

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

June 10, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging and Title Sponsors First Bank and CapitalSource Bank invite you to take part in the 21st annual *On Course* Golf Tournament, Friday, June 21, 2013, at Meadowlark Golf Course, 16782 Graham Street, Huntington Beach. The day will begin with a putting contest and barbeque lunch followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. ***Brewbakers and Nothing Bundt Cakes will be serving tastes to all the golfers.*** A buffet awards dinner with raffles, auctions and other fun activities as well as a no host bar, will immediately follow the tournament at approximately 6:00 p.m. The proceeds from this tournament help to support seniors, low-income seniors and their families through many beneficial programs offered by the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center and Seniors Outreach Center. Senior Services provides a wide variety of services, classes, activities, and clubs designed to support seniors in staying healthy, active and independent. To register to golf visit: www.hbcoa.org, or call Rodgers Seniors Center at 714-536-9387.

The DreamCatchers, an auxiliary of the Assistance League of Huntington Beach, donated 50 large gift bags to Huntington Beach Senior Services. These bags are filled with non-perishable snacks, protein shakes, tea, greeting cards, hand lotion and sanitizer, lip balm, tissue, and a fan for the summer heat. The Care Management team will deliver the gift bags to low-income participants. The DreamCatchers Auxiliary originated in 1993 with a group of working women who had an interest in helping meet the needs of the local community, but had limited time to donate. Through their fundraising efforts, such as the Bargain Box Thrift Store on Slater Avenue in Huntington Beach, the DreamCatchers fund many philanthropic projects that assist both children and adults. Since 2001, a focus of one of their outreach programs has been the older residents of Huntington Beach and they fund Senior Services' Grocery Gift Certificate program, a contribution of over \$20,000 annually. Throughout the year, the DreamCatchers furnish the Outreach Center with gift certificates to local grocery stores as well as Target and the 99 cents store. Care Managers give these gift certificates to very low-income older residents to purchase groceries, personal items, & medication.

Marine Safety

After 27 years of service, Marine Safety Division Chief, Kyle Lindo, has announced his retirement. His last day of service is Thursday, June 13.

Junior Lifeguards

Mitchel Anderson is doing an Eagle Scout Project for Junior Guards. In recent years, older bike racks have been removed due to rust and decay, and none have been installed to replace them. Mitchel is removing the old bike racks and installing 5 U-shaped bike racks donated by Jax Bicycles and Saris. The project will probably be about \$3,000 with materials, concrete, food and a donor plaque (for those that donated \$250+). This has been planned for over a year and everyone involved is very excited to see this happen! The installation will

take place on June 14th at Junior Lifeguard Headquarters. Ground breaking will be at 5 a.m. and, if everything goes as planned, it will be finished by 10 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Celebrate Father's Day Weekend with Chili at the Beach!

The Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District presents the sixth annual Chili at the Beach this Saturday, June 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the first three blocks of Main Street and the first block of 5th Street at The Strand. Attendance is free and chili and salsa tasting tickets are just \$10. The event includes a marketplace featuring products and activities geared toward men's interests and gifts for Dad; a Harley-Davidson Trike Show; musical entertainment on two stages; and roving street performers.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Huntington Valley – stop by their booth at the event to make an additional donation and receive a free Chili at the Beach t-shirt! The Surf City Downtown Shuttle will provide free rides every 30 minutes to the Downtown from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. from the Huntington Beach Civic Center at 2000 Main Street. Shuttle passengers park free at the Civic Center. For more information on this family-friendly event, please visit www.hbdowntown.com.

FIRE

“Hands Only” CPR

Over 100 people learned “Hands-Only” CPR on June 4th at Pier Plaza in Huntington Beach from Fire Department and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. The “Sidewalk CPR Day” event was coordinated by the Orange County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the American Heart Association (AHA).

This is a reminder that the Sidewalk CPR Program is designed to give people basic skills to potentially save a life utilizing “Hands-Only” CPR (chest compressions, but no mouth-to-mouth breathing). When someone goes into sudden cardiac arrest, every second is precious to save that life.

