

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

January 9, 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Try Something New in 2012 – There several great classes starting in January at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center: Beginning Ballet for Seniors, Latin Line Sizzle, Zumba Gold, Song and Dance Workshop, Organize your Computer, Picasa Photo Organizing, and many more. Register for classes online at www.hbsands.org or in person at the Rodgers Front Desk, 1706 Orange Avenue. For more information call: 714-536-9387.

Recreation Programs

H2O Water Boot Camp – H2O boot camp is now being offered at the City Gym and Pool. This unique new class combines rigorous cross training from swimming, water polo, water aerobics, modified plyometrics, and traditional strength and cardiovascular exercise. This class sets new standards in water-based fitness and is designed to challenge swimmers of all ages and physical shape. For more information and a list of additional classes, please see page 22 of the SANDS Community Service Guide or contact the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884.

Active Scholars: Homework Power Hour – Does your child need a safe, quiet, environment to do their homework? Homework power hour is just for them! During homework power hour, credentialed teachers help your kids with their homework in a quiet and helpful environment. This power hour will allow children grades K thru 8 to have more time to focus on other activities in their life and not just homework. Classes begin January 10. Space is limited so sign up now! Register online at HBSANDS.org or contact Murdy Community Center at 714-960-8895.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Celebration of Artists

The Downtown Art Walk will host a Celebration of Artists on Wednesday, January 18th from 6:30 – 9:30 pm at the Shore Break Hotel located on 5th St and Pacific Coast Hwy in Downtown Huntington Beach. The Shorebreak Hotel has donated their Epic Ballroom for the party, where over 50 artists will present one piece of work as an example of their portfolios. The annual celebration will feature musical entertainment, a no-host bar, door prizes and opportunity drawings, with prizes donated by artists and the downtown business community. Hosted by the HB Downtown B.I.D. and the Art Walk Committee, the event promises to offer guests and artists a joyful evening of art, music and celebration. For more information, please visit www.hb-downtown.com

FIRE

Residential Structure Fire

On January 6, 2012, at approximately 6:30 p.m., firefighters were dispatched to a residential structure fire on Brookside Drive. Residents self-evacuated; one was transported to the hospital for evaluation and four dogs were removed by firefighters.

The fire spread from the garage to the second floor attic. Flames were exiting the vents on both ends of the roof and the second floor ceiling collapsed - no one was inside. The fire was declared under control at approximately 8:00 p.m. The home was estimated to be valued at \$670,000 and is expected to be determined a total loss. During extinguishment operations, one firefighter suffered a non-life threatening injury, was evaluated at the scene, and then transported to the hospital for further evaluation. The fire is currently under investigation.

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 you feel better outside of your home, then 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

If you are interested in a job with the City that is not currently being advertised, you can sign up to receive an email notification when a particular type of positions becomes available. Fill out a Job Interest Card on the city website at:

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/huntingtonbeach/default.cfm?action=openjobrequest&EmployerID=1374>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Sharing the Joys of Reading

World Book Night is a charity dedicated to the promotion of literacy and the celebration, sharing and enjoyment of reading among teenagers and adults. The first World Book Night was held in the UK in 2011. In 2012 World Book Night will be celebrated in the USA as well as the UK and Ireland on April 23 and will see tens of thousands of givers share the joy and love of reading with millions of those who are not already regular readers.

World Book Night is looking for 50,000 people to go out into their communities on April 23 and give away 20 World Book Night editions to people who don't regularly read to spread the joy and love of reading. To register or learn more, visit <http://www.us.worldbooknight.org>. The HB Library supports World Book Night and we look forward to helping interested readers spread the joy of literature.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**Planning Commission**

On January 10, 2012, at 5:15PM in Room B-8, the Planning Commission will conduct a study session on the following items:

SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) NO. 07-002/ GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 11-001/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 07-039(R) (HUNTINGTON BEACH SENIOR CENTER) to review the environmental impacts associated with the Huntington Beach Senior Center Project to permit the development of a 45,000 square foot senior center facility, a 227-space parking lot with spaces for City vehicles and shuttle buses, and an outdoor open space area. (. (18041 Goldenwest Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648) Contact Jennifer Villasenor, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-024/VARIANCE NO. 11-006 (HB WOMAN'S CLUB) to review a request to permit the reconstruction of the woman's clubhouse to replace the former fire damaged clubhouse, originally built in 1916. (420 10th Street, 92648 - east side of 10th Street, between Orange Avenue and Pecan Avenue) Contact Jill Arabe, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information. A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT**Congratulations to our Newly Promoted Police Officers!**

On December 22, 2011, Chief Small swore in Lieutenant Nichols who came to the Huntington Beach Police Department from the Fountain Valley Police Department in 1995. Lieutenant Nichols became a Sergeant in 2007, and has a Bachelor's Degree.

Sergeant Ferrin was also sworn in by Chief Small on December 22, 2011. Sergeant Ferrin came to the Huntington Beach Police Department in 2008, from the El Segundo Police Department where he was a Sergeant. Sergeant Ferrin completed his Master's Degree in 2005.

PUBLIC WORKS**Completion of Tree Petition Project**

The Tree Petition program allows interested residents to submit a petition to have their street, curb and gutter, and sidewalk damaged by street trees be improved. The petitions received are ranked and placed on a priority list. Given the limited resources and high cost for these projects, the City only improves a low number of street segments each year.

As part of the 2011 Tree Petition project, Glenhaven Lane, Tropicana Lane, and Whitney Drive have now been completed. The scope of work included the removal and replacement of concrete sidewalks, driveway approaches, curbs and gutters, and removal and replacement of identified street trees. The asphalt roadways of Glenhaven Lane and Whitney Drive were resurfaced due to the extensive curb and gutter work. Tropicana Lane was slurry sealed since there was minimal disturbance to the roadway and was in good condition. As with all projects of this type, there is a 90-day plant establishment period along with a one year maintenance agreement to ensure that the growth of the grass and trees are sustained.