

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

November 18, 2013

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Update regarding the Plastic Bag Ban

The implementation of the single-use plastic bag ban began on November 1. While some stores have told customers the ten-cents comes to the City, it is important to know that the ten-cents is not taxable and no part of it comes to the City. The ten-cents is being charged by the store to cover their cost of the bags and implementation/education regarding the plastic bag ban.

Anyone with questions about the bag ban can go online to:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/announcements/announcement.cfm?id=579>. There is also a link on that website to let the City know about stores that are not in compliance with the plastic bag ban.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging will host their annual New Year's Eve Dance and Dinner on Tuesday, December 31, 2013, from 8:00 p.m.-12:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue in Huntington Beach.

Your \$40.00 ticket includes the swinging sounds of PM Howard and the Night Owls, raffle prizes, a festive buffet dinner, and a "Grand Countdown Champagne Toast" at midnight sponsored by Memorial Care Medical Group, Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, Nurse Next Door, SeaCliff Home Care, Edinger Medical Group, and AR Mobility.

Purchase tickets in advance at the Senior Center. The purchase of eight tickets reserves a table. Singles are welcome at the friendly single's table. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, December 23. For more information, please call the Senior Center at 714-536-9387.

Huntington Beach Art Center

Please join us for a dynamic evening of art conversation as the artists from the current exhibition **Reverberation** come together for a panel discussion on Saturday, November 23. The artists will talk about their work and art practice beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Please call 714-374-1650 for information.

The HB Art Center was pleased to host a tour of the exhibition **Reverberation** to the Exhibition Design and Gallery Practices class from Orange Coast College. Artist and Sculptor Andre Woodward, curator of the show, discussed the artists, their works and the installation of the exhibit with a group of 20 students majoring in art.

Youth Sports

City of Huntington Beach winter Youth Basketball for children from three- years old to eighth grade! The Pee Wee program (three- to five-years old) provides a fun, non-competitive environment for children to learn the basics of basketball and teamwork. Junior Basketball (six- to eight-years old) allows players to have fun in a semi-competitive setting while staying healthy and active. Pee Wee and Junior programs begin Tuesday, February 1, at the City Gym and Pool, Edison, and Murdy Community Centers. Register now at: HBsands.org.

Competitive basketball leagues are also available for youth in the third through eighth grades. The youth basketball program teaches the importance of teamwork and allows players to learn the fundamentals of basketball while having fun. All games are played indoors at the City Gym and Pool or Liberty School. All players will receive an HB recreation jersey and a postseason award. Register now at your local community center or online at: HBsands.org. Leagues begin Saturday, January 11.

FIRE

“Spark of Love” Campaign

The Spark of Love Campaign began in 1993 in cooperation with ABC/7 and local firefighters from Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. Various agencies work together as the Orange County Toy Collaborative to distribute toys to underprivileged children who may otherwise go without during the holiday season. There are many worthwhile toy drives, but the Spark of Love Campaign is the only one created and operated by firefighters.

Huntington Beach Fire Stations, the Civic Center lobby, and the Police Department lobby will serve as drop-off sites for the public to bring new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment. Through the “Spark of Love” Toy Drive, the holiday spirit will be felt throughout our communities as well as in the hearts of less fortunate children. Boxes will be set up starting November 19 through December 24, 2013.

For additional information, please contact Tim Andre, Deputy Fire Marshal/Training, at (714) 536-5418.

Marine Safety

At approximately 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 17th, Marine Safety Officers (MSO's) responded to a call from Tower Zero for a surfer on the outside break between Towers #1 and #3 being assisted to shore by other surfers. MSO's assisted with the rescue and initiated emergency medical care prior to paramedics arriving on scene. The surfer was witnessed to be face down in the water for approximately 30 seconds prior to being rolled over by nearby surfers. The patient was conscious prior to transport to the hospital.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know that the City website now has a City Council Presentations web page? This page contains Council presentation photos and information. You can find a link to this page from the main City Council page located under the Government navigation tab:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/city_council/council_presentations/

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Happy Holidays for the Oak View Literacy Program

The Community United Methodist Church (CUMC) has adopted Oak View Branch/Family Literacy Program for their holiday angel tree. The CUMC contact is a former literacy board member and current Homework Club volunteer. Oak View staff was able to randomly select approximately 80 families to receive gifts (almost 200 children) and will use volunteers to help sort and pack up toys.

