

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

July 8, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Huntington Beach Art Center

The Huntington Beach Art Center presents **Kustom Kulture II**, curators CR Stecyk and Paul Frank. Sponsored by Vans, the exhibition explores a contemporary look at Kustom car, motorcycle, and surf culture and related art from the traditions of Von Dutch, Big Daddy Roth, Robert Williams, Rick Griffin, Basil Wolverton, Margaret Keane, Don Ed Hardy, Billy F. Gibbons, and others. The public reception is from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on July 13. The exhibit will run from July 13 through August 31. Admission to the Art Center is by donation. Contact 714-374-1650 for information.

The third week of Young Artists Camp begins on Monday July 15, featuring the theme **My HB** and is inspired by the current exhibition Kustom Kulture II co-curator, Paul Frank. Campers will explore the local urban and natural landscape through drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage. Art Camp offers full and half day attendance options and Art Center members qualify for tuition discounts. Contact the Art Center at 714-374-1650 for information.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

Have you tried the new SeniorServ Café at the Center? “We are here five days a week for five days of fun serving lunch to keep your minds and bodies strong” assures Danielle Marshall, SeniorServ Manager. Each weekday SeniorServ dishes up a delicious, lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors’ Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. The lunch is a balanced meal formulated by a registered dietician and recommended by the Orange County Office on Aging. The menu can be viewed in the *Outlook on Active Aging* Newsletter available at Rodgers Seniors Center, local senior living communities, and online at www.hbcoa.org.

Some menu highlights in July include, Yankee Pot Roast on July 10, Chicken and Cheese Tamales on July 15, Chicken Cacciatore on July 23, and Asian Sloppy Joes on July 30. New events and festivities are always going on as well. On Mondays, Bingo follows lunch. There is always a special tidbit on “Treat Tuesdays.” On Wednesdays former Las Vegas Entertainer, Don Gay, performs on keyboards. On Thursdays, volunteers lead games of Wii Bowling, and then there is “Friday Afternoon at the Movies.” This nutritious lunch is also the greatest bargain in town! It’s only \$5.00 for adults under 60 and a donation of \$3.00 is suggested for adults 60 years and older. Arrive by 11:00 a.m. For more information contact, Danielle Marshall 714-536-8404 DMarshall@communityseniorserv.com.

Recreation



The Recreation, Human and Cultural Services Division brought lots of enthusiasm to Main Street during the July 4th Parade! The parade is an outstanding opportunity to connect with the community to demonstrate the division's commitment to quality, accessible services! The American Youth Character Award Honorees and the Children's Needs Task Force Volunteers loaded into the back of an antique fire truck to promote the importance of moral character in young people. Staff and volunteers from Senior Services rocked

their way up Main Street, highlighting the "Surf City Seniors on the Go!" Senior transportation program, and the "Parks Make Life Better!" team, together with 2013 Youth Sports participants celebrated victory and sportsmanship to the theme from "Rocky and We are the Champions." The July 4th parade and celebration was an outstanding opportunity to create community in Huntington Beach!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mobile Home Advisory Board

The Mobile Home Advisory Board will be hearing from the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Representatives Chris Anderson, Field Operation Chief, Division of Codes and Standards, Sacramento Office, and Linda Cortez, Mobile Home Registration Supervisor II, Riverside Office, will be presenting at the Board's meeting regarding mobile home permit requirements, Ombudsman activities, registration, and title requirements. After the presentation, there will be a question and answer period. Please join the Mobile Home Advisory Board at its regular meeting of Monday, July 22, 2013, at 6:00 pm, at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, meeting room B-8 for this interesting discussion regarding mobile home ownership. If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact Denise Bazant, Administrative Aide, at 714-536-5470.

Exciting New Public Recycling Program Begins in Downtown

Rainbow Environmental Services, in partnership with the City, began installation of green combination trash/recycling containers. The first units can be seen at the entrance to the Pier, with an additional 42 containers to be installed in phases between now and the end of the year. Installation will be on Main Street, the Pier, and on the bluff top/bike path between Beach Boulevard and Seapoint Avenue.

The goal of the program is to increase awareness and practice of recycling by installing receptacles in areas with large-volume pedestrian traffic, as well as to utilize public-private partnerships to promote environmental stewardship and education. The program also provides for advertising environmental hints on each container. Information about advertising opportunities can be found by visiting www.rainbowes.com/adprogram.php or by calling (714) 847-3581 extension 284.

FIRE

Earthquake Preparedness

The Huntington Beach Fire Department Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office has provided the following information on earthquake preparedness. When earthquakes strike, utilities may be disrupted; roads impassable and public safety resources overwhelmed. Do you know what to do when there is no 911?

