

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

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CITY TREASURER

Quick Tip of the Week – De-Stress your Day

It may seem next to impossible to find time to relieve stress at work, but a few well-spent minutes can dramatically increase your productivity, enjoyment, and health. Take a few deep, soothing breaths. Take a short break, getting away from your work station, even for a walk to the water cooler, can help you collect your thoughts and refocus on the task at hand. Laugh! Read one of your favorite jokes or simply laugh aloud. Close your eyes for a few minutes and visualize yourself relaxing at your favorite vacation spot or completing the big presentation with ease.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Speak-Up – Do you like to give your opinion? Do you like to listen to other people's viewpoints? Keep up with the world around you? Talk about your interests and learn new ones? The Speak-Up group meets Tuesdays from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue and always welcomes newcomers with new ideas. For more information call 714-536-9387

Rock Paper Salt – Now open through September 4, 2010

Christine Nguyen's new exhibit in the main gallery has received great reviews. The visually stunning works will amaze and enthrall you. Make a date and come visit this show, you won't be disappointed. Admission is free. For opening hours visit www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org/visit or call 714.374.1650

Learn to Swim!

The City of Huntington Beach Summer Swim program is designed to meet a variety of swimming needs. Whether it is simply learning to swim, learning new swimming techniques or the opportunity to experience recreational enjoyment of the water, there is something for everyone! Swim Instructors are well trained and enthusiastic and follow the American Red Cross standards. For more information, visit www.hbsands.org to view the SANDS Community Services Guide. Swim Classes are listed beginning on page 37.

CPR Classes Available

Learn to give basic life support to an adult, child, and infant at workshops offered at Edison and Murdy Community Centers this August. Upon completion of this four-hour class, you will receive a card stating your successful completion of the course, and you will be mailed a two-year AHA certificate. For more information, visit www.hbsands.org to view the SANDS community Services Guide. CPR Workshops are listed on page 17.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Shuttle Weekend Hours Extended During US Open Event

During the US Open of Surfing weekend (July 31 – August 1 and August 7 – 8), the Downtown Shuttle will be extending its operating hours. Park free at City Hall and jump on the free Surf City Downtown Shuttle for easy access to the downtown. The Shuttle will run continuously from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM arriving at each stop approximately every 15-20 minutes and driving passengers from City Hall at 2000 Main Street, to the corner of Main and Orange, and to 5th Street outside the Shorebreak Hotel area. For more information on the Surf City Downtown Shuttle, visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov, become a Fan on Facebook, or call the Economic Development Department at (714) 536-5542.

FINANCE

The Proposed FY 2010/11 budget will be delivered to the City Council Thursday, July 29. A formal presentation to the City Council is scheduled for the August 2 study session with the public hearing scheduled for the September 7 City Council meeting.

FIRE

Firefighters Assist Family in Need

Huntington Beach firefighters came forward to assist a local citizen who was diagnosed with brain cancer. A neighborhood community rummage sale helped raise over \$13,000 for the family to assist in their fight against the illness. The Huntington Beach Firefighter's Association (HBFA) members showed up at 5:00am on the day of the event and helped unload two 26 ft. moving trucks filled to capacity with donated items for the rummage sale. In addition, the HBFA cooked and served nearly 300 hot dogs and hamburgers on their BBQ, raising \$1000. The family was overwhelmed by the support they received.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Central Library Celebrates 26 years of Literacy Volunteers

Literacy Volunteers Central Library celebrated their 26th year of teaching, learning, and goodwill with an awards meeting and ice cream social on June 24. The program recognized one 20-year, three 15-year, four 10-year and nine 5-year volunteers. Four adult literacy students received medals for outstanding persistence, writing, progress and achievement. Mayor Cathy Green and Councilman Joe Carchio were there to congratulate the literacy volunteers and students. Approximately 100 people attended.

The adult literacy program at Central Library and the Family Literacy program at Oak View Library currently serve more than 460 adult learners and volunteers. Literacy services at both libraries train volunteers to help adults improve their reading, writing, and speaking skills.

Come Make a Splash at the Library -- join the Summer Reading Program!

The Children's Library is once again enjoying a "splashing"-good summer as their annual Summer Reading Program, "Make a Splash: Read!" continues in full force. The celebration began with the Festival of Folktales in June; Storytime in the Park and a River Otter Puppet show in July – and so much more to come! On August 4, the ever-popular Bubble Mania bring their show "Bubble Galore" to the Tabby Theater for two shows at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm followed by an end of Summer Reading concert with Dave Kinnoin for all program participants on August 13. Although the program is already half over, there's still time to register – kids between the ages of 2 and 12 can sign up at the Central Library or any of the branches until August 13. Currently, over 4,200 children are participating. So splash on over to the library and sign up for the Summer Reading Program – a world of adventure (and prizes) awaits you! For more information, please call 714-375-5107.

Mango Languages

The Huntington Beach Library recently added an exciting new online learning tool: Mango Languages. Mango is an online language learning system teaching practical conversation skills for real communication. It's a fast, easy, and effective way to learn to speak a foreign language and it's available now on the library's home page. Whether brushing up on a language you already know, planning an international trip, or would like to learn a new language, Mango is the fast and easy way to get started. Visit www.hbpl.org, click on Research Databases, and open the door to an exciting new learning opportunity!

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Costco Update

The Design Review Board (DRB) will review the colors, design and materials of the proposed Costco at the Village at Bella Terra (between Edinger Avenue and Center Avenue west of the Bella Terra mall) at a special meeting on Thursday, July 29. The DRB will meet at 3:30 p.m. in room B-8 at City Hall.

DJM Capital Partners, the project applicant for the Village at Bella Terra, will be holding a "Community Coffee" to discuss and answer questions on both the Village at Bella Terra and Costco. The Community Coffee will be held on Tuesday, August 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Rooms C & D of the Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue. Questions should be directed to Brittany Schoff at (805) 962-4300 x100. To RSVP, please e-mail Pat Rogers at progers6@socal.rr.com.

Additionally, the Planning Commission is tentatively slated to review the proposed Costco at their Tuesday, August 24 meeting. For additional information, contact Jane James, Senior Planner, at (714) 536-5271.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subject Arrested for Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On July 25, 2010, at about 5:55pm, Huntington Beach police officers responded to a call of a man with a shotgun in the 16000 block of Brimhall Lane. Officers discovered the owner of a licensed repossession company had come to the location to repossess a vehicle. The resident became angry and displayed, loaded and pointed a shotgun at the person trying to

conduct the repossession and ordered him off his property. The person attempting the repossession retreated and called the police.

The Huntington Beach police officers found the resident unarmed when they arrived. They conducted an investigation and ultimately obtained a search warrant for the residence. The officers located the shotgun and discovered it had been disassembled and concealed. The officers arrested Robert Joseph Alarcon, a 30 year old resident of Huntington Beach with assault with a deadly weapon and booked him in the Huntington Beach city jail.

PUBLIC WORKS

Water Conservation Theme at the Central Library

Water is the theme of the Central Library's annual summer reading program for children. Public Works urban runoff and water conservation teams are working together with the children's library to educate the children and their parents on how to reduce water waste and promote conservation. A watershed demonstration will show water waste from over irrigation flowing into the streets and gutters and the polluted water arriving into the ocean. For questions or more information, call 714-536-5921, visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/water_conservation or the water conservation booth on Surf City Nights.