

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**March 19, 2012**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Beach Senior Services

Line Dance Party – On Friday, March 23, from 7:00 P.M. – 9:30 P.M., gather at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue for a stompin' good time at a Line Dance Party led by dance instructor Suzy Hazard. Beginning to advanced line dancers will join together to show off their best moves, enjoy refreshments, and hang out. The cost of admission is \$5.00. For more information call Rodgers Seniors Center at 714-536-9387.

### Project Self Sufficiency

It is time again for the community to vote for the new MR. HB! The Mr. Huntington Beach Contest will be held on March 23, 2012, at Old World Village Festival Hall at 5:30 P.M. Stuart Thomas of Remax/Select One has graciously offered to compete for the title on behalf of the Project Self Sufficiency Foundation. Votes can be purchased BEFORE the event and 100% of revenue generated through vote sales (prior to the event) will assist the PSS Foundation in its mission to assist low-income single parents receive a college education. Please help this worthy cause by voting for Stuart Thomas! You can send a check, donate via PayPal on the PSS website [www.projectsellsufficiency.com](http://www.projectsellsufficiency.com), or drop by the office to make a donation! For questions, please call 714-536-5439

### Huntington Beach Art Center

On Tuesday, March 20, from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M., join artist P. Williams on a visual, verbal, and temporal mixed tape journey through the artists and events that inspired him and the work on view. The Artists in Residence program also features a poetry reading with Chris Davidson on Thursday, March 22, from 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. His work has been featured in the *Alaska Quarterly Review*, the *Cimarron Review*, and other journals. He will be joined by local poet Luisa Pena. Both events are free and open to the public. For information, call 714-374-1650.

### Recreation Programs

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department provides many opportunities to residents to enjoy leisure time and improve their quality of life with our many beaches, parks, and Community Services programs. Take some time this week to remember what inspires you! The SANDS Community Services Guide provides many opportunities for residents to take advantage of the best that Huntington Beach has to offer, and many of the classes offered begin next week. Visit [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) to learn more about the sports programs available for all ages, from PEE WEE SPORTS to SENIOR SOFTBALL! Find information on upcoming special events on page 8, sign up for swimming on page 32, and learn about the Summer Day Camps beginning on page 38. Take a moment each day to ponder the stories and images of why beaches, parks, and recreation programs are important. Remember, "Parks Make Life Better!" in Huntington Beach.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Join us on Wednesday for the Economic Development Conference**

This Wednesday, join the city for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Economic Conference Huntington Beach hosted by the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce. The conference - "Why Huntington Beach? Development-Destination-Jobs"- will be this Wednesday, March 21, 2012, from 7:30 a.m. to Noon at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa. The keynote speaker will be Dean Andrew J. Policano, UC Irvine Paul Merage School of Business and Dean of Students. In addition there will be exciting panels of Development, Destination, and Why Huntington Beach for Retail and Jobs/Workforce. For additional information contact the Chamber of Commerce at (714) 536-8888 or [www.hbchamber.com](http://www.hbchamber.com). Registration is \$85 for members and \$100 for non members.

## **FIRE**

### **Residential Structure Fire**

On March 12, 2012, at approximately 11:30 a.m., firefighters were dispatched to a residential structure fire on Malloy Drive.

According to a resident, the fire broke out in the bedroom at a single-story family residence and it was found to be actively burning throughout the attic. No injuries were reported, but the family will be displaced due to the damage to the house. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

### **Condominium Complex Structure Fire**

On March 18, 2012, at approximately 5:30 a.m., firefighters responded to a call for a fire in a condominium complex on Pueblo Circle.

Crews kept the actual fire from spreading beyond the original unit, but there was some cosmetic damage to one neighboring unit. The fire was not declared under control until 6:15 am due to the difficulty of acquiring confirmation that the fire was not spreading to neighboring units. No injuries were reported.

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

The Huntington Beach Neighborhood Watch Newsletter has valuable crime prevention information and the latest crime statistics from your neighborhood. You can view this newsletter online at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/news\\_publications/neighborhood\\_newsletter.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/news_publications/neighborhood_newsletter.cfm)

If you wish to receive an electronic version of the newsletter when it is published, you can sign up at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/email\\_alerts/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/email_alerts/)

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Easy Reading @ Your Library**

March is National "Save Your Vision" Month. With 150 million Americans wearing some form of corrective eyewear, and a growing number of people dealing with eye strain from increased computer use, large print books can bring back the joy of reading by offering popular titles in an easy-to-read format. Books with a large typeface can also benefit those coping with dyslexia or other learning disabilities by making the words on the page easier to decipher.

