

# CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

**January 11, 2010**

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR

### Charter Review Commission

The next meeting of the Charter Review Commission will be held in the City Council Chambers on Thursday, Jan. 21. The purpose of this meeting is to receive testimony on a request to add a section to the City Charter on prevailing wage. At the following meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 2, the Commission will be discussing the prevailing wage request. They will also be considering potential amendments to Charter Sections 613 & 614 – Contracting and Section 617 – Infrastructure. Meetings begin at 6 PM. Public input is encouraged.

## CITY TREASURER

### Customer Service Tip of the Week – It's Your Paycheck Calling

Dislike taking calls? Each time the phone rings, remind yourself that the person on the other end is paying your salary.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Community Services – Classes Begin This Week!

Kick off the New Year with program classes starting this week throughout the city including: Rodger's Senior Center, Huntington Beach Art Center, City Gym & Pool, and Edison and Murdy Community Centers. A variety of programs are available. Consider taking a class to improve your mind, your health, your skills, your frame of mind, or your quality of life. Community Services classes and programs can be a link to an overall positive change for you, your family, and your friends this new year. Pick-up a SANDS Community Services Guide at City Hall or a nearby community center. Registration is available on-line at [www.surfcity-hb/sands.org](http://www.surfcity-hb/sands.org).

### Huntington Beach Art Center

#### ***"Centered on Photography"***

2010 begins with a salon-style photography show featuring 200 works by local, regional, and national artists. Join the artists for the opening reception on Friday, January 15 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Admission is free and a cash bar will be available. The show will continue through Sunday, February 7.

Please join us for Art for Lunch on Thursday, January 21 from 11:30 to 1:30 pm., bring your lunch and view the show. Beverages and desserts will be provided. For further information, please visit our website at [http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art\\_center/](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/art_center/) or call us at 714.374.1650

### "Blind Vision"

The Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation invites you to join them for this special fundraiser lecture and presentation on Friday, January 22. Doors open at 6:30 pm. As a legally blind photographer, Kurt Weston has overcome the barriers, obstacles, and challenges of producing and exhibiting his art. Come and listen to his unique story. Tickets are \$40 per person and include Spanish Tapas and Sangria Bar. Call us at 714.374.1650 by January 20 to make your reservation.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### Downtown Huntington Beach Art Walk

The Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) has announced the first Huntington Beach Art Walk for Wednesday, January 20, from 6 pm to 9 pm. The Art Walk will be held every third Wednesday of the month. This event is designed to link culture and fun for the whole family. The Art Walk will take place in the businesses, restaurants, and unique spaces in the Downtown area. The ongoing event will feature talents of established and emerging artists, musical entertainment, poetry readings, and much more. For information, contact the Downtown BID office at (714) 536-8300. This event emerged from one of the recommendations of the Downtown Image Ad Hoc Committee.

### INFORMATION SERVICES

#### File a Police Report

Did you know that you can file certain types of Police Reports through Surf City Pipeline? If you've had a harassing phone call, a hit and run accident, lost property, been victim of a theft or vandalism, or had your vehicle burglarized, you can connect to the City's On-Line Police Reporting system. Go to Surf City Pipeline website:

<http://user.govoutreach.com/surfcity/faq.php> and search under "Police – On-line Reports" then follow the instructions provided.

### LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### Library Breaks Records

The increased demand for library services has been widely reported around the country. Nowhere is the trend more apparent than here in Huntington Beach; Monday, December 4, had the highest recorded number of books borrowed and returned at the library. The library checked out **6,133** books and checked in **10,915** *in one day*. This record number of checkouts tops the previous high by **838** books. This sort of demand can be challenging, but reinforces the library's importance to the community.

**Tickets on Sale for the February Ballet in the Children's Library!**

Tickets go on sale this Saturday (January 9) at 9:00 AM for our next performance, Ballet Etudes' "Fairies in the Forest", to be held on February 10 and 11 at 4:00 and 7:00 PM. As tickets for these ballets sell out fast, you will want to get your tickets as soon as possible, preferably within a couple of days of their going on sale. Tickets are \$4 per person. "Fairies in the Forest" is sure to become another one of our favorite ballets. It is a special and original performance by the beloved Ballet Etude, as they "follow the fairies in the forest" on their merry adventures. Don't miss out! Get your tickets before they sell out! Please call 714 375-5107 for more information.

