

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

July 29, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Junior Guard Program 50 Year Celebration

Please join the Huntington Beach Surf Lifesaving Association in celebrating 50 Years of David Simcox and the Junior Guard Program. The event will be held at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort, 21100 Pacific Coast Highway, on Friday, August 16, 2013. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$85.00 per person; please RSVP by sending your check payable to HBSLSA (103 PCH, Huntington Beach, CA, 92648) by August 6, 2013.

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 greatly 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 park. She had last painted her coach by herself in the 1980s 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. They had a team of 15 people do 4 hours of cleaning and prepping on one-day and a team of 20 painters who put in 5.5 hours each the second day for a total of 170 volunteer hours! Surf City Rotary funded the project and most of the supplies and Behr donated the paint. Surf City Rotary is an active and friendly service club involved in local community 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.

Dance through the Decades at the HBCOA's summer celebration on Friday, August 9th, from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. The Sam Conti Trio will feature your favorite tunes from the 1940s, 50s, 60s and beyond! Your \$7.50 admission includes pizza, water, and coffee. Beer and wine are available for purchase. For this hot August night, don your cool Hawaiian shirts and dresses and come shake your booty. For more information, contact the senior center 714-536-9387 or visit www.hbcoa.org.



Softball Registration

Registration for the Fall 2013 Adult Softball leagues is now underway. The registration deadline is August 8, 2013. Senior Men's leagues are offered on

Sunday mornings and Thursday nights; Senior Coed leagues are offered on Tuesday nights; Senior Women's leagues are offered on Monday and Thursday nights; Men's leagues are offered on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; and Coed leagues are offered on Sunday afternoons and evenings, Wednesday nights, and Friday nights. The leagues will start play August 19, 2013, and will conclude in November. Registration packets are available on the City Adult Softball page or can be mailed to you. For more details or information, please contact the Community Services office at 714-536-5230.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Task Force Created

On July 15, 2013, the City Council voted to establish a Downtown Task Force to review, provide input, and make recommendations on how to create a sustainable and vibrant downtown economy while maintaining a safe and high quality of life for the residential neighborhoods. City Council is seeking five (5) representatives from the Downtown Residential neighborhoods, three (3) representatives from Downtown restaurants/ bars, one (1) Downtown Business owner to be on the Task Force. If you are interested, please send your interest to: kfritzal@surfcity-hb.org immediately.

FIRE

Safety in Places of Public Assembly

Every day, millions of people wake up, go to work or school, and take part in social events. But every so often the unexpected happens; an earthquake, a fire, a chemical spill, an act of terrorism or some other disaster. Routines change drastically, and people are suddenly aware of how fragile their lives and routines can be. Each disaster can have lasting effects – people may be seriously injured or killed, and devastating and costly property damage can occur. People entering any public assembly building need to be prepared in case of an emergency.

BEFORE YOU ENTER

Take a good look

- Does the building appear to be in a condition that makes you feel comfortable?
- Is the main entrance wide and does it open outward to allow easy exit?
- Is the outside area clear of materials stored against the building or blocking exits?

Have a communication plan

- Identify a relative or friend to contact in case of emergency and you are separated from family or friends.

Plan a meeting place

- Pick a meeting place outside to meet family or friends with whom you are attending the function.
- If there is an emergency, be sure to meet them there.

WHEN YOU ENTER

Take a good look

- Locate exits immediately. When you enter a building, you should look for all available exits.
- Some exits may be in front and some in back of you.
- Be prepared to use your closest exit as you may not be able to use the main exit.

Check for clear exit paths

- Make sure aisles are wide enough and not obstructed by chairs or furniture.
- Check to make sure your exit door is not blocked, locked or chained.
- If there are not at least two exits or exit paths are blocked, report the violation to management and leave the building if it is not immediately addressed.
- Call the local Fire Marshal to register a complaint.

Do you feel safe?

- Does the building appear to be overcrowded?
- Are there fire sources such as candles burning, cigarettes or cigars burning, pyrotechnics, or other heat sources that may make you feel unsafe?
- Are there safety systems in place such as alternative exits, sprinklers, and smoke alarms?
- Ask the management for clarification on your concerns.
- If you do not feel safe in the building, leave immediately.

DURING AN EMERGENCY

React immediately

- If an alarm sounds, you see smoke or fire, or some other unusual disturbance, immediately exit the building in an orderly fashion.

Get out and stay out!

- Once you have escaped, stay out.
- Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building.
- Let trained firefighters conduct rescue operations.

For more safety information, go to www.nfpa.org/education.

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Huntington Beach Senior Services provides a broad spectrum of programming and direct services to the senior population of Huntington Beach:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/human_services/senior_services.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Ghouls Just Wanna Have Fun

Step aside, vampires - zombie fiction has infected the popular culture and taken over people's reading and viewing habits. Here are some current zombie titles at the Library that are sure to entertain your brain. Why not check them out today?