FACTS

Sudden Cardiac Arrest

- It is more common than most people realize with nearly 300,000 occurrences annually in the United States.
- It is not the same as a heart attack. A heart attack occurs when the blood supply to part of the heart muscle is blocked. This typically causes chest arm or back pain.
- It is an electrical disorder of the heart which causes it to stop beating. Without blood flow, the brain stops working and the victim collapses and is unconscious.
- It can strike anyone anywhere at any time
- Many victims appear healthy with no known heart disease
- Less than 10% of the people who suffer a sudden cardiac arrest outside the hospital survive

- Approximately 80% of cardiac arrests happen at home. Survival depends greatly on immediately getting CPR, but less than 1/3 of the people who experience a cardiac arrest at home, work, or in a public location, gets that type of help.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

- CPR is a temporary measure that may help keep these organs alive until EMS arrives and uses a defibrillator or other advanced treatments to restart the heart.
- The earlier CPR is started the better.
 - For every minute without bystander CPR, survival from cardiac arrest decreases by 7-10%.
 - The interval between the 9-1-1 telephone call and the arrival of EMS personnel can take longer than five minutes, so;
 - A cardiac arrest victim's survival is likely to depend on a public trained in CPR.
- Effective bystander CPR provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest can up to triple a victim's chance of survival.

More information about "Hands-Only CPR can be found at www.handsonlycpr.org/ Anyone can learn CPR – and everyone should! If you see an unresponsive adult who is not breathing or not breathing normally, call 9-1-1 and push hard and fast on the center of the chest until EMS arrives.

Fireworks Safety

Fireworks during the Fourth of July are as American as apple-pie, but more than twice the number of fires are reported on that day than any other day of the year in the United States. Two out of five of these fires are caused by fireworks. The good news is you can enjoy your holiday and the fireworks, with just a few simple safety tips:

Proceed with Caution!

- Leave fireworks to the professionals.
- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- After the fireworks display, children should never pick up fireworks that may be left over, they may still be active.

NOTE: There will be a 30 minute Commercial Fireworks display at the Pier beginning at 9:00 p.m. on July 4th. For more information, please contact Community Services at (714) 536-5486.

Even Consumer Fireworks (also known as Safe and Sane) can be hazardous.

FACTS

- Each July 4th, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured while using consumer fireworks.

- The risk of fireworks injury is highest for children ages 5-14.
- More than 80% of emergency room fireworks injuries involve fireworks consumers are permitted to use.

For information, please visit www.nfpa.org/education.

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know the City provides free summer shuttle service to Downtown HB from the Civic Center parking lot at 2000 Main Street? This service is available on weekends, Tuesdays during Surf City Nights, Memorial Day and Labor Day. Also, free secured bike parking is available at Pedego's at 5th and Olive. You can find out more information about these services at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking/

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Retire Old Flags @ the Library

June 14th is Flag Day. What happens when Old Glory is too old to fly? **The U.S. Flag Code suggests that when a flag has served its useful purpose, it should be destroyed. Huntington Beach residents can drop off used, worn-out flags at the Huntington Beach Central Library. A collection bin is next to the Circulation Desk. The American Legion periodically collects the flags for proper disposal.**

Explore a New Business Research Tool @ Your Library

The Library is pleased to announce that it is now offering *ReferenceUSA*, a powerful online research tool from Infogroup. *ReferenceUSA* is perfect for people conducting job searches, locating out-of-town companies, tracking down addresses and phone numbers, conducting patent and market research, and much more. *ReferenceUSA* provides library cardholders instant, real-time access to accurate, in-depth information on 17 Million U.S. businesses, gathered from a variety of reliable sources, such as annual reports, 10-Ks, and government data. In fact, 24 million phone calls are placed annually to businesses to verify the accuracy of data! Explore the tool that *Wall Street Journal* called a "powerful market-research tool" crucial to small businesses. *ReferenceUSA* is accessible in the library or online at www.hbpl.org, select "Quick Login to Databases".

Eye Catching Reads @ the Library

Comic books, graphic novels, Manga— whatever the name, visual literature continues to draw in young readers at the Huntington Beach Library. Not only do today's comics have improved storytelling and images, but they've gained wide-spread acceptance in the academic community as a valuable medium for ESL learners and reluctant readers. The Library has two collections of visual lit: one for teens and one for children. The young adult section carries popular series such as *Naruto*, *Bleach*, and *Sailor Moon*. The Children's Library has series like *Babymouse*, *Garfield*, and *Big Nate*. Come check them out today!

