

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

January 25, 2010

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Civic Center Building Tune-up Complete

City staff completed the retro-commissioning (building tune up) of the Civic Center complex in December. On January 25, 2010, the city received an energy savings incentive check from SCE for \$144,563.16. So Cal Gas is processing an incentive check for \$24,526 for a total of \$169,089.16 in non-general fund income. This project will save the city \$146,000 in annual utility costs - 70% of the project costs were paid for through utility incentives. The city is a partner in the Orange County Cities Energy Leader partnership with SCE and SCG with mutual goal of creating a more energy efficient community.

Charter Review Commission

The Charter Review Commission will be meeting next Tuesday, Feb. 2 to discuss Section 613, 614, and 617 of the City Charter related to contracting and infrastructure. Included in these discussions will be the testimony on prevailing wage received at their last meeting.

The meeting will be held in Room B-8 on the lower level of City Hall and begins at 6:00 PM.

CITY TREASURER

Customer Service Tip of the Week – Smile

No one likes to be greeted by a sour puss. Smiles can also be contagious, so if your customer comes in feeling a little down, your smile could be that one boost to brighten her day.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Friday Afternoon at the Movies – This is it! On Friday, January 29, at 12:30 p.m., the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center will be showing Michael Jackson's This is It. Director Kenny Ortega captured this moving Michael Jackson experience through rehearsal footage, backstage action, and interviews. The King of Pop is filmed preparing for a series of 50 sold-out London shows scheduled to kick off in late summer 2009. Prophetically, Michael Jackson said, "This is the final curtain call." This movie has been rated PG for some suggestive choreography and scary images. Movie and Popcorn are Free! Seniors on the Go provides transportation for movies and other activities at the Rodgers Seniors Center. For more information call 714-536-9387.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET OPENING FIRST SURF CITY LOCATION THIS FRIDAY

Surf City will welcome its newest market on Friday, January 29 when Sprouts Farmers Market opens for business in the former Smart and Final location at Brookhurst and Adams. Sprouts is celebrating their grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 6:55 AM (yes,

you read that correctly), after which the market will be open to the public. Sprouts Farmers Market is an Arizona-based grocery store offering weekly specials and an extensive selection of natural and organic grocery items. They also offer a large variety of vitamins and supplements, healthy body care alternatives, all-natural meats, fresh seafood, bins full of bulk foods, rBST-free milk, imported deli meats and more. For more information about Sprouts Farmers Market, including weekly ads and nutritional information, visit www.sprouts.com.

FIRE

Emergency Operations Center Activated

The Fire Department activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on January 19, 20, and 21. The activation was at Level 1, which is a monitoring status. Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) were activated to monitor city, county, and any amateur radio frequencies. The CERT team was activated to staff phones in the EOC and also to provide sandbags for seniors and the disabled. The EOC staff participated in twice daily conference calls from the National Weather Service. Situational reports were provided by the Public Works Department. AlertOC was used to provide emergency information to the residents. AlertOC is a mass notification system designed to keep residents and businesses informed of emergencies. By registering with AlertOC, time-sensitive voice messages from the County or City in which you live or work may be sent to your home, cell or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones, e-mail accounts and hearing impaired receiving devices.

Other storm related responses included:

- Water spout on PCH/Anderson flipped a car onto its side. No injuries reported.
- Urban Search and Rescue response to partial roof collapse.
- Several responses to car accidents with injuries caused due to wet roadways.
- Several responses to power lines being knocked down due to lightning strikes and high winds.
- Swift Water Rescue response to Hamilton Bridge for report of victim in Santa Ana River. No victim located.

Oil Spill in Flood Control Channel

On Friday morning, January 22, the Fire Department responded to identify what appeared to be an oil-type substance identified in the "Huntington" flood control channel. This is the channel that begins at Adams and stretches to the ocean. City of Huntington Beach resources assisted in the containment of this substance. Containment efforts successfully prevented this substance from reaching the marshlands or the ocean. The source of the substance is still being investigated. Due to the various agencies that responded, a Unified Command was established to mitigate the incident. The County of Orange, which has jurisdiction over the flood control channel, took the lead to initiate clean-up efforts. The city's Fire, Public Works, and Water departments will be assisting and monitoring the incident until clean up is complete. The Fire Department will continue to represent city interests in order to efficiently and safely mitigate this incident.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Currently showing at the Central Library and Cultural Center

"Digital Photograph & Painting" in the Corner Gallery: Artist **Mark Leeds** exhibits his 1st Gold Series set of work printed in 8.5"x11" on Strathmore Metalized Gold paper and shown in matted frames 8"x10." Artist **Louis LaCroix** exhibits a variety of digitalized photos of people, stark landscapes and designs, some recognizable only by title. Both artists present interesting and vibrantly colorful work with the exception of Louis LaCroix's stark rural landscapes in black and white.

The Windows Gallery exhibits photos, pastels, oil and watercolor pieces, beautifully representing a variety of subjects, by several local artists. Both exhibits are available for viewing through January 31.

Choice Publishing House Presentation and Book Signing

Meet author C. D. Shelton on Saturday, January 30 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Room E at the Central Library, and hear an introduction of his new book, "Age of Enlightenment". Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Signing of the book will be available as well. Refreshments will be offered. For more information call 714-206-2462.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Internet Safety for Children

On December 22, 2009, Huntington Beach detectives arrested a 25 year old male from Brea who was trying to pay a 13 year old female to have sex with him. On January 19, 2010, our detectives arrested a 27 year old male from Newport Beach who was also trying to pay a 13 year old female to have sex with him. In both cases, these adult suspects were responding to one of our police detectives posing as a child online, not an actual child online.

Children have internet access outside of the home where parents are often unable to monitor them. Coffee shops, libraries, friends' houses, and smart-phones allow children unsupervised access to the internet. The Huntington Beach Police Department encourages parents to talk to their children about safe internet usage. Such topics as not giving out personal information about themselves and only having online conversations with people they know are important issues for children to understand for their own safety.

PUBLIC WORKS

Rainfall Update

Storm drain systems and the 15 flood control pump stations operated around the clock to handle last week's deluge. According to rainfall measurements at the stations, the city received an average of 5.05 inches between January 17 and 23. The Hamilton station, adjacent to the Santa Ana River, recorded the highest number at 5.73 inches over the period. At the lower end of the rainfall totals were Bolsa Chica with 4.1 inches, and the Slater station with 4.6 inches. High winds midweek resulted in downed trees, broken branches, and a large

amount of debris throughout the city. Over 10,000 sandbags were distributed to residents from the city yard including some delivered to seniors by our CERT volunteers.