

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**January 30, 2012**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Youth Shelter Plaque Dedication

On Saturday, January 28, Senator Tom Harman and Mayor Don Hansen together with several members of the Huntington Beach City Council attended the Huntington Youth Shelter Founders Plaque dedication. The plaque memorializes the tireless efforts of the Youth Shelter Founders, beginning in 1987 with the goal of opening and operating a Youth Shelter in Huntington Beach. The Huntington Youth Shelter offers short-term, crisis intervention services to homeless, runaway, and at risk youth from all over Orange County. The ultimate goal is family preservation and diversion of at-risk youth from the juvenile justice system. At the February 6 City Council meeting, Mayor Hansen will present the Director of the Youth Shelter a commendation acknowledging the shelter and their founders for serving at-risk youth and preserving families.

### Recreation Programs

Learn something new this year or start a new hobby! Cooking classes are a great way to have fun and meet new people! The Edison Community Center is hosting a Cajun-style class with a tasty menu. Students will learn to prepare red beans and rice, gumbo, jambalaya, Shrimp etouffe, blackened red fish, hush puppies, and Key Lime pie. You will also learn how to make the perfect roux. Delight your friends with this special cuisine. A \$10 materials fee is due at the first class! Visit [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) to learn more about this and other recreation programs!

### Huntington Beach Senior Services

Age Wave – Huntington Beach Senior Services is offering a free five-week series, The Age Wave is designed for volunteers and others interested in aging issues including: Baby Boomers & Active Aging, Communication, Ethics & Boundaries, Grief & Loss, Hoarding, Myths & Realities of Aging, Elder Abuse, and Community Resources. A free CPR class is also included. The class will be held on Wednesdays from 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. beginning February 29 at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. This class fills early. For more information or to enroll, contact Diane Swarts, 714-374-1544 or [dswarts@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:dswarts@surfcity-hb.org).

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Marketing and Visitors Bureau Website Features New Innovative Online Virtual Tour

The Huntington Beach Marketing and Visitors Bureau recently unveiled a new feature on their website, taking the concept of virtual tours to a whole new level. The New “V-Tour” feature is the first of its kind in California providing visitors an inside view of various businesses and

major features. Experience some of the city's activities and events such as Surf City Nights and the US Open of Surfing - watch informative videos about some of the city's key activities, like the history of surfing. The V-Tour also features an interview about Huntington Beach with ten-time world champion surfer – and holder of the key to the city - Kelly Slater. To take a "V-Tour" yourself, visit the Bureau's website at [www.surfcityusa.com](http://www.surfcityusa.com) and click on "Virtual Tour of Huntington Beach."

## **FIRE**

### **Apartment Fire**

On January 30 at approximately 4:30 a.m., firefighters were dispatched to an apartment fire on Alabama Street. Upon arrival, Firefighters found fire to the roof with a working attic fire. Residents reported someone stuck inside one of the apartments and firefighters assisted the occupant from the structure. The fire was brought under control within approximately 30 minutes with heavy damage throughout the building.

Red Cross responded to provide assistance to the displaced apartment occupants. No one was injured and the fire is currently under investigation.

### **Cooking Safety**

Cooking brings family and friends together and provides an outlet for creativity and relaxation. 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**

### **Interested in Being a Beach Lifeguard for the Summer?**

Find out about the Marine Safety Operations Life Guard Services on the City website at: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/visitors/beach\\_Info/lifeguard\\_services.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/visitors/beach_Info/lifeguard_services.cfm)

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **U.S. Green Building Council Eco City Awards**

On Thursday, January 26, the U.S. Green Building Council held their Inaugural Eco City Awards Ceremony honoring the top three most sustainable cities in Orange County. The City of Huntington Beach, along with the cities of Anaheim and Irvine were honored to be included among the finalists and the City of Huntington Beach was awarded second place. A member of the Planning and Building Department gave a presentation detailing the City's accomplishments in energy savings, and sustainable projects, including the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan, the Downtown Specific Plan, and the Municipal Solar Project (which includes solar panel facilities at the Civic Center, Central Library, and the City Yard). The City of Huntington Beach is the first Orange County City to achieve SCE Gold partner status and the efficiency projects already in effect have saved more than 11% of electricity city-wide when compared to 2004.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Report a Crime Online**

The Huntington Beach Police Department online citizen police report system allows a person to submit a report for certain minor crimes. It also allows that person to print a copy of the police report for free. This is a great convenience with no time delays. However, not all reports can be filed online. Some reports need an officer to respond to conduct an investigation and document the incident in person. The police department website gives detailed information on what the requirements are for filing a report online.

Online crime reporting allows you to file minor reports for offenses such as lost property, petty theft, harassing telephone calls and vandalism. For more information on how to use the system visit the police department web page at [www.hbpd.org](http://www.hbpd.org) and link to "Report a Crime Online."

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

2011 saw a 3.4% increase in Huntington Beach's water consumption. A warm summer and the unseasonably warm and dry start to the 2011-12 winter are to blame. Residents are encouraged to continue their conservation efforts. For information, tips and helpful links, please visit [www.surfcity-hb.org/hbwater](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/hbwater) . Also, check out the Huntington Beach Water Facebook page.

