SAVINGS!

The Surf City Savings program is a partnership of the City of Huntington Beach and TheLocalHB.com, and features special, money-saving coupons offers from over 150 Huntington Beach businesses of all kinds, like restaurants, services, entertainment, and retail stores. It is all but impossible to find a collection of offers more unique and more focused on promoting shopping locally in Huntington Beach. To see the offers currently available, visit www.surfcityavings.com.

FIRE

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.

“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.

FACTS:

- On average, a candle fire in the home is reported to a U.S. fire department every 30 minutes.
- Roughly 40 percent of home candle fires start 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.

INFORMATION SERVICES**City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips**

Did you know that you can view previous published City News announcements? To view the archive of City News announcements click on “Residents” tab then, “News & Publications” and then, click on “City News Archive.”
<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/announcements/announcements.cfm>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**Library Holiday Hours**

The Huntington Beach Library will have reduced hours during the holidays. Central Library will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and December 25 and open on Wednesday, December 26 through Friday, December 28 from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. It will be closed again from December 29 through January 1. Central Library will resume normal library hours on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. All library branches – Main

Street, Banning, Helen Murphy and Oak View - will be closed beginning Monday, December 24 and resume normal hours on Wednesday January 2, 2013. Some online services may also be unavailable during the holiday hours.

Aquarium Fundraiser – Fish Quilt

Just in time for the holidays. Enhance the home or office with a beautiful and unique quilt, donated to the Huntington Beach Public Library. The results will help sponsor fish in the Central Library aquarium for the enjoyment of children and adults. The aquarium and its residents are sponsored by donations only.

The quilt is pieced together in various shades of blue and green. It is a good representation of an aquarium located in Huntington Beach, also known as "Surf City." Bidding starts at \$100, with a buy it now price of \$500. Bids are being accepted until January 4, 2013, 5:00 pm. Come view the latest Library treasure and take home a piece of Americana.

Fundraiser for Literacy

Huntington Beach Public Library - Literacy Volunteers will host "Wine & Words," a wine tasting event in support of the city's Literacy Program, on February 23, 2013. Literacy Volunteers has partnered with **ONEHOPE** Wine and will taste a variety of five different wines; light appetizers will also be provided. Registration is now open and would make a great gift for yourself and a loved one (<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e6pvtd3be21327a8&llr=jg76p6iab>). Take advantage of the early bird price of \$30 until February 1, after which registration is \$35 per person.

Literacy Volunteers is a program of success stories - as adult literacy students develop their English skills they are able to improve their lives and contribute to the community. HBPL Literacy students have passed driving exams, gotten their GEDs, filled out job applications, helped their children with schoolwork, interacted with teachers, been promoted at work, become accredited in their field, and become United States citizens. Please join us on February 23 as we toast our program and raise much needed funds. The efforts of all of us combined are helping create better citizens and a better community.

Basic Genealogy Class

An informal Basic Genealogy class is conducted at each monthly meeting of the Orange County, California, Genealogical Society. The next Basic Genealogy class will be on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at 12:30pm in Room D of the Central Library. For more information, call the Society at 714-536-5549 or visit www.occgs.com.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator

On December 19, 2012, at 1:30PM in Room B-8, the Zoning Administrator will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 12-013 (RIETSCH SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE- CONTINUED FROM THE DECEMBER 5, 2012, MEETING): Applicant:

Jim Caldwell, Developer **Property Owner:** Kurt Rietsch **Request:** To permit the demolition of the existing single-family residence and construction of a new approximately 5,718 sq. ft., two-story single-family residence. **Location:** 17066 Marinabay Drive, 92649 (south of Coral Cay Lane at the terminus of Marinabay Drive) **Project Planner:** Ethan Edwards

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 12-015 (KOELLER NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE): **Applicant:** Tracy Marx, Recreational Land Investments **Property Owner:** Keith Koeller **Request:** To permit: **A)** the demolition of an existing 2,290 sq. ft. single family dwelling with an attached garage; and **B)** the construction of a new 4,053 sq. ft. two-story single family dwelling with an attached 362 sq. ft. garage on a property located within the Coastal Zone. **Location:** 17011 Bolero Lane, 92649 (south of Davenport Drive, west of Bolero Lane, Huntington Harbour) **Project Planner:** Hayden Beckman.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

Planning Commission

The January 8, 2012, Planning Commission meeting is cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 23, 2013.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

What is The Start Smart Program?

