

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

February 28, 2011

CITY TREASURER

Special Meeting of City Council tonight at 5:30

A special Council Meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2011, to consider the appointment of a new City Treasurer. The meeting starts at 5:30pm in Council Chambers.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

Please join us for Open Dialogues, an experimental Artists' in Residencies program planned for March 1 – April 9, 2011. Four artists were selected to share the galleries as workspace while exploring the exchange of ideas between them, a dynamic that is at the core of any artists' community. Jeffrey Frisch, Gina Genis, Laurie Hassold and Robin Repp will use the space to work on large projects ranging from photography to sculpture to video projection. The public is invited to "Meet the Artists" at an opening event on Thursday March 3, from 6 – 8pm, and to stop by and dialogue with the artists throughout the program. The Art Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12-8 pm, Friday from 12-6 pm and Saturday from 12-5 pm. Please call 714.374.1650 for information.

Huntington Beach Recreation Programs

Enhancing Life in our Community - Did you know that the City of Huntington Beach offers private tennis lessons for individuals or groups? For students who desire more specialized attention than a regular group lesson, private lessons are available for all levels for one to six students at Murdy and Edison Community Centers. Dates and times are to be arranged with the instructor, making scheduling lessons easy and convenient! For additional information, visit www.hbsands.org or you can contact your local community center directly. Recreation programs instill teamwork...The Benefits are Endless!

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Take a peek inside the front doors of the two centers for Huntington Beach Senior Services: Rodgers Seniors Center a recreation center for active older adults; and Seniors Outreach Center a service center that facilitates independent living and late-life transitions. The Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA), in association with Matt Liffiering, has produced a 10-minute short movie, Seniors on the Go featuring Huntington Beach Senior Services. In the movie, Chris Cole notes, "It's not until they actually come in the front door and the take a chance that they realize, hey, there really is something here I can take advantage of. This is great! I had no idea this place was here!" Thanks to the HBCOA, Seniors on the Go can now be viewed on the HBCOA website's photo gallery www.hbcoa.org or on YouTube Seniors on the Go.mov. The fact that Huntington Beach is a great place to age is no longer a secret!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**Surf City Nights 4th Anniversary**

Join the festivities downtown tonight, March 1 from 5 – 9 pm, celebrating the 4th Anniversary of Surf City Nights on Main Street between PCH and Main Street. Every Tuesday, Surf City Nights offers residents and visitors the chance to stroll and shop on Main Street and experience a certified farmers market, live performers, arts and crafts, food faire, and more. In celebration of the 4th Anniversary, special offers will be available: for children, inflatables and a bounce house from 5:00- 6:30, free balloons, free cupcakes, and up to a 10-15% discount from all street vendors. Originally developed as a pilot program funded and spearheaded by the City and Redevelopment Agency, this weekly event is now managed by the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District. For more information log on to: www.hbdowntown.com or call 714.536.8300.

FIRE**Huntington Beach Fire Department Implements Awards Program**

On February 28, 2011, Mayor Joe Carchio welcomed over 200 attendees to a ceremony at the Central Library Theatre honoring Fire Department award recipients. City Council members, city staff, and family members attended the event, which is part of a newly established program recognizing those members of the department who have acted above and beyond the call of duty in the performance of their jobs. Much of the cost associated with this program was offset by time and funds donated by members of the Huntington Beach Firefighters Association and the Fire Management Association.

The awards and recipients included:

Volunteer Service

Dave Ferguson
Clint King
Samuel Moses

Meritorious Service

Tony Dalton
Gary Finney
Paul Fredericks
Greg Funderburk
Eric McCoy
Berkley Northrop
Georg Shinrock
Anthony Smith
Brian Springer
Jeffrey White
Darrin Witt

Unit Commendation

Andre Clarizio

Rick Fee
Daniel Forster
Ben Francis
David McBride
Eric McCoy
Jeffry Nelson
Michael Perry
Jason Raymond
Rex Rysewyk
Leon Sheen
Christopher Thompson
Randy Webb

Leadership & Innovation Award

Raymond Picard, Former Fire Chief

Life Saving Award

Donald Boland
Bob Dutton
Rob Glenn
Terrance Jack
Kane Johnson
Darin Maresh
Kevin Shanahan
Ron Thompson
Darrin Witt
Zachery Wright

Medal for Bravery

Randy Babbitt
Donald Boland
Brian Dailey
Gary Finney
Winthrop Logemann
Darren Newton
Don Spreeman
Chad Stewart
Tom Wilson

Distinguished Maltese Cross

Andrew Crichton

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**SAT & ACT Practice at the Huntington Beach Library**

The Huntington Beach Public Library and the Friends of the Children's Library will be offering an SAT & ACT Combo Practice Test on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Taking the test and the accompanying workshop can help students prepare for the Scholastic Achievement Test and improve their test scores. This month's test will be held in the Talbert Room, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The \$10 cost will include a combo test review, to be held Monday, March 14, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Tabby Theater. At that time, the representative from the Kaplan Test Preparation Company will go over each student's results and explain how to interpret them. When taking the test, be sure to arrive on time with a sharpened #2 pencil. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Children's Department at (714) 375-5107.

