

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

May 13, 2013

CITY CLERK

Did you know you can still vote while you're overseas? If you are enlisting in the military, planning to live, study, or travel extensively abroad you can still become a registered voter. You can obtain materials at www.ocvote.com/overseas or call the Orange County Registrar of Voters' office at 714-567-7560.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

The public is invited to join us on Saturday, May 18, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for the opening reception of the exhibition, the **Studio Upstairs**. The exhibition features the works of ten local artists who meet weekly as a group to study and draw from the human figure. Their individual styles vary from realism, representational, abstract expressionism, color field paintings, and figurative works. Sculptural and ceramic pieces are also included in the exhibition. Call the Art Center for information: 714-374-1650.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

Join Huntington Beach Senior Services and Step Out for Active Aging on Wednesday, May 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Celebrate healthy aging with a walk to the pier sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, Memorial Care Medical Group, and the Huntington Beach Council on Aging. The walk will start at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue in Huntington Beach, where "Senior Fitness Guru," Rene Burton, will lead light warm-up exercises. Then walk to the pier and back, approximately 2.4 miles of beautiful beach and healthy activity. Immediately following the walk, Drum Yourself Healthy as instructor Lee Kix leads an interactive rhythm event. Unleash your inner rhythm and explore the fascinating world of percussion. The morning will also include free opportunity drawings, goody bags, and refreshments. At 11:30 a.m., SeniorServ will serve a heart-healthy salmon lunch at the center. The first one hundred participants in attendance will receive a commemorative shirt. This year's Older Americans Month theme — "Unleash the Power of Age!" — emphasizes the important role of older adults. This May, communities across the nation recognize older Americans as productive, active, and influential members of society. Please represent our community's older adults by participating. For 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 June 10, 2013. Summer team registration costs are \$400.00 per 8-week season plus referee fees of \$20.00 per game paid directly to the official by each team. League play will be 6 vs. 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 at www.hbsands.org 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 May 31, 2013.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Artwalk to Feature “The Art of Shaping” On May 16

The May Art Walk will take place on Thursday, May 16 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. with this month's theme, “The Art of Shaping.” As always, the event is free-of-charge to the public. Over 30 artists will be on hand, setting up displays in many of the retailers and restaurants along Main Street. Visitors may also attend an open anatomy drawing workshop at the Huntington Beach Art Center, located at 538 Main Street, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The workshop will be taught by award-winning artist and instructor, Steve Lustig, featuring a live model.

The International Surfing Museum, at 411 Olive Avenue, will serve as a check-in point for the Artwalk, and those who stop by will receive a wristband which will serve as the key to a variety of discounts and specials at Downtown businesses. This monthly event is hosted by the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District on the third Thursday of each month, and features emerging and student artists with unique and unusual presentations. More information for both visitors and artists interested in participating in the event can be found online at www.hbdowntown.com/ARTWALK.html.

Surf City Downtown Shuttle And Free Secured Bike Parking Return May 18!

Getting to Downtown is about to get easier and a whole lot more fun! The free Surf City Downtown Shuttle returns for a fourth consecutive year of service on Saturday, May 18 and will continue providing service through October 1 on weekends as well as on Tuesdays during Surf City Nights. Service is provided every half-hour on Saturdays and Sundays, and on Memorial Day and Labor Day from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. from the Huntington Beach Civic Center to stops in the downtown at Main and Orange Streets, and 5th Street at The Strand, outside the Shorebreak Hotel.

On Tuesdays, service is provided from 5:30-10:00 p.m. to the Main St. and Orange stop, right at the entrance to Surf City Nights. As always, the Shuttle is free-of-charge, and free parking is available for Shuttle passengers at the Huntington Beach Civic Center, which is located at 2000 Main Street, at the corner of Main and Yorktown. Those preferring to arrive on two, or even three, wheels can enjoy free, secured bike parking on weekends from 10 AM to 6 PM and Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM courtesy of Pedego Electric Bikes, located at 301 5th Street, at 5th and Olive. For more information, visit http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking/ and be sure to “like” the Surf City Downtown Shuttle page on Facebook for updates.

