

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

January 28, 2013

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Beach Art Center

The Art Center is pleased to announce the award of a \$5,000 grant from the Plunkett Foundation to provide exhibition tours and related workshops to third grade students from the Huntington Beach City School District. The program Partners in Art has been successful at bringing over 600 students per year to the Art Center for docent guided tours of the contemporary exhibitions. After each tour, students experience workshops developed with the standards-based curriculum, taught by professional artists. Transportation to the Art Center is provided with support from the Huntington Beach Education Foundation.

### Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services in Our Park

Valentine's Day Ballroom Dance – New Time, New Band, New Fun! On Friday, February 8, 2013, the Huntington Beach Council on Aging will premiere live music by the Sam Conti Trio featuring your favorite tunes from the 1940-1960s! This romantic dance will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. Orange Coast Memorial Care Health System will sponsor dessert and wine is available for purchase. New sweethearts and long-time sweethearts will be recognized during the dance. Singles are also welcome to join the ball - \$7.50 per person. For more information, contact the senior center, 1706 Orange Avenue, 714-536-9387 or visit: [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org).



### Edison High School – Red Cross Blood Drive

Edison Community Center Staff and the Edison High School Red Cross Club students are partnering with the American Red Cross to host a community blood drive. The blood drive will be Tuesday, February 12 from 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Edison Community Center. All participants who give blood will receive a coupon for a free appetizer from Mimi's Café and two free tickets to the Grammy Museum (\$5 processing fee per ticket). To schedule an appointment please visit: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use Sponsor Code: Edisonhigh. If you have any questions, please call 714-369-9192 or email [scallison.lee@gmail.com](mailto:scallison.lee@gmail.com).

### Street Dancin' Plus

The Huntington Beach Community Services Department is offering a fun way for developmentally disabled teens/young adults to learn some new dance moves and other fun activities from sign language to acting at the City Gym and Pool. This is a great way to make some new friends and some new hobbies! Come join us on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. March 6-13 for ages 12 to adult at the low cost of \$45. For more information, please contact the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884 or register online at: [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org).

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Western Nights at Surf City Nights**

February is Western Nights month for Surf City Nights. Join in on the western fun each Tuesday night from 5 PM to 9 PM throughout the entire month of February. Enjoy free line dancing lessons, chili pepper eating contest, country and western music, and much more! For a full schedule of events go to: [www.hbdowntown.com](http://www.hbdowntown.com). Surf City Nights is a Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District organized event.

### **Mobile Home Advisory Board Member Recruitment**

The Mobile Home Advisory Board (MHAB) is currently seeking applications for Huntington Beach mobile home park owner/manager or representative, park resident, and a member at large to fill vacancies on the Board. Board Members currently meet quarterly in January, April, July, and October on the fourth Monday at 6:00 p.m. to review mobile home park issues and provide a forum for communication on matters affecting the City's 18 mobile home parks. Anyone interested in obtaining an application should contact the Economic Development Department at (714) 536-5457. Applications are also available online at [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org). There are currently three (3) openings: mobile home park owner/manager or representative (1); mobile home park resident (1); and At-Large Board members. Applications are due by March 1, 2013.

### **Surf City Savings**

Surf City Savings and participating merchants are committed to helping consumers save money! Also, shopping locally generates sales tax dollars to support local services.

New merchants are joining each week bringing you valuable offers and opportunities to find businesses that you didn't know had a home in our community. Visit [www.surfcitysavings.com](http://www.surfcitysavings.com) often, print out your favorite coupons, and visit these merchants to receive your discounts. Sign up to receive an email whenever a new merchant joins the program, making it even easier to find money-saving opportunities in Huntington Beach.

## **FIRE**

### **Structure Fire**

On January 25 just before 6:30 a.m., firefighters responded to a call for a reported multi-unit structure fire on Alabama Street.

The first engine company arrived to find fire through the roof and on both levels of the involved unit. After confirming that the occupants had evacuated, the fire crew made a quick fire attack and were successful in containing the fire and protecting the adjacent units. The fire was declared under control in approximately 20 minutes and no injuries were reported.

### **Cooking Safety**

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

### Cook with Caution

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch on fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from your stovetop.

### If you have a Cooking Fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 after you leave.
- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you have a clear way out.
- Keep a lid nearby when you're cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

### Cooking and Kids

- Have a "Kid-Free Zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

For information, please visit [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education).

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

### **City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips**

Did you know that the City website contains information about our City Council? This section contains information about the City Council, term end dates, and biographies for each Council Member. You can view this information by click on the "Government" heading and then "City Council."

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected\\_officials/city\\_council/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/city_council/).

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Digital Literacy Week**

To be able to read and write and to be able to learn via the written word is to be literate. People who are literate are able to participate in society, to teach, to learn and to grow. What does it mean, then to be digitally literate? In today's world, the digitally literate person can use technology almost the way one uses a language, to read, to learn, to explore and to grow. Are you digitally literate? Explore the exciting idea of digital literacy and how to achieve it next month at the Huntington Beach Public Library during Digital Literacy Week, February 11 through February 15. Check [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) for information about coming events and programs.