**Talented Employee Makes the Cover... of the Comic Buyer's Guide!**

Mark Alvarado, Library Services employee since December 1987 and a very talented artist, recently entered the **Comic Buyer's Guide** 2010 cover art contest. CBG received dozens of submissions over the summer and early fall, and narrowed the entries in its "Cover Us! The Great CBG Cover Contest" to five nominees. For the past couple of months, fans were given the opportunity to vote for their favorite cover among those selected nominees. It is no surprise to those who know him that the winner, announced on January 5, 2010, for capturing 27.45% of the total votes cast, is Mark Alvarado. His entry, Man Holding Firearm, will appear on the cover of **Comics Buyer's Guide #1664** (April 2010 cover date). Congratulations to Mark Alvarado!

**PLANNING****January 12 Public Hearing on Beach and Edinger Corridors Final Draft Specific Plan**

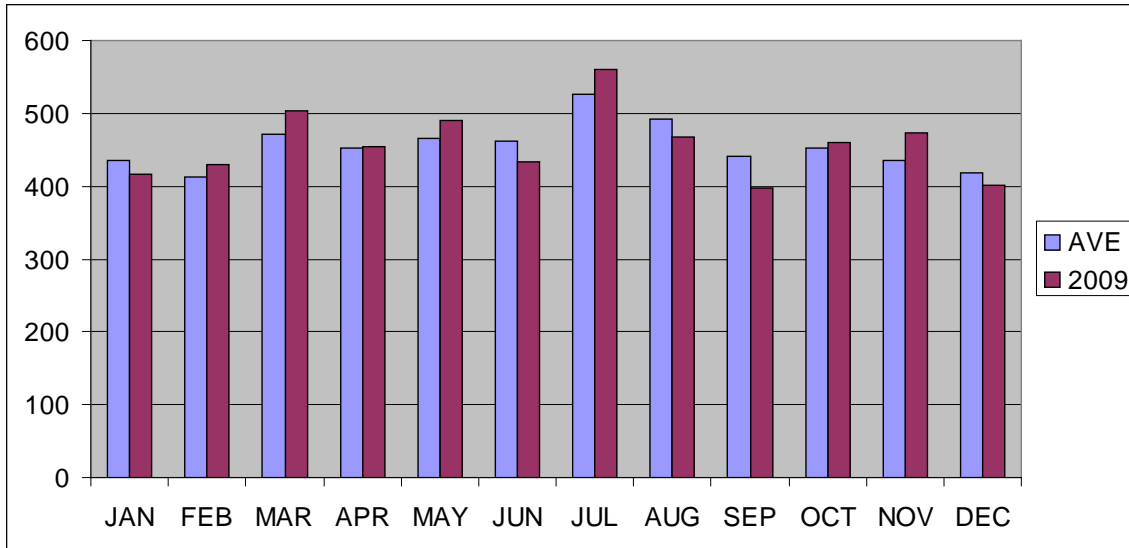
The Planning Commission will consider the General Plan Amendment, Zoning Map Amendment, and Zoning Text Amendment for the Specific Plan at the January 12, 2010 meeting. The Planning Commission certified the Environmental Impact Report for the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan at the December 8, 2009 and continued action on the other entitlements to the January 12 meeting. The Final Draft of the Beach Boulevard and Edinger Avenue Corridors Specific Plan is available on line at [http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/Departments/Planning/major/beach\\_Edinger.cfm](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/Departments/Planning/major/beach_Edinger.cfm). For more information, contact Rosemary Medel, Associate Planner, at (714) 536-5271.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT****Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)**

The RSVP volunteers assist the police department with numerous activities in the police department and throughout the community. In 2009, RSVP volunteers conducted 3,595 vacation checks on houses for Huntington Beach residents. They also removed 12,150 illegal signs posted throughout the city. These tasks make our city a safer and reduce the attraction for criminal activity.

**Huntington Beach City Jail**

Huntington Beach police officers and detention officers booked 5,485 people into the Huntington Beach City Jail in 2009. The chart shows the month by month 2009 booking numbers as compared to the 10 year average.



**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Water Demand Continues to Decline**

Water Year (July to June) 2008-2009 demand for Huntington Beach was the lowest in decades, in spite of a steadily increasing population. Conservation efforts in the City and the region are credited with this trend. Water Year 2009-2010 is off to a good first half start with demand down nearly 600 acre-feet (195.5 million gallons) over the same period last year. Citizens are encouraged to keep up their water conserving practices and adhere to the new water use restrictions that went into place January 6. For information on the new water management program or for conservation tips, residents can click on the Water Conservation Info button on the left side of the City's home web page ([www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org)), call the Public Works Utilities Division at 714-536-5921 or visit the "Huntington Beach Water" Facebook page.