"Arts, Crafts & Music" at Banning Branch Library

Another "Arts, Crafts & Music" children's event, sponsored by HB Reads One Book, was held at Banning Branch Library on Thursday, February 24. Children enjoyed listening to multicultural folktales and mariachi music and had fun creating their very own "maracas", using emptied water bottles and dried beans, then decorated with tissue paper. Once the maracas were completed, children experimented by creating their own music! It was a fun and educational afternoon.

Banning Branch Library is very appreciative to the members of the HB Reads One Book for sponsoring such a great multicultural program. In March **HB Reads One Book** will be offering more programs throughout the city: discussions about "Barefoot Heart" by Elva Trevino Hart (in English and Spanish), two film programs, and an Art Walk, concluding with an author reception and visit. For more information, please contact H.B. Reads at (714) 497-3237.

Students and Tutors Speak to Support Family Literacy!

On February 3, the Citizen's Participatory Advisory Board held a hearing on community needs at Oak View Branch Library regarding Community Block Grant Funds. Seven literacy students and five literacy volunteers came to speak in support of the Family Literacy Program's application for funding and the need for adults in the community to learn to read, write and speak English. Every student spoke to the committee in English, although they knew a translator was available. They thanked everyone for their continued support of the program and for their tutors help in learning English. They also shared many accomplishments that have resulted from their participation in the Family Literacy Program. Tutors all shared how dedicated their students are to learning and also that adults who come to the program can better help their children with homework, read with their children, communicate better at school and with doctors, have better job prospects and also are excellent role models for their children. Great job everyone!

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR's MEETING:

The Zoning Administrator is scheduled to consider the following item on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 1:30 PM in room B-8, Lower Level of City Hall:

ENTITLEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 11-001 (DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE SERVICE EXPANSION AND REMOTE PARKING LOT): APPLICANT: City of Huntington Beach, Economic Development Department, PROPERTY OWNER: City of Huntington Beach, REQUEST: To permit modifications to the operations of an existing remote parking lot and shuttle program serving the downtown area during summer weekends as approved by Conditional Use Permit No. 10-009. The modifications consist of (a) expanding closing hours of the shuttle program until 10:00 PM instead of 9:00 PM and (b) expanding service operations to include Tuesday's "Surf City Nights". The Tuesday night operations will amend the shuttle route to circulate from City Hall to the intersection of Main Street and Orange Avenue via Lake and Main Streets. LOCATION: 2000 Main Street, 92648 (southeast corner of Main Street and Yorktown Avenue - City Hall Parking Lot). PROJECT PLANNER: Jill Arabe

For more information please contact the Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner at 714-374-5357.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DUI driving and medications

Remember that all medications, prescription or over-the-counter, are potentially dangerous. Over-the-counter medicines that you take for colds and allergies can make you drowsy and affect your driving ability. If you must take medication before driving, find out the effects of the medication from your physician or pharmacist. **It is your responsibility to know the effects of the medications you take.**

Before you decide to drive, do not:

- Mix medications, unless directed by your physician.
- Take medications prescribed for someone else.
- Mix alcohol with your medications. This applies to both prescribed and over-the-counter medications.

PUBLIC WORKS

Garfield Avenue Rehabilitation between Newland and Magnolia

On Tuesday February 22, 2011, the City began pavement rehabilitation work on Garfield Avenue between Magnolia and Newland. The project includes full reconstruction of the pavement, replacement of deficient curb and gutter, replacement of selected trees, reconstruction of curb ramps, and re-striping. The top 2 inches of the pavement section will

be paved using rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC). RAC improves ride ability, decreases traffic noise, and provides environmental benefits by utilizing waste tires in the pavement design mix. Approximately 3,000 waste tires will be used in the pavement that would have otherwise ended up in our landfills. Funding for the project came from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Cal Recycle grant, Gas Tax, and City of Fountain Valley for work within their City. Message reader boards have been placed both east and westbound on Garfield Avenue to alert drivers of the construction and anticipated delays. Construction completion is expected in early May of this year.