**Genealogy BASH and Book Faire @ the Library**

Family History has been on TV lately – the series “Who do you think you are” showed various celebrities learning about their family heritage. Ever wondered how to trace a family line or fill in a family tree? Come to the Genealogy BASH and Book Faire hosted by the Orange County, California, Genealogical Society on Saturday, March 2 at the Huntington Beach Library and find out how to do family research. Learn about new tools and resources at one of 20 different lectures presented by local experts, meet with exhibit sponsors such as [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) and [findmypast.com](http://findmypast.com), or get a bargain book at the Book Faire! Free beginner classes will be offered to help first time researchers get started. The BASH is sure to spark an interest in learning family history for the first time...or all over again. The event runs from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, with speaker sessions starting at 9:15 am. Advanced registration is required (even for the free class). For further information, contact the OCCGS at (714) 536-5549 or visit [www.occgcs.com](http://www.occgcs.com).

**Hot Books in Huntington Beach**

What is Huntington Beach reading? Here are the top 10 “hot” books for Huntington Beach readers for the week of January 21, 2013 based upon the number of people on the waiting list:

1. *Suspect* by Robert Crais
2. *The Fifth Assassin* by Brad Meltzer
3. *Touch & Go* by Lisa Gardner
4. *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
5. *Too Bright to Hear, “Too Loud to See* by Juliann Garey
6. *The Painted Girls* by Cathy Marie Buchanan
7. *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman
8. *This is How You Lose Her* by Junot Diaz
9. *Threat Vector* by Tom Clancy
10. *Collateral Damage* by Stuart Woods

**PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT****Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project**

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, including an environmental assessment (initial study), will be available for public review and comment for 30 days, commencing Thursday, January 31, 2013, and ending Friday, March 1, 2013.

The City of Huntington Beach proposes to widen the Brookhurst Street/Adams Avenue intersection in all directions to add travel lanes on both roadways. The following new travel lanes are proposed: two additional northbound right-turn lanes (Brookhurst Street); one additional southbound right-turn lane (Brookhurst Street); one additional eastbound through lane (Adams Avenue); and one additional westbound through lane (Adams Avenue). The project is proposed to satisfy the requirements of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed in 2006, between the Cities of Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach and the Orange County Transportation Authority. The proposed intersection widening would require right-of-way (ROW) acquisition on all four legs of the intersection on both sides of

each street. The proposed project would require approximately 31,230 square feet of ROW acquisition, predominantly from commercial properties but with one partial residential land acquisition (approximately 143 square feet).

Written comments on the NOP must be submitted to Mary Beth Broeren, Planning Manager, City of Huntington Beach Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California 92648 by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2013. A copy of the NOP will be on file at the following locations:

City of Huntington Beach Department of Planning and Building, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach;  
Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach;  
Banning Branch Library, 9281 Banning Avenue, Huntington Beach;  
and on the internet at:  
<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/Environmentalreports>.

A meeting will be held during the comment period to take comments related to the scope of the environmental issues to be analyzed within the draft EIR on Thursday, February 21, 2013. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Huntington Beach Central Library in Room C/D on the lower level, at 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, California.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Orange County District Attorney Press Release:**

A registered sex offender was arraigned last Friday for arranging to meet an underage girl for sex through Craigslist. Carlton Earl Griner, 55, Garden Grove, is charged with one felony count each of contacting a child with intent to commit a lewd act, meeting a minor with intent to engage in lewd conduct, and attempted lewd act upon a child under 14 years old. If convicted, Griner faces a maximum sentence of five years in state prison and mandatory lifetime sex offender registration. Griner is being held on \$100,000 bail. Griner is required to register as a sex offender in California based on his prior conviction of possessing child pornography in Iowa.

On January 2013, Griner is accused of posting an advertisement soliciting sex on Craigslist. Griner is accused of exchanging sexually explicit e-mails with a person who Griner believed was a 13-year-old girl, but was actually an undercover Huntington Beach Police Department officer.

On Jan. 9, 2013, the defendant is accused of making arrangements with the undercover officer to meet in a shopping center. Griner is accused of driving to the location of the meeting spot with the intent to have sexual contact with the "13-year-old girl." Upon arrival, HBPD officers arrested the defendant.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with additional information or who believes they have been a victim is encouraged to contact HBPD Detective Steven Fong at (714) 536-5960 or Supervising District Attorney Investigator Anthony Sosnowski at (714) 834-8794.

Deputy District Attorney Eric Scarbrough of the Sexual Assault Unit is prosecuting this case.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Surf City USA Marathon Street Closures**

On Sunday, February 3, the City of Huntington Beach will be hosting the annual Surf City USA Marathon. The race will primarily use Pacific Coast Highway, Seapoint Street and Edwards Street. Beginning in the early morning (starting at 1 am), streets on and near the route will begin to be closed with some limited local access provided in some areas. The main streets affected by the race include:

- Pacific Coast Highway: from Warner Avenue to Beach Boulevard
- All of Seapoint Street
- Goldenwest: from Palm Avenue to Pacific Coast Highway
- Garfield: from Edwards Street to Seapoint Street
- Edwards Street: from Garfield Avenue to just south of Slater Avenue

Detours and limited local access routes will be provided throughout the closure areas. However, significant congestion should be expected along the main routes of PCH, Beach Boulevard and Warner Avenue. All streets are expected to be completely open by 2 pm. For additional details and maps, please visit [www.runsurfcity.com](http://www.runsurfcity.com).

The FULL Marathon begins at 6:30 a.m. and the Half Marathon begins at 7:45 a.m. All races will start on Pacific Coast Highway at Huntington Street in front of the Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel. The finish line is about 300 yards north of the start also on PCH.