

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

June 17, 2013

## CITY MANAGER

### Environmental Board Vacancy

There is a new vacancy on the City's Environmental Board. The Environmental Board investigates all actual and potential threats to a clean environment for the City and reports its recommendations to City Council and other boards, commissions, departments, and officers. Primarily, this takes the form of reviewing CEQA environmental documents for projects in Huntington Beach. Citizens interested in serving on this board should apply at the link below: [http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards\\_commissions/application/application\\_form.cfm](http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/application/application_form.cfm)

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



### Huntington Beach Art Center

The Art Center presents *Poetry at the Center* on Sunday June 23, at 3:00 p.m. Featuring renowned poets Lorene Delaney-Ullman and Allison Benis White, the afternoon will include readings from their published works. Delaney-Ullman's book of prose poems, *Camouflage for the Neighborhood*, was the winner of the 2011 Sentence Award, published by Firewheel Editions (December 2012).

Delaney-Ullman is one of the founders of the Casa Romantica Reading Series in San Clemente, California. She teaches composition at the University of California, Irvine. Benis White is the author of *Small Porcelain Head*, selected by Claudia Rankine for the Four Way Books Levis Prize in Poetry, and *Self-Portrait with Crayon*, winner of the Cleveland State University Poetry Center First Book Prize. The event is free and open to the public.

### Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

On Friday, June 21, from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m., gather at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, for a stompin' good time and Summer Celebration Line Dance Party. Instructors Suzy Hazard and Donna Lee will lead "walk throughs" prior to all the dances. Everyone is welcome. Beginning to advanced line dancers join together to show off their best moves, enjoy refreshments, and hang out. Wear one of your favorite hats and prepare to have fun! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$5.00 admission includes snacks courtesy of *A Family Home Care*. For more information, call the senior center at 714-536-9387.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Downtown Art Walk - June 20

The monthly Downtown Artwalk, presented by the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District, continues on June 20 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. with the theme "Art Emerging." This event is growing in popularity as evidenced by the number of attendees each month. As always, the Artwalk is FREE and open to the public. Most art works shown are available for sale. Businesses are always being sought to host an artist for the event,

and applications and information of all kinds of visitors and artists, can be found online at [hbdownatown.com](http://hbdownatown.com).

## **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](http://www.nfpa.org/education).

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

### **City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips**

You can view Adult Softball League schedules, standings and registration information: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation\\_culture/softball.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/softball.cfm)

## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Festival of Folktales at Your Library

Don't miss the Central Library's Festival of Folktales on Tuesday, June 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be shows, food, games and crafts. Tickets are still available to see the Amazing Chris (circus in a suitcase) at 12 noon and to hear Jose- Luis Orozco perform at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each and these shows will be held in the Library Theater.

Register and keep track of your summer reading with the library's online summer reading programs! The website goes live June 24. Register at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org). Children up to age 12 can join the "Dig into Delicious Reading" program. Teens can enter the "Groundbreaking Reads" program and adults can register for the "Reading Is So Delicious" program. Children will earn prizes for every 8 books they read up to 72 books. Teens can earn prizes and chances for raffle drawings, and adults can earn chances for raffle drawings for every book they read. The more they read the more chances they get to win prizes during the summer reading raffle! The reading programs end August 2.

There will be a FREE concert, sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library, at the Central Park Bandstand featuring Clint Perry and the Boo Hoo Crew on Saturday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m. for all reading participants.

### Friends of the Library Used Book Summer Sale

Come to the Huntington Beach Central Library between Monday, June 10 and Saturday, July 6 for the Friends of the Library Used Book Summer Sale. All **Fiction books are buy-one-get-a-second book of equal or lesser value FREE!** Such a deal! Visit [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) for library's operating hours.

### Renew Library Books from Home

Time-pressed individuals who haven't quite finished that Huntington Beach Library book can extend the borrowing period an additional three (3) weeks by renewing the book. (Please note that any items that have a hold request cannot be renewed and books can only be renewed once). Renewing a Library book from home is easy with two options: phone renewal and online renewal. To renew by phone, call (714) 374-1680 and follow the directions.

To renew online, go to [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) and click on the brown "My Account / Renew" tab to login to the system. After logging in, choose the titles to be renewed, and click the renewal button. Need help? Call (714) 842-4481, or bring the book to the library to be renewed in person.

### Reading by the Numbers @ the Library

There's been a mini-trend of late with popular fiction books that have numbers in the title. And why not-- after all, a few numerical titles such as *20,000 Leagues Under The Sea* and *Catch-22* are counted as classics. So here's a baker's dozen of current books that add up to great reading at the Library:

1. *3 A.M.* by Steven John

2. *4 Below* by Peter Helton
3. *The 5th Assassin* by Brad Meltzer
4. *Six Years* by Harlan Coben
5. *IQ84* by Haruki Murakami
6. *NOS4A2* by Joe Hill
7. *11/22/63* by Stephen King
8. *12th Of Never* by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
9. *1356* by Bernard Cornwell
10. *Notorious Nineteen* by Janet Evanovich
11. *The 500: A Novel* by Matthew Quirk
12. *Trail Of The Spellmans: Document #5* by Lisa Lutz
13. *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window And Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **Zoning Administrator**

On Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8, the Zoning Administrator will review the following items:

1. Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 11-012 (Beach Boulevard and Warner Avenue Intersection Improvements): To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction of a westbound right turn lane on Warner Avenue at the intersection of Beach Boulevard and associated improvements including a new five-foot wide sidewalk along the west side of A Lane for a length of approximately 150 feet. The property is located at Intersection of Beach Boulevard and Warner Avenue (north side of Warner Avenue from Beach Boulevard to 65 feet east of A Lane). Please contact Jennifer Villasenor for more information.
2. Conditional Use Permit No. 13-015 (Ramirez Block Wall): To permit the construction of a 6 ft. – 11 in. high front yard wall in lieu of the maximum height of 42 in. and a 1 ft. - 6 in. setback in lieu of 12 ft. within the front yard setback area. The property is located at 214 Venice Avenue, 92648 (north side of Venice Avenue, between Alabama Street and Huntington Street). Please contact Kristi Rojas for more information.
3. Coastal Development Permit No. 13-005 (San Clemente Single Family Residence): To permit the demolition of an existing single-family residence and construct a new approximately 5,197 sq. ft. 2-story, single-family residence within the appealable area of the Coastal Zone. The property is located at 16262 San Clemente Circle, 92649 (southeast side of San Clemente Circle, Huntington Harbour). Please contact Ethan Edwards for more information.
4. Conditional Use Permit No. 12-091/Coastal Development Permit No. 13-007 (Bark City Dog Daycare Facility): To permit the establishment of a dog daycare facility, including the placement and operation of two one-story modular structures totaling approximately 2,160 sq. ft. within the appealable area of the Coastal Zone. The property is located at 8451 Edison, 92646 (north side of Edison Drive, between Newland Street and Beach Maintenance Yard). Please contact Ethan Edwards for more information.

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

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Storage Burglary Investigation 13-007388**

During the later part of May, the Huntington Beach Police Department began receiving reports from citizens informing us of burglaries involving their storage units located at Extra Space Storage, 7531 McFadden Ave in the City of Huntington Beach. The combined value of the property loss was estimated at over \$200,000.

The initial investigation led to a surveillance of the storage facility, which ultimately resulted in the arrest of three suspects. The suspects were identified as Lisa Sanford, 42, of Huntington Beach; James Hayes, 47, of Westminster, and John McGowen, 45, of Seal Beach. Subsequent investigation resulted in the service of a search warrant in Westminster, where numerous items of stolen property were recovered including a 25' cargo box truck full of property. Through continued investigation, we were able to identify stolen items from other unsolved theft cases.

The Huntington Beach Police Department has posted photographs of the remaining unclaimed property in a photo album labeled "Storage Burglary Investigation 13-007388" on the police department Facebook page: [www.Facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice](http://www.Facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice) in an attempt to return the property to the owners. If you feel you may be a victim of these thefts, please call Detective Jeff Goodspeed at 714-536-5653 or Sergeant Jerry Abrahams at 714-536-5949.

### **Keep Your Valuables Secure or Keep an Eye on Them While Enjoying the Beach**

On May 27, 2013, a motorcycle officer was flagged down near the beach regarding the theft of a backpack that had just occurred. Beach Patrol officers were provided a description of the suspect who was located a short time later still in possession of the backpack and its contents. The suspect was arrested. The backpack was returned to the owner, and after the officers' investigation, the 19 year-old suspect from Anaheim was released from custody with a scheduled court date.

Saturday afternoon, Beach Patrol recognized the same subject on the beach. He was walking along the sand and occasionally sitting next to towels with unattended backpacks and other property, trying to blend into the crowds. The officers contacted him and determined he was in possession of a stolen mobile phone. The officers called the owner of the mobile phone who said it had been stolen from the beach earlier in the morning near Tower 1. Our officers arrested Ryan Michael Moretto again, and booked him in the Huntington Beach city jail for possession of stolen property. The stolen mobile phone was returned to the owner.

### **Traffic Enforcement Stop Leads to Arrests**

Friday night at about 10:25 p.m., a police officer stopped a new vehicle with no license plates for a traffic violation on Adams Avenue east of Beach Boulevard. While talking with the driver, the officer discovered the driver was currently on parole and not in compliance with his parole terms. Further investigation revealed the vehicle, a 2013 Infinity G37, was a stolen vehicle.

The 31 year old male driver, Renee Estrada from Fullerton, was arrested for auto theft, a parole violation and an outstanding warrant. The 21 year old female passenger, Stephanie Wallace from Garden Grove, was arrested for possession of narcotics.

A total of nine adults were arrested Friday night in Huntington Beach. Four were for DUI.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Central Park Parking Lot Improvements**

On June 17, 2013, the City Council awarded a construction contract to GMC Engineering to rehabilitate the Slater Avenue parking lot in Central Park. The parking lot was subject to closure during rain events due to its deteriorated state. The project will include re-grading to alleviate flooding, with runoff being directed to a new vegetated bioswale, which will provide treatment of the runoff prior to entering the storm drain. It is anticipated that the total cost, including design and construction, will be approximately \$350,000.