

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

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**July 4, 2011**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Huntington Beach Art Center**

Meet the artists on July 8 at the Huntington Beach Art Center's next opening reception. The contemporary exhibition, "String Theory," presents the work of artists Julia Couzens and Julia Haft-Candell, who use a variety of materials such as thread, tape, twine, rope, porcelain, yarn and scraps of found textiles to create 2D and 3D works that explore multiple subjects. The reception is from 7-9 pm. Please call the Art Center for information at 714.374.1650.

### **Overnight Family Campout**

The sixth annual Overnight Family Campout will take place at Central Park on Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July 10. This sold out event is a chance for families to have a low-cost camping experience and share time together while enjoying a weekend outdoors. Weekend festivities include playtime with Coast 2 Coast Soccer, nature crafts with Mad Science, Music around the Campfire with Two Best Friends, and a wildlife presentation and nature hike at Shipley Nature Center by Inside the Outdoors. The Huntington Beach Lions Club will be cooking a hot dog dinner and pancake breakfast for all participants. The festivities conclude on Sunday with a trip to Adventure Playground. For more information about this and other recreation programs, visit [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org)

### **Age Wave Class**

This fall, Huntington Beach Senior Services is offering a free five-week series, The Ave Wave is designed for volunteers and others interested in aging issues. Topics covered in the class include: Baby Boomers & Active Aging, Communication, Ethics & Boundaries, Grief and Loss, Hoarding, Myths and Realities of Aging, Signs and Symptoms of Elder Abuse, Special Needs of the Homebound Elderly, Aging Network & Community Resources. A free CPR class is also included. Beginning September 28, the class will be held on Wednesdays from 9:00 – 11:30 am at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. This class fills early. For more information or to enroll, contact Diane Swarts, 714-374-1544 or [dswarts@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:dswarts@surfcity-hb.org).

### **FREE Movies in the Park!**

AES Huntington Beach together with the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department is presenting the AES Huntington Beach Summer Movie Nights at Central Park on Saturday nights, July 9 to July 30. AES Huntington Beach will be presenting the 4-week series of FREE family friendly box office hits in Central Park. Come enjoy a sunset party, giveaways, special guests, and tons of fun! The "Baseball Bash" showing July 9 features the movie **The Sandlot**. On July 16, come "Celebrate Nature" with **Bee Movie – Born to be Wild** followed by "50's Night" on July 23 featuring the musical hit **Grease**. Finally, the "Superhero Star Party" will include a screening of **Megamind**. Thanks to AES Huntington Beach for this outstanding summer movie series!

**Marine Safety**

Marine Safety Officers and Lifeguards were busy during the beautiful and crowded Fourth of July holiday weekend. At 7:05 PM, the City Lifeguard rescue vessel assisted three State Beach Lifeguards to keep a disabled boat from entering the surfline. The rescue vessel towed the disabled boat to a Coast Guard Buoy to wait for the arrival of Vessel Assist. Marine Safety statistics for the holiday weekend: Rescues – 244; Preventative Actions – 7,292; Medical Aids – 95; Law Enforcement Contacts – 5,272; Lost & Found Persons – 58.

**Junior Lifeguard Storage Building**

After years of planning, the new Junior Lifeguard Storage Building is finished. Construction was completed prior to the start of the 2011 Junior Lifeguard program. The *Friends of Junior Lifeguards* are donated the new building to the City at the July 5, 2011, City Council Meeting. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 15 prior to the start of the Annual Junior Lifeguard Hot Dog BBQ.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****Surf City Savings**

With summer in full swing, you probably want to spend more time enjoying the season and the fun that comes along with it. Fortunately, the many exciting offers available through local merchants at [www.surfcityavings.com](http://www.surfcityavings.com) can help shave off some of your shopping time by keeping it local so you can spend more time enjoying the summer instead of driving out of town to shop. Plus, it will keep some extra dollars in your pocket, demonstrates support for the local business community, and helps to generate much-needed sales tax for the city of Huntington Beach. Those sales tax dollars help to provide valuable services – like helping to maintain our beautiful beaches you enjoy year-round, for example, as well as many others. There are over 150 Huntington Beach businesses participating in the program who have committed to saving you money and to supporting the community, so take a few minutes to visit [www.surfcityavings.com](http://www.surfcityavings.com) and see how the savings will add up!

**Mobile Home Advisory Board Meeting**

On Monday, July 25, 2011 at 6:30pm, the Mobile Home Advisory Board will have Guest Speaker, Attorney Maurice A. Priest, authority on Mobile Home Law, present at the meeting. He will be discussing: "The Legal Rights of Mobile Home Owners during the Subdivision Conversion of a Rental Mobile Home Park."

