

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

May 2, 2011

CITY MANAGER

CITY COUNCIL SEEKS TO STIMULATE BUSINESS AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

At the May 2 meeting, City Council approved raising the Local Vendor Preference threshold from 1% to 5% for commodities and Professional Services. Council also voted to develop an agreement with the Huntington Beach Auto Dealers for a one-year pilot program that would provide an Annual Beach Parking Pass for all cars sold in Huntington Beach. This action is also part of the City's 10-Point Plan for Local Business. The Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors have reviewed the Local Vendor Preference ordinance and were supportive of the action taken by Council.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

EDISON COMMUNITY CENTER - FATHER DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

Begin your Mother's Day celebration a bit early by giving mom the night off. Young ladies, put on that special party dress and invite your father, grandfather, or uncle to a semi-formal affair! The "Father Daughter Date Night" will be held at the Edison Community Center on Saturday, May 7 from 6:30 to 9:00pm. The event features a full course dinner followed by an enchanted evening of dancing. All guests will receive a keepsake daddy and daughter photo. Community Services programs enhance quality of life and create memories! Visit www.hbsands.org for more information on this and other recreation programs.

HUNTINGTON BEACH ART CENTER – FAMILY FUN DAY

On Saturday, April 30, the Community Services Department joined the HB Kiwanis Club at the old fashioned "Family Fun Day!" In cooperation with the Taste of Huntington Beach and the Kiwanis Foundation of Huntington Beach, the Recreation, Human and Cultural Services Department joined with other community service clubs, local charities and merchants to provide a day of fun, food and games at the Huntington Beach Sports Complex.

Several community groups brought games, arts and crafts, pee-wee sports, and valuable information directly to the local community! Volunteers from the Huntington Beach Art Center worked with professional artists to teach children's crafts, including a very unique stamp process and a beautiful collage technique. Project Self Sufficiency Foundation provided a "Wheel of Fortune" game with a variety of prizes and had colorful balloons for sale. Community Services Programs, Inc. hosted a "fishing" booth, ring toss game, mini soccer kick, and basketball "free throw" booth. They also gave out hundreds of temporary tattoo's saying "PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER"!

Events like the "Family Fun Day" develop valuable community partnerships and provide outstanding opportunities to create community in Huntington Beach. Thank you to the HB Kiwanis Club for providing this outstanding event!

COMMUNITY SERVICES – HELPING HANDS

On April 30, Community Services Department coordinated with the “Mormon Helping Hands” day of service. Projects with LDS volunteers included Shipley Nature Center, Rogers Seniors’ Center, Central Park, and Adventure Playground. Several other projects were coordinated with the Public Works Department, the Library Department and other local service groups, all benefitting the larger Huntington Beach community! LDS Volunteers assisted with cleaning, painting, weeding and repair work to “create community unity” and to leave a lasting legacy for residents long after the Day of Service concluded.

HUNTINGTON BEACH SENIOR SERVICES

Through the Huntington Beach Council on Aging’s Travel and Trips program, tickets are on sale now for two wonderful trips. On Tuesday May 10, tour a floating naval aviation museum: the U.S.S. Midway. Begin with lunch at “Kansas City Barbecue,” then take a narrated harbor tour with a stop at the Mount Soledad Veterans Memorial. Departs Rodgers Seniors Center at 8:30 am and returns at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$83.00 with lunch or \$67.00 without lunch. On Tuesday, June 14, visit the Getty Center for docent-guided architectural and central garden tours. The cost is \$38. Departs Rodgers Seniors Center at 10:00 am and returns at 6:00 pm. Register in advance at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue on Tuesdays 9:00 – 11:00 am, or Thursdays and Fridays from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. For more information, call 714-536-9387. To see all of the HBCOA’s upcoming trips through the Travel and Trips program visit, www.hbcoa.org.

ANNUAL STUDENT ART SHOW

The Art Center was overflowing as families arrived early to see their children’s performances in the Annual Student Art Show celebration. Students from Seacliff/Smith Advanced Strings, Hawes Choral, Eader Glee, and Dwyer Middle School String Orchestra performed on the Art Center stage. The galleries were also buzzing as families viewed the art work created by students from elementary, middle, and high schools as well as the works from Imagination Celebration, which includes students from throughout Orange County.

