

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

March 4, 2013

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation is presenting *Music at the Center* on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. The concert features songwriter and recording artist *Carrie Rodriguez*, whose energetic performances showcase her vocal ability and world class musicianship on the fiddle. Accompanied by multi instrument musician *Luke Jacobs*, this is an amazing opportunity to experience talented musicians in an intimate listening room atmosphere. Tickets are specially priced for a mid-week concert at \$15.00. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Call the Art Center for information at 714-374-1650 or purchase online at [www.huntingtonbeachartcenterfoundation.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenterfoundation.org).

### Huntington Beach Senior Services

Live Long Age Strong! On Wednesdays from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center offers a new class, At Home Senior Revitalization (AHSR) to help older adults achieve their individual wellness quests. The AHSR program is designed to be done with minimal equipment so seniors can do the workouts at home. In addition to the classes at the senior center, Senior Wellness Coach, Ron Ringlien, CFN, CPT offers personalized home instruction through email. This is a working session, so bring your bands, balls, door straps and mats. We will also do our warm-up and stretching routines and a few core exercises if time allows. Be ready to go to work within the limits of your ability. Registration begins Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Register online at [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) or at the senior center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. For more information call 714-536-9387.



### 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. Games will be played on artificial sports turf under the lights beginning the week of April 1, 2013. Spring 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 v 6 including the goalie. Men's leagues are offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and Coed on Thursday and Friday. All teams must have uniforms with numbers. Registration packets are currently at City Hall, on the City website [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov), or by mail. For league information or to be placed on the individual players list, please call 714-536-5486. The Deadline to turn in team registration to City Hall is March 22, 2013.

### French Cooking at Edison Community Center

Edison Community Center will be offering a workshop on French Cooking on Tuesday, March 12, from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. This class will focus on creating memorable dishes from various different regions in France. Recipes will include famous French sauces, pate, main courses equal in quality to fine French restaurants, and delicious desserts. Registration can be taken online or at any one of the community centers. For more information, please

consult page 10 of the Winter SANDS magazine at [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) or contact Edison Community Center at 714-960-8870.

### **Children's Needs Task Force Annual Youth Character Awards**

The Huntington Beach Children's Needs Task Force, together with the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department, is sponsoring the American Youth Character Awards program to honor young people who are the real and proper role models for their generation. The American Youth Character Awards program endeavors to join with schools and youth service organizations throughout Huntington Beach in strengthening our moral community by celebrating and awarding character in our youth!

Anyone can nominate a praiseworthy youth! Nominees must be in grades 3-12 and reside in the City of Huntington Beach. The deadline for submission is Friday, March 29, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. All youth nominees will be invited to attend a recognition ceremony at the Century Theater amphitheater, in Bella Terra, on May 18, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. Selected honorees will also be recognized at a City Council meeting on June 3, 2013. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, please visit

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/files/users/community\\_services/NominationForm2013.pdf](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/files/users/community_services/NominationForm2013.pdf)

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **HB Playhouse Presents "The Mikado"**

The Huntington Beach Community Playhouse is presenting "The Mikado." Performances run through March 17. This musical by Gilbert and Sullivan is set in the whimsical town of Titipu. Nanki-Poo comes to Titipu and falls in love with the beautiful Yum-Yum. He then becomes involved in the devious politics of the little town and the fun begins. This musical has biting humor, melodrama, and all the great music we expect in a Gilbert and Sullivan play. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8:00 and Sunday at 3:00. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$18.00 for seniors and students. The play is at the Central Library Theater, located at 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. For tickets, call 714-375-0696.

### **FIRE**

#### **Change your Clock, Change your Battery**

As the time change approaches on Sunday, March 10, the Fire Department wants to remind you to make another change that could save your life - when you change your clocks to Daylight Savings Time - change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms too! Keep in mind, most fire deaths occur during the sleeping hours of the night. The simple act of changing your battery and testing your detector could mean the difference between life and death. If your smoke detectors are over seven years old, it might be time to replace them. Like any other device, they do not last forever. Consider replacing it with a new detector.

## INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know the City website contains information about the City of Huntington Beach elected officials? You can find elected officials photos, biographies and term information at: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected\\_officials/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/)

## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Upcoming HBReads Events

- "An Unnecessary Act," performed Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Theater.
- "Bully," the awarding winning documentary, will be shown Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Theater.
- Author Jay Asher will give a public talk at the Huntington Beach High School Gym Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. His books will be available for purchase and autographing. Bracelets with the saying, "Speak Up, Stand Up, Stop Bullying" will be for sale for \$1 each.