HB Reads Holiday Book Fair

Just in time for the Holidays, Barnes and Noble at Bella Terra is hosting a book fair to help support HB Reads. This fundraiser runs from Sunday, November 24 through Sunday, December 1 and a percentage of net sales will benefit this volunteer organization.

HB Reads goal is to create a community-wide experience by encouraging adult readers, students and families in Huntington Beach read the same book at the same time. The books selected invite readers to learn about the diversity of people and cultures, and to discuss new perspectives. The authors are then invited to speak to the community and local high school students. Help HB Reads with their mission by doing some holiday shopping at the book fair. The HB Reads book fair ID number is 11201480. For more information about HB Reads, visit www.hbread.org.

That Day in Dallas @ the Library

Publishers are remembering the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy with a cornucopia of new books. Gain a better understanding of the man and the events of that day with these titles available from the Library:

- ❖ *Camelot's Court: Inside The Kennedy White House* by Robert Dallek.
- ❖ *Capturing Camelot: Stanley Tretick's Iconic Images Of The Kennedys* by Kitty Kelley.
- ❖ *Dallas 1963* by Bill Minutaglio and Steven L. Davis.
- ❖ *Five Days in November* by Clint Hill and Lisa McCubbin.
- ❖ *JFK in the Senate: the Pathway To The Presidency* by John T. Shaw.
- ❖ *JFK's Last Hundred Days: The Transformation Of A Man And The Emergence Of A Great President* by Thurston Clarke.
- ❖ *The Day Kennedy Died: Fifty Years Later LIFE Remembers The Man And The Moment* by the Editors of LIFE.
- ❖ *The Kennedy Half-Century: The Presidency, Assassination, And Lasting Legacy Of John F. Kennedy* by Larry J. Sabato.
- ❖ *These Few Precious Days: The Final Year Of Jack With Jackie* by Christopher Andersen.
- ❖ *To Move The World: JFK's Quest For Peace* by Jeffrey D. Sachs.
- ❖ *Where Were You?: America Remembers The JFK Assassination* compiled and edited by Gus Russo and Harry Moses.

Oak View Branch Library October Update

- Oak View Branch has been very busy, especially with the In-N-Out Fall Reading Program which attracted many children. Children who read 5 books received a coupon for a free In-N-Out hamburger!
- On October 25, the 5th Annual Pumpkin Raffle for children attending kindergarten through sixth grade at Oak View Branch Library was conducted by Elaine Parker & Barbara Manuel, members of Friends of the Children's Library. Twenty-five pumpkins, kindly donated by **Bruce's Produce** were raffled among approximately 47 participating children. It was a great event and many families left our facility with a nice pumpkin!
- A Special Halloween Storytime & Crafts session was offered to Oak View families on October 26 featuring story time, songs, games and treats!
- Tutoring: It was very challenging to find an available table at Oak View during October due to an increase in private tutors meeting with their students at the branch.

Oak View Family Literacy

- Fall Computer Class with Community Union, Inc. will graduate on Wednesday November 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Oak View Branch Library.

Saturday Science and Literacy has recently added new students referred by Oak View Elementary School and is serving approximately 30 children each Saturday. Tammie Bervel who teaches the program also has older children from Oak View as helpers in the program – a very nice way for kids to give back to the community.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Celebrate Local Artists at the Final Downtown Art Walk Of 2013!

The Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District will present the 2013 Artwalk Showcase Invitational on November 21 at the Shorebreak Hotel. The event is free to the public from 7:00-10:00 p.m. featuring artists who have exhibited throughout the year. Attendees will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite artist and enjoy a variety of food, music and entertainment in a lively atmosphere. Although this is the last event of 2013, artists and performers, as well as Artwalk hosts, may apply to participate in 2014 events by visiting: <http://www.hbdowntown.com/ARTWALK.html>.