HOME & GARDEN TOUR

The Art Center is the venue for the HB Educational Foundation’s annual *Open Doors* Home and Garden Tour luncheon and boutique on Saturday, May 7. This home tour begins at 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased this week at the Art Center. The proceeds of the event benefit the Huntington Beach City School District. Please call the Art Center at 714-374-1650 for information.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**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 in January, April, July and October on the fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. to review mobile home park issues and provide a forum for communication on matters affecting the City’s 18 mobile home parks. There is one opening for a mobile home park resident and three opening for mobile home park owners. 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.

SURF CITY BIKE VALET OPENS MAY 28, 2011

Launching Memorial Day Weekend the Surf City Bike Valet will be operating in Downtown Huntington Beach at The Strand on 5th Street and PCH. No Locks Required and free valet bike parking. Pedal your way downtown and valet attendants will secure your bike while you dine, shop, and stroll. This project is funded by Air Quality Management District funds to help reduce traffic congestion in the Downtown. For more information, log on to www.facebook.com/bikevalet.

BE BIKE HEALTHY – SURF CITY NIGHTS

Downtown Huntington Beach is celebrating National Bike Month on Tuesday, May 17 with a variety of activities. Be Bike Healthy- Ride a bike to Surf City Nights the weekly Street Fair and Certified Farmers market located on the 100-300 block of Main St. from 5:00 -9:00pm. Activities will be located on Walnut and Main Street:

- Jax Bicycle Center is performing a free eight point bicycle maintenance check.
- HB Police Department will be presenting a bicycle safety presentation at 5:30pm and 6:30pm which will include bike rider's responsibilities and common violations.
- Build Futures, a non-profit organization for homeless youth in Orange County, will be collecting used bicycles, locks, and helmets.

FIRE

STRUCTURE FIRE

On April 30, 2011, at approximately 3:00 a.m., firefighters were dispatched to a reported structure fire at the historic Women's Club of Huntington Beach building. The structure was fully engulfed, with heavy fire extending to the multi-story residences on both sides – one of which suffered major damage. The occupants of the adjacent homes had already evacuated.

The fire was declared under control at 4:05 a.m. with no injuries to any residents, but two firefighters suffered minor injuries. HBFD Investigators are currently working to determine the cause of the fire.

MOBILE HOME FIRE

On April 22, 2011, at 11:25 p.m., Huntington Beach Fire Department units responded to a structure fire at a mobile home park on Warner Avenue. Firefighters reported a fully engulfed mobile home with adjacent units on both sides immediately threatened, and the possibility of a person trapped in the fully involved unit.

It took firefighters approximately 30 minutes to bring the fire under control. The mobile home was completely destroyed. Sadly, the fire resulted in one civilian death. HBFD Investigators are currently working to determine the cause of the fire.

FIREFIGHTERS QUEST FOR BURN SURVIVORS

It is that time of year again to help burn survivors from all walks of life recover from the trauma of burn injuries. The Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors charity unites Fire Departments, businesses, and volunteer citizens throughout Southern California in the common goal of raising funds for burn victims. The Quest caravan will be traveling "Code 3" through the streets of Huntington Beach arriving at Pier Plaza on Tuesday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. to receive donations from the Huntington Beach Firefighters Association and the Fire Management Association. This will be the fifteenth year of raising funds for Burn Survivors, Burn Organizations, Burn Programs, World Burn Congress, and the American Burn Association. Quest Rally participants have raised over \$2 million to date.

Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors is a non-profit organization managed by firefighters and civilians who volunteer their services and are dedicated to assist those that have been affected by burn injuries. The organization hosts fund raisers throughout the year in which donations are received and distributed on behalf of each donor to local burn centers and foundations as well as burn survivors and their families. To find out more about the organization, please call the Toll Free number (866) 937-8378 or visit: <http://www.firefightersquest.org>.

INFORMATION SERVICES**SIGN-UP FOR VACATION SECURITY CHECKS**

Huntington Beach residents can sign up to have vacation security checks of their home by the Huntington Beach Police Department at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/pd/online_services/vacation_ho_usecheck.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP AT THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**

The Huntington Beach Public Library Children's Department will offer a creative writing fun-shop on Saturday, May 7, from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The class is titled "Painting Words with Pictures: Figuratively Speaking," geared toward students from grades 4 – 8.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library and the Sand Scribes, a local children's' writing group, the class will teach potential authors to write scenes that grip and grab readers. Young writers will learn to choose the exact words needed to convey a thought with careful consideration to color, weight, and purpose.

The teachers, who are accomplished writers themselves, will explain how authors "paint pictures" with words using poetic devices such as similes, metaphors, and personification.

Workshop tickets are \$5 each and advance purchase is required. Space is limited for this engaging creative writing class. Please purchase tickets at the Children's Information Desk by Wednesday, May 4. For additional information, call (714) 375-5107.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES!

