

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**May 16, 2011**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **NEW!! SANDS Community Services Guide is now available**

Check out the new issue of the SANDS Community Services Guide - the official City of Huntington Beach guide to Parks and Recreation programs and much more! Within the pages of the SANDS Community Services Guide there are many exciting classes, camps, events and programs! Take a look at the City News pages to learn more about July 4<sup>th</sup> events, Adventure Playground, "Cinema by Starlight," and the Huntington Beach Concert Band Summer Series at Central Park. These programs and services provide many benefits to the Huntington Beach community including many social benefits. There are children's classes for "Kids in the Kitchen" and for "Little Yoga Monkeys." Adults can participate in "Acrylic Painting Basics" and Digital Photography classes. Summer "Learn to Swim" classes are also being offered at several locations! Participate in these and other Community Services programs this summer, and create lasting memories and build social connections. Visit [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) to learn about opportunities to experience the many benefits that recreation programs have to offer... *the benefits are endless!*

**American Youth Character Awards** - On Saturday May, 14, the Children's Needs Task Force, together with the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Character Awards Program at Bella Terra Huntington Beach. The "Annual American Youth Character Awards" program has been established to honor young people who are the real heroes and proper role models for their generation. The Youth Character Awards recognizes young people of character for their contributions to the community and for their commitment to making this world a better place!

The Ceremony recognized 55 outstanding nominees from a variety of schools and organizations. Sixteen exceptional students were announced as Youth Character Award Honorees, and will be recognized before City Council at the June 6 meeting. Academy for the Performing Arts student, Garrett Brown, sang the National Anthem and Mayor Joe Carchio provided a warm welcome to the Nominees and their families. Community Services programs enhance quality of life in Huntington Beach by creating opportunities to live and interact with families, communities, and the world...the benefits are endless!

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Surf City Savings Weekly Update**

To receive valuable discounts locally in Huntington Beach, visit: [www.surfcityavings.com](http://www.surfcityavings.com), where you can print out various discounts from categories including dining, retail/shopping, health & beauty, services, and leisure/recreational. Local businesses find this free program offered by the City a valuable service. One local business, Seventh Chakra Yoga located at 19171 Magnolia St. Ste 14, had this to say: "One of the things I like about having a business in town is the proactive nature of the business community. We're always looking for new ways to entice people to come through our front door and The Surf City Savings program is a

great initiative to accomplish that. Please keep up the hard work." Check out their discount and save on yoga classes!

### **Mobile Home Advisory Board Member Recruitment**

The Mobile Home Advisory Board (MHAB) is currently seeking applications from Huntington Beach mobile home park owners and residents to fill vacancies on the Board. Board Members currently meet quarterly on the fourth Monday in January, April, July, and October at 6:30 p.m. The Board reviews mobile home park issues and provides a forum for communication on matters affecting the City's 18 mobile home parks. Applications for the Mobile Home Resident position are due by May 26, 2011. Anyone interested in obtaining an application should contact the Economic Development Department at (714) 536-5457. Applications are also available online at [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org).

### **Save the Date Kelly Slater is coming to Huntington Beach**

Kelly Slater, 10x World Surfing Champion, is coming to Surf City Nights in downtown Huntington Beach, on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. Slater will be presented a "Key to the City" by Mayor Joe Carchio. Look for complete details in the near future. For more information, contact Economic Development at 714.536.5542.

### **HB Gastro-Truck Fest - Surf City's First Food Truck Event**

Bring friends, family, and an appetite for a day of feasting from one dozen of Orange County's premier food trucks this Sunday, May 22, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Guests will have choices from an array of cuisine: from the Dogzilla Truck to Flipped Out Burgers and more. The event will take place in Peter's Landing at 16400 PCH. For more information, log on to [www.facebook.com/gastrotruck](http://www.facebook.com/gastrotruck).

