

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

June 13, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Summer Swim Program

The Community Services Department is proud to offer an American Red Cross certified summer swim program. All instructors are certified pool lifeguards as well as water safety instructors and all classes follow American Red Cross standards. Three progressive swimming and water safety levels include parent and child aquatics (6 months – 3 years), preschool aquatics (about 4 to 5 years), and learn-to-swim levels (about 6 years – adult). Classes are offered indoors at the City Gym and Pool and outdoors at the Marina and Edison High School pools. For more information please contact the City Gym at (714) 960-8884.

61st Annual Pier Swim

On Saturday June 11, 340 participants entered the water for the 61st Annual Pier Swim. This year was the first time that the race was electronically “Chip” timed. Andrew Bray was the fastest swimmer of the day with a time of 10 minutes and 1 second. Awards were given in 16 different divisions. The Gene Belshe Perpetual Trophy went to the SWIM FOCUS team. Beach Lifeguards were stationed in the water and on the beach to make sure that everyone made it around safely. A good time was had by all.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Get Up and Feel the Music! – Three new classes at the senior center will have your toes tappin’ this summer: the Song and Dance Workshop; Beginning Ballet for Seniors; and Ballroom and Swing. Improve fitness with fun choreographed numbers from past and present in the Song and Dance Workshop beginning Monday, June 20. Work on flexibility, coordination, and balance in Beginning Ballet for Seniors, Fridays beginning June 24. Gain skill and confidence on the dance floor in Ballroom and Swing beginning Thursday, June 23. Register for any of these classes at the Senior Center at www.hbsands.org or in person at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surf City Downtown Shuttle

Tuesday, June 14 marks the first night of the 2011 season for the Surf City Downtown Shuttle! The Shuttle will operate on Tuesdays during Surf City Nights from 5:30-10:00 pm, providing free rides from the Huntington Beach Civic Center to downtown. Saturdays and Sundays, and Labor Day the Shuttle will operate from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. Look for the “Free Shuttle Parking” signs at the Main Street and Yorktown entrances to the Civic Center, take advantage of the free parking, and hop on board for a fun ride to the downtown! The Civic Center shuttle stop is adjacent to the Police Station and City Hall. For more information, visit www.surfcity-hb.org, find us on Facebook, or call (714) 536-5542.

Surf City Savings

Surf City Savings Discount Program is all about encouraging you to spend locally and support our local businesses. This discount program is offered by the city free of charge to Huntington Beach businesses and the public. The program helps our local businesses achieve more exposure, allows consumers to save money which generates sales tax dollars to support local services.

The newest merchants to the program are:

Peninsula Orthodontics – offering a discount on their services as well as a limited time special on Invisalign;

Crown Cleaners offers free dry cleaning with min purchase;

Dr. Kathy Warren, Chiropractor (specializing in Quantum Neurology), offering a discount on your first visit.

Please visit www.surfcityavings.com to see all of the more than 150 merchants offering valuable savings opportunities!

Kelly Slater is coming to Huntington Beach on Tuesday, June 21

Kelly Slater, 10x World Surfing Champion, is coming to Surf City Nights in downtown Huntington Beach, on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at 6 PM on Main Street and Pacific Coast Highway. Mayor Joe Carchio will present Slater with a Key to the City. For more information, contact Economic Development at 714-536-5542.

FIRE**Clothes Dryer Safety**

Doing laundry is part of every family's routine. Taking care of your clothes dryer is important to the safety of your home. With a few simple safety tips, you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

FACT:

The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them.

And Don't Forget...

- Dryers should be properly grounded.
- Keep the area around the dryer clear of things that can burn (boxes, cleaning supplies, clothing, etc.)
- Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

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

INFORMATION SERVICES

Want to watch videos of Surf City events?

<http://www.ci.huntington-beach.ca.us/residents/videos/index.cfm>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Honoring Those Who Succeed

Literacy Services holds annual awards events at our two sites. Adult Literacy will hold their event on Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 pm at Central Library. The event for Family Literacy will be the following Wednesday, June 29 at 6:30 pm, at Oak View branch.

Ebooks are coming to Your Library!

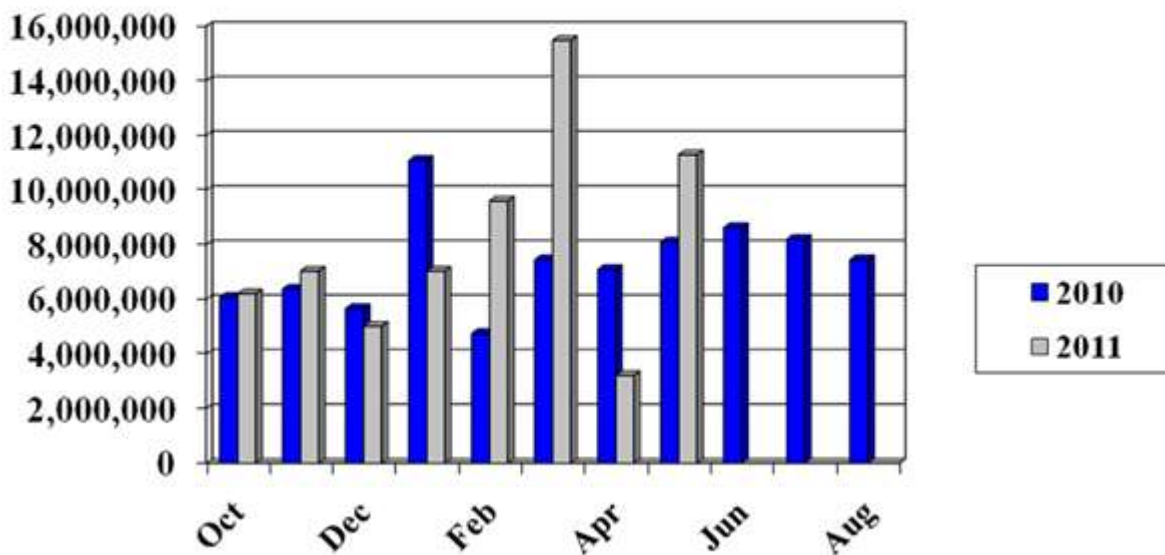
Patrons asked and the library heard: Thanks to a generous donation by the Huntington Beach Friends of the Library, ebooks will soon be a part of the library's collection. Visit the library's webpage at hbpl.org, or 'friend' the library on Facebook ([facebook.com/hbplibrary](https://www.facebook.com/hbplibrary)) for more information.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building activity continues to show improvement in 2011. During the month of May, Costco construction plans were submitted, City Hall photovoltaic permits were issued (Project valuation \$7,300,000), and overall construction valuation is up 15% over last year at this same time period. New construction remains slow; the balance of activity continues to be in the areas of alterations and additions.