The California Highway Patrol's Start Smart program is a **FREE** driver safety education class which targets new and future licensed teenage drivers between the **ages of 15 - 20** and their parents/guardians. CHP officers will discuss traffic collision avoidance techniques, collision causing factors, driver/parent responsibilities, and seatbelt usage.

The goal is to help young drivers and their parents/guardians understand the **responsibilities associated with driving** a motor vehicle, show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved, and to **reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths** due to collisions.

Did You Know? Teen drivers are found at fault in **66%** of **ALL FATAL** collisions that they are involved in, although they only represent **4%** of the state's licensed drivers. The leading cause of **DEATH** for Americans 15 - 20 years old is motor vehicle collisions. Additionally, 65 % of teen passenger deaths occur when another teenager is driving.

Please call and RSVP to reserve your seat.

WHO: Students and Parents

WHAT: Start Smart Class

WHEN: Monthly (next class: Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 PM).

WHERE: California Highway Patrol, 13200 Goldenwest Street, Westminster, CA 92683

For More Information or to RSVP Contact Officer Ray Payton @ (714) 892-4426 or rpayton@chp.ca.gov

If you can't make this meeting, please contact the CHP office for next month's schedule.

PUBLIC WORKS

Christmas and New Year's Day Affect Trash Collection and Street Sweeping

Trash Collection

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

2012 Christmas and New Year Holiday Schedule					
Regular Collection Day	Mon 12/24 Mon 12/31	Tues 12/25 Tues 1/1	Wed	Thu	Fri
Holiday Collection	Unaffected	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping is cancelled from Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays and the City Hall holiday closure. From January 2 through January 4 street sweeping will be on holiday routing due to trash carts at the curb one day later than usual. Neighborhoods that are impacted by trash carts at the curb will not be swept. Neighborhoods that can be efficiently swept will be swept per regular schedule. Example: where trash is collected from a rear alley. No street sweeping tickets are issued during the Christmas/New Year holidays. The regular street sweeping schedule with parking enforcement will resume on January 7. Routes cancelled due to holiday scheduling are not made up.

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

Post Holiday Christmas Tree and Cardboard Recycling

Rainbow Environmental Services is offering free post-holiday recycling of non-artificial Christmas trees and cardboard cartons. Rainbow will pick up Christmas trees and any flattened cardboard cartons that are placed next to the trees from December 31, 2012, through January 11, 2013.

To recycle your tree, simply remove all ornaments, hooks, light strings, tinsel, and stand, and place it **next to** your carts on your trash day. Flatten cardboard and place next to trees. The automated trucks are not collecting trees, so please do not block access to the carts and **do not** put your Christmas tree in your carts. Larger trees should be cut to six-foot maximum. Multi-family, condo and townhome residents with commercial service (blue dumpster) should place trees to the side of the dumpsters, not in front or on top of the dumpster. Check with your property manager or HOA for other restrictions.

After January 11, tree pickups will have to be scheduled as a 10/4 Pickup arranged directly through Rainbow Environmental. For further information, please contact Public Works Trash and Recycling at 714-375-5010 or Rainbow Environmental Services at 714-847-3581.

Sandbags

Local citizens can receive up to 20 sandbags from the City of Huntington Beach **Corporate Yard at 17371 Gothard St.** The sandbags are available during storms and when significant rainfall is in our forecast. The hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. These hours may be extended in the event of a major storm.

Sandbags are for the personal use of Huntington Beach residents only. Contractors and businesses can purchase sand and bags at most building supply centers and home improvement stores. Residents should be prepared to show a form of personal identification, like a driver's license or photo I.D card, and a current utility bill or similar proof of HB residency. Citizens are asked to bring their own shovel and fill their own bags, unless they are physically unable. The elderly and disabled may call the Huntington Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) message line, 714-536-5974, to have sandbags delivered by volunteers.

The City does not collect bags after the rainy season. It is the responsibility of the resident to lawfully dispose of the sand and the bag when no longer needed. The Yard is located at 17371 Gothard St. between Warner and Slater Avenues. For more information, please call Public Works Maintenance at 714-960-8861. For all information or questions on flood preparedness, call the Huntington Beach Fire Department Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office.