## **FIRE**

### **EMS Week**

May 15 – 21 has been declared National Emergency Medical Services Week, and the theme this year is "Everyday Heroes." With this in mind, the Huntington Beach Fire Department would like to remind the community that Automatic External Defibrillator's (AED) are available in most city buildings. Research has shown that early defibrillation and CPR can save lives. Only a few hours of CPR training is necessary for you to have the potential of being that "everyday hero". For information on CPR classes visit the city website at: [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov), select the "I Want To" section, then go to "Register/Sign UP" to look for CPR class dates. CPR classes are offered to FireMed members at no charge.

### **Multiple Structure Fire in Sunset Beach**

On May 12, 2011, at approximately 4:50 p.m., firefighters were dispatched to a reported structure fire on Pacific Avenue in Sunset Beach.

Upon arrival, firefighters reported a fully involved structure with the adjacent homes on both sides immediately threatened. At the height of the fire, there were seven Huntington Beach fire engines and both ladder trucks assigned to the incident in addition to the units from the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) and other neighboring fire departments. Neighboring

agencies also moved units into Huntington Beach to assist with the coverage of our fire stations.

A fire investigation is currently being conducted by OCFA. There were two injuries to HBFD personnel on this fire. Initial damage of this incident has been estimated at \$10 million.

### **Residential Structure Fire**

On May 16, 2011, at approximately 9:00 a.m., Huntington Beach Fire Department units were dispatched to a reported structure fire on 15th Street. The first engine to arrive on scene reported heavy smoke coming from the second floor of a three story residential structure. The fire was found when the firefighters opened the wall in the space above the fireplace.

The fire was under control after approximately 25 minutes, and firefighters were able to keep from the fire from spreading to the attic. No injuries to citizen or firefighters were reported. The cause of the fire is currently being investigated with initial damage estimated at \$100,000.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **Bike to Work Week is Here! May 16 – 20, 2011**

Join people throughout the state that will be leaving their cars at home and joining the Bike to Work movement May 16-20, 2011. When you commute by bicycle, you'll save money, get a good workout, and do your share to cut auto emissions that are behind 60% of our area's smog.

Huntington Beach has been awarded national recognition as a Bicycle Friendly Community. This is a perfect opportunity to discover bicycling in Huntington Beach. The Huntington Beach bikeways map will help you plan your route to work, school, or shopping: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/about/maps/CityBikeways.pdf>

Consider some of the following thoughts and remarks on bicycle riding:

*I thought of that while riding my bike.* - **Albert Einstein, on the theory of relativity**

*The advantages? Exercise, no parking problems, gas prices, it's fun. An automobile is expensive. So why not ride a bicycle? I recommend it.* - **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer, when asked why he rides a bike.**

*Every time I see an adult on a bicycle I no longer despair for the future of the human race.* - **H.G. Wells**

*Nothing compares with the simple pleasure of a bike ride.* - **John F. Kennedy**

*The bicycle is a curious vehicle. Its passenger is its engine.* – **U.S. Olympic cyclist**

**John Howard**

## INFORMATION SERVICES

### Emergency Preparedness Information

Are you prepared for a natural emergency? You can view emergency preparedness information at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/emergency\\_preparedness/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/emergency_preparedness/)

## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### One for the Books

Regular users know that today's library is far from the dusty book warehouse of yesteryear – it's a place of creativity, change and excitement. But no one would have guessed just how exciting things could get before a baby was born in the Central library! A member of a church group that was renting a meeting room went into labor and realized the baby would come before she was able to get to the hospital. Assisted by a friend, the woman gave birth a little after noon on Sunday in a library bathroom. Paramedics arrived on the scene shortly after delivery and transported mother and son to Fountain Valley Regional Hospital. Library staff sends best wishes to Titus and his parents, and thanks for adding this exciting chapter to the library's story. Read more: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/baby-300597-library-beach.html>

## PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### Zoning Administrator Meeting May 18

At the Wednesday, May 18 Zoning Administrator Meeting, the Zoning Administrator will review the following projects:

