

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

July 25, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Project Self Sufficiency Foundation and Whole Foods Huntington Beach have partnered to raise money for Project Self Sufficiency!

During the months of July, August and September, drop your spare change to help low income, single parents achieve self sufficiency and receive basic assistance. Whole Foods "Recycle Your Change" Program is a great program that highlights and assists local nonprofit agencies and this is an EASY way to support PSS. When you shop at Whole Foods, just drop your extra change in the PSS buckets at the cash register and we will take care of the rest! Encourage your friends and family to shop at Whole Foods and while they are there, they can help a single parent in need of assistance!

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Care Management – Care Managers work with Huntington Beach older adult residents, families, caregivers, and the community to help enhance the quality of life of older adults, as well as develop and implement a plan for facing late life transitions and aging in place. A Care Manager can do in-home or over the phone consultations to objectively evaluate a situation and provide education, information, support and help find solutions. For information on a wide variety of subjects on aging-in-place such as care giving, daily care calls, hoarding, home improvement & safety, housing, in-home help, mobility equipment, personal response systems, and senior living options, call (714) 960-2478 and ask to speak with the Care Manager on duty.

AES Movie Nights

On Saturday night, July 23, Huntington Beach residents attended the screening of GREASE at the Central Park Bandstand. Family and friends joined together under the stars and were pleasantly surprised as dancers from the Huntington Academy of Dance performed a "flash mob" to the music of GREASE. Saturday, July 30, will be the final week of the 4-week AES Movie Series. Festivities begin at 7:00 pm with the screening of MEGAMIND at dusk. "Parks Make Life Better!"

Cooking Camps for Kids

The City Gym and Pool helps children explore their culinary skills with two Best Chef Cooking Camps offered this summer in July and August. Best Chef Cooking Camp is a hands-on cooking camp that's fun, creative, and delicious. Each day children will create two to three dishes ranging from spinach and mushroom lasagna rolls to chocolate crinkle cookies. A recipe book will be provided at the end of the week to take home. These cooking classes are suitable for ages 8-13 and normally are offered year-round at the City Gym and Pool. For more information on future classes please contact the City Gym and Pool at (714) 960-8884.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FREE Yoga at The Strand every Friday through August 19

Start your weekend off with free yoga at The Strand in downtown Huntington Beach. Every week on Friday from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, bring your own towel or mat. Summer for yoga at The Strand on 5th Street is sponsored by 104.3 MY FM. For more information, log on to www.thestrandon5th.com.

Surf City Bike Valet with Extended Hours During the US Open of Surfing

Summer is here and so are the crowds! Free and easy parking for bicycle riders during the US Open of Surfing, and no locks required! The eco-friendly Bike Valet program is extending hours on the weekends from 11 AM to 7 PM during the US Open, and is open every Tuesday night during the downtown street fair from 5 PM to 9 PM. The Surf City Bike Valet is located at The Strand on 5th Street between PCH and Walnut Avenue. For more information, log on to www.facebook.com/bikevalet.

FIRE

HBFD Competes in State-Wide Firefighter Olympics

For more than 30 years, firefighters from throughout the State have competed in the Annual California Firefighter Summer Olympics. The six-day competition, which rotates each year between Northern and Southern California, was held in the host city of Newport Beach. With the large number of events and participants, competitions were held throughout the Southern California area.

The Huntington Beach Fire Department was well represented in 2011 with members participating in a variety of events including: Triathlon, Surfing, Stand-Up Paddle Boarding, Ice Hockey, Soccer, Cross-Fit, and Softball. The following HBFD members brought home medals for their performance:

Firefighter Paramedic Wendy Stiver – Gold Medal, Triathlon

Engineer Justin Fleming – Gold Medal, Ice Hockey

Firefighter Paramedic Keita Sato – Silver Medal, Ice Hockey

Firefighter Paramedic Dane Morrissey – Gold Medal, Stand-Up Paddle Short Course

Firefighter Paramedic Dane Morrissey – Gold Medal, Stand-Up Paddle Long Course

Firefighter Paramedic Kane Johnson – Bronze Medal, Stand-Up Paddle Short Course

Firefighter Paramedic Dane Morrissey, Firefighter Paramedic Kane Johnson, Engineer Bob Farrar, and Logan Shaw (son of retired HBFD Captain Tom Shaw) – Gold Medal, Stand-Up Paddle Team Relay

Hazard Mitigation Plan

The City of Huntington Beach is conducting a local effort to update the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The HMP identifies natural hazards throughout the City and presents an assessment of critical facilities vulnerable to these hazards. The HMP also lists potential actions needed to reduce risk and future damage.

The city received a \$75,000 planning grant to update the HMP and has hired a consultant to assist the local planning team during the process. Although the HMP enables the city to be eligible for assistance grants, the plan's true value is in the identification of hazards. The HMP will assist emergency managers and residents to better prepare for disasters.

The city is looking for assistance from the public to complete the HMP and is requesting residents and business owners to complete a survey. Community members can go to the link below or the city's webpage to complete the survey.

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/announcements/announcement.cfm?id=329>

INFORMATION SERVICES

The Online Permit Status Check application allows users to search for information regarding their building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical and fire permits.

