

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

December 5, 2011

CITY MANAGER

City Hall Holiday Closure

In order to save taxpayer's dollars, City Offices and off-site facilities will be closed during the holidays. The closure will not impact essential public safety services. The closures will be as follows:

City Hall will be closed December 26 – January 2, re-opening on January 3. Limited staff will be available in some offices to process payments and schedule building inspections.

Community Services facilities – Edison Center, Murdy Center, City Gym, Senior Center and Art Center will be closed. The Sports Complex will be available through reservations and the batting cages will be open. The Pier, beach area, beach parking area, and Main Promenade Structure will be open. Senior Outreach will continue providing Meals to the Home for those homebound seniors.

The Central Library will be open December 27 – 30 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. All branch Libraries will be closed.

Police and Fire will continue to be available and will answer any emergency 9-1-1 calls. The Police building will be open during the furlough. Fire Stations will be open and staffed for emergencies.

Questions regarding the City's holiday closure can be directed to Public Information at 714-536-5577 or email lpayne@surfcity-hb.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Holiday Shopping? – Don't worry about parking or traffic this holiday season. Huntington Beach Senior Services provides transportation each weekday from 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. to older residents of Huntington Beach 55+ for all their transportation needs within Huntington Beach and to the Social Security office in Fountain Valley. The *Surf City Seniors on the Go* shuttle brings older adults 55+ to Rodgers Seniors Center for the Community SeniorServ lunch program, classes and activities.

Medical transportation is also available to Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, and to Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center. Need a little elf for that holiday shopping? Volunteer escorts will accompany you to provide needed assistance on your errand, shopping or to the doctor's office. The escorts can carry reasonable purchases, help identify the small print or navigate confusing buildings. Vehicles are wheelchair equipped. The Surf City on the Go Transportation program is free although

donations are appreciated. Transportation services are made possible through a grant from Hoag hospital. Please call 714-374-1742 to register.

Huntington Beach Art Center

The community is invited to join the Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation for the first Huntington Beach Holiday Home Tour. Four Homes at Seacliff on the Greens and Edwards Hill will be open for viewing for only three hours on Sunday December 11 from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. Each of the homes will be uniquely and creatively presented in stunning displays of holiday décor, including the beautiful and meaningful traditions of Hanukah and Christmas.

With fresh pine infused air, an abundance of lights, mini moving Christmas villages, chugging toy trains and more, and guests will feel as though they have entered a winter wonderland. Tours will be graciously hosted by the homeowners and will include light refreshments and live music. All proceeds will benefit the Huntington Beach Art Center's education and exhibition programs. General admission is \$40; Art Center members \$35. For tickets and logistics, please call Charlene at 714.536.5258. Tickets can be purchased online until December 8 by 5:00 P.M. at www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Celebrate the Holidays at The Strand (and Help Others, Too)!

The Strand is celebrating the spirit of the season with the return of the Holiday Ice Rink, Coats for Kids Program and Pet Photos with Santa!

Enjoy festive outdoor ice skating beginning December 16 and continuing through January 1, 2012. Skaters of all ages and abilities are welcome. A grand opening celebration will be held Saturday, December 17th starting at 5pm, featuring the Cirque du Soleil truck, pet photos with Santa, free hot chocolate by Sertinos and more. Skate rental is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. The Holiday Ice Rink is also available for group rental and private events.

The Strand will also be collecting winter coats for the "Coats for Kids Program" on Saturday, December 10 from 12-4 pm. Coats can be dropped off outside of ANGL/Sketchers and the collection will continue through the end of December. Donate a coat the weekend of December 16-18 and skate free at the Holiday Ice Rink! And don't forget Fido and Fluffy - Santa will visit The Strand on December 3, 10, and 17 from 12 pm-3 pm for holiday pet photos. For more information, visit: www.atthestrland.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

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://huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/youth_sports.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Nutcracker Returns

The Huntington Beach Public Library's Children's Department and the Friends of the Children's Library are happy to present Ballet Etudes' annual holiday classic, "The Nutcracker." This shortened performance features Clara and her godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer, the Nutcracker and Mouse King, Siamese dancers, the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and large Mother Gigone and her little Polichinelle children. Tchaikovsky's music is played on tape, while dancers young and old present scenes from the original 1890s ballet. Performances are scheduled on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 and Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 each, and advance ticket purchase is highly recommended. For additional information, please call (714) 375-5107.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**Zoning Administrator**

