

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

June 6, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Pee Wee Sports Program

The Community Services Department offers summer youth baseball and basketball programs for children of all ages. The Pee Wee sports programs for youth age three to five provide a fun, non-competitive environment for children to learn the basics of each sport. Junior programs are also offered for children age six to eight, and allow players to have fun in a semi-competitive setting while staying healthy and active. Both programs also allow the children to gain social skills by interacting with their peers and coaches. Instructional Leagues are available for youth from the third to seventh grade. The instructional programs allow players to gain new skills through hands on instruction and game based drills. All the summer programs stress the importance of teamwork, and allow the children to learn the fundamentals of sports while having fun. All participants will receive an HB recreation jersey! Both sports begin the week of June 20.

HUNTINGTON BEACH SENIOR SERVICES

Wii're the Champions - Striking back after their first team loss to the Cypress Senior Center, the Michael E Rodgers Senior Center Wii bowling team - the "Surf City Strikers", rolled over the Wii bowling team from Fountain Glen Senior Apartments. The Surf City Strikers earned the win with a team average of 192 and two perfect games rolled by Bob Fordiani and "Wii" Bob. The Strikers were victorious again against the team from Freedom Village Senior Center in Lake Forest with a team average of 204!

Project Self Sufficiency – It's scholarship season at the Project Self Sufficiency Office. Office staff and board members have been very busy generating scholarship donations from the Huntington Beach Community. We are very happy to report that as of this writing we have raised almost \$30,000! Our participants will receive scholarship awards at the annual June Recognition Program on June 17. If you would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, please contact the PSS Office at 714-536-5439.

Enjoy a Round of Golf and Support H.B. Senior Services - The Huntington Beach Council on Aging invites you to take part in their annual ***On Course Golf Tournament, Friday, June 24, 2011; shotgun start at 12:30pm at Meadowlark Golf Course.*** The proceeds from this tournament help to support seniors and their families through many beneficial programs offered by the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center and Huntington Beach Seniors Outreach Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for community members of all ages to share a fun, relaxing day on the course, while supporting a wide variety of services, classes, activities and clubs designed to assist seniors in staying healthy, active and independent. A buffet awards dinner with a no-host bar will immediately follow the tournament at 6:00 p.m. Spots are filling fast so please call 714-536-9387 or visit www.hbcoa.org for more info.

Monthly Ballroom Dance at Rodgers Seniors' Center - On the second Friday night of each month, the Rodgers Seniors' Center in Huntington Beach is jumping with live music and

seniors as young as 60 and as old as 90. Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, this fun evening includes snacks and coffee; wine and soft drinks are available for purchase. Join us Friday, June 10 as we celebrate all wedding anniversaries! Singles are always welcome and the entrance fee is \$7.50 per person. For more information contact the Huntington Beach Rodgers Seniors' Center at 714-536-9387 or HBCOA.ORG on the web.

Huntington Beach Art Center

On Thursday June 9 from 6-8 pm, the Art Center will host a discussion titled "What Makes Your Pet Smile". The program will be led by Dr. Bernadine Cruz, author of "The Secret Sex Life of Dogs and Cats" and our current exhibiting *Pet Project* artists Margaret Adachi and Stuart Rapeport. Dr. Cruz acts as a veterinary media consultant and the host of PetCare TV and can be heard on the radio show, 'The Pet Doctor'. Admission is free. People and Pets are welcome! This program is being held in conjunction with the current *Pet Project* exhibition and fundraising *DOG-A-THON*. Pledge forms for the dog walk are available at the Art Center or on our website at www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org. Please call 714.374.1650 for information.

Adult Arena Soccer Sign Ups

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department offers year round adult arena soccer leagues at the award winning Central Park Sports Complex. A *new* Men's league is now being offered on Monday nights starting June 20, 2011. Team registration costs are \$400.00 per 8 week season plus referee fees (\$20.00) per game paid directly to the official by each team. League play will be 6 vs. 6 including the goalie. All teams must have uniforms with numbers. Registration packets are available at City Hall, on the City website or by mail. For league information or to be placed on the individual players list, please call (714) 536-5486.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Surf City Savings

Businesses in Huntington Beach continue to see the benefit of the **Surf City Savings Discount Program**. "Endless Food and Fun" at 7227 Edinger Ave definitely sees the benefit of the program. Keeli Scott Lisack, their Director of Marketing has this to share: "As a new business in town with a limited marketing budget, the Surf City Savings program is just what Endless Food and Fun needs to help spread awareness to our community and build our business. The couponing program is a great vehicle for us, and because it is a FREE program, we are able to offer even greater savings to our customers. Also, the program gives local residents many opportunities to shop and patronize local businesses while enjoying great discounts and keeping our tax dollars within the city of Huntington Beach. The Surf City Savings program is a win-win-win for residents, local businesses and the city!!! We will continue promoting Endless Food and Fun by posting exciting offers with substantial discounts. Great concept! "

To receive valuable discounts in Huntington Beach, visit: www.surfcityavings.com. to print out various discounts from categories including dining, retail/shopping, health & beauty, services, and leisure/recreational. Surf City Savings helps the City generate sales tax dollars to support local services.

