

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

December 9, 2013

PUBLIC WORKS

Warner Avenue Gravity Sewer Improvements

This long-awaited project has begun and will last through October 2014. The following are some of the important highlights and impacts to the public. The pump station work in the HB Yacht Club parking lot continues in preparation for the upcoming dewatering work. Some of the large palm trees will be temporarily relocated out of the way of the new construction to an offsite location where they will be cared for. On Warner Avenue (underground pipeline work), these construction activities are picking up on the east end, near Brightwater Drive. Large excavators have been brought in and the dewatering system is being installed. Once the dewatering system is up and running, it will take a couple of weeks to pump the ground water down to a level that is low enough to start digging for the new pipeline. It may seem like there isn't a lot of activity, but the pumping system will be working overtime. For the residents located on the north side of Warner, for both, the Weatherly complex and Huntington Harbour Bay complex, right turns from these driveways onto westbound Warner, will be available at all times. Left turns for eastbound Warner traffic will be restricted when construction activity is in the proximity of the driveway(s). Left and right turns will be permitted during all non-working hours, including weekends. The working hours in the roadway are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Interested residents and commuters can visit the City's website for a weekly update of major activities.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

HBPD Receives Anti-DUI Grant

The Huntington Beach Police Department has been awarded a new traffic safety grant for an anti-DUI program aimed at preventing deaths and injuries on Huntington Beach roadways. Enforcement measures to combat impaired driving are coming as a result of a recent \$95,000.00 grant awarded by the California Office of Traffic Safety to Huntington Beach. The Huntington Beach Police Department is dedicated to keeping our streets safe through both enforcement and education. This year the Huntington Beach Police Department will be using new and innovative techniques to maximize the effectiveness of this grant to best benefit the public. We will be continuing our highly proactive enforcement efforts to reduce alcohol related collisions and to ensure drivers are properly licensed. The special DUI Checkpoint grant is to assist in efforts to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and other drug related collisions in the community.

The grant activities will specifically target impaired driving offenders as well as educating the public on the dangers of impaired driving through the use of DUI/driver's license checkpoints. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving. Drunk and drugged driving are among America's deadliest crimes. In 2011, a modern-day low of 774 people were killed, and over 24,000 injured in alcohol and drug-impaired crashes in California. Since January of 2012, Huntington Beach has

experienced 669 alcohol related collisions. This resulted in 398 people being injured and seven people killed in these tragic crashes.

Crashes involving alcohol have been shown to drop by up to 20 percent when well-publicized checkpoints are conducted often enough. Checkpoints have proven to be the most effective of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent and are supported by nearly 90 percent of California drivers. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Design Review Board

On Thursday, December 12, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for the Design Review Board:

1. **DESIGN REVIEW NO.13-020 (VERIZON WIRELESS WIRELESS FACILITY MODIFICATION):** To review the design, colors, and materials for a proposed modification to an existing wireless communication facility on a rooftop equipment enclosure located on a multi-level parking garage at 200 Main Street (Rooftop), 92648 (bounded by Main Street, 3rd Street, Walnut Avenue, and Olive Avenue). Please contact Hayden Beckman, Planning Aide, for more information.
2. **DESIGN REVIEW NO. 13-017 (PACIFIC CITY HOTEL):** To review the revised design, colors, and materials and conceptual plans for a previously approved eight-story hotel containing 250 guest rooms, hotel restaurant, subterranean parking structure, and associated site improvements at 21002 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (bounded by Pacific Coast Highway, First Street, Pacific View Avenue, and Huntington Street). Please contact Jill Arabe, 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.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Holiday Happenings this Week at the Strand

The Strand is offering a variety of ways to enjoy the holiday season, for both pets and people! Bring your camera, kids, and pets down on Saturday, December 14 for picture with Santa. Kids can decorate their own Christmas stocking and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. try out the UHC Photo Booth and Interactive Van – share printed photos with friends or on social media, and even show off your best dance moves with the interactive dance video. All events will take place along the patio breezeway and will be moved inside of the Shorebreak Hotel in the event of inclement weather. There will be more to come next week, so for more information check out: www.thestrandon5th.com.

Next Downtown Task Force Meeting is January 9

The Downtown Task Force held its most recent meeting on December 5 and will go dark for the remainder of 2013. The next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Street Library, located at 525 Main Street. For more information, including agendas and minutes, please visit:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/downtown_task_force.cfm.

Shop Locally for Unique Gifts at HB's Farmer's Markets and Pier Plaza Art Affaire

Surf City is chock full of great places to find special gifts for the people in your life – as well as for filling your refrigerator with healthy fare. Check out what's in store:

Pier Plaza Art-a-Faire: every Friday from noon to sunset; and December 14, 15, 21, and 22 at Pier Plaza from 10:00 a.m. to sunset.

Certified Farmer's Markets:

- Pier Plaza: Every Friday from noon to sunset
- Main Street during Surf City Nights: 5:00 -9:00 p.m. every Tuesday
- Peter's Landing: Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (on PCH between Anderson and 24th St).