The Huntington Beach Public Library has an extensive collection of large-print publications in 14- and 16-point type, versus the standard 10-point type of regular books. Designated with the Sight Saver (SS) call number, titles have been selected from a broad range of genres, including bestsellers, mysteries, thrillers, romance, western, biography and general nonfiction. Large print titles are available at the Central Library and the Main Street Branch in downtown Huntington Beach. Check them out today!

### **Volunteer @ the Taste of Huntington Beach**

Volunteers are needed to work at the Taste of Huntington Beach fundraiser. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and be willing to work a minimum of four hours on the day of the event, Sunday, April 29. Managers are needed to help plan, supervise, and organize for various areas of the event including Gate Setup, Sales, Vendor Check-in, VIP Setup, Participant Table Setup, Water Distribution and Raffle table. Hard working individuals interested in helping to set, take down, and to be runners during the event are also needed.

Interested people can email Barbara Richardson at [richardb@hbpl.org](mailto:richardb@hbpl.org) for meeting times and schedules.

### **Appetite Grows For Hunger Games**

With the conclusion of the Harry Potter movies and the Twilight series winding down, Hollywood has turned its attention to "The Hunger Games" trilogy by Suzanne Collins. This dystopian series hits on several issues facing society today - the fixation on celebrity and reality TV, the popularity of violent video games and movies, challenges to the working class, and the uprisings of the "Arab Spring." For those who have missed the "Hunger Games" phenomenon thus far, find out what everyone is talking about by reading or listening to the original story. The Huntington Beach Library offers both the printed book and book on CD. Patrons can also listen to the novel on a PC, iPod, smart phone, or MP3 player via download from [e.hbpl.org](http://e.hbpl.org). Visit [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) for more information.

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **Development Impact Fees Stakeholders Meeting**

The City of Huntington Beach is in the process of reviewing a comprehensive Master Facilities Plan of capital needs and acquisitions based upon the growth anticipated under the General Plan and Development Impact Fees necessary to accommodate those needs. The review, conducted by Revenue & Cost Specialists, LLC, proposes modifications to the methodology of existing Traffic, Storm Drainage, Library Development and Park Land/Open

Space Acquisition Impact Fees, as well as establishing three new Development Impact Fees (Law Enforcement Facilities, Fire Suppression Facilities, and Public Meeting Facilities).

On March 13, 2012, the city held a meeting with stakeholders to go over the Master Facilities Plan and the Development Impact Fee (DIF) Study and Nexus Report. The meeting was to discuss the proposed DIF changes and answer any questions before the City Council considers modifying DIFs tentatively at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 7, 2012.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**New Police Officers** - On March 13, 2012, Chief Ken Small swore in Officer Stefani Williams and Officer Luis Busquets as the newest police officers with the City of Huntington Beach. The swearing in was joined by their newest family, the Huntington Beach Police Department.

**2011 Police Employee Awards** – The following employees were recognized at the Council Meeting this week:

- Officer of the Year, Officer Trent Tunstall
- Civilian Employee of the Year, Police Services Specialist Michelle Boldt
- Supervisor of the Year, Parking/Traffic Control Supervisor Debi Pinkham
- Award of Merit, Police Services Specialist Debbie Dove
- Award of Merit, Police Services Specialist Julie Romano
- Distinguished Service Award, Officer Tai Huynh

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Huntington Beach Fleet Operations Eligible for ASE Blue Seal Recognition**

Huntington Beach Fleet Operations is proud to announce its eligibility in the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence ASE Blue Seal Recognition Program. The ASE Blue Seal Program has very rigorous criteria. To obtain Blue Seal Recognition, at least 75% of the technicians in a repair facility must be ASE Certified. Automotive service professionals or technicians who pass the ASE tests receive ASE certifications that are valid for five years. To be recertified after that period they have to undergo re-testing. The recertification process ensures that all ASE Certified automotive service professionals and technicians are always current in their knowledge and skills.

The technical staff of HB Fleet Operations voluntarily accepted the challenge to become a Blue Seal Operation. The participation and success of the technicians was overwhelming. The staff obtained a certified level of 86% during their first attempt to become certified in the program. During the next round of testing scheduled in May 2012, the technicians have set the goal to be 100% certified. Fleet Operations maintains, services, and repairs a very diverse fleet of vehicles and equipment supporting Fire, Community Services, Police, and Public Works operations. Fleet Operations is responsible for maintaining everything from ambulances and fire trucks to police cars, buses, and tractors--to name just a few. Being recognized as a Blue Seal Operation is an impressive accomplishment that clearly exhibits the dedication and commitment of the Public Works Fleet Operations staff.