**FIRE****Garage Fire Safety Checklist**

The garage is one of the more common places that a fire can start. Reduce the chances that a fire will happen to you by following these easy steps:

- Keep only small quantities of gasoline and 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 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 safely dispose of household hazardous waste free of charge:

Orange County Regional  
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center  
(at Rainbow Disposal)  
17121 Nichols Street, Gate 6 in Huntington Beach  
Hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday (closed holidays and rainy days)  
(714) 834-6752

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

### **Business License Lookup**

You can find current businesses licensed in Huntington Beach by going the Business Lookup page: [http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/Business/business\\_lookup/](http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/Business/business_lookup/)

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **“One World, Many Stories” in the Children’s Library**

In the first four days, 1,958 children have signed up for the Huntington Beach Public Library Summer Reading Program. Children ages 2 - 12 can sign-up online or at any of the five Huntington Beach library branches. The Library also offers a teen reading program called, “You Are Here.” Each teen that reads 10 books will receive a brand new book. Additional books read will earn raffle tickets for prizes including a Nook!

For the third year, the Library is also sponsoring an adult reading program titled “Novel Destinations.” For each book over 250 pages read, the participant can fill out a slip to win one of seven gift baskets. These include a spa basket, chocolate lovers’ container, beach basket (with annual HB parking permit) and a gardening basket; books are also tucked inside. As an additional incentive, adult patrons may want to put all of their raffle tickets in for a chance to win a Nook.

For information regarding any of these reading programs, please call the Children’s Department directly at (714) 375-5107.

### **July 2011 Children’s Library Program**

On Thursday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m. the Friends of the Children’s Library are sponsoring “Puff the Magic Dragon,” a puppet and music program in Central Park. Tickets are \$4 for children over one year old and all adults. Advance purchase is highly recommended. For additional information, please call the Children’s Library directly at (714) 375-5107.

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **June 28, 2011 Planning Commission Agenda**

At the June 28 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed the following projects:

- Boardwalk Mixed Use Project. The Commission approved Development Agreement No. 11-001, a development agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and the Sares Regis Group for the Boardwalk Mixed Use project. The Boardwalk Mixed Use Project consists of 487 multi-family apartment units, 10,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, 4,500 square feet of leasing office space, 9,000 square feet of resident recreation area and a half-acre public open space area. The Development Agreement is required as a condition of approval in order to provide for affordable dwelling units in accordance with Section 2.2.3 of the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan and the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (HBZSO) as well as specify required traffic mitigation fees. The project is located at 7441 Edinger Avenue, 92647 (northeast corner of Edinger Avenue and Gothard Street – former Levitz Furniture site). The Development Agreement must be approved by the City Council; Council consideration is scheduled for the August 5, 2011 regular City Council meeting. Project Planner, Jennifer Villasenor, Senior Planner
- BT's Southern BBQ Restaurant. The Commission approved Conditional Use Permit No. 11-011 to permit the sales and service of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine) for on-site consumption within an existing 1,200 sq. ft. eating and drinking establishment. BT's Southern BBQ is located at 7144 Edinger Avenue, 92647 (southeast corner of Edinger Avenue and Goldenwest Street) Project Planner: Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner
- Digg's Restaurant and Bar. The Commission accepted as adequate and complete the six month review of Conditional Use Permit No. 09-001 approved by the Planning Commission on June 23, 2009. The review is to ensure compliance with the approved conditions of approval, applicable Chapters of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, and Municipal Code. Digg's is located at 8052 Adams Avenue, 92646 (southeast corner of Beach Boulevard and Adams Avenue). Project Planner: Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2011.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Fourth of July Weekend – Busy, But no Major Incidents

The police department had a busy Fourth of July weekend - the volume of activity was higher than it has been the past few years. However, there were no major incidents or problems. Numerous police officers and other police department employees worked overtime and extra shifts to handle the hectic weekend. The California Highway Patrol and Orange County Sheriff Department lent their assistance to handle the extra activity.

From 6:00 pm Friday, July 1, through 6:00 am, Tuesday, July 5, there were 150 adults booked at the Huntington Beach Police Department city jail. This number does not include arrests when the person was released on an arrest citation in the field, nor does it include arrests involving juveniles. The vast majority of arrests were from alcohol related incidents.

Of the 150 adult arrests during the weekend, 34 were arrested for driving under the influence (DUI).

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Gas Company – Sewer Lateral Inspection Program**

Southern Calif. Gas Company (SoCalGas) has proactively launched a comprehensive program called the Sewer Lateral Inspection Program (SLIP) to identify locations where a natural gas pipeline, installed using trenchless technology, may have crossed in close proximity to an existing sewer line. As SoCalGas identifies such locations, the gas lines will be relocated and any damage to the sewer line will be repaired at no cost to the City or residents. All video inspection footage will be provided to the City for informational purposes.

Gas Company assures the City that safe and reliable service is its top priority. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Alexander Kim from the Gas Company at (714) 634-3054.