- *Blackout* by Mira Grant
- *Death Warmed Over: Dan Shamble, Zombie P.I.* by Kevin J. Anderson
- *This Book Is Full Of Spiders: Seriously, Dude, Don't Touch It* by David Wong
- *Warm Bodies: A Novel* by Isaac Marion
- *World War Z: An Oral History Of The Zombie War* by Max Brooks
- *Zombie Island* by Lori Handeland

Basic Genealogy Workshop on August 3

An informal Basic Genealogy workshop is conducted at the monthly meetings of the Orange County, California, Genealogical Society. The next workshop will be on Saturday, August 3 at 12:30 p.m. in Room D of the Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave. For more information, call the Society at 714-536-5549 or visit www.occg.com.

Summer Reading Program Grande Finale!

The Friends of the Children's Library are hosting a free concert featuring Clint Perry and the Boo Hoo Crew on Saturday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m. for all summer reading program participants and their families. This special event will take place at the Central Park Bandstand. All children attending will receive a raffle ticket. Prizes being raffled off include tickets to Knott's Berry Farm, Irvine Railroad, Aquarium of the Pacific, and Santa Ana Zoo. Seating will be on the grass. Children are encouraged to wear sunscreen and bring a beach towel or blanket to sit upon. Mr. Perry will be selling and signing his CDs after the performance.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project Comment Meeting

A comment meeting on the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project will be held Wednesday, July 31, 2013. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Huntington Beach Central Library in the Talbert Room, at 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, California. The purpose of the meeting is to take comments on the draft EIR. The draft EIR for the proposed Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project was released for public review and comment for 45 days, commencing Friday, July 12, 2013, and ending Monday, August 26, 2013.

The City of Huntington Beach proposes to widen the Brookhurst Street/Adams Avenue intersection in all directions to add travel lanes on both roadways. The following new travel lanes are proposed: two additional northbound right-turn lanes (Brookhurst Street); one

additional southbound right-turn lane (Brookhurst Street); one additional eastbound through lane (Adams Avenue); and one additional westbound through lane (Adams Avenue). The proposed intersection widening would require right-of-way (ROW) acquisition on all four legs of the intersection on both sides of each street. The proposed project would require approximately 31,230 square feet of ROW acquisition, predominantly from commercial properties but with one partial residential land acquisition (approximately 143 square feet). An initial catalyst for the project was the requirements of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed in 2006, between the Cities of Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach and the Orange County Transportation Authority. In addition, the project is required to improve intersection level of service per the analysis in the recently updated General Plan Circulation Element.

Written comments on the draft EIR must be submitted to Mary Beth Broeren, Planning Manager, City of Huntington Beach Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California 92648 by 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 26, 2013. A copy of the draft EIR is on file at the following locations:

City of Huntington Beach Department of Planning and Building, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach;

Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach;

Banning Branch Library, 9281 Banning Avenue, Huntington Beach; and

on the internet at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/Environmentalreports>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Request Public Assistance to Identify Suspects

The Huntington Beach Police Department is releasing the following updated information regarding Sunday night's disturbance in the downtown area:

At this time there have not been any serious injuries reported. Several officers sustained minor injuries during the event. At least one citizen was treated at the hospital and released after being struck with a rubber projectile fired by law enforcement. Eight subjects were arrested for various charges Sunday night and booked at city jail.

We are currently looking at video and pictures via citizens and social media in an attempt to identify additional suspects involved in criminal activity during the disturbance. If you have any video or pictures they can be e-mailed to: hbpfiles@gmail.com. You can also call our hotline at **(714) 375-5066** with any information.

The Huntington Beach Police Department is seeking the public's help in identifying the suspect located on the HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE FACEBOOK PAGE. This **suspect used a city stop sign to break the window of the Easyrider Bike Shop** during the July 28 disturbance in downtown Huntington Beach.

Suspect Illario Niko Johnson -18 year old from West Covina - has been contacted by Huntington Beach Detectives and ELIMINATED as the pictured suspect. Johnson has been wrongly identified on many social media sites as the suspect who broke the window.

However, these are not law enforcement media sites. Additional charges not related to the window smash are expected for Johnson, who has been identified as being involved in the disturbance, but again he is not the suspect in the photographs.

The suspect pictured on the HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE FACEBOOK PAGE remains unidentified. If you recognize this suspect please call the **Huntington Beach Police Department's hotline at 714 375-5066 or email us at: hbpdfiles@gmail.com.**

National Night Out Against Crime!

You're invited to celebrate with us the 30th Anniversary for National Night Out. Tuesday, August 6th from 4:00-8:00pm at Target in Huntington Beach located at 9882 Adams Avenue. First 200 people to pre-register with Nilda Berndt at 536-5933, will receive a free meal and gift.

Participants May Include: Target – Huntington Beach, Huntington Beach Police Department, Officer McGruff, Huntington Beach Fire Department, CERT/RACES, Clowning Around Entertainment, HBPD RSVP's & VIPS, Neighborhood Watch, City of Huntington Beach Water Conservation, games 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 Pick-up appointment. The 10/4 pick-ups 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 two business days notice for scheduling.