

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

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Energy Project Manager, Aaron Klemm, has been named to a State Energy Advisory Board sub-committee. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program is a federal program under the Department of Energy. The EECBG Sub-committee will make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy on the goals and objectives of the EECBG program.

Aaron Klemm works in the City Administrator's Office and has been responsible for implementing energy efficiency programs that have saved the City hundreds of thousands of dollars. He is the only representative from California to be chosen for this national committee.

The EECBG Sub-Committee will make administrative and policy recommendations to improve the program; they will serve as liaison between the EECBG cities, counties, tribes and states and the Department of Energy on the program; and encourage the exchange of results of the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant activities carried out by the Federal Government.

Interim Removal Measure to begin at Ascon Landfill Site after July 4

Field work activities for the Interim Removal Measure (IRM) at the Ascon Landfill Site are scheduled to begin the week of July 5, 2010, and may continue through the first quarter of 2011. This work is under the direction of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Field activities will include removal and disposal of the tarry oil production materials from two interior lagoons—referred to as Lagoons 1 and 2—in the southwest interior of the Ascon Landfill Site.

The material was deposited at the site during the landfill's operation, between 1938 and 1984. Haul truck traffic is anticipated to initiate in mid-July and last for approximately three to four months. Haul truck trips will be limited to entering and leaving the site between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and trucks will not be allowed to line up or park on nearby city streets. Waste hauling activities will be limited to Mondays through Fridays, with the majority of trucks departing the site prior to 1:30 p.m. to transport the waste to the Buttonwillow landfill in Central California. The IRM project is implemented in compliance with mitigation measures and conditions imposed by DTSC, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the City of Huntington Beach. A 24-hour telephone hotline will be in effect during the IRM fieldwork, 714-388-1833. For more information, please go the Interim Removal Measure page at www.ascon-hb.com.

CITY TREASURER

Customer Service Tip of the Week – Use a Headset

Traditional receivers can cause you strain to your neck when you use them for long periods of time. Plus, you'll be more relaxed when making calls if your hands are free to move naturally.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Summer Classes and Programs:

Make the most of the longer daylight hours: visit the beach, have a picnic, spend time with family and friends, connect with nature. The SANDS Community Services Guide offers opportunities to improve the quality of life for Huntington Beach residents. Check out the hundreds of classes and programs available at www.hbsands.org and take advantage of everything our great city has to offer. The benefits are endless!

Summer Swimming

The City of Huntington Beach offers a complete summer swim program designed to meet a variety of swimming needs. Whether it is learning new swimming techniques or recreational enjoyment of the water, we have something for everyone! The swim courses follow the American Red Cross standards and are held at Marina and Edison High Schools, as well as at the City Gym and Pool. Classes are offered to ages six months through adult and teach skills from water adjustment through lifeguarding techniques. Visit www.hbsands.org for more information!

Lap Swim at Huntington Beach High School:

Participate in the most effective, enjoyable exercise known to mankind! Swimming for fitness will revitalize your cardiovascular system while paring inches and pounds from your waistline. Lap Swim is Monday and Wednesday morning from 6:00-8:00 am, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Check out page 37 of the SANDS Community Services Guide, available at www.hbsands.org for more information!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surf City Shuttle

The Surf City Downtown Shuttle will not operate on the Fourth of July. However, shuttle riders can take full advantage of the Shuttle on Saturday, July 3 as it will operate on its regular schedule from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. For more information regarding the Shuttle Program, please contact Economic Development at (714) 536-5582.

More Bike Parking is Coming to Downtown

This summer, bike to the downtown and easily park your bike for free with no worries about where to lock up your bike. The Surf City Bike Valet Program is set to begin in mid-July, every weekend, near the corner of 5th Street and Walnut Avenue. On Tuesdays, in conjunction with Surf City Nights, you can park your bike for a good cause; a non-profit will operate the bike valet, and all donations will benefit the Boys and Girls Club. For more information, please contact the Economic Development at (714) 536-5582.

KIIS FM Beach Shack

Southern California's radio station, 102.7 KIIS FM, is also Surf City's newest resident. During weekends this summer, look for the custom built KIIS FM Beach Shack on the Huntington Beach Pier right next to Let's Go Fishing/Surf City Snack Shop. The KIIS FM Beach Shack has spent the past ten summers on beaches throughout Southern California, and it's finally landing in Huntington Beach. KIIS DJ's will be broadcasting live, giving away prizes, and spreading the word on all the great things happening in Huntington Beach every weekend all summer long! So make sure to take a walk down the pier next time you're there and say hello to our newest friends and neighbors, 102.7 KIIS FM!

FIRE**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training**

On June 19, the Huntington Beach Fire Department held its final class in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training series. This class consisted of training in light search & rescue, fire extinguisher use, and a cumulative drill that put to test all the skills they had learned over the past four months. These graduates will have the opportunity to apply to become fire department CERT volunteers, and will help the city with various activities that may arise in an emergency. In the past, CERT volunteers have been used during floods, oil spills, earthquakes, and assisted in the response to the 2007 and 2008 fire storms.

Firefighters Host Medal of Honor Recipient

Medal of Honor recipient, Walter Ehlers, was recently a lunch guest at Station 5-Lake. Mr. Ehlers is one of less than 100 Medal of Honor recipients. He served in World War II in North Africa, Sicily, and Normandy. He was wounded 4 separate times. His brother was killed on Omaha Beach. Several years ago, Fire Captain Dave Ferguson began inviting various decorated military veterans to luncheons at the fire station in an effort to educate other firefighters about the service and sacrifice given to this country by these individuals. These war heroes recount their fascinating war stories while being honored with a specially prepared lunch in the fire station.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**Keep your brain sharp during the summer at the Library!**

Did you know that you can use the library's live online homework help service, Brainfuse, for more than just homework? During the summer hiatus, kids will be delighted to know that they can keep up to speed in that difficult subject from school – all without doing homework! Introducing "Skills Building" – state aligned lessons that help student's master key academic areas in engaging one-to-one sessions from expert instructors. This service delivers the knowledge kids need to learn a new concept by personally guiding them through new or difficult material. Ever ask yourself, "How can I get help when I don't even know what it is I'm confused about?" Well, say goodbye to confusion and hello to Brainfuse! Kids, don't let your brain fuse burn out this summer – ignite it with summer skills building at the library! For more information, please call the Children's department at 714 375-5107.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Presidential Pin Awards for RSVP's

On June 29, 2010, the participants in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) were recognized for the volunteer work they do for the City of Huntington Beach. Representatives of the Volunteer Center of Orange County presented the 2009 Presidential Pin awards based on the amount of hours donated in the year. City Councilman Gil Coerper and representatives from Senator Tom Harmon's office and Assemblyman Jim Silva's office also participated in the ceremony. The 2009 combined total number of hours from the Huntington Beach Police Department RSVP's exceeded 15,000 hours.

PUBLIC WORKS

Roof Replacement at the Murdy Community Center

In June 2009, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds were allocated through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-R) program. Qualifying CDGB-R projects promote energy efficiency, promote green building technologies, and reduce pollution emissions, among other criteria. The Murdy Community Center, located in the Goldenwest Enhancement Area, had a roof that was more than 25 years old and near the end of its serviceable life. The replacement roof is specified to be a cool roof system. A cool roof is designed to reflect solar energy and transmit infrared energy to reduce building heat gain, and the accompanying electricity demands. The cool roof system provides more efficient cooling of the building, reducing electric use and the pollutant emissions created by electricity generation as well as reducing the urban heat island effect and associated smog. This project meets the requirements of the California Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standard. Work on the roof was completed last week, at an approximate cost of \$200,000.