<http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/permitonline/>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**Family Literacy Program Celebrates Volunteer and Student Achievement!**

The Family Literacy Program, part of Literacy Volunteers-HBPL, held its Annual Awards Night on June 29 with more than 140 attendees. Special guest Mayor Joe Carchio presented awards to four tutors. Volunteer Dona Burrell earned recognition for volunteering 15 years with literacy students; tutors Luz Zambon, Alice Seltzer, Betty Murphy, and Barbara Binaski earned pins for five years of service. Mayor Carchio thanked all tutors for their generous gift of time and congratulated students for their hard work. The program honored nine adult students that night for their dedication to learning. Literacy students overcome many obstacles to increase their skills and meet important goals. Their dedication means a brighter future for them and for their families and a better community for us all. We congratulate our tutors and learners, and look forward to another year of learning and success!

Catch Up on Summer Reading @ Your Library!

The Huntington Beach Public Library is offering 3 Summer Reading Programs for all ages this summer. Children ages 2 – 12 can sign up at any of the 5 Huntington Beach Public Libraries for the program, "One World Many Stories." Prizes include stickers, book bags and bookmarks as they mark their progress through the reading log. As of July 19, 3,994 children have signed up for the program. Come join the fun, too. All kids can sign up until August 12, 2011. A final concert in the park is free to all children who have signed up for the Summer Reading Program.

The Library is again offering a teen reading program, titled "You Are Here." 431 teens, ages 12 – 18, have signed up as of July 19. Teens read 10 books to receive a free book to keep. Also, they might win a Nook, karaoke machine, mini speakers, MP3 player, food, or other prizes if they write a book review.

All adult readers are welcome to sign up for the program, "Novel Destinations." Since the program began, 476 adults have joined. The Library is offering great prizes, such as a Nook or any one of eight themed baskets, including gardening, chocolate, travel, brunch, relaxation, beach, sports and Old World; participants are allowed to choose. When they finish a book, they fill out a ticket and put it in the raffle jar for that particular prize. This reading program also ends August 12, 2011. For additional information on any of these reading programs, please call (714) 375-5107.

Literacy @ Your Library

Huntington Beach Library Literacy Services believes that the ability to read and write is essential to personal freedom and to the maintenance of a democratic society. At Central Library, the literacy department provides one-to-one tutoring to adults who wish to increase their reading, writing and English-speaking skills. Volunteer tutors are recruited, trained, and matched with an adult learner. The tutor and student identify the student's individual goals, then work together to achieve them. Many adult learners make great strides in their lives by obtaining U.S. citizenship, getting a new job, being promoted, going to a parent-teacher conference for the first time, reading a book, writing a letter, researching potential jobs online, writing a resume, completing a job application and going on an employment interview. In addition, learners prepare for the GED, write business and personal letters, read to their children, increase their vocabulary, and become more active community members. To obtain more information for someone who could benefit from this wonderful program, or to become a tutor, please contact Diane Moseley in Literacy Services at Central Library, (714) 375-5102 or diane.moseley@surfcity-hb.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Night Out – Tuesday August 2, 2011

The three things criminals hate most are lights, sounds, and crowds. On National Night Out, we want you to gather your neighbors and friends, turn on your porch lights, and step outside. This will create the three elements criminals hate most and send a clear message that they should avoid operating on your street.

On National Night Out people nationwide will join together with neighbors, friends, businesses, and police to send a signal to criminals that we will not tolerate crime in our communities. National Night Out is a central point of focus for our community to rally together to fight crime. It is also an essential component to our Neighborhood Watch Program creating an opportunity within a neighborhood to celebrate and come together.

National Night Out is a demonstration of the positive value of a strong community and police partnership based on a mutual concern for the safety of our neighborhoods. With each porch light that is left on, and each streetlight that illuminates a neighborhood, a beacon of hope is sent to good, honest citizens and a strong message sent to perpetrators that crime will not be

tolerated. There are many activities you can do with your neighbors to show unity, share crime prevention tips, and help keep criminals out of our backyard.

Working together we can send a message to criminals that they are NOT welcome in Huntington Beach.

Join Target and the Huntington Beach Police Department for National Night Out 2011:

When: Tuesday, August 2, 2011 – 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm
Where: Target of Huntington Beach, 9882 Adams Avenue

Participants will include: Target, Huntington Beach Police Department, Officer McGruff, Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS), Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Neighborhood Watch Program, OC Alert, Clowning Around Entertainment, Automobile Club of Southern California, Make-a-Wish Foundation with Doc. Barker, Huntington Beach Fire Department and more...

PUBLIC WORKS

Free Disposal of Bulky Items for Residential Trash Customers

If you are a residential trash customer in Huntington Beach you are eligible for the **10/4 Pick-up Program**. This free program allows households to schedule special collections of up to **10** bulky items per appointment, **4** times per year. Qualifying items include bags of trash or yard clippings (that will not fit in the trash or yard waste cart), appliances, furniture, and mattresses. Contact Rainbow Disposal at (714) 847-3581 to schedule your 10/4 Pickup appointment. Most 10/4 pickups are scheduled for your next regular trash day. Because a special truck is dispatched to collect the items from the curb, please allow a minimum of 2 business days notice for scheduling.

Huntington Beach Residents Continue Water Conservation Efforts

The final figures are in for Water Year (July to June) 2010-2011 and Huntington Beach continues to conserve. The 2010-2011 total came in at 28,200 acre-feet or 3.3% less than 2009-2010 and nearly 11% less than 2008-2009. In fact, the last two years totals are the lowest since the 1970s. The totals for the calendar year through June are shown below.

This will be a tough act to follow, especially considering the warm weather we have been experiencing. Residents are encouraged to check out the City's main website page at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov> and click on the water conservation button on the left for information and lots of tips, suggestions and links. Also, check out the Huntington Beach Water Facebook page.