- **Bona Vida Restaurant:** Conditional Use Permit No. 11-009 is a request to permit on-site sales and consumption of alcohol in an existing restaurant. Bona Vida is located at 7561 Center Avenue #53 (Old World Village).  
Project Planner: Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner, [jarabe@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:jarabe@surfcity-hb.org), (714) 536-5271
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Tentative Parcel Map No. 11-1104 is a request to subdivide a 7,770 square foot parcel for the proposed development of a multi-family residential building. The project is located at 18541 Patterson Lane (north of Ellis Avenue, west side of Patterson Lane)  
Project Planner: Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner, [jarabe@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:jarabe@surfcity-hb.org), (714) 536-5271
- **Suds Live Entertainment:** Entitlement Plan Amendment No. 10-006 is a request to amend Conditional Use Permit No. 06-011 to permit live entertainment at an existing restaurant. The live entertainment request will include amplified and non amplified music, disc jockey and recorded music, karaoke, comedy shows, and live bands. Suds is located at 5932 Warner Avenue, 92649 (southwest corner of Warner Avenue and Springdale Street)  
Project Planner: Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner, [ethan.edwards@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:ethan.edwards@surfcity-hb.org), (714) 536-5271

- **Elias Residence:** Coastal Development Permit No. 11-002 is a request to permit the demolition of an existing single-family residence and the construction of an approximately 5,854 sq. ft., two-story single family residence with an attached 621 sq. ft. garage. The request includes a review and analysis for compliance with the Infill Lot Ordinance. The project is located at 3581 Courtside Circle, 92649 (west of Coral Cay Lane, north of Courtside Circle- Huntington Harbor)  
Project Planner, Andrew Gonzales, Associate Planner, [agonzales@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:agonzales@surfcity-hb.org), (714) 536-5271.

The Zoning Administrator meeting takes place on Wednesday, May 18 at 1:30 p.m. in room B-8 in the Lower Level of the Huntington Beach Civic Center. A copy of the agenda and staff reports is available on the Planning and Building Department website:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/zal/ZAAgendas.cfm>

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Citizens Catch Burglary Suspect Responsible for Multiple Crimes**

The Huntington Beach Police Department reminds residents and visitors not to leave valuables in view inside your vehicle. Keep your valuables with you or secure out of sight.

On the morning of May 8, 2011, two residents of Garden Grove were visiting Huntington Beach. They parked their car in the area of Brookhurst Street and Bushard Street and went for a walk on the beach. When they returned, they discovered their car window smashed and a purse with its contents were stolen. They reported this crime and the subsequent use of the stolen credit cards to the Huntington Beach Police Department.

On May 14, 2011, at about 10:45 am, the same two residents were driving from the beach in the area of Magnolia Street and Banning Avenue and saw a male looking into car windows parked along the street. The witnesses stopped and watched the suspect. They saw him eventually smash the window on a parked car and take something from the vehicle. The suspect got into his own vehicle, a silver Ford F150 pickup with no plates on it, and fled the area. The witnesses followed and called 911 from their cell phone.

The suspect stopped at a gas station at the corner of Brookhurst Street and Hamilton Avenue. One witness confronted the suspect while his wife remained on 911 with police communications operators. Police officers arrived at the scene and took the suspect into custody. The suspect had his minor child in his pickup and it was later determined the child had been brought along to assist the suspect with the vehicle burglaries. The follow up by police officers and detectives linked the suspect to numerous vehicle burglaries and credit card crimes, including the witnesses' burglary that occurred on May 8, 2011.

The police officers arrested James Mark Buxbaum, 48, Placentia, for vehicle burglary, possession of stolen property, child endangerment, and contributing to the delinquency of a child.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Make Water Use Efficiency a Way of Life**

In spite of the recent news of improved water supply conditions for Southern California, residents are encouraged to continue the water efficient practices they have employed these past two years of mandatory water use restrictions. For many, these practices have become habits and life styles and lawns are no worse for the effort. Improved short-term conditions don't signal an end to our region's long-term water supply challenges; water use efficiency remains as essential as ever.

For information on the City's water conservation program and lots of tips, suggestions, and links, visit the City's main website page at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov> and click on the water conservation button on the left. Also, check out the Huntington Beach Water Facebook page.