FIRE

EMS Week

National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week will be May 19 – 25. The theme this year is “EMS: One Mission. One Team.” EMS Week is an opportunity to promote the EMS community and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services

of medicine's "front line." An awards ceremony recognizing individuals who have displayed outstanding performance in EMS will be held on May 16 at the CARE ambulance facility in Orange at 1:00 p.m. More information can be found at: <http://healthdisasteroc.org/ems/cals/events>.

Emergency care professionals are committed to delivering the best medical care in the community and are an essential part of building a resilient health care system that functions efficiently and effectively every day.

The Huntington Beach Fire Department would like to remind the community that Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) are available in most city buildings. Research has shown that CPR and early defibrillation can save lives.

The American Heart Association (AHA) recognizes that "hands only" CPR can as much as double a person's chance of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest and encourages bystanders to perform "hands only CPR" until the arrival of EMS. Look for upcoming information on the "Sidewalk CPR Day" scheduled for June 4 at Pier Plaza starting at noon. This free event will teach the public Hands-Only CPR (chest compressions, but no mouth-to-mouth breathing).

For more information, go to: www.heart.org.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Was that book good? No, it was Awesome!

Enthusiastic readers know what a great feeling it is to get lost in a really wonderful book. When that final page is finished there is often a desire to tell friends and family: "You've got to read this!" Library users have a new way to share a particularly "awesome" book. Next to the regular book drops in the library lobby is now a bright green Awesome Box. Readers can return their recent favorites there and the library will display them on an Awesome Reads shelf, also in the lobby. See what titles other readers are raving about, and share your favorites – a great way to find awesome books and to share your discoveries.

EBook Big Library Read through OverDrive!

Excitement is building for the Big Library Read (www.biglibraryread.com) pilot program scheduled to run May 15-June 1. Since last week, more than 2,000 libraries have opted-in from eight countries. Participating libraries are helping develop this innovative event.

Big Library Read is sponsored by OverDrive with initial support and participation from leading US independent publisher Sourcebooks, and made possible due to the generous donation of the title, [*Four Corners of the Sky*](#), from author Michael Malone. [*Four Corners of the Sky*](#) is master storyteller Michael Malone's novel of love, secrets, and the mysterious bonds of families.

Thanks to the generosity of the author, every member of the community (with a valid library card) can read the eBook at the same time at no cost to the library! The program runs May 15–June 1, 2013.

Friends of the Library June Author Luncheon

The Friends of the Library are hosting an author luncheon on Thursday, June 13, at the Central Library. The guest speaker is Dr. Aisha Simjee. In her new book, "Hope in Sight," Aisha Simjee, MD, recounts her remarkable odyssey from Burma to Orange County, California, and her quest to bring sight and a sense of purpose back in to the lives of the visually impaired and profoundly disadvantaged.

Drawing on her stacks of diaries, accounts from family, friends, and colleagues, and photographs from the past seven decades, Dr. Simjee shares her story to encourage people who wish to live a more meaningful life to share their resources and gifts with others. According to the World Health Organization, three-quarters of all blindness can be prevented or treated. About 90 percent of the world's visually impaired live in developing countries.

Book sales and signings will be available after the program.

Tickets are \$20 and seating is limited. Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, or drop it off at the Friends Gift Shop. Reservations must be received no later than Monday, June 10. For more information contact the Friends of the Library at (714) 375-8429.

May is Short Story Month

Don't have a lot of time to read for pleasure? Short stories have surged in popularity, with several recent titles making the bestseller lists. In recognition of Short Story Month, why not check one out from the Library today:

- *Astray* by Emma Donoghue
- *Dear Life : Stories* by Alice Munro
- *Kinsey and Me : Stories* by Sue Grafton
- *News from Heaven : the Bakerton Stories* by Jennifer Haigh
- *Tenth of December : Stories* by George Saunders
- *This is How you Lose Her* by Junot Díaz
- *Vampires in the Lemon Grove : Stories* by Karen Russell
- *We Live in Water: Stories* by Jess Walter
- *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank* by Nathan Englander

Summer Teen Library Volunteer Applications NOW Online!

