

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

June 24, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

View an excellent video, created by Matt Liffreing, of Huntington Beach Senior Services' Volunteer Appreciation Lunch held in April at Meadowlark Golf Course. It includes interviews with Council Member Jim Katopodis, Past Mayor Norma Brandell Gibbs, Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) President Cathy Meschuk, Entertainer Tony Odell Rodgers, and Home Delivered Meals Coordinator Dana Tull. The contributions of volunteers to the community and the hope for a new senior center are emphasized. View the video on the HBCOA website www.hbcoa.org at the top of the Photos and Videos' page.



63rd Annual HB Pier Swim

200 participants entered the water on Saturday, June 22 for the 63rd Annual HB Pier Swim. Kazu Miyahara was the fastest swimmer of the day with a time of 10 minutes and 34 seconds. Awards were given in 16 different divisions and the Gene Belshe Perpetual Trophy went to Swim Focus Swim Club. Beach Lifeguards were stationed in the water and on the beach to make sure that everyone made it around the pier safely. A good time was had by all.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City Awarded Grant to Enhance Surf City Downtown Shuttle Service

On June 24, 2013, the Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) awarded a grant of \$93,287 to the City of Huntington Beach for expanded Surf City Downtown Shuttle service. The funding will be utilized to provide expanded Shuttle service for a seven (7) year period from additional locations on weekends during the US Open of Surfing, and for new service on July 4th, starting in July 2014.

Expanding the service will allow the City to continue ongoing efforts to expand alternatives to parking in the downtown and to reducing automobile emissions during five of the busiest days of the entire year. The new service will also encourage those coming from outside the City to consider the use of public transit on those particular days, as the Shuttle will also provide direct - and always free - connection to transit stops along its route from the Goldenwest Transportation Center to the downtown. The City will partner with OCTA to "spread the word" throughout the County to publicize this exciting option for arriving in Huntington Beach.

For 2013, the Surf City Downtown Shuttle will offer special service from the Huntington Beach Civic Center to the stop at Main and Orange on July 4th from 1:00-10:00 p.m. Shuttles will operate continually to and from the downtown during that time. For more information and to see details on the Shuttle's regular schedule, visit:

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

FIRE

Drowning Prevention

Summer is officially here and the Huntington Beach Fire Department wants to remind you of these drowning prevention tips:

- Never leave a child unattended near water in a pool, spa, tub, or ocean. There is no substitute for adult supervision.
- Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
- Power-operated pool safety covers are the most convenient and efficient. Solar/floating pool covers are not safety devices.
- Keep a phone at poolside so that you never have to leave the pool to answer the phone, and can call for help if needed.
- Learn CPR and rescue breathing.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.
- Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
- If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Seconds count.

REMINDER - 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 Commercial Fireworks display at the Pier beginning at 9:00 p.m. on July 4th. For more information, please call the Fourth of July Hotline: 714-374-1580.

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.

Structure Fire - Calloway Circle

On June 19, 2013, at approximately 12:30 p.m., firefighters responded to a reported residential structure fire on Calloway Circle. Upon arrival, firefighters found a working fire in the garage of a two-story residence and the residents already evacuated. Fire Department personnel began aggressive fire attack operations and were able to confine the fire to the garage, with no extension into the residence other than minor smoke damage.

Traffic Accident - Heavy Rescue

On June 20 at approximately 11:00 a.m. Huntington Beach Fire Department units responded to a reported traffic accident at Edwards and Heil. Arriving units found a two vehicle accident with one vehicle on its side and one patient trapped inside. One victim was extricated from the vehicle and two patients were transported to a trauma center.

Structure Fire – Sher Lane

On June 22 at 11:50 p.m., Huntington Beach Fire Department units responded to a reported structure fire on Sher Lane. Firefighters arrived on scene and reported a fire in an upstairs unit of a multi-family residential apartment complex. Personnel took quick action to assure evacuations were completed and initiated fire attack operations. The fire was contained to the one unit with no extension into adjacent units or the attic.

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know that during normal business hours, the primary City Web site receives nearly a thousand visits every hour? <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Library Gets \$10,000 Worth of Books from State Librarian

Thanks to a federal grant known as the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), the State Librarian recently released extra funds to California's public libraries to purchase new print materials with the "Books4U" program. Budget reductions the last few years have been detrimental to all public libraries, so the additional funding was most welcome. Each library's share of "Books4U" was calculated on a per capita basis; Huntington Beach's share was \$10,000. The Huntington Beach Library has used this opportunity to purchase books in the areas of early literacy & parenting, career & workforce development, books in Spanish, and popular adult fiction. Look for the new books to be on shelf at Central Library and at the branches in the coming weeks.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission

On Tuesday, June 25, 2013, the following item is scheduled for the Planning Commission:

