

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

March 25, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

On March 28, the Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation presents *Music at the Center*, featuring award winning Scottish fiddler Hanneke Cassel & Friends. A uniquely American approach to Scottish music, Hanneke along with cellist Rushad Eggleston and guitarist Christopher Lewis, creates a sound on the cutting edge of the acoustic tradition while retaining the integrity and soul of Scottish music. General admission is \$25; \$20 for Art Center members. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.; concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Call the Art Center at 714-374-1650 for information.

The Huntington Beach Art Center invites you to join us for Art for Lunch on Thursday March 28 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Bring your lunch and a few friends to enjoy dining in the galleries as you view the current exhibition *Geometry and Friends*. The exhibition explores geometric variations in nature, the sciences and in our daily lives as seen in the works of practicing artists. The HBAC Foundation will provide beverages and desserts. Call the Art Center at 714-374-1650 for information.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

Celebrate spring with Huntington Beach Senior Services and the Bolsa Chica Conservancy. First, Huntington Beach Senior Services and the Bolsa Chica Conservancy are partnering with Huntington Beach High school's Advanced Placement Environmental Science Students to restore the native habitat of the Bolsa Chica Wetlands. In an intergenerational project, Seniors 60+ and 17+ will work together to cultivate native seedlings in planters at the senior center, 1706 Orange Avenue. In May, these students and older volunteers will take field trip to Bolsa Chica to plant the mature flora. Huntington Beach Senior Services has also planned a free trip from the senior center to Bolsa Chica Conservancy's Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 13th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The festival features guided tours of the wetlands, bird watching and 25 interactive educational booths. In addition, the Bolsa Chica Conservancy is looking for volunteers to support its Eyes on Nest Site (EONS) Program. At the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, volunteers observe and monitor the nesting activities of the endangered California Least Terns and the threatened Western Snowy Plovers. Trainings will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2013, from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 6, 2013, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Bolsa Chica Conservancy Interpretive Center at 3842 Warner Avenue. For information about the Intergenerational Native Plant Restoration Project or the Earth Day Festival field trip, contact the senior center, 714-536-9387. For information about volunteering with EONS program, contact on the Bolsa Chica Conservancy, www.bolsachica.org or 714-846-1114.



Easter Hunt and Family Fun Day

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department together with the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach presents the Easter Hunt and Family Fun Day! Thousands of pounds of candy are given away each year for this

special family oriented day! Stop by and hunt for candy, take a picture with the Easter Bunny, play a game at the many game booths, visit the various displays from Community Services, Public Works, Fire, and Police, learn about summer camps and classes offered through Community Services, enjoy the live band, and try out some new classes. Do not forget to enjoy the pancake breakfast and the hot lunch made by the Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club. Come join the festivities on Saturday, March 30, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Spend some time outdoors with your family, and see how Parks Make Life Better! For more information regarding specific Hunt times or to sponsor this event, please contact Murdy Community Center at 714-960-8895.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Spring has Blossomed at our Weekly Farmers Markets!

Come browse through the healthy Spring fruits and vegetables offered at our three local Farmer's Markets. Additionally you can enjoy craft booths, local food vendors, music and children's activities. Make a morning, afternoon or evening at our local farmers market. Find one near you!

Tuesday

- Main Street during Surf City Nights from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Friday

- Pier Plaza (Main and Pacific Coast Highway) from noon to dusk

Saturday

- Farmers Market and Family Festival located at Peters Landing - 16400 Pacific Coast Highway – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FIRE

Microwave Oven Safety

With busy lives, families rely on the microwave oven as a quick way to heat up a meal, warm up a drink or defrost dinner. While the convenience of the microwave oven is something we take for granted, safety should not be. By following a few simple safety tips you can prevent painful burns and possible fires.

- PURCHASE a microwave oven that has the label of an independent testing laboratory. Make sure to complete and return the product registration card. This way the manufacturer can reach you if there is a recall on the product.
- PLUG the microwave oven directly into the wall outlet — never use an extension cord.
- MAKE sure the microwave oven is at a safe height, within easy reach of all users. If possible, the face of the person using the microwave oven should always be higher than the front of the microwave oven door.
- OPEN food slowly, away from the face. Hot steam or the food itself can cause burns.
- FOOD heats unevenly in microwave ovens. Stir and test before eating or giving to children.
- NEVER heat a baby bottle in the microwave. Since a microwave oven heats unevenly, it can create hot pockets, leading to burns. Warm a bottle in a bowl of warm — not hot or boiling water, or by running it under the tap.

- Always supervise children when they are using the microwave oven
- Use only microwave-safe cookware (containers or dishes). Never use aluminum foil or metal objects in a microwave oven.
- If you have a fire in the microwave, turn the oven off and unplug it from the wall. If the fire does not go out, go outside and call 911.

