

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

January 24, 2011

CITY TREASURER

Accepting Application for City Treasurer Vacancy

The City of Huntington Beach is now taking applications for the position of City Treasurer. The position is part-time and has a compensation of \$48,000. The position is open following the election of longtime City Treasurer Shari Freidenrich to the position of Orange County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

According to the City Charter, the City Treasurer must be a Huntington Beach resident, have five years of financial and/or treasury experience and have either a Masters degree in accounting, finance, business or public administration, or a Bachelors degree in accounting, finance, business or public administration with certification by the California Municipal Treasurers' Association, or their successor, within three years of election or appointment.

The City Treasurer powers and duties are specified in the Huntington Beach City Charter, section 311. The Charter is posted on the City's Website www.huntingtonbeachca.gov. The last to submit an application is January 31, 2011. All qualified applicants will be submitted to the City Council for consideration. It is anticipated that the City Treasurer will be appointed by early March.

For additional information, please see the city website announcement or email Bob Hall at bhall@surfcity-hb.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

CPR Classes Available!

Are you looking for a CPR Class? Look no further than page 10 of the SANDS Community Services Guide! In the American Heart Association program, individuals will be trained to give basic life support to an adult, child, and infant. Upon completion, you will receive a card stating your successful completion of the course, and mailed a two-year AHA CPR certificate. The next CPR Class is scheduled at the Edison Community Center on Saturday, January 29, with several more classes offered this session. Visit www.hbsands.org for more information on this and other interesting classes. The benefits are endless!

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Friday Afternoon at the Movies – On Friday, January 28 at 12:30 p.m., the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center will be showing the movie *RED*. Frank Moses (Bruce Willis) is forced out of retirement to reassemble his black-ops CIA team. Morgan Freeman, Helen Mirren and John Malkovich co-star as the former members of Moses's team who reluctantly reunite to save his life. Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Counsel on Aging - the movie

and popcorn are free! Surf City Seniors on the Go provides transportation for movies and other activities at Rodgers Seniors Center. For more information call: 714-536-9387.

Youth Sports Programs

The City of Huntington Beach youth basketball program for children ages three years through the eighth grade is designed to enhance the talent, social skills, and confidence of all participants. Players aged three to eight engage in game-based drills and supervised scrimmages that help develop character and boost self-esteem. Participants learn to cooperate with teammates and coaches while staying healthy and active. Children in the third through eighth grades are placed on teams and participate in competitive league play. Games are held at City Gym and Pool and Liberty Christian School gymnasium. Shooting Stars Basketball is available for disabled athletes age eleven to twenty-one. These athletes learn the basics of dribbling, shooting, guarding, etc., and use the knowledge to compete in games at Murdy Community Center. Children in all programs receive HB recreation jerseys and awards at the end of the season. Leagues begin Saturday, February 5.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Friday Art-A-Faire and Farmer's Market at Pier Plaza

The beautiful, summer-like weather that Huntington Beach is enjoying, is a great opportunity to visit downtown on Fridays for the weekly Certified Farmer's Market and Pier Plaza Art-a-Faire. The Certified Farmer's Market, operated by the Orange County Farm Bureau, is open Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 PM and features a wide variety of freshly-picked fruits and vegetables, flowers and more. The Pier Plaza Art-a-Faire features over 60 booths of handmade items, ranging from candles, to jewelry and clothing, from 12:00 PM to sunset or 7:00 PM. Both events operate all Fridays. For more information visit www.hbartafaire.com.

FIRE

Structure Fire

On the evening of January 19, the Huntington Beach Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire in a multi-unit commercial building on Crabb Lane. Upon arrival, firefighters reported smoke showing from the roof of the complex. Units forced entry and initiated an attack on the fire which was in a mezzanine area above offices in one of the suites.

The fire was initially reported by passersby who observed smoke coming from the building. Had it not been seen and reported, fire department personnel estimated that the building would have been completely engulfed in fire within approximately 10 to 15 additional minutes.

Firefighters were able to contain the fire to the initial suite where the fire had started, avoiding damage to adjacent businesses. The fire is under investigation with initial damage estimates set at \$60,000. Estimated value of the building and contents saved is \$1 million.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**Annual Authors' Festival at the Huntington Beach Library**

On Tuesday, January 25, the annual Huntington Beach Authors' Festival will be held at local area schools and the Children's Library. This event, sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library, the Huntington Beach Public Library, the Sand Scribes Children's Writing Group, and the Employees' Fund of Boeing Corporation, is celebrating more than 20 years of writing for children.