Macy's at the South Coast Plaza is helping the Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library raise money. You can help too! Discount tickets for the Macy's Community Shopping Day are being sold at the Central Library for \$10. You will receive \$10 off your first purchase of \$25 or more and you can use 10% or 20% discounts on selected items at the main store and the home store. There will also be food tasting and entertainment.

HUNTINGTON BEACH LIBRARY LITERACY PROGRAM

The ability to read and write has never been more important than it is in our complex, technologically advanced society. Surprisingly, even in an affluent community like ours, people still need help with their literacy skills. The Library Literacy Services program addresses this issue by training community volunteers to assist other adults with the skills they need to succeed as citizens, employees, and parents. Through one-to-one and small-group tutoring with adult learners, as well as family story times for those adults in Literacy Services who have young children, adults acquire the reading, writing, and English speaking skills they need to accomplish their individual goals.

Diane Moseley is the newest member of the library literacy team. She works at the Central library, overseeing Adult Literacy services. Diane worked in corporate training and personnel development for 20 years, began her career in adult literacy as the Program Coordinator with the Newport Beach Public Library, then worked with READ/Orange County, Pasadena Library Literacy Program, and others. She has served on the board of Southern California Library Literacy Network (SCLLN) since 2000, and is the current President. To learn more about this vital program and about how to get involved in changing people's lives, stop by the library's Literacy office.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**MAY 10 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CANCELLED**

The May 10 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled. The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24.

MAY 4 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

At the May 4 Zoning Administrator Meeting, the Zoning Administrator will review Coastal Development Permit (CDP No. 11-004) and Conditional Use Permit (CUP No. 11-005) for the Brown residence. **CDP:** To permit the construction of an approximately 200 sq. ft. 3rd story deck to an existing 3,300 sq. ft., two-story single-family residence with an overall height of 33 ft. 6 in. **CUP:** To permit (a) an approximately 200 sq. ft. 3rd story deck, and (b) an overall building height exceeding 30 ft. The Brown residence is located at 4621 Los Patos Avenue, 92649 (northeast corner of Los Patos Avenue and Sims Lane). For additional information contact Project Planner: Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner, (714) 536-5271, jarabe@surfcity-hb.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DISTRACTED DRIVER AWARENESS MONTH, APRIL 2011

During the month of April 2011, Officers of the Huntington Beach Police Department participated in a statewide 'distracted driver awareness program' which was administered by the California Office of Traffic Safety and the California Highway Patrol. Law enforcement agencies throughout California participated in the program and drivers who utilized their cell phones without the use of a hands free device and/or texted while operating a motor vehicle, were issued citations. The project consisted of educating the public through advertisements and message reminders on the freeways to zero tolerance when a violation was observed. This approach was designed to change drivers' habits regarding cell phone usage and enhance the safety of our streets and freeways.

From April 4 through April 30, Huntington Beach Police Officers issued a total of 222 citations to drivers for cell phone violations and 27 citations for texting while operating a motor vehicle. As of the middle of April, the California Office of Traffic Safety reported 20,500 citations being issued for distracted driving violations throughout the State of California. The Police Department wants to remind everyone to drive safely and obey the 'hands free' law.

PUBLIC WORKS

GARFIELD AVENUE REHABILITATION NEARS COMPLETION

The Garfield Avenue Rehabilitation Project from Newland Street to Magnolia Street is nearing completion. Last week, the roadway was fully opened to all traffic and all work will be completed by the end of this week. The scope of the project includes replacement of deteriorated pavement, replacement of failed curb and gutter along selected segments on the south side of Garfield Avenue, reconstruction of damaged concrete sidewalks and curb access ramps, installation of landscaping, and re-striping. The City chose to utilize a pavement reconstruction method called Full-Depth Reclamation (FDR) that recycles existing pavement materials into the new pavement structural section. This method requires the addition of cement to strengthen the existing base material, which requires additional cure time and results in longer periods of perceived construction inactivity. However, by using the FDR method, the City saves about \$250,000 per half mile segment, which continues to make this a preferred pavement reconstruction option.

The project also utilized rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) for the pavement's wearing surface, which contains crumb rubber derived from scrap tires. A two-inch layer of RAC uses over 2,000 waste tires per lane mile. The project will divert more than 3,000 waste tires, that otherwise would end up in a landfill. Including this project, the use of RAC in the rehabilitation of the City's arterial streets has resulted in the diversion of over 205,000 waste tires.