FACT - Scald burns are the leading cause of injury from microwave ovens. For more information, please visit www.nfpa.org/education.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know the City website contains information about major projects that have been submitted to the Planning and Building department? You can find out about these major projects at: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/major/>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Classical Music Concert on April 14

Come listen to the Huntington Beach Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Grant Sevdayan on Sunday, April 14, at 3:30 p.m. at the Central Library. The "French Connection" themed program will contain selections from Debussy, Bizet, Berlioz, Gounod and Saint-Saens, with vocal soloists and choir. Presale tickets are \$20 for adults or \$18 for students/seniors and can be purchased online at www.hbsymphony.com. Tickets will be \$25 at the door. For tickets or more information please contact the HB Symphony at (714) 274-5524.

Haiku Workshop @ the library

To kick off National Poetry Month, the Huntington Beach Central Library is offering a haiku workshop. The workshop will be in the Balboa Room on Saturday, April 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Learn the history of haiku, how to structure a haiku poem using seasonal words, and write your own haiku! The workshop will be led by Deborah P. Kolodji. Deborah moderates the Southern California Haiku Study Group and is active in the international English language haiku community. Everyone 16 years old and over are welcome. Please join us!

Change Someone's Life – Become a Literacy Tutor!

Huntington Beach Adult Literacy Services will hold a New Tutor Orientation on Tuesday, April 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Central Library. Literacy Services relies on community volunteers to help others improve their basic communication skills in reading, writing, and speaking. After successfully completing an orientation and 13-hours of training, tutors are matched with adult learners for one-on-one weekly tutoring sessions. A one-year commitment is requested. Register for the Orientation at www.hbpl.org/literacy_programs, click "Become a Tutor" and choose the Adult Literacy Registration Form, or call the Literacy Office at (714) 375-5102.

A Taste of India: Friends of the Library Annual Field Trip

Join the Friends of the Huntington Beach library on Sunday, April 14 when they travel by bus to Studio City where they will enjoy lunch and a presentation with author Anne Cherian who

will speak about the differences between northern and southern Indian cuisine as well as the role food plays in festivals.

All guests will receive a complimentary copy of Cherian's most recent book, *The Invitation*, provided by Linda Friedman, Books & Authors Unlimited.

Schedule:

9:45 a.m. – Passengers arrive at parking lot near the theater entrance

10:00 a.m. – Bus will leave the library

11:30 a.m. – Private lunch at the Lal Mirch. The restaurant offers traditional Indian cuisine in an elegant and casual atmosphere

2:00 p.m. – Bus will leave the restaurant

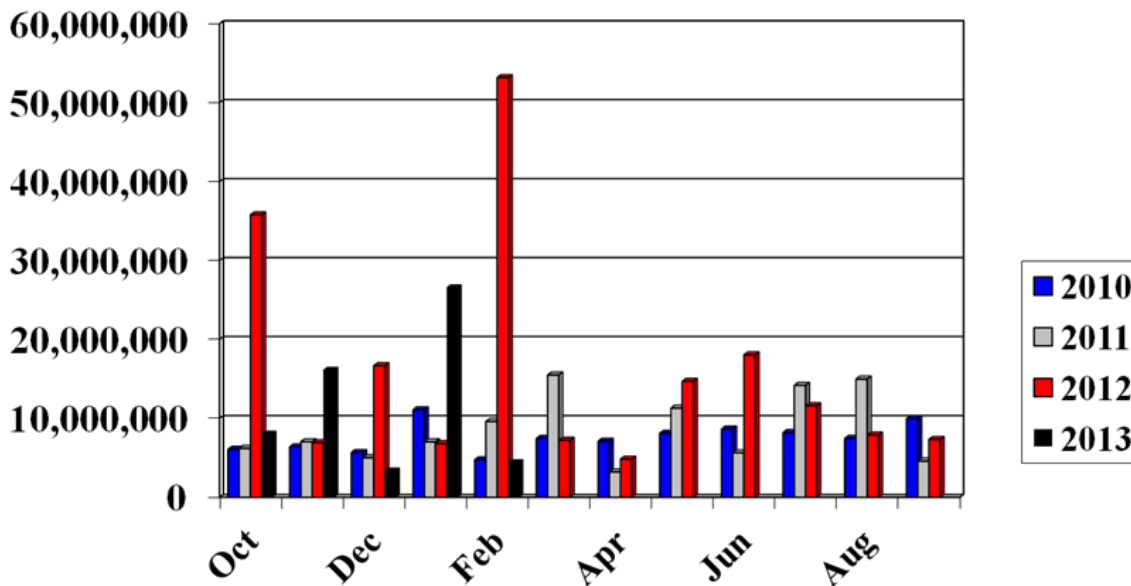
3:00 p.m. – Bus will arrive at the library

Tickets are \$65 and seating on the bus is limited. Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach 92648, or drop the payment off at the Friends Gift Shop. Reservations must be received no later than Monday, April 8. For more information, contact the Friends of the Library at (714) 375-8429.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Valuation (\$)

