

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

March 26, 2012

CITY CLERK

Former Mayors' Photos Wanted

The City Historian is seeking the public's assistance in sharing photos with historical significance in order to preserve them for future generations. He is especially interested in photos of the following four former mayors:

2 nd Mayor	W. D. Seeley	(1912-1914)
5 th Mayor	W. E. Tarbox	(1917-1918)
10 th Mayor	Lawrence R. Ridenour	(1924-1926)
13 th Mayor	Elson G. Conrad	(1931-1934)

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services

For the past several years, Huntington Beach companies Auto Gear and Enterprise Rent-A-Car have encouraged their employees to volunteer in the Senior Services Home Delivered Meals Program. Each week two employees from these companies deliver meals to 12-15 homebound Huntington Beach residents. The meals are delivered Monday through Friday between 9:30 A.M. and 11:30 A.M. The two-hour weekly commitment by these companies tremendously benefits the community. These enterprising companies give more than money to their community - they give the power of people. For information on how you or your company can volunteer for the Home Delivered Meals Program contact Diane Swarts, Volunteer Coordinator 714-374-1544; dswarts@surfcity-hb.org.

Marine Safety

On March 18, at 11:22 A.M., while in Tower Zero on the Huntington Beach Municipal Pier, Marine Safety Officer Mike Bartlett was notified of a person down near Ruby's Diner. An off-duty physician was performing CPR on an adult male. MSO Bartlett applied the Automated External Defibrillator electrodes to the patient. After two electrical shocks and with the assistance of Huntington Beach Fire Paramedics, the patient regained consciousness and was transported by ambulance to Hoag Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

Huntington Beach Art Center

The Art Center is hopping with events this week as we come to the close of the Artists in Residency program. Please join us for any or all of these free-to-the-public programs. On Wednesday, March 28, from 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. enjoy Art for Lunch, in the galleries. Bring your lunch and we provide beverages and desserts. That evening from 6 P.M. – 8 P.M., artist Betsy Lohrer Hall presents Slip Sliding Away, an interactive discussion of the use of slides in her project. Gallery visitors are invited to wear white clothing in order to be part of the art. Saturday evening March 31, the Art Center will host the closing reception for the Artists in Residence from 6 P.M. – 9 P.M. Guests will meet the artists and view their completed projects.

Recreation Programs

Do not miss your chance to sign up for the newest classes the Huntington Beach Community Services Department has to offer. Look for Homework Power Hour, PILOXING®, Vocal Music, and Spring Youth Volleyball in our Sands Community Services Guide. From morning vocal lessons to afterschool Homework Power Hour and exhilarating aerobic classes, Huntington Beach Community Services Department has something for everyone. For more information about these youth and adult classes, please visit www.hbsands.org or call the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884. Parks Make Life Better!

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.
- 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.

Microwave Use

- Place or install the microwave oven 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.
- 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

Need to find out information about getting city Utility Services? Check out the Utility Services page on the city website at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/utility-services/>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Haiku Workshop @ the Library

To kick off National Poetry Month, the Huntington Beach Central Library is offering a haiku workshop on Saturday, March 31 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Balboa Room. Learn the history of haiku, how to structure a haiku poem using seasonal words, and even 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.

A Sunday to Remember

The Taste of Huntington Beach is Sunday, April 29. Purchase Taste of Huntington Beach tickets by March 31 and save \$5. On April 1, ticket prices go up to \$65 per person and \$85 per person for VIP. Tickets can be purchased at www.tastehb.com or at the Huntington Beach Central Library's Circulation Desk. Enjoy great food and wine while helping to support the Children's Library.

Celebrate Reading

Saturday, March 31, in the Children's Department, the "Reading Rocks" Reading Celebration will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. as girl scouts read aloud to children at the Huntington Beach Library. There will also be iPad and e-book demonstrations, book raffles, and craft activities for kids of all ages! This is part of a Girl Scout Silver Award Project and is free to the public.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission

On March 27, 2012, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 11-002/ COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 09-011/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 09-037/ SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 12-001

(WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT & HILTON EXPANSION) to permit the expansion of the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort including a nine-story tower providing a total of 156 new guestrooms with appurtenant facilities and grant a 5 year extension of time to the existing Amended and Restated Development Agreement adopted on October 21, 1998 (21100 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 - bounded on the north by Pacific Avenue, on the east by Twin Dolphin Drive, on the south by Pacific Coast Highway, and on the west by the existing Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort.) Contact Ethan Edwards, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 10-009 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 11-002/ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 11-002 (SKATE PARK PROJECT) to analyze

the potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed skate park project that includes a 14,000 sq. ft. skate plaza area, a 13,000 sq. ft. skate bowl area, a 3,500 sq. ft. skate shop/concession/restroom building, a 15,000 sq. ft. turf/walking area, a 480 sq. ft. restroom structure, and a 200 sq. ft. entrance kiosk (7461 Center Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 - 2.7-acre vacant site on Center Avenue, approximately 500 ft. east of Gothard Street). Contact Tess Nguyen, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information. A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Report a Crime Online

The Huntington Beach Police Department online citizen police report system allows a person to submit a report for certain minor crimes. It also allows that person to print a copy of the police report for free. This provides a great convenience for most since it can be done rather quickly with no time delays. However, not all reports can be filed online. The police department website gives detailed information on what the requirements are for filing a report online.

In 2011 citizens used the online crime reporting system over 900 times to file minor reports for offenses such as lost property, petty theft, harassing telephone calls and vandalism. For more information on how to use the system visit the police department web page at www.hbpd.org and link to "Report a Crime Online."

PUBLIC WORKS

Weekend Storm

The storm that moved through Southern California on Sunday and Monday provided an additional 0.6 inches to this year's storm season (October to April) total, which now stands at 5.4 inches. After two seasons of above average rainfall it appears this season will fall well short of our running ten-year average of about 11 inches per year. The 2004-05 storm season had the highest total rainfall with 23.9 inches (February 2005 alone had 7.6 inches of rain) and 2006-07 had the lowest with 3.2 inches (March 2007 had only 0.01 inches).