Grow and Expand your Business – FREE WORKSHOP FOR ALL HB BUSINESSES

As part of the City's Ten Point Plan, the City is holding workshops for business in Huntington Beach. The first workshop is scheduled at Central Library on Tuesday, June 14 at 8:30 a.m. This workshop is co-hosted by the City and Chamber and is called "Grow and Expand Your Business." SCORE, The Orange County Workforce Investment Board, and the Small Business Administration will be present and provide information and tools to help local businesses grow and prosper. For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce at 714.536.8888. This workshop is free for all businesses; you do not need to be a Chamber member.

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. Slater will be presented a "Key to the City" by Mayor Joe Carchio. For more information, contact Economic Development at 714.536.5542.

HB Gastro-Truck Fest II - Food Truck Event

Bring friends, family, and an appetite for a second round of feasting from up to a dozen of Orange County's premier food trucks this Sunday, June 26, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Guests will have choices from an array of cuisine: from Waffles de Liege to Seabirds and more. The event will take place in Peter's Landing at 16400 PCH. For more information, log on to www.facebook.com/gastrotruck.

FIRE**Lightning Safety**

Thunder and lightning storms happen all the time. But did you know that lightning strikes and lightning fires occur most often in the summer? Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when it does strike!

Outdoor Safety

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away. Do not go under tall trees for shelter. There is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.
- Stay away from windows and doors.
- If you are in or on open water, go to land and seek shelter immediately.
- If you feel your hair stand on end, that means lightning is about to strike. Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet; place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat on the ground. This is a last resort when a building or hard-topped vehicle is not available.
- If a person is struck by lightning, call 9-1-1 and get medical care immediately. Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing, heartbeat, and pulse. CPR may be needed.

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

INFORMATION SERVICES

City Budget Information

Interested in the City Government budget information? You can view detailed budget information at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/budget_information/

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

California Coastal Commission to hold hearing on Downtown Specific Plan Update

The California Coastal Commission will consider an update to the City's Downtown Specific Plan on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, in Marina Del Rey. The Downtown Specific Plan update was approved by the City Council in January 2010 to amend development standards and guidelines for future development in the Downtown area. The Downtown Specific Plan update requires certification of an amendment to the City's Local Coastal Program by the Coastal Commission in order to be effective. Once the Coastal Commission acts on the Downtown Specific Plan update, it will be brought back to the City Council to consider any modifications made by the Coastal Commission. The hearing will be held in the Marina Del Rey Hotel, 13534 Bali Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292. A copy of the Coastal Commission agenda and staff report is available at the following link:

<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/mtgcurr.html>.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Public Kiosk added to the Police Department Lobby

The Huntington Beach Police Department has added a kiosk to its front lobby for the public's use. Through the kiosk the public can access the Department's Alarm Office, arrest log, online crime reporting, pay parking citations, pay for record requests, pay for a vehicle release, access Records Bureau information, obtain traffic accident reports, make traffic enforcement requests, and request a home vacation check. The public can also watch a scroll that provides information and current events from the City and the Police Department. Additional features will be added in the future.

The Police Department encourages the public to use the kiosk when visiting the Department. The kiosk can save time for someone needing to access this information. The front lobby is open to the public daily from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Citizen Tip Helps Police Locate a Wanted Suspect

On June 5, 2011, at about 5:50 pm, a citizen assisted the Huntington Beach Police Department by reporting a wanted suspect was seen behind the shopping center near Beach Boulevard and Adams Avenue. Police officers have been looking for John Joseph Regets, 35, transient, for arrest warrants regarding a criminal threats investigation and a parole violation. The police officers had shown several employees of local businesses in that area,

and residents that live near Bartlett Park, pictures of John Regets trying to get information regarding his whereabouts. He was known to "hang out" in that area.

John Regets was considered dangerous because of his past criminal history, his current criminal threats investigation against a Huntington Beach resident, and his claims of possessing a "zip-gun." A zip-gun is a homemade firearm or device capable of firing a bullet.

The citizen that called reported John Regets appeared to be sleeping in the alley way behind the businesses. When the police officers arrived, John Regets was awake and took off running into Bartlett Park. Bartlett Park is part of the Orange County watershed and is thick with overgrown trees, shrubs and standing ponds of water.

The police officers established a perimeter around the park and started an extensive search for John Regets using police officers, a police canine and the Huntington Beach police helicopter. John Regets was eventually located hiding within the shrubbery and taken into custody without incident. He was booked at the Huntington Beach Police Department city jail for multiple counts of criminal threats, a parole violation and resisting arrest. He was held without bail.

PUBLIC WORKS

Exterior Painting and Repair Projects Scheduled for City Facilities

The Public Works Department has received bids for the exterior repair and painting of the following seven City facilities: Edison Community Center, Bushard Fire Station, Heil Fire Station, Oakview Community Center, Murdy Community Center, Corporate Yard Complex, and Water Warehouse. These facilities were last painted in 2005 and are again in need of exterior repairs and painting. The work is scheduled to be completed over the next couple of months at a total estimated cost of \$99,000.