1. **GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 13-001 (CULLUM EASEMENT VACATION)**
Applicant: Public Works Department, City of Huntington Beach **Property Owner:** Darlene Cullum **Request:** To determine if the vacation of an existing right of way easement is in conformance with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan. **Location:** Northeast corner of Main Street at Springfield Avenue **City Contact:** Hayden Beckman, Planning Aide.
2. **GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 13-002 (CHAPMAN EASEMENT VACATION)** **Applicant:** Public Works Department, City of Huntington Beach **Property Owner:** Dennis Chapman **Request:** To determine if the vacation of an existing right of way easement is in conformance with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan. **Location:** Southeast corner of Main Street at Springfield Avenue **City Contact:** Hayden Beckman, Planning Aide.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website. Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fourth of July – Parade, Street Closures, and Fireworks Information

Staking out a spot for the parade – Staking out your spot along the parade route begins at 7:00 a.m. on July 3! Any items left on city property before this date and time WILL BE REMOVED. Each year Police actually have to respond to calls regarding this issue!

- Anything left unattended to mark your spot is left at your own risk
- No paints or adhesives are allowed to mark your spot
- No materials can block the sidewalk or street

Street Closures

Thursday, July 4th

- **PCH (between Beach Blvd. and Goldenwest)** will be closed from **5:00 a.m.** until after the parade is over (approximately 1:00 p.m.).
- **PCH** will reclose again for the fireworks show at **7:00 p.m.** till about midnight.

Thursday, July 4 through Sunday, July 7

- The first 3 blocks of **Main Street** will be closed for the festival.

Fireworks

Safe and Sane Fireworks may only be lawfully discharged in Huntington Beach within the following time period: **July 4th from 12:00 noon to 10:00 PM.** The discharge of Safe and Sane fireworks during any other time is prohibited and subject to a \$500 fine for the first offense.

Other Restrictions include:

Must be directly supervised by a person at least 18 years old

Cannot be discharged in the downtown area or on the city beach (beach side of PCH including beach parking lots)

Discharge is prohibited in commercial, industrial or manufacturing zones

Discharge is prohibited on public streets

Discharge is prohibited in all public parks

Discharge is prohibited on any public property. The only exception is for sidewalks and alleys in residential areas

Discharge of fireworks must be further than 10 feet from any residence, dwelling, structure or oil well

Permission must be obtained from the owner of any property on which fireworks are discharged

And ALWAYS, please be courteous, follow the rules and enjoy the 4th of July.

PUBLIC WORKS

Maintenance Zone 7 Street Rehabilitation

On June 17, 2013, the City Council awarded a construction contract to R.J. Nobel for the rehabilitation of the residential streets in the City's Maintenance Zone 7, which is bordered by Warner Avenue, Ellis Avenue, Springdale Street, and Beach Boulevard. Streets in need will receive an asphalt overlay, while those in better condition will receive an asphalt slurry under a separate contract immediately following. The total cost including design, construction and project management is estimated at approximately \$1.8 million. Work is anticipated to begin in July with all work completed by the end of summer.

Fourth of July Street Closures

As part of the City's annual Fourth of July celebration, several street closures will occur throughout the day to accommodate various events taking place. The parade and 5k Run along Main Street and the fireworks show in the evening will require street closures along Pacific Coast Highway, Main Street and many adjacent streets.

Pacific Coast Highway will be closed from Goldenwest Street to Beach Boulevard from 5:00 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m. for the parade and again from 7:00 p.m. until approximately 11:00 p.m. for the fireworks show. Main Street will be closed from Garfield Avenue to Orange Avenue from 5:00 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m. and from Orange Avenue to Pacific Coast Highway for the entire day. All cross streets will also be closed near

any intersections with either Pacific Coast Highway or Main Street. Within the downtown area, the streets south of Orange Avenue, between 6th Street and 10th Street will also be closed from 5:00 a.m. for parade staging. Traffic will be detoured around these closures using Goldenwest Street, Garfield Avenue and Beach Boulevard. Motorists in the area should adjust their schedules and routes accordingly.

Independence Day Holiday Affects Street Sweeping and Trash Collection

Due to the observance of Independence Day on Thursday, July 4, trash collection and street sweeping will be on holiday schedule. Trash will be on regular schedule on Monday through Wednesday, July 1, 2, and 3. Trash will not be collected on Thursday, July 4. Affected residents should place trash for collection on the day after their regular route day. Residents on Thursday's route should place their trash for collection on Friday and Friday's route will be collected on Saturday. The regular collection schedule resumes on Monday, July 8.

Streets will be swept per regular schedule on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 1, 2, and 3. There will be no street sweeping on Thursday, July 4 (first Thursday route). Sweeping will also be suspended on Friday, July 5, due to trash carts will be at the curb one day later than usual. Streets that are not swept due to holidays are not rescheduled. If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance division at 714-960-8861 or refer to chart:

	MON July 1	TUE July 2	WED July 3	THU July 4	FRI July 5	SAT July 6
Trash	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Regular Collection	Holiday- No Collection	Thursday's Route	Friday's Route
Street Sweeping	1st Mon. Regular Sweep	1st Tue. Regular Sweep	1st Wed. Regular Sweep	Holiday No Sweep	1st Friday No Sweep	