Fourteen children's authors will visit Huntington Beach schools to talk about the art of writing, their own particular work, and their experiences as authors. Each school will host an author and his/her work at an assembly. After lunch at the school, the authors will return to the Central Library for a reception honoring them. Authors will sign copies of their books from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

In addition, the winners of the 2010 Sand Scribes' writing contest for children will be named and their essays and/or drawings will be posted on display in the Library's lobby. The theme was "Books Fall Open. You Fall In." Children were asked to write or draw a picture about what would happen if a book happened to fall off the library shelf in front of them and it was so interesting that their attention was captured and they recorded the experience.

Also, calligraphers from the Orange County of Calligraphers will be at the Library to make hand-made bookmarks for children.

Support the Huntington Beach Children's Library

The Friends of the Children's Library are offering attractive blue and white book tote bags with "Reada the Reading Dragon" logo for only \$5.00 each. One hundred percent of the proceeds are used to buy books for the Children's Library. Buy one today to carry books and materials and to support the Books for Kids program.

The Children's Department recently acquired a wooden inlaid book shelf with "named" titles. For a minimum donation of \$1,000, the Friends of the Children's Library will put an individual's name or corporate logo on an engraved wooden book. This is a wonderful way to commemorate a special occasion in a family's life. Wooden books are being added on a regular basis, and they can be inscribed for a family member or with an appropriate quote. Please call the Children's Desk at (714) 375-5107 to find out the details.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**January 25 Planning Commission Meeting**

At the January 25, 2011, Planning Commission meeting, the Commission will hold a public hearing on Conditional Use Permit No. 10-028 to permit the sales and service of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine only) for on-site consumption within an existing 1,489 sq. ft. restaurant and 143 sq. ft. outdoor dining area during the hours of 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM for

the Bomberger Restaurant. The project is located at 200 Main Street, Suite 114, 92648 (east side of Main Street, between Olive Avenue and Walnut Avenue – Downtown). The Planning Commission meeting takes place at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers.

A copy of the agenda and staff report is available on the City website at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/pcl/pcagenda012511.cfm>. For additional information, contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, at (714) 536-5271. The Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime mapping data on CrimeReports.com

CrimeReports.com provides the residents of Huntington Beach the ability to find out what type of police related activity is happening near their home, their work or their children's school. The Huntington Beach Police Department works with CrimeReports.com to make this information easily accessible to anyone with computer access. For those without computer access, a computer is available at the Huntington Beach Police Department or at the Huntington Beach Public Library.

The service allows you to search for type of activity, such as burglaries, assaults or traffic enforcement. You can define your search by a specific address, area around an address or entire communities. Further, the search can be defined by searching for a specific day or up to a six month period. If you chose to, you can sign up for email notifications based on your search criteria.

This information used to only be available at the records counter in our police department. Now it is available from any place you can access a computer. The easiest links are www.hbpd.org and go to "Online Crime Mapping Data" or linking directly at www.crimereports.com

PUBLIC WORKS

Garfield Avenue Waterline Project Update

The Garfield Avenue waterline repair project, which began on January 4, 2011, is proceeding as scheduled. The project is located just west of Brookhurst Street at the flood control channel. This project replaces a section of 12-inch diameter broken water main pipeline underneath the channel box culvert with a new pipe. Pipeline installation is complete and final water quality testing is underway. The project is scheduled to be completed by Friday January 28, 2011. Traffic control, which has diverted all traffic to the north side of the roadway, will be removed and this section of Garfield Avenue will revert back to normal.

Construction Delays at Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue

Work continues on a waterline rehabilitation project located along sections of Adams Avenue and Brookhurst Street. Since the project includes replacement of pipeline appurtenances at the intersection of Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue, the project has caused some traffic delays. Construction work at this intersection is expected to last until the end of February 2011. Changeable message reader boards are in place informing the public to use alternate routes due to the expected delays during this period.

The project goal is to rehabilitate a City owned 30-inch potable water pipeline and provide cathodic protection to increase its service life. The 30-inch pipeline was installed in 1964 and delivers potable water to the Eastern and Southern portions of Huntington Beach. This is the best time of the year to work on water infrastructure, since water demand decreases in the winter months.