

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**November 19, 2012**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Beach Art Center

The Huntington Beach Art Center and the Art Center Foundation would like to thank the community for its support and kindness throughout this past year. We are grateful for your participation in our programs and events, your generosity with your time and energy, and your financial contributions. In all ways, you have enabled us to survive unique challenges while celebrating the arts in Huntington Beach. Thank you and Happy Thanksgiving!

### Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is my Park

Michelle Yerke, Senior Services Care Manager, published the article, *Hoarding: A Disorder, Not a Decision*, in the Council on Aging's 2013 Senior Guide O.C. The 2013 Senior Guide O.C. is available at Seniors Outreach, 1706 Orange Avenue, or request a free copy online at [www.coaoc.org](http://www.coaoc.org). In the article, Yerke states, "Hoarding is experienced by approximately 5% of the general public and is present in all economic groups." She discusses the characteristics, challenges, and treatment for hoarders. Yerke is a member of the Orange County Task Force on Hoarding.

On Friday, November 30, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. the taskforce will hold its annual OC Hoarding Workshop at the Buena Park Community Center. Registration is \$20.00 and includes a continental breakfast. Register by November 21, 2012 at [www.mhaoc.org](http://www.mhaoc.org) or pick-up a registration form at Seniors Outreach. To receive a monthly e-newsletter from the hoarding taskforce, send your e-mail to [ochoardingtaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:ochoardingtaskforce@gmail.com). For information on hoarding or other issues on aging, contact Seniors Outreach, 714-960-2478 and ask to speak with a care manager.



### Youth Sports

On Wednesday November 14, 2012, the Community Services Commission recognized the City Youth Sports Champions and the Harry Montague Sportsmanship Award recipients at their monthly meeting. Youth Flag Football and Youth Volleyball athletes and their families crowded the City Council chambers to honor excellence in athleticism and sportsmanship. City

Youth Sports programs develop not only the athlete, but also the whole person. Healthy sports foster confidence and self-esteem, teach conflict resolution, model healthy behavior, and help young people develop skills for communicating with others. Winter basketball leagues begin in January!

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Kickoff the Holidays at the Miracle on Main Street and get Exciting Holiday Coupons

Downtown becomes a winter wonderland through the end of the December (Surf City Style) beginning this Sunday, November 25, with the Miracle on Main Street Tree Lighting Ceremony. This fun, festive event, presented by the Huntington Beach Downtown Business

Improvement District, begins at 5:00 PM on the second block of Main Street, with Honoree Shirley Detloff and the winner of the Art Contest for Kids, performances by local children and the arrival of Santa Claus.

Despite being very busy this season, Santa will continue to visit the downtown on Tuesdays from Dec 4-18 from 5-8 PM and Saturdays and Sundays from 3-7 PM (with the exception of December 2). Bring your kids and your camera (and, of course, your wish list!). The popular Holiday Coupon Book is also returning for the holiday season. This complimentary book offers special discounts at participating Downtown merchants. A limited supply will be available at these merchants beginning November 25, so be sure to get yours as soon as they are available to take advantage of great savings opportunities. But hurry – once they're gone, they're gone!

For more information about the Miracle on Main Street, please visit The Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District website at [www.hbdowntown.com](http://www.hbdowntown.com).

### **Support Small Businesses in HB with *Small Business Saturday* and Year Round with Surf City Savings!**

With the holiday countdown clock already ticking, everyone is looking to save time and money getting their holiday shopping completed. But did you know that choosing to shop here in Huntington Beach can also help to make your community a better place?

Huntington Beach presents plenty of opportunities to do all of these things! More than 100 Huntington Beach businesses have already signed up to become a part of *Small Business Saturday*, a day for everyone — from the business owners who create jobs to the customers who buy locally supporting small businesses that invigorate the economy and keep communities thriving. American Express is providing incentives to consumers and to business owners to participate in this one-day event, now in its third successful year. A list of businesses, information and incentives can be found at [www.shopsmall.com](http://www.shopsmall.com). Also, be sure to take a look at [www.surfcityavings.com](http://www.surfcityavings.com) to view the many special money-saving offers from over 150 local merchants created to encourage you to shop in Huntington Beach. Make every day *Small Business Saturday* - find discounts on unique gift ideas like gondola cruises in Huntington Harbor, pet sitting services, restaurants, photography, mail services and more important holiday must-haves.

Black Friday is only a few days away. Shopping locally in Huntington Beach can make your life easier, as well as will help to make your community a better place!

## **FIRE**

### **Commercial Structure Fire**

On November 15, 2012, at approximately 11:00 p.m., firefighters responded to a commercial structure fire on Gothard. The fire burned through a skylight of the involved unit, which suffered extensive heat and smoke damage to the contents and approximately 400 square feet of the structure.

The fire was contained to the unit of origin due to a fast, aggressive fire attack and brought under control in 19 minutes. There were no injuries and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

### **Great Balls of Fire Charity Golf Tournament**

On November 12, the Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association (HBFA) hosted their annual Great Balls of Fire (GBF) Charity Golf Tournament at the Sea Cliff Country Club.

Providing donations to various charitable organizations throughout the year is one of the ways HBFA helps the community. The GBF golf tournament was created 13 years ago by HBFA to raise funds to continue their work of reaching out and assisting the local charities to help the people in the community. Since its inception, the GBF golf tournaments have raised over \$1,100,000 and all profits have been donated to a number of different charities. This year, Colette's Children Home was the 2012 Primary Beneficiary.