Residential, Commercial & Industrial



The above chart depicts Construction Valuation (based on City of Huntington Beach building permits) on a monthly basis over the last three years. Construction valuation was low for the

month of February 2013. The decline was attributed to a 75% drop in the commercial/new sector. March 2013 outlook is to be strong with the anticipated permitting of the final phases of Pacific Shores Residential community located on Newland and Indianapolis. Also, many large multi-family projects are moving forward on the second submittal of building plans.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Every 15 Minutes Program March 27

Please plan ahead for road closures near Main Street. This year's Every 15 Minutes program will be held at Huntington Beach High School on March 27. The Every 15 Minutes program is a two-day program focusing on high school juniors and seniors, challenging them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, and many others. This powerful program is designed to create an awareness among students that they are not invincible. This program helps open the emotional doors, and it addresses a problem most teens do not know exists. They experience firsthand how their actions affect the lives of so many other people. With funding available from the California Office of Traffic Safety, the California Highway Patrol provides mini-grants to agencies and organizations implementing the program.

March 27, 2013 – 7:00 a.m. HBPD will be shutting down 17th street between Main and Adams, the location of the *mock crash*.

Police Blotter

On March 24, 2013 at about 10:37 p.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department received a report of a traffic collision on Springdale Street north of McFadden Avenue. The arriving officers discovered a black 1979 Yamaha motorcycle had lost control on Springdale, north of McFadden Avenue. The motorcycle rider, a 42 year old male, separated from the motorcycle and collided with a tree on the west side of Springdale Street. There was also a passenger, a 55 year old female, who was thrown from the motorcycle and landed in a parking lot on the west side of Springdale Street. A motorist driving in the area located the collision after it had occurred, but did not witness the incident. It appears there were no other vehicles involved in the collision. Both the male rider and the female passenger sustained injuries and were treated on scene by Huntington Beach Fire Department paramedics. The female passenger was transported to a local hospital, where she received further treatment for her injuries. The male driver was deceased at the scene of the collision. The deceased's identity will not be released until his next of kin is notified by the Orange County Coroner's Office. HBPD Accident Reconstruction Officers responded to the collision scene and conducted the initial investigation. It is unknown if alcohol played a role in the collision; this is an ongoing investigation. The Huntington Beach Police Department is seeking witnesses regarding this incident. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is encouraged to contact Officer Barr at 714-536-5666.

On March 23, 2013, at about 10:09 a.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department received a report of a traffic collision on Bolsa Chica Street at the intersection of Pearce Drive. The arriving officers discovered a black unknown year motorcycle was travelling south on Bolsa Chica Street, when it collided with a black 2009 BMW, 335I, sedan. The BMW had been

travelling east on Pearce Drive prior to the collision. The 67 year old female driver of the BMW was uninjured. The 66 year old male driver of the motorcycle was injured and treated at the scene by Huntington Beach Fire Department Paramedics. He was transported to the UCI Medical Center, where he was treated for serious injuries. HBPD Accident Reconstruction Officers responded to the collision scene and conducted the initial investigation. The driver of the BMW was cooperative and spoke to officers at the scene. No arrest or citation has been issued at this time, and the investigation into the cause of the collision is ongoing. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is encouraged to contact Officer Barr at 714-536-5666.

On March 21, 2013, at 4:29 p.m. the Huntington Beach Police Department received a call from a citizen regarding a disturbance in the area of 4911 Warner. The citizen reported a male and female arguing and that the male had threatened him with a handgun. The Huntington Beach Police helicopter arrived and located the male suspect and female walking into the residential tract towards Hoskins Lane and Milo Drive. A Huntington Beach Police Officer arrived and confronted the male who produced a handgun. The officer fired his weapon hitting the male adult suspect. It was later determined the handgun was a replica semi-automatic pistol. Other officers arrived and detained the female. The Huntington Beach Fire Paramedics arrived and the adult male suspect was pronounced dead at the scene. The officer was uninjured. The Huntington Beach Police Department is not releasing the names of the suspect or involved officer at this time. As per our protocol, the Orange County Sheriff's Department has been called to investigate the shooting. Their investigators are conducting an investigation into the incident and all further press inquiries and information will be handled by their department.

PUBLIC WORKS

Lamb Park Light System Theft and Damage

On March 19, the Public Works Department was notified that the Lamb Park athletic field lights were not working the night before. Staff investigated the outage and found that the park lights had been damage by thieves that stole copper wiring from the light system. Approximately 500 feet of wiring was pulled from the system and some other components were also damaged during the theft. Public Works Traffic Signal and Lighting staff were able to complete repairs using on-hand materials. The system was repaired and lighting restored in time for field use on the evening of March 21, minimizing impacts to scheduled field use. The theft was reported to the Huntington Beach Police Department and is still under investigation. Anyone with information regarding the theft should contact the Huntington Beach Police Department.