Applications for Teen summer library volunteers are now online at www.hbpl.org under Teen Space. Applications will be available online through June 1. Teens can select the activities they would like to do. Duties include signing children up for the summer reading program and helping at the Festival of Folktales. Descriptions of job details are on the application. Volunteers will be contacted through email.

Our Summer Reading Programs run June 24 through August 2. Our teen summer pizza party for all our teen volunteers will be held Saturday, August 3, at 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers need to be at least 12 years old by July 1, 2013. For more information please contact Barbara at (714) 374-5338.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8, the Zoning Administrator will review the following items:

1. Tentative Parcel Map No. 2013-111 (Davide Subdivision): To permit the subdivision of an existing 50 ft. wide, 5,875 sq. ft. parcel into two 25 ft. wide, approximately 2,937.5 sq. ft. lots for residential purposes. The property is located at 520 13th Street, 92648 (east side of 13th Street, south of Acacia Avenue and north of Pecan). Please contact Kristi Rojas for more information.
2. Conditional Use Permit No. 13-036 (Doggy Day Facility): To permit the establishment of a 1,228 sq. ft. dog daycare facility within an existing historic structure and to allow a 6 ft. high wood fence in lieu of a maximum height of 42 in. permitted within the front yard setback area. The property is located at 17052 Gothard Street, 92647 (east side of Gothard Street, between Warner Avenue and Cain Drive). Please contact Kristi Rojas for more information.
3. Coastal Development Permit No. 12-017/Conditional Use Permit No. 12-033 (Sea Harbour Community Gates): To permit the installation and operation of two automatic sliding privacy gates and associated fencing with pilasters at a maximum height of 9 ft. in lieu of maximum height of 42 in. permitted within the front yard setback area for two existing driveways into the Sea Harbour Homeowners Association areas. The request includes accessibility improvements including two gates for pedestrian access and is located at 16991 Bluewater Lane, 92649 (east and west side of the intersection of Bluewater Lane and Coral Cay Lane). Please contact Ethan Edwards for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Public's Assistance Sought on Assault Case

On Friday, May 10, 2013, at 7:50 p.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department responded to the area of Goldenwest Street and Warner Avenue regarding an aggravated assault. The 25 year old male victim was located inside the Surf City Laundromat by responding patrol officers. He sustained significant blunt-force trauma injuries to the head and was transported to the hospital for emergency medical treatment.

Information received from several witnesses indicated the victim was previously involved in an altercation with several skateboarders across the street at Murdy Park. After this fight the victim fled the park on foot but was followed by the skateboarders across the street and into the shopping center where the Laundromat is located. Physical evidence indicated the victim was assaulted inside the Laundromat.

A total of seven male juveniles were identified as possible suspects by an eyewitness. Detectives conducted their investigation and ultimately arrested four of the juveniles for attempted murder. They were booked at Orange County Juvenile Hall.

The victim remains in critical condition. The investigators are not releasing the victim's identity at this time and are still seeking information about the incidents both at the park and Laundromat. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Pat Ellis at 714 536-5971.

OC Walk Like MADD Event

Last Saturday, Team HBPD and Surf City Employees, their families, and 3 family dogs participated in the OC Walk Like MADD Event, at the beach. This year, we raised \$840.00 dollars...2nd place in the Law Enforcement Division. The police department had employees from dispatch, police officers, parking control, and admin support. Also, on the team were staff from the Finance and Fire Departments, and staff from the District Attorney's office. Thank you for your support to the Search & Rescue Explorers, Manny & Jessie for bringing out the police vehicles, and Council Member Jim Katapodis!

PUBLIC WORKS

Free Disposal of Bulky Items for Residential Trash Customers

If you are a residential trash customer in Huntington Beach, you are eligible for the **10/4 Pick-up Program**. This free program allows households to schedule special collections of up to **10** bulky items per appointment, **four** times per year. Qualifying items include bags of trash or yard clippings (that will not fit in the trash or yard waste cart), appliances, furniture, and mattresses. Contact Rainbow Disposal at 714- 847-3581 to schedule your 10/4 Pickup appointment. Most 10/4 pickups are scheduled for your next regular trash day. Because a special truck is dispatched to collect the items from the curb, please allow a minimum of 2 business days notice for scheduling.