

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

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CITY MANAGER

Mama's on 39 to Host Wintersburg Fundraiser

Mama's on 39 will donate up to 30 percent of the proceeds for the entire day's returns on Monday, July 29, to the Historic Wintersburg Preservation Fund. The donation only applies if restaurant goers bring the donation flyer. Copies are available at City Hall, Huntington Beach libraries, and on the Historic Wintersburg Facebook page.

Mama's on 39 is located at 21022 Beach Boulevard, in the Beach Promenade Shopping Center at the corner of Beach Boulevard and Atlanta Avenue. Mama's on 39 features a variety of great small plates and meals, including Killer Street Tacos, Blue Cheese Sliders, Seared Ahi Salad, and their famous Chicken 'n Waffles. Bring a copy of the flyer to Mama's on 39 anytime between 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Monday, July 29 and up to 30 percent of your bill will be contributed to the Historic Wintersburg Preservation Fund!

Information about Historic Wintersburg can be found at:

www.HistoricWintersburg.blogspot.com, the Task Force Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Historic-Wintersburg-Preservation-Task-Force/433990979985360>, City web page:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/i_want_to/give/donation-wintersburg.cfm, and Youtube channel, <http://www.youtube.com/user/HistoricWintersburg/feed?filter=2>.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

The Huntington Beach Senior Services Care Management team partners with community organizations to provide home maintenance for low-income older adults. Recently a 50-year Huntington Beach resident contacted Care Management concerned because she had received a notice from her mobile home park that she needed washing, painting, and repair due to an inspection and sale of the park. She had last painted her coach by herself in the 1980's but now, this 93 year old widow was unable to physically or financially manage the job and she has no close family to help.

In coordination with Senior Services, the Surf City Rotary Club and the Westminster High School Interact Club stepped up to the challenge. A team of 15 people prepped and cleaned for four hours and a team of 20 painters put in 5.5 hours each for a total of 170 volunteer hours! Surf City Rotary funded the project and most of the supplies; Behr paint donated the paint.

Surf City Rotary is an active, friendly service club involved in local communities with service and "hands-on" projects. Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Care Managers work with Huntington Beach older adult residents, families, caregivers, and the community to enhance the quality of life for older adults as well as to

develop and implement a plan for late life transitions and aging in place. For information on aging issues call Seniors Outreach at: 714-960-2478.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There's a Better Way to get to the US Open of Surfing this weekend!

The finals of the 2013 Vans US Open of Surfing are just a few days away and the event is certain to bring thousands of surfing fans to the beautiful shores of Huntington Beach. To make your visit a bit easier – not to mention much more fun and environmentally friendly – consider taking advantage of free, secured bicycle parking or free shuttles available to add to the enjoyment of this weekend's festivities.

Located at 301 Fifth Street, Pedego Electric Bikes (look for the red building) is just a stone's throw away from the action, offering free, secured bike parking on weekends from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Ride in, drop your bike with the attendant and head on out!

The FREE Surf City Downtown Shuttle will provide continuous service from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday from the Huntington Beach Civic Center to the stop at Main and Orange. The 5th Street stop at The Strand will not be available during the US Open finals weekend.

Shuttle Passengers may park free of charge at the Civic Center, located at 2000 Main Street, at the southeast corner of Main and Yorktown. The Vans US Open of Surfing is also operating free shuttle service from both Huntington Beach High School and Edison High School from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Free parking is available at both locations.

The HBHS shuttle will pick up in front of the aquatic facility and travel to Main and Orange. Service from Edison High School will pick up in the parking lot at the school's main entrance and will travel to 1st and Atlanta Streets. For more information about the US Open shuttles, visit their website: <http://www.vansusopenofsurfing.com/content/public-transportation> and for more information on the Surf City Downtown Shuttle, please visit: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking/.

FIRE

Garage Fire Safety Checklist

The garage is one of the more common places that a fire can start. If you follow these easy steps, you can help reduce the chances that a fire will happen to you.

- Keep only small quantities of gasoline and store in an approved safety container
- Store paint and other flammable liquids in their original containers with tight fitting lids
- Use and store flammable liquids far away from appliances, water heaters or other sources of heat or flame

- Clothes dryers must be vented. Remove accumulated lint and dust from the dryer vent hose
- Store oily rags in a metal container with a tight fitting lid to avoid spontaneous combustion
- Do not store anything adjacent to the water heater
- Never smoke near flammable liquids

To dispose of household hazardous waste, call Orange County Waste and Recycling at (714) 834-6752.

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Backflow prevention devices eliminate contaminated water from flowing into the Huntington Beach water system. You can now check the compliance status of your Backflow device 24 hours day online at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Backflow_DataWebService/Backflow/cccompliance_search.aspx

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Public Library Participating in Edge Initiative this Summer

Select Public Libraries to Be Among the First to Use Professional Benchmarking Tool

The Huntington Beach Public Library was recently invited to participate in the soft launch of the Edge Initiative this summer to align their digital and technology services with community priorities. Edge provides powerful new strategies and tools to help libraries advocate for public access technology services that benefit their communities.

“We are honored to be among the first to apply this leadership tool to assess and ultimately strengthen the technology services our libraries provide,” said Stephanie Beverage, Director of Library Services. “Our library helps meet the technology needs and interests of our community members, and the Edge Initiative will help us ensure our residents have access to enhanced digital and technology services.”