On December 7, 2011, at 1:30PM in Room B-8, the Zoning Administrator will conduct a public hearing on the following item:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-022 (LANDMARK LIQUOR BEER AND WINE TASTING) to review a request to establish and operate an approximately 250 sq. ft. on-site beer and wine tasting area within an existing 8,000 sq. ft. liquor store. (8491 Atlanta Avenue, 92646 - northwest corner of Atlanta Avenue and Newland Street)) Contact Tess Nguyen, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information. A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

Planning Commission

On December 13, 2011, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 10-004 (BEACH AND ELLIS MIXED USE PROJECT)** to review the environmental impacts associated with the Beach and Ellis Mixed Use Project to permit the development of 105 residential units, 37,000 square feet of retail space, and 483 parking spaces on 2.74 acres (18502-18552 Beach Blvd, 2.74-acre site located at the southeast corner of Beach Boulevard and Ellis Avenue). Contact Rosemary Medel, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;
2. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 09-002 (WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES)** to review a request to amend Section 230.96 (Wireless Communication Facilities) of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance by revising the citywide permitting and entitlement process for wireless communication facilities (e.g. cell phone antennas and towers) as well as other provisions of the current ordinance. Contact Ricky Ramos, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information. A copy of the agenda and staff reports are available on the City's website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT**HBPD Asks Public for Assistance**

Luke Austin Artinger is accused of stabbing a friend multiple times in the head, face and neck during an argument on July 3, 2010, at 3:30 AM. This crime occurred in the 7000 block of Ellis Avenue in Huntington Beach. There is currently a warrant for Artinger's arrest for attempted murder regarding this incident. Artinger is also wanted for being in violation of his parole related to a 2007 conviction of stabbing another person.

Luke Artinger was arrested and convicted of stabbing another person on February 28, 2007. In the 2007 crime, Artinger was spraying graffiti on a wall behind a business in the area of Adams Avenue and Magnolia Street. A retired Los Angeles County deputy sheriff attempted to detain Artinger, who then stabbed the retired deputy multiple times. Artinger was 16 years old at the time, but charged and convicted as an adult. Artinger was out of prison and on parole for the 2007 incident when this most recent crime occurred.

Detectives have exhausted all leads and currently have no information on Luke Artinger's whereabouts. He is known to have family connections in Huntington Beach. We are seeking the public's assistance with information on locating Artinger. The police department considers Artinger armed and dangerous.

Luke Austin Artinger is a 21 year old male white, six foot tall, 160 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. He has no known vehicle.

To view photograph, go to www.hbpd.org "*Most Wanted*" or HBPD Facebook page.

Anyone with information on Artinger is asked to call:

Detective Winks (714) 536-5653

Sergeant Dierking (714) 536-5947 or dial 911 in case of an emergency

PUBLIC WORKS

Paving Completed on Delaware Street

On June 20, 2011, City Council awarded a construction contract to re-pave Edwards Street (Talbert Avenue to Warner Avenue) and Delaware Street (Yorktown Avenue to Main Street) at an amount of \$2.5M. The projects consisted of asphalt rehabilitation by either full depth reclamation or through conventional asphalt paving methods by grinding the existing pavement, removing failed roadway sections, and overlaying the street with rubberized asphalt concrete. The project also included limited replacement of concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk and construction of access ramps where needed. Two small sections of Delaware Street were also to be improved, to match the full width street section, adjacent to the properties. Delaware Street is now substantially complete, with only striping and traffic loop installation remaining. Edwards Street construction continues and is expected to be completed in March 2012.

The project utilizes rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) which contains crumb rubber derived from 100% California waste tire rubber. A two-inch layer of RAC uses over 2,000 waste tires per lane mile. The project diverts more than 13,000 waste tires, that otherwise would end up in a landfill. Including this project, the use of RAC in the rehabilitation of the City's arterial streets has resulted in the diversion of over 219,000 waste tires.