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**Friends of the Library January Author's Event**

Spend the evening with T. Jefferson Parker on Thursday, January 16 at the Central Library. Come for refreshments and book signing at 6:00 p.m.; lecture in the theater begins at 7:00 p.m.

T. Jefferson Parker is the bestselling author of numerous novels. *The Famous and the Dead* completes Parker's six volumes of the Charlie Hood series, bringing together the destinies of three men as they confront Mexican drug cartels, street gangs, and gun-smuggling. All three men are about to meet, but will not survive.

Tickets are \$10 per person. If paying by check, please make payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, or drop it off at the Friends Gift Shop. Reservations must be received no later than Monday, January 13. For more information contact the Friends of the Library at (714) 375-8429.

December Art @ the Library

The art exhibit *Abstractions*, by Southern California painter Alice Andreini, can be seen now through December 31 in the Corner Gallery of the Central Library at 7111 Talbert Ave. The gallery is free and open during regular Library hours. For more information, contact Paul Scott, Corner Gallery Manager, at 714-625-9295 or www.hbartleague.org.

December is Read a New Book Month

Books have the ability to change thoughts, perspective, and dreams. Reading is a vital part of everyone's life and there's nothing like discovering a new story or taking a journey with a new author to expand one's imagination or knowledge. This December find a new favorite

book in celebration of Read a New Book Month. The Huntington Beach Library makes it easy to pick up a new title on the "New Books" shelves. Whether it's a romance, thriller, fantasy, mystery, biography, self-help, history or how-to, check out a new book today!

To get started, here are some of the top favorite books for the month that librarians across the country love which are available from the Library:

- *Bellman & Black* by Diane Setterfield
- *Through The Evil Days: A Clare Fergusson/Russ Van Alstyne Mystery* by Julia Spencer-Fleming
- *The Death Of Santini: The Story Of A Father And His Son* by Pat Conroy
- *Someone Else's Love Story: A Novel* by Joshilyn Jackson
- *The Valley Of Amazement: A Novel* by Amy Tan
- *Lies You Wanted To Hear: A Novel* by James Whitfield Thomson
- *Parasite* by Mira Grant

INFORMATION SERVICES

You can view Adult Softball League schedules, standings and registration information: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/softball.cfm.

FIRE

REMINDER - Annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) "Fill the Boot" Event

The Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association will be participating in the MDA's annual "Fill the Boot" Campaign. They will be located at the intersection of Beach and Edinger on Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. collecting donations for the MDA. This is an amazing cause and a great way to give back during the holiday season.

Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

Before Heading Out or to Bed

- Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- Two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles
- Nearly half of the holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source

For more safety information, visit www.nfpa.org

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

Please join us for the Allied Arts Board's annual Holiday Potluck and Sing-a-Long on Wednesday December 11 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The evening will be a casual celebration of the season featuring wonderful food, entertainment, and lots of good will. You are invited to bring your family, friends and your favorite holiday dish for sharing. Call the Art Center at (714) 536-5258 for details.

Senior Santa and Friends Program

Each year, Huntington Beach Senior Services collects gifts for the *Senior Santa and Friends* program. These gifts help older and disabled adults through Orange County Social Services and Health Care Agencies. Collection boxes with pink tags of gift ideas are located at Seniors Outreach, 1718 Orange Avenue, through Friday, December 20.

Donations of ***new, unwrapped items*** are welcome. Some gift ideas are: blender, crockpot, toaster, coffee maker, rice cooker, toaster oven, pitcher and filter, cordless or large button telephone, heater or fan, vacuum cleaner, microwave, radio/alarm clock, boom box, CD, CD player, TV, white cotton socks, slippers, new clothing (men/women, all sizes), jacket, pajamas, underwear, sweat suit, T-shirt, blouse, sweater, pants, bath robe, nightgown, housedress, pillow and pillow case, hand-held showerhead, bath mat, towels set (wash cloth, hand and bath towel), blanket, sheet set, bed-in-a-bag, (all sizes) hygiene kit, emergency kit, hand-cranked radio/flashlight, pill organizer (day/week/month), pill crusher, Boost, Ensure, or other nutritional supplements, gift card, OCTA bus pass for 60+, Disabled (one, seven or 30-day). Checks made out to "Senior Santa and Friends" and gift cards can be mailed to: mailed

to HB Seniors Outreach, 1718 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. For more information, call Michelle Yerke: 714-374-1521.

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 13, 2014. Team registration costs are \$400.00 per eight-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 leagues on Thursday and Friday. All teams must have uniforms with numbers. Registration packets are available at City Hall, 5th Floor or the City website:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/adult-arena-soccer.cfm,

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 3, 2014.



Softball Registration

Registration for the Winter 2014 Adult Softball leagues is now underway. The registration deadline is January 9, 2014. 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 Monday and Thursday nights; Men's leagues are offered on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; Coed leagues are offered on Sunday afternoons and evenings and Wednesday nights. The leagues will start play January 19, 2014, and will concluded in late April or early May. Registration packets are available on the City Adult Softball page http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/softball.cfm, City Hall, 5th Floor, or can be mailed to you. For more details or information, please contact the Community Services office at (714) 536-5230.