It is important that you and your family be prepared to be self-sufficient for days or even weeks until relief support arrives. Determine the hazards your family faces at home and work and develop a plan for what to do based on the time of day or week. If you have children it is important to participate in their schools disaster planning and understand the process of reunifying with your children.

To ensure that your family is prepared for such an emergency, you should do the following:

- Develop a family communication plan that involves texting, social media and an out of state contact.
- Develop a family reunification plan that includes neighbors or family members within your area.
- Have sufficient food, water, medical prescriptions, and disaster supplies to sustain your family for as long as possible.
- Have a means/container to transport water a distance without the use of a vehicle in case water systems are down. In time, public safety officials will provide water points throughout the city.
- Eliminate hazards in your home by securing large objects that may fall and injure you or your family.
- Ensure everyone in your family knows how to shut off damaged or leaking utilities.
- Ensure your family is fire safe by having smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in your home.
- Have an evacuation plan and a "Grab-N-Go" bag ready for each family member and pet.
- Develop a disaster plan with your surrounding neighbors so you can work together.
- Register for AlertOC at www.alertoc.org

If you are a Huntington Beach resident, you are encouraged to participate in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program to better prepare yourself for disasters.

For more detailed information visit: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/prepareHB
or www.readyoc.org.

INFORMATION SERVICES**City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips**

Did you know that the City of Huntington Beach offers a youth sports program for children three years old to eighth grade? View information about this program at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/youth_sports.cfm

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project**

A draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project will be available 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 project is proposed to satisfy 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 order to improve intersection level of service per the City's General Plan Circulation Element. 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).

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 will be 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>.

A meeting will be held during the comment period to take comments related to the environmental analysis in the draft EIR on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Huntington Beach Central Library in the Talbert Room on the lower level, at 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, California.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrest Results in Recovery of Stolen Checks, Credit Cards, Drivers Licenses and Passports

On July 8, 2013, at about 3:23 p.m., a female attempted to check into the Waterfront Hilton. The alert hotel staff noticed the credit card she was using appeared to be counterfeit. As staff called in to verify the credit card, the female left the hotel lobby and drove away. A short time later, a Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) saw the vehicle driving north on Beach Boulevard. Police officers caught up to the vehicle and stopped it. The officers conducted their investigation and arrested Krystal Rae Smith, 26, of Huntington Beach.

The investigation revealed Smith was in possession of piles of stolen checks, credit cards, driver licenses, and passports. The preliminary estimate is about 100 separate victims of crimes could be linked to this arrest. The victims appear to be from vehicle burglaries and mail theft. Smith was booked in the Huntington Beach city jail on numerous criminal charges related to burglary, fraud, possession of narcotics, possession of stolen property, and driving on a suspended license for DUI.

Surf City Pipeline FAQ's

The Huntington Beach Police Department has been adding new FAQ's on crime prevention to the Surf City Pipeline on a regular basis, including FAQ's about identity theft. We will continue to add new information on a regular basis to assist the community in keeping their family and property safe. The newest FAQ section gives information on How Identity Theft Happens, What Are Some Ways To Prevent Identity Theft, and What To Do If You Become The Victim Of Identity Theft.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crime trends in the United States, but there are many simple steps to help prevent yourself from becoming a victim of this financial crime and ways to help the police department solve the crime if you become a victim.

HB Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

The latest City of Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Newsletter is now available at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/news_publications/

PUBLIC WORKS

City Council Awards Construction Contracts to Rehabilitate two Residential Streets.

Hanover Lane,

This \$489,000 project was awarded to Bannaoun Construction at the May 20 Council meeting. Hanover Lane begins at McFadden and ends at the end of the cul-de-sac. This project has been on the established Tree Petition Program and was picked for construction

based upon the current street condition. Capital Improvement Funds are being used for this project. Work has already started on this project and should be completed by early September. The scope of work includes removal and replacement of concrete sidewalks, driveway approaches, cross gutters, curb and gutter, landscaped parkways, and curb ramps. The asphalt roadway will be cold-milled and overlaid with asphalt due to previous damage from existing tree roots.

Keelson Lane

This \$328,000 project was awarded to Nobest Construction at the July 15 Council meeting. Keelson Lane is a multi-family residential street located in the Oakview Enhancement Area west of Beach Blvd and adjacent to Slater Avenue. Community Development Block Grant funds are being used for this project. Work is anticipated to start in early August and completed by the end of the year.

The scope of work for each of these streets includes removal and replacement of concrete sidewalks, driveway approaches, cross gutters, curb and gutter, landscaped parkways, and curb ramps. The asphalt roadway will be cold-milled and overlaid with asphalt due to previous damage from existing tree roots.