

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

May 20, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

American Youth Character Awards

On Saturday May, 18, the Children's Needs Task Force, together with the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department hosted the 13th 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. This year 54 outstanding nominees from a variety of schools and organizations were recognized. Council Member Jill Hardy sang the National Anthem and Council Member Joe Carchio, Liaison to the Children's Needs Taskforce, opened the ceremonies. We would like to thank the Huntington Beach Municipal Employees' Organization for sponsoring a Youth Character Award bronze honoree plaque for the Bella Terra Wall of Fame located next to the Century Theatres. Nineteen exceptional students were announced as this year's Youth Character Award Honorees and will be recognized before City Council at the June 3 meeting.

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!

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

The 2nd Annual Step Out for Active Aging was a great success! On May 15th, over 100 adults gathered for exercises and a walk from the Michael E .Rodgers Seniors' Center to the pier and back, 2-1/4 miles round trip. These participants lead the way in setting a healthy example for the community. As part of the Older Americans Month celebration, the walkers returned to an interactive rhythm event with drum instructor Lee Kix. Inspiring percussive sounds reverberated throughout the senior center's little corner of 17th and Orange streets and community members were given a taste of the new *Drum Yourself Healthy* class upcoming through the Sands on Tuesday, 5/28. Refreshments, t-shirts and excellent giveaways were provided by the generous sponsors – Memorial Care Medical Group, HBCOA, Humana, and the Arthritis Foundation. For more information on *Unleashing the Power of Age*, the theme of Older American's month, call 714-536-9387.



Recreation Classes

Huntington Beach Summer SANDS Community Service Guide is now available. Classes are available for all ages, ranging from one day workshops to summer long sessions. Don't miss your chance to sign up for one of the spectacular day camps, affordable swim lessons offered at Marina, Edison, or the City Gym, and participant in any of the fun activities offered throughout the summer like the Huck Finn Fishing Derby, Summer Kick Off, and Family Camp Out. In addition to swim classes and activities, summer recreational swim begins June 24 at Marina HS from 12:45 - 2:15 p.m. and Edison HS from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday for \$2.00 per swimmer with Saturday recreational swim is

available at Marina High School from 12:45 - 2:15 p.m. Class information and registration is available online at www.hbsands.org or at a nearby Community Center in Huntington Beach.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Fashion Show May 21 at Surf City Nights

The Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District will hold its annual summer kickoff event on May 21 with an exciting fashion show during Surf City Nights. The show, featuring local youth as models, is sponsored by Jack's Surfboards, Huntington Surf and Sport, and Model Citizen. The show will take place at both 6:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. on the corner of Olive and Main Street. There will also be a selection of the best food, entertainment and family fun that Surf City Nights has become famous for as Orange County's Number One Certified Farmer's Market and weekly street fair! For more information, please visit www.surfcitynights.com.

This Tuesday promises to be a busy one downtown, so perhaps consider making it an easy night by hopping aboard the Surf City Downtown Shuttle every Tuesday evening from 5:30-10 p.m. for a free ride from the Huntington Beach Civic Center to Main and Orange Streets. If your preference is to arrive on two wheels, Pedego Electric Bikes offers free, secure bike parking at their location at 5th and Olive from 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday. Please visit http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking/ for more information about these outstanding, fun – and free! – programs.

Children's Chalk Art Festival – at The Strand

Memorial Day is right around the corner and that means it's time for the Strand's annual Children's Chalk Art Festival. Children and families can come down and create their own works of art in chalk ~ the Strand will supply the chalk, paper, and the space to prepare these works of art. A face painter will also be there for the children. Event starts at 11 a.m. so visit the Strand and have some fun.

FIRE

Water Safety Basics

Summer is just around the corner and the Huntington Beach Fire Department wants to remind you that childhood drowning and near-drowning can happen in a matter of seconds. These situations typically occur when a child is left unattended or during a brief lapse of supervision.

- Never leave a child unattended near water (pool, spa, tub, or ocean). There is no substitute for adult supervision.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- Designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
- Make sure pools and spas are enclosed on four sides with a fence at least 5 feet high with self-closing and latching gates.
- Keep a phone at poolside to call for help in case of an emergency.
- Learn infant and child CPR and rescue breathing.

- Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.
- Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
- Power-operated pool safety covers are the most convenient and efficient. Solar/floating pool covers are not safety devices.
- If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Severe and permanent brain damage affects as many as 20 percent of near-drowning victims.
- Never let children eat candy or chew gum when swimming.
- Get out of the water right away if you hear thunder or see lightning.

For more water safety information, please visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at: www.nfpa.org

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know that you can follow our Social Media sites, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube from a single page on our city website? You can also view live Twitter feeds on this page from the Public Information, Police and Fire departments sites. Just click on the "Follow Us" button on the left column of the site homepage:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/news_publications/social-media.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Gifts for Grads @ the Library

Time again to listen to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance." The Friends Gift Shop at the Huntington Beach Central Library may have just the thing for that special honoree. The Gift Shop sells a variety of cards, jewelry, and specialty gift items. One could also donate a book to the Library's collection with the Adopt-a-Book program. For as little as \$25 the Library will select an appropriate book, insert a bookplate recognizing the honoree, and even notify the recipient about the thoughtful gift. For more information, contact (714) 375-5114.

New Summer Hours for the Media Center

Beginning May 14 the Central Library Media Center has new summer hours!

Monday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Media Center is the place to find books on CD, music CDs, DVDs and Blu-Ray movies. The Media Center also has eight public internet computers that can be used for one (1) hour per day at no cost for Huntington Beach library card holders.

Annual Festival of Folktales is almost here!

Don't miss the Festival of Folktales on Tuesday, June 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Central Library. There will be games, book walks, face painting, music, crafts and shows. This celebration kicks-off the Library's summer reading programs. Hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza will be sold during the event.

Special Festival Shows:

- **The Amazing Chris** (Circus in a Suitcase) at Noon - \$3.00 per person
- **Cinderella Princess Storytime** with Miss Claire Epting at 12:45 p.m. - \$2.00 per person (all children who attend will receive a princess/prince crown)
- **Acclaimed singer and children's author, Jose-Luis Orozco** at 1:30 p.m. - \$3.00 per person

Tickets for these shows may be purchased the children's desk. Buy tickets **now!** Tickets sell out quickly! Summer Reading Program T-shirts, **Dig Into Reading**, are also for sale! Children's shirts are \$5 each. Child sizes range from 2T to Youth Large.

Carnival tickets for festival games, crafts and face painting go on sale Saturday, June 1 and will also be sold during the Festival. Tickets are \$0.50 each or 11 tickets for \$5.00.

The Festival of Folktales is sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library. Money raised goes towards supporting the children's library and book collection.

[PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT](#)

Planning Commission

On Tuesday, May 28, 2013, the following items are scheduled for the Planning Commission:

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 07-001/ GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 05-001/ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 05-001 (WARNER NICHOLS)**
Applicant/ Property Owner: Jerry Moffatt, Rainbow Environmental Services **Request:**
EIR: To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with a proposal to change the land use and zoning designations on the subject property and demolish or remove existing structures that meet state criteria for historic resources. **GPA:** To change the General Plan land use designation from RM-15 (Residential Medium Density - Max 15 dwelling units per acre) to CG-F1 (Commercial General – Maximum Floor Area Ratio of 0.35) on a ± 1.1 gross acre portion fronting on Warner Ave. and to I-F2-d (Industrial – Maximum Floor Area Ratio of 0.5 – Design Overlay) on a ± 3.3 gross acre portion fronting on Nichols St. **ZMA:** To change the zoning designation from RM (Residential Medium Density) to CG (Commercial General) on a ± 1.1 gross acre portion fronting on Warner Ave. and to IG (General Industrial) on a ± 3.3 gross acre portion fronting on Nichols St. **Location:** 7622-7642 Warner Avenue, 92647 (southeast corner of Warner Ave. and Nichols St.) **City Contact:** Ricky Ramos

The applicant for this item has requested a continuance to the June 25, 2013 Planning Commission meeting.