HB Recognized as Special Small Business Saturday Destination!

American Express, the creator of Small Business Saturday has recognized Huntington Beach as an important "shop-small" destination by providing complementary parking at 70 Downtown Huntington Beach meters from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to encourage shopping locally on November 30. In addition, American Express is also offering a \$10 statement credit to its cardholders when they use their registered card to spend \$10 or more in a single, in-store transaction at a qualifying business location appearing on the Small Business Saturday map.

Enrollment is limited and opens on November 24 at www.shopsmall.com. Business owners: are you on the map? If not, now is the time! Visit the website and post your business to bring in more customers.

Keep it small and local. Celebrate the small businesses in our community!

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**Zoning Administrator**

On Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for review by the Zoning Administrator:

1. **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-011 (ROSENSTEIN RESIDENCE):** To permit the construction of an approximately 2,286 sq. ft. second floor addition on an existing 2,960 sq. ft. one-story single-family residence at 3321 Devon Circle, 92649 (north side of Devon Circle, east of Channel Lane). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.
2. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 13-020 (PAWS CHATEAU):** To permit (a) the establishment of a 7,200 sq. ft. dog daycare facility with overnight boarding, obedience training, and dog spa; and (b) an 11 space parking reduction at 7680 Talbert Avenue, Unit I, 92647 (southwest corner of Talbert Avenue and Kovacs Lane). Please contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, for more information.
3. **DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 13-009 (7th STREET HISTORIC DEMOLITION):** To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the demolition of existing site improvements including eight existing multi-family apartment units within four buildings and an existing garage/laundry room accessory structure on the property located at 122 and 124 7th Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 (east side of 7th Street between PCH and Walnut Avenue). Please contact Jennifer Villasenor, Senior Planner, for more information.
4. **ENTITLEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 13-006 (LIQUOR WAREHOUSE ALCOHOL TASTING):** To amend Condition of Approval No. 2d of Conditional Use Permit No. 12-024 to allow a Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Type 42 License (On sale Beer & Wine) for an approximately 612 sq. ft. dedicated alcohol tasting area within an existing retail grocery store at 9092 Adams Avenue, 92646 (southwest corner at Magnolia Street). Please contact Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website. Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT**Police Chief Ken Small Receives 2013 William Spurgeon Award**

Chief Small received the 2013 William Spurgeon Award at a luncheon presented by the Learning for Life/Exploring of Orange County. Along with Chief Small, Howard Sharpe received the award for 2013 Advisor of the Year, and Cameron Houlston, Captain of the HB Search and Rescue, Post #563 received the 2013 Young American Award. In 1968, the Boy Scouts of America established a separate Exploring Division to administer the program. Each year since 1971, the National Exploring Committee has presented the Spurgeon Award

to individuals and corporations that have kept the program alive. Congratulations to all Awardees.

Huntington Beach Safe Schools Coalition

On November 13, 2013, the Huntington Beach Safe Schools Coalition, a collaboration between the Huntington Beach Police Department and city's public and private schools, met for its monthly meeting regarding school safety. This month Erin Runnion, founder of the Joyful Child Foundation, was the speaker at the meeting. The Joyful Child Foundation- in memory of Samantha Runnion, was founded in 2002 after the abduction, molestation, and murder of five year old Samantha. The foundation is dedicated to preventing crimes against children through programs that educate, empower, and unite families and communities. Erin's presentation was very informative on what programs her foundation offers. For more information on the Joyful Child Foundation please go to www.thejoyfulchild.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Thanksgiving Holiday Affects Street Sweeping and Trash Collection

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no street sweeping on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29. If your street is usually swept on second and fourth Thursdays, your street will not be swept this week. Streets that are not swept due to holidays are not rescheduled. There is no make-up schedule for street sweeping.

Trash will not be collected on Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 28. Residents on Thursday's route should place their trash for collection on Friday. Friday's route will be collected on Saturday. The regular maintenance schedule resumes on Monday, December 2. If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance division at: 714-960-8861.