HBFA would like to thank all of the generous sponsors and volunteers who helped to make this year's golf tournament a successful event. If you would like to donate raffle items or participate as a sponsor, volunteer, or join in on the fun in next year's GBF Charity Golf Tournament, please contact Chad Steward, Event Chairperson at 714-536-5411.

### **INFORMATION SERVICES**

#### **City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips**

Did you know that you can obtain Traffic Collision Reports in PDF format? From the Police Department homepage, click on Online Services and then click on "Request Traffic Collision Reports: <http://huntingtonbchpd.policereports.us/> .

### **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

#### **Holiday Gift Ideas**

Take the stress out of holiday shopping with these thoughtful and unique gift ideas that do double-duty as a gift and a benefit to the Library:

Tickets are now available for the Taste of Huntington Beach, the annual celebration of food and drink sponsored by the Huntington Beach Restaurant Association and the Friends of the Children's Library. Anyone who loves fine food will be delighted to receive tickets to this gala affair, scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2013. Beginning Tuesday, November 27, tickets can be purchased at the Central Library or by simply visiting [www.tastehb.com](http://www.tastehb.com). Enjoyment of this popular event is enhanced by the knowledge that it supports books and programs for the children of Huntington Beach.

Another gift idea helps to save the library's beautiful aquarium. For a donation of \$25 or more, donors can have their (or their loved one's) name placed on a ceramic fish which will adorn the library's fundraising wall. This fun idea will create a beautiful space near the aquarium and will help to maintain this popular part of the library.

Finally, the Friends Gift Shop, located inside the Central Library, is a great source for special occasion cards and unique gifts for all ages. The volunteer staff provides fun shopping and a friendly atmosphere, and purchases support the library throughout the year.

## PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### Planning Commission

On November 27, 2012, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-021 (BRUXIE GOURMET WAFFLES) Applicant:**

T. S. Voelker Architecture, Todd Voelker **Property Owner:** CIM Huntington Beach LLC

**Request:** To permit the establishment of a 2,575 sq. ft. gourmet waffles restaurant with 385 sq. ft. of outdoor dining area. **Location:** 180 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 120 (southeast corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Walnut Ave.) **Project Planner:** Rosemary Medel.

**SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 2012-003, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2012-009,**

**VARIANCE NO. 2012-004 (SKATE PARK PROJECT) Applicant:** VF Outdoor, Inc.

**Property Owner:** City of Huntington Beach **Request: SPR:** To permit the development of a skate park consisting of a 14,500 sq. ft. skate plaza, an 11,800 sq. ft. skate bowl, a 3,500 sq. ft. skate shop, a 185 sq. ft. restroom structure, a 150 sq. ft. skate park entrance kiosk, and 26 parking spaces. **CUP:** To permit the reduction of required on-site parking and to permit off-site parking at the Huntington Beach Sports Complex during special events.

**VAR:** To permit deviations in the distance of joint use parking during special events to be 2.8 miles in lieu of 250 ft., driveway width to be 26 ft. in lieu of maximum 24 ft., parking lot setbacks to be two ft. in lieu of required five ft., zero parking lot landscaping screening in lieu of required three ft., one light standard for frontage street lighting in lieu of two required light standards, and 47% frontage coverage in lieu of minimum required 90%. **Location:** 7461 Center Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 (2.7-acre vacant site on Center Avenue, approximately 500 ft. east of Gothard Street) **Project Planner:** Tess Nguyen.

A copy of the agenda will be available on the City's website on November 21, 2012.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### **HB Police to Combat Roadway Deaths and Injuries with DUI Checkpoints**

The Huntington Beach Police Department has been awarded a new traffic safety grant for an anti-DUI program aimed at preventing deaths and injuries on our roadways. Additional enforcement measures to combat impaired driving are coming as a result of a recent \$107,500.00 grant awarded by the California Office of Traffic Safety to Huntington Beach. The Huntington Beach Police Department is dedicated to keeping our streets safe through both enforcement and education. The special DUI Checkpoint grant is to assist in efforts to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and other drug related collisions in the community. The grant activities will specifically target impaired driving offenders as well as educating the public on the dangers of impaired driving through the use of DUI/driver's license checkpoints.

When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving. "DUI checkpoints have been an essential part of the phenomenal reduction in DUI deaths that we witnessed from 2006 to 2010 in California," said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. "But since the tragedy of DUI accounts for nearly one third of traffic fatalities, Huntington Beach needs the high visibility enforcement and public awareness that this grant will provide." Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Edinger Avenue Bicycle Path**

In 2010, the City completed landscape improvements to the north side of Edinger Avenue. The project was funded through a Federal grant, private funding from the Sea Isle Garden Club and City funds. Through community input during the design phase, a need for on-street parking was identified for events such as the annual boat parade. This would necessitate removal of the existing striped bike lane along the south side of the street. At the time, a bicycle path, extending from Countess Drive to Saybrook Lane, was incorporated into the design. However, due to funding constraints, the path was graded in dirt, but left unpaved. On November 19, 2012, the City Council approved a cooperative agreement with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to receive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant funding for the paving of the Edinger Avenue Bicycle Path. The FTA grant will provide up to \$192,330 or 75% of the estimated construction cost of \$256,440.