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission

On Tuesday, June 11, 2013, the following item is scheduled for the Planning Commission:

1. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 13-013 (ELEPHANT BAR RESTAURANT ON-SITE ALCOHOL SALES)** **Applicant:** Rona Griego **Property Owner:** Huntington Beach No. 1, LP **Request:** To permit the on-site sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages within an existing vacant approximately 5,384 sq. ft. eating and drinking establishment (formerly Denny's) and a new approximately 398 sq. ft. outdoor dining area. **Location:** 7490 Edinger Avenue, 92647 (south side of Edinger Avenue, west of Sher Lane) **City Contact:** Tess Nguyen.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

On June 7, 2013, members of the Huntington Beach Police Department participated in the 32nd annual Special Olympics Torch run. The torch, or "Flame of Hope," is carried by members of approximately 90 law enforcement agencies during a two-week period. The torch made its way through San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Orange Counties, and will reach its destination at Cal State Long Beach for the opening ceremonies of the 2013 Special Olympics... Summer Games on June 8.

Members of the Huntington Beach police department received the torch from the Fountain Valley Police Department at Beach and Talbert on June 7, at approximately 12:25 p.m. We carried the torch southbound on Beach to Main St, and then continued southbound on Main Street, through the beautiful downtown area of Huntington Beach. Once we reached Pacific Coast Highway, we ran north along the coast and past the Bolsa Chica wetlands into Sunset Beach. After more than 10 miles of running, the Huntington Beach Police Department handed off the torch to the Seal Beach Police Department at Pacific Coast Highway and Anderson. We completed the entire run with a police escort, which made for an energetic scene as we passed through our city. Huntington Beach Costco supported us by providing food for all the runners and support personnel at the finish.

The Huntington Beach Police Department is proud to support the Special Olympics, and we wish all of the athletes a successful competition. We would also like to thank the many residents and visitors of Huntington Beach that encouraged us and cheered us on during our run. Thank you!

Street Cops Awards banquet

The HB Elks Lodge hosted the Street Cop Awards banquet on Sunday June 9, 2013. Each year, the Huntington Beach Police Officers Association and the HB Elks Lodge join together to recognize several members of the HBPD who exhibit exemplary performance, dedication, and attitude. This year's Street Cop Awards recipients are: **Officer Sean McCollom –**

Patrol, Detective Kevin Johnson – Investigations, Sergeant. Chris Nesmith – Aero/Traffic Bureau, and RSVP Ruth Brisky – Police Services. Congratulations!

PUBLIC WORKS

Sunset Beach Water Main Replacement Project

The Sunset Beach Water Main Project is now complete. The purpose of this project was to improve water quality and fire protection in the area. The project consisted of replacing aging and undersized 3" water mains with new 6" and 12" water mains along with the installation of six new fire hydrants. At the conclusion of the pipe installation, all of the affected alleys, 8 total, were reconstructed with new pavement and concrete flow gutters.

The City's contractor, Kana Pipeline from Placentia, and the City's project team completed the work 3 months ahead of schedule and under budget. The Sunset Beach residents appeared to be appreciative of the City's efforts to make improvements in the area.

This was the first of three phases for water and street improvements for Sunset Beach.

2013 City Drinking Water Quality Report Now Available

Have you ever wondered what is in your glass of water or where it comes from? Well that information and more is included in the 2013 City of Huntington Beach Drinking Water Quality Report which is now available. As in previous years, the City water system continually meets or exceeds all State and Federal standards on drinking water. Regulations require water agencies to prepare an annual water quality report, sometimes called a Consumer Confidence Report, and distribute by July 1.

The City has completed the 2013 Report and is currently mailing it to all residential and commercial water users throughout City of Huntington Beach and Sunset Beach. Hardcopies are also available at the public counters at City Hall, City Libraries, and the Rogers Senior Center. An electronic copy is also available on the City's website at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Public_Works/utilities/.

For further information please contact the Public Works Utilities Office at (714) 536-5921.