2. **DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 13-001 (ELAN DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT)**
Applicant: Dan Milich **Property Owner:** Elan Huntington Beach, LLC, c/o Greystar Capital Partners **Request:** Development Agreement No. 13-001 represents a request to enter into a Development Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and Elan

Huntington Beach, LLC (c/o Greystar) pursuant to approvals for the Beach and Ellis Mixed Use project (Site Plan Review No. 12-001). The project was approved for 274 apartment units (includes six live-work units), 8,500 sq. ft. of retail space, a leasing office and private recreational amenities including a public open space plaza. The project formerly known as the Beach and Ellis Mixed Use was approved by the Planning Commission and the City Council in 2012. Condition of Approval No. 6.b. requires an affordable housing agreement for 27 units to be approved by the City Council and recorded to provide affordable dwelling units in accordance with the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. **Location:** 18502-18552 Beach Boulevard, 92648 (southeast corner of Beach Boulevard and Ellis Avenue) **City Contact:** Rosemary Medel.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Downtown Alcohol Report Released

As part of the city's strategic plan the Police Department submitted recommendations to the City Council for action regarding the impact of alcohol sales and consumption in downtown Huntington Beach. The Downtown Alcohol Report lists strategies to address these issues. The report is available in its entirety on the Police Department's web-site: www.hbpd.org as well as the Department's Facebook page.

Additional Suspect Arrested in Murdy Park Assault

On Thursday afternoon the Huntington Beach Police Department arrested one additional juvenile suspect in the assault on Viktor Silcock (25 year-old male) that occurred on May 10, 2013. The juvenile suspect was arrested without incident and was processed at the Huntington Beach Police Department and later booked at Orange County Juvenile Hall. The suspect was booked for 245 PC – Assault with a Deadly Weapon with great bodily injury.

That evening, Orange County Probation arrested an additional juvenile suspect for a probation violation. This suspect was booked at Orange County Juvenile Hall and Huntington Beach Detectives anticipate charges being filed for 245 PC – Assault with a Deadly Weapon with great bodily injury later this week. Based on the suspect's ages we are not releasing any identifying information.

Orange County District Attorney's Office filed charges on three of the four suspects originally arrested on May 10, 2013, for the attack. The charges filed were 245 PC - Assault with a Deadly Weapon with great bodily injury. One suspect originally arrested was not charged and released from custody. These suspects were all juveniles.

Mr. Silcock was allegedly attacked by the group following an altercation that occurred at Murdy Park located at Goldenwest and Warner on May 10, 2013. We are asking anyone who witnessed the assault or has information regarding the attack please contact Detective Kevin Johnson at 714 960-8834.

Driver's License/Sobriety Checkpoint

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Driver's License/Sobriety Checkpoint on Saturday, May 18, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m. The checkpoint yielded four DUI arrests, and an additional three arrests were made by patrol throughout the night. In addition, eight persons were cited at the checkpoint for not having a driver's license.

Social Media

The police department's Facebook page reached a milestone last month when we reached **5,000** "likes" - 5,000 people are now following the department on social media. The site is used to promote events, release important news, issue crime warnings and disseminate information. During the recent evacuation at city hall, the police department was able to update the citizens in real time about the closure and modified lockdown at Huntington Beach High School. Facebook also allows staff to socially interact with the public on a variety of public issues and makes us more accessible.

PUBLIC WORKS

Santa Ana River Trail Detours for Orange County Sanitation District Construction

The Orange County Sanitation District has begun construction to treat some unstable soil areas near the Santa Ana River, south of Victoria Street/Hamilton Avenue. The project is expected to last nine months beginning May 2013. In order to complete the work it will be necessary to close portions of the Santa Ana River Trail for approximately 6 months. The work plan has been developed to only close the trail on one side of the Santa Ana River at a time and detour bike traffic to the side that will remain open south of Victoria/Hamilton. The current schedule calls for the west side of the trail (Huntington Beach side) to be closed from May to July and the east side (Newport Beach side) closed from July to October. Detours will be provided on Victoria/Hamilton and on Pacific Coast Highway. For more information about the project and to check for any construction updates please visit the OCSD project website at www.ocsewers.com or call (714) 378-2965.