The driving force behind the Edge Initiative is a set of benchmarks that libraries use to assess their current public access technology. The Edge Benchmarks Version 1.0 is available at www.libraryedge.org, and the complete assessment and toolkit will be available to libraries nationwide in January 2014.

Edge empowers library leaders to elevate their strategic planning, shape the story of the library and communicate its value in supporting community goals and initiatives around education, health, economic development, and much more.

Seven state library agencies are participating in the soft launch: California, Connecticut, Illinois, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

About the Edge Coalition

Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and led by the Urban Libraries Council, an unprecedented national coalition of 13 organizations are collaborating to help public libraries provide all people with the opportunity to enrich and improve their lives through open access to information, communication, and technology services.

For more information, please visit the **Edge** website at www.libraryedge.org or contact Huntington Beach Library Administration at (714) 960-8836.

Assigned Summer Reading Just Got a Little Easier

Local high school students with summer reading assignments for their English classes often look to the library for the book. When print copies are all checked out, eBooks can provide another means for students to complete the required reading. To help with this summer's assignments, the Huntington Beach Public Library recently added *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton, *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson, and *Count Of Monte Cristo* by Alexander Dumas - plus several other titles - to the eBook collection at e.hbpl.org. Like print books, eBooks can be borrowed for up to three (3) weeks and are free to Huntington Beach Library cardholders. For more information, call (714) 842-4481.

Hot Summer Reads in Huntington Beach

Here's what Huntington Beach Library patrons are reading this summer (*based upon the number of reserves per book title*):

- *And The Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini
- *Inferno: A Novel* by Dan Brown
- *The English Girl: A Novel* by Daniel Silva
- *Highway* by C.J. Box
- *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith (pen name of J.K. Rowling)
- *The Silver Star: A Novel* by Jeannette Walls
- *Revenge Wears Prada: The Devil Returns* by Lauren Weisberger
- *The Ocean At The End Of The Lane* by Neil Gaiman
- *Bad Monkey* by Carl Hiaasen
- *Hunting Eve* by Iris Johansen

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Southeast Area Committee

The Southeast Area Committee will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at 5:15 p.m. in Room B-8 on the Lower Level of Huntington Beach Civic Center at 2000 Main Street. Topics of discussion include: status updates on the Poseidon Project, the ASCON Landfill site, City Park Projects, Major Development Projects, and Capital Improvement Projects. Contact Rosemary Medel, Associate Planner, at 714-536-5271 for more information.

POLICE DEPARTMENT**2013 US Open of Surfing Street Closures**

Thursday, July 25th – Concert planned

- 6:00 a.m. 24 hour closure at Walnut Street from Main Street to alley West of Main Street, **till 10:00 a.m. on Monday.**
- 6:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed first block of Main Street for Surfing Walk of Fame Ceremony.
- Noon to 8 p.m. Closed northbound 1st Street from PCH to Atlanta.

Friday, July 26th – Concert planned

- 24 hour closure Walnut Street from Main Street to alley west of Main Street, till Monday.
- 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Closed first and second blocks of Main Street.

Saturday, July 27th

- 24 hour closure Walnut Street from Main Street to alley west of Main Street, till Monday.
- 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Closed first and second blocks of Main Street.

Sunday, July 28th

- 24 hour closure Walnut Street from Main Street to alley west of Main Street, till Monday.
- 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Closed first and second blocks of Main Street.

Monday, July 29th

- 10:00 a.m. Open Walnut Street from Main Street to alley West of Main Street.

President's Volunteer Service Award Recipients Announced

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation was established to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers make in our communities and to encourage more people to serve. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families and groups that have achieved a certain standard, measured by the number of hours of service over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

The following recipients serve at Huntington Beach Police Department and were honored at a luncheon last Friday. Please join me in recognizing, acknowledging and thanking them for their contributions!

10 Years of Service: Jack Benvenuto, Chris Maddy and Bill Small Jr.

4000+ Hours: Don Bayhan, Ruth Brisky, Walter Hapke, Leon Heimkes, Stanley Helfman, Kenneth Katz, Ralph Lanternier, Beverly Olander, Barbara Rainey, Jack Warnitz and Dolores Zimmerman

Special Recognition – Top Total Hours - - Kenneth Katz with 21,214 volunteer hours

PUBLIC WORKS**Hamilton Storm Drain Emergency Repair**

In recent months, City staff has investigated complaints of odors near the intersection of Hamilton Avenue and Brookhurst Street. During the investigation, it was discovered that groundwater, rich in sulfides, had caused corrosion to the concrete storm drain that runs along Hamilton Avenue. The storm drain had numerous holes that allowed the groundwater to seep into the pipe. With the possibility of surrounding soil loss City staff proactively contracted to have the storm drain pipe lined in an effort to seal the pipe and extend its useful life. Prior to lining, the surrounding groundwater table must be lowered through dewatering, which began two weeks ago. This necessitated the closure of the bicycle, parking lane, and one travel lane on the north side of Hamilton Avenue, in addition to the southbound turn lane on Brookhurst Street. In the next few days, the lining process will begin. Construction activities are expected to continue for three to four weeks. Due to the impact to the adjacent shopping center and the motoring public, the contractor's allowable work hours have been slightly decreased to allow for better traffic flow.