Construction Valuation (\$)

Residential, Commercial & Industrial



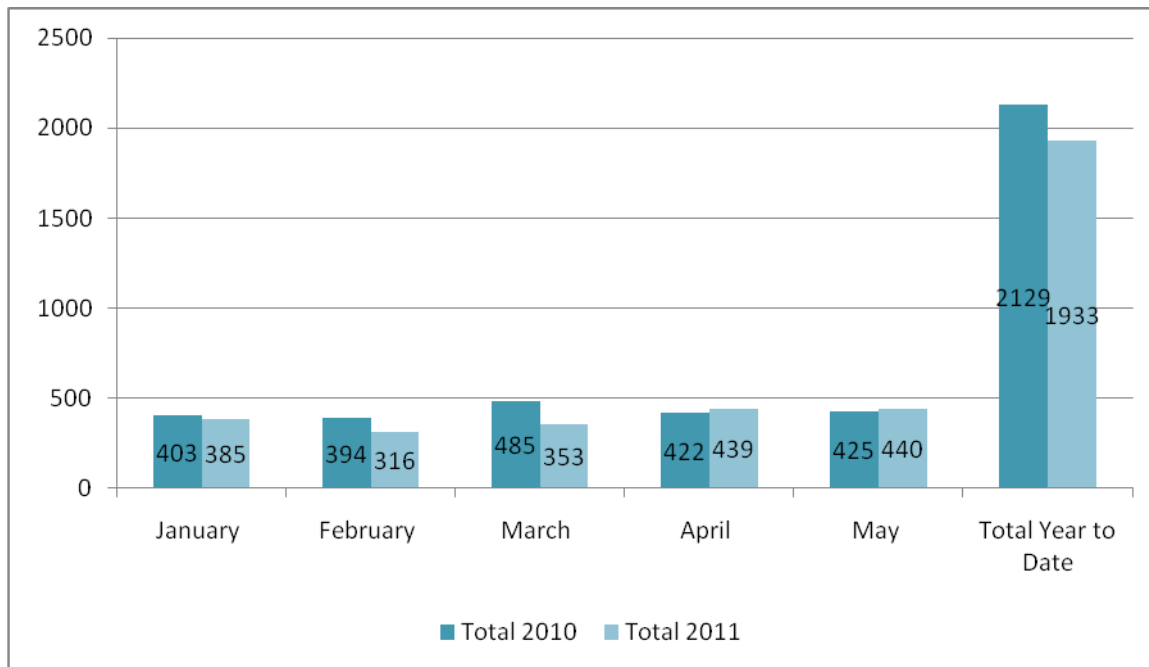
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Part I Crime Decreasing Overall in First Five Months of 2011

For the first five months of 2011, there has been an overall decrease in Part I Crime in Huntington Beach as compared to the first five months of 2010. Part I crime includes murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, vehicle theft, and larceny.

In 2011, over the first five months of the year, there were a total of 1,933 Part I crimes as compared to 2,129 Part I crimes in 2010.

(See chart on page 5)



Unfortunately, there have been two homicides in Huntington Beach in 2011 as compared to zero for the first five months in 2010. For each of the other categories in the Part I Crime definitions there has been a decrease year to date:

- Rape decreased from 17 in 2010 to 14 in 2011
- Robbery decreased from 51 in 2010 to 44 in 2011
- Aggravated assaults decreased from 114 in 2010 to 106 in 2011
- Burglary decreased from 331 in 2010 to 296 in 2011
- Vehicle theft decreased from 119 in 2010 to 102 in 2011
- Larceny decreased from 1,487 in 2010 to 1,369 in 2011

Chief Ken Small to receive the “CSP Distinguished Partner Award”

On June 14, 2011, the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter, operated by Community Service Programs (CSP), will be awarding Chief Ken Small the “CSP Distinguished Partner Award.” The award will be presented during the Fifth Annual Celebration of the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter, located at 7291 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach. The award is to thank Chief Small and the Huntington Beach Police Department for the continued support of the shelter and its services.

The Huntington Beach Youth Shelter offers shelter and services to youth that are homeless, abused, neglected, runaways or in crisis. The shelter has offered hundreds of families services to help unite their families and reduce crime. Through the combined efforts of the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter and the Huntington Beach Police Department we have been able to provide a secure haven for at risk youth and greater safety for residents of Huntington Beach.

PUBLIC WORKS

2011 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 2011 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 it by July 1. The City has completed the 2011 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 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.

