

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

January 14, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Children's Needs Task Force

Under the direction of the Community Services Department, the Children's Needs Task Force assisted Barnes & Noble with distribution of donated books from their annual holiday book drive. This is the fourth year that the Children's Needs Task Force has assisted Barnes & Noble with this project, and this season, over 1,700 books were distributed to local schools and youth groups. Since 2007, more than 10,000 books have been donated to schools, libraries, nonprofit organizations and literacy groups throughout the Huntington Beach community. The Children's Needs Task Force will recognize Barnes & Noble at the January 22, 2013, City Council meeting, thanking them for making life better for Huntington Beach residents!

Huntington Beach Art Center

The annual community exhibition Centered on the Center opens with a reception for the artists on Friday January 18 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Featuring over 160 local and regional artists and over 275 works of art, the dynamic exhibition reflects the talents of artists working in a variety of media. The public is invited to attend the celebration which will be an exciting gathering of artists, friends and family. The Art Center is located at 538 Main Street. Admission is free.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services in Our Park

Through a partnership with California State University Long Beach, Huntington Beach Senior Services will offer free Home Health Assessments to Huntington Beach seniors on Tuesday's beginning in February through April. The health assessments will be conducted by nursing students from CSULB School of Nursing under the supervision of a Public Health Nursing Instructor. The assessments include: General Home Safety check, medication review, nutrition assessment, physical activity assessment, disease self-management, and resource referrals. To schedule an appointment call: 714-960-2478.

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

Recreation

Edison Community Center is offering participants a fun, energizing workout with our ZUMBA fitness classes! ZUMBA combines fitness techniques with engaging dance steps that are set to a combination of Latin and International music. In addition, Edison also offers ZUMBA Toning and ZUMBA Toning Plus Sentao. ZUMBA Toning combines the high energy dance steps from ZUMBA with a calorie torching, strength training workout. ZUMBA Toning Plus Sentao teaches students to use a chair as their dance partner, creating an intense cardio workout with completely unique moves! ZUMBA and ZUMBA Toning classes are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings. For classes that have already started, pro-rated registration will still be accepted in person at Edison Community Center. For more information, please consult the SANDS magazine at www.HBSANDS.org or contact Edison Community Center at 714-960-8870.

Pee Wee and Junior Basketball for youth ages 3-8 and Youth Boys and Girls competitive Basketball leagues for third – eighth grades. Registration is now open at the City Gym and Pool, Murdy and Edison Community Centers. Recreational Youth Sports Programs encourage the development of self-confidence, team work, positive communication skills, and good sportsmanship. For more information, please call the City Gym at (714)960-8884, visit www.HBSANDS.org or see pg.34 of the SANDS Community Services Guide.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Applications Available for 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant Funding

Applications for 2013-14 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding are available and will be accepted through 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2013. Each year, the City uses CDBG funds to assist non-profit public service organizations that provide services and housing to low and moderate income residents. The City also used CDBG funds to support selected capital expenditure projects that result in developments or construction that meet the eligibility criteria for federal program funds. There are two application types: 1) construction and/or development projects that include eligible public facilities and infrastructure projects, property acquisition, and other eligible renovation projects; and 2) non-construction projects that include eligible public services, fair housing activities, and housing rehabilitation. For more information and to download an application, please visit: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/ed/cdbg/>.

FINANCE

Director of Finance Selected for CalPERS Stakeholders Panel

I am pleased to announce that our Director of Finance, Lori Ann Farrell, has been selected by the CalPERS Board of Administration to represent California cities at the annual "CalPERS Board of Administration" retreat. The purpose of the annual offsite retreat is for the CalPERS Board to review its priorities, policies, and procedures with regard to investments and actuarial methodologies, among other topics, to assure the financial sustainability of CalPERS' retirement benefits.

Lori Ann will sit on a four-member Stakeholder Panel to provide feedback to the CalPERS Board regarding the "Asset Liability Decision Making Framework." The Panel will help the Board determine how best to balance its fiduciary responsibilities against the budgetary challenges currently facing employers, and the need for employees to be assured they will receive the benefits that have been negotiated.

FIRE

Carbon Monoxide

As of July 1, 2011, Senate Bill 183 requires residents to install a carbon monoxide (CO) detector in all homes that have a fuel burning appliance. Often called the silent killer, CO is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

Symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, but without fever. They include: dizziness, nausea, fatigue, irregular breathing, and headache. If you have any of these symptoms, and if you feel better when you go outside your home and symptoms reappear once you're back inside, you may have CO poisoning.

What can you do?