### An Afternoon with Jay Asher

For those who would like a more intimate meet and greet encounter with the author Huntington Beach Reads One Book invites you to an exclusive reception and conversation with Jay Asher, author of "Thirteen Reasons Why" on Thursday, March 21 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Huntington Beach Art Center. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and drinks while mingling with the author, city and county dignitaries, local business leaders, and supporters of HBReads. Reservations are limited and can be made for a suggested donation of \$50 per person at: [www.hbread.org](http://www.hbread.org).

### Oak View Library Temporarily Closed for Renovation

Oak View Branch Library will be closed Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22, 2013, due to the installation of new carpet. The Oak View Branch Library is a very busy place, and needs new flooring. Library patrons, volunteers and staff are looking forward to the new look.

### Starbucks Supports Oak View Family Literacy and Library

Starbucks Stores in Huntington Beach are collecting **new** and **gently used** children's books to benefit Oak View Family Literacy & Oak View Branch Library. This book drive is part of Starbucks' Global Month of Service and will continue through April 12. The drive will culminate in a wonderful event in Huntington Beach with books for children and free coffee (donations accepted) for adults. Donate a book and inspire in a new generation a love of reading. Visit any Huntington Beach Starbucks and talk to the barista for more information!

### Trending Now: Jane Austen

2013 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen's most famous book. Not only does her writing endure as classics of English literature, but the author has become the narrative drive for several 21<sup>st</sup> century storytellers, both as a historical character and as a pop culture icon. Check out these current Austen-inspired reads from the Library:

- *"The Jane Austen Book Club,"* by Karen Joy Fowler
- *"Jane and the Canterbury Tale,"* by Stephanie Barron
- *"Midnight in Austenland,"* by Shannon Hale
- *"Murder Most Austen,"* by Tracy Kiely
- *"My Jane Austen Summer,"* by Cindy S. Jones
- *"The Missing Manuscript of Jane Austen,"* by Syrie James

### **Large Print Books @ the Library**

March is "Save Your Vision" Month. Focusing the eye can become more difficult as people age, making the printed word harder to discern. Although reading glasses are one option, large print books can bring back the joy of reading by offering popular titles in an easy-on-the-eyes format.

The Huntington Beach Public Library owns 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, reading choices span a broad range of genres, including popular fiction, biography and nonfiction. Large print titles are available at both the Central Library and the Main Street Branch in downtown Huntington Beach. Check them out today!

### **Buster Balloon at the Central Library**

He's silly! He's wacky! He's funny! He's Buster Balloon! Don't miss the Children's Library Buster Balloon show Thursday, March 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Theater. Tickets are \$4 per person. Buster performs a variety of goofy balloon and magic tricks. See him created amazing balloon sculptures. Watch Buster climb into the world's largest whoopee cushion. Will he survive the Whoopee Cushion of Doom? Come to the show and find out!

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **Zoning Administrator**

The Wednesday, March 6, 2013, Zoning Administrator meeting has been cancelled. The next tentatively scheduled meeting is on March 20, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief Small and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) representative Cynthia Wong honored the MADD Awardees at the Council meeting this past Monday. Ms. Wong presented a plaque on behalf of MADD to the following nine officers with 25-99 DUI arrests in 2012:

Officer Smiley (78 arrests)  
Officer Demetre (69 arrests)  
Officer Wilson (57 arrests)  
Officer Altenbach (40 arrests)  
Officer Baker (40 arrests)  
Officer Van Meter (34 arrests)

Officer Dexter (32 arrests)  
Officer Knorr (27 arrests)  
Officer Frahm (25 arrests)

With more than 100 DUI arrests in 2012, Officer Huynh and Sergeant Dereszynski will be honored at a luncheon later this week at the Nixon Library.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Arbor Day**

Come celebrate Arbor Day at the Newland House on Tuesday March 12, at 11:00 a.m. In coordination with the City's Tree and Landscape Division and the Huntington Beach Tree Society, a Coast Live Oak tree will be planted in Honor of Elaine Craft. Elaine Craft is the founder of Arbor Day for HB. She is being honored by the HB Tree Society for her involvement in bringing Arbor Day to the City. Elaine reads a poem every year during the planting.