- Make sure appliances are installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes. Most appliances should be installed by a professional.
- Have your heating system (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually.
- Look for problems that could indicate improper appliance operation, such as:
 - o Decreasing hot water supply
 - o Inability of furnace to heat house or runs constantly
 - o Sooting, especially on appliances
 - o Unfamiliar or burning odor

For information, please visit www.nfpa.org/education.

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know that you can submit crime tips anonymously on the City website? From the Police Department home page, click on "Submit Anonymous Crime Tip" under the Crime Reporting heading.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/pd/online_services/tips.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Oscar Nominated Films @ Your Library:

The votes are in. Nominations have been made and the Oscar winners will be announced on February 24. Fortunately, some of the nominated films are currently out on DVD. *Beasts of the Southern Wild*, *Moonrise Kingdom*, *Frankenweenie*, *Brave*, *The Pirates! Band of Misfits*, *ParaNorman*, and *Snow White and the Huntsman* have all been nominated and are available to library patrons from the Media Center @ the Central Library. (Visit www.hbpl.org for current Media Center hours).

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Want to know what's going on at the Library? There are now multiple ways to keep up with the latest Library news and information – check the Library website at www.hbpl.org, and the online calendar of events posted under "Events / News". The Library also uses today's popular social media sites - Facebook www.facebook.com/hbplibrary, Twitter <https://twitter.com/hbpl> and Pinterest pinterest.com/hbpl. Check it out today!

Grandparents and Books Quarterly Workshop at the Library

The next Grandparents and Books (GAB) quarterly workshop is Wednesday, January 16, 3:00 p.m. at the Central Library - meeting room B. This congenial group reads to children throughout the year at the Central Library and three branch locations. This service

supplements the regular morning story-telling staff. The Grandparent volunteers provide a small informal way for children and their parents to interact with an older adult.

The group is always looking for new volunteers. To attend the workshop and/or receive further information about the GAB program, please call Janet Judson at (714) 374-5330 or email her at judsonj@hbpl.org Potential readers and listeners can also access the Library's web site: www.hbpl.org

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator

On January 16, 2013, at 1:30PM in Room B-8, the Zoning Administrator will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-028/ DESIGN REVIEW 12-020 (AT&T MONOPALM): **Applicant:** Tim Miller, Zoning Manager **Property Owner:** Lester Smull
Request: To permit the removal of an existing 38 ft. high monopalm and installation, maintenance, and operation of a new 50 ft. high wireless communications facility designed as a palm tree (monopalm) with twelve (12) new eight (8) ft. high antennas and associated equipment including one GPS antenna on the existing building and cabinets, racks and condensing units within a new ten (10) ft. high equipment room enclosure. **Location:** 9074 Adams Avenue, 92646 (southeast corner of Adams Avenue and Magnolia Street) **Project Planner:** Jill Arabe.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police

Last Saturday night, our Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI checkpoint. According to the National Weather Service, Huntington Beach got down to about 33°F. Between our patrol officers and the checkpoint combined, seven adults were booked into the Huntington Beach city jail overnight for DUI.

New Payment Scam Targets Southern California Edison Customers

Southern California Edison (SCE) is advising customers to be aware of a new telephone scam that is demanding immediate payment for allegedly past due electricity bills. Imposters have been calling SCE customers telling them they must make immediate payment on past due bills or have their electric service disconnected. The callers are also demanding that payment be made through a prepaid cash card, such as a PayPal or Green Dot card.

"We ask our customers to be alert to these calls that demand immediate payment and threaten service disconnection," said Henry Martinez, SCE vice president of Safety, Security & Compliance. "Customers suspecting a fraudulent call should ask for the caller's name, department and business phone number. If the caller refuses to provide this information, customers should terminate the call and report the incident immediately to local police or SCE at 800-655-4555."

SCE also reminds customers to ask for identification when a stranger comes to the door or calls claiming to be a utility worker. SCE utility workers will provide verification, including their department and phone number, when asked. In most cases, home visits by SCE are scheduled by the customer and SCE will confirm the appointment in writing. If there are any concerns, SCE and law enforcement officials suggest having the utility worker wait outside until their identity can be verified. SCE customers should also note that:

- An SCE employee will never ask for money in person.
- Never reveal your credit card, ATM or calling card numbers (or PIN numbers) to anyone.
- If someone calls and requests you leave your residence at a specific time for a utility-related cause, call the police. This could be a burglary set up by the caller.
- Be suspicious of anyone who arrives at your house without an appointment asking to check an appliance, wiring, or suggesting that there may be some other electrical problem inside your residence
- For more ways customers can stay safe, please see www.sce.com/safety and read the safety tips section.