

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

November 22, 2010

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

122nd Rose Parade Pasadena “Building Dreams, Friendships & Memories”

Come enjoy the 2011 Rose Parade and make new friends! See the famous Tournament of Roses Parade up close and in person. Riding on luxury chartered busses eliminates traffic stress and parking problems, and allows time plenty of time to enjoy New Years Day festivities. Grandstand seating at 2000 E. Colorado Blvd is limited to the first 100 registrants so tickets will not last long. Busses depart from the Huntington Beach Civic Center at 6:45 am sharp. Tickets are \$115 each. Register on-line at www.hbsands.org. Don't miss out on this entertaining start to the New Year!

Children's Needs Task Force - Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive

The City of HB Children's Needs Task Force is working with Barnes & Noble at Bella Terra to distribute donated books to local schools, local non-profit and charity organizations. When visiting Barnes & Noble, shoppers have the opportunity to purchase books that will be donated directly to local organizations serving children. Give the gift of reading!

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Travel & Trips Program – Tickets are on-sale now for two wonderful holiday trips available through the HB Council on Aging. Give the gift of laughter to a senior you love or yourself. Senior Comedy Afternoons presents Humor 4 the Holidays at the Brea Improv. The \$25.00 fee includes transportation from the Senior Center, lunch and the show. Choose from two dates for this special show, Thursday, Dec. 8 or Thursday, Dec. 22. The bus will leave the Senior Center at 10:45 am and return at 3:30 pm.

On Saturday, December 11, enjoy a formal lunch and award-winning dinner theater at Claremont's Candlelight Pavilion Theater's presentation of Christmas Memories. Through glorious musical arrangements, joyful dance, and a heartwarming story, Christmas Memories shares your recollections of this magical time of the year. Enjoy transportation from the Senior Center, the performance, fine dining and champagne all for \$99.00. The bus will depart the Senior Center at 10 am and return at 5 pm.

Register for these holiday trips at the front counter of the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue Huntington Beach on Tuesdays from 9 am – 11 am, or Thursdays and Fridays from 1 pm – 5 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.

Senior Santa and Friends

Bring cheer to frail and disabled adults of Orange County! As the holiday season approaches, there are hundreds of older and disabled adults in Orange County who will be alone during this special time of year. The Senior Santa and Friends Program provides holiday gifts and essentials to elderly and disabled clients of the Orange County Social Services and Health Care Agencies. Huntington Beach Senior Services will collect gifts again this year. Beginning Friday, November 19, pink tags with gift ideas and collection boxes will be located at the HB Central Library on the fifth floor of City Hall, and at the Seniors Outreach Center. Collections will be picked up throughout December. Should you have questions, please contact Michelle Yerke 714-374-1521 or Kim Pham 714-825-3111.

Handy Crafters City Hall Sale

Thursday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Senior Center, buy beautiful hand-made holiday gifts. The Handy Crafters are a group of volunteers who make and sell beautiful hand crafted items, and donate the proceeds to local charities, including our own "Meals to the Home" program! The Handy Crafters also donate baby items to Western Medical Center, baby hats to CHOC, blankets to the V.A. hospital and to the homeless. All are welcome to join this group. There are crafters from ten different countries with as many languages represented. Beginners are welcome as well. Materials and instruction are provided. For more information, call the Senior Center 714-536-9387.

Edison Community Center - Holiday "Funtime Dance"

The Holiday Funtime Dance for teens and adults with Developmental Disabilities is scheduled for December 17 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm at the Edison Community Center across the street from Edison High School. Visit with friends and listen to your favorite music while a fantastic DJ "rocks and rolls" the night away. Holiday treats - including a visit from Santa - make this event a night to remember.

Murdy Community Center - Candy Cane Capers

Candy Cane Capers, for little elves 5-12 years old, will be held on Saturday, December 4 from 9 am - 2 pm at the Murdy Community Center. While parents get a head-start on their holiday preparations, children can spend a day filled with holiday crafts, games, lunch, a movie, singing carols, and a visit from Santa. Attendance is limited, so register early.

Newland House – Annual Christmas Open House

The Huntington Beach Historical Society will host the Newland House Annual Christmas Open House on Friday night December 10 from 5 pm – 7 pm. Take a tour through the Newland house decorated for an old-fashioned Christmas. Hot Cocoa and cookies will be served. This event is a terrific way to get into the holiday spirit.....bring your friends and family!

Huntington Harbor “Cruise of Lights”

Step on board and enjoy a cruise of Huntington Harbor at the annual Cruise of Lights December 17 through 23. This is a perfect opportunity to view the beautifully decorated homes on the waterfront! Proceeds benefit The Philharmonic Society music education programs. The Philharmonic Society is dedicated to the cause of music—especially that music which is among humankind's great cultural achievements. The society champion's music that enriches the soul, uplifts the spirit, excites the intellect, and stimulates curiosity. For more information call 714-840-7542 or visit www.cruiseoflights.org.

Huntington Beach Art Center “Downtown Holidays”

If you decide to head downtown Huntington Beach to celebrate the holiday spirit, take time to visit the Huntington Beach Art Center on your way down Main Street. The current exhibition is called Hidden Places and is on display through December 18. Hidden Places features the works of Daniel du Plessis and Cathy Cooper. The project room features Leslie Yagar. The Art Center is located at 538 Main Street and gallery hours are Tues/Wed/Thurs 12 pm - 8 pm, Fri. 12 pm -6 pm, and Sat. 12 pm - 5 pm.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**“Miracle on Main Street” – Tree Lighting Ceremony**

On December 4 from 5:00 to 6:30pm, bring friends and family to Downtown Huntington Beach to experience the kick-off of the holiday season. Santa Claus is coming to town along with free hot chocolate, cookies, popcorn, candy canes, and musical entertainment for all on the 200 block of Main Street. Businesses will also be offering special discounts and sales on December 4 and 5. For more information, call the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District at 714.536.8300 or log on to www.hbdowntown.com.

“Light a Light of Love in 2010 – 14th Annual Celebration” in Downtown Huntington Beach

A day full of holiday festivities is scheduled for December 5 from 1:00 to 7:00 pm at The Strand, beginning with a Holiday Bazaar and Holiday Dog Costume Contest. Other activities include a Children's Holiday Parade starting at Main Street, Surf City Santa photo ops at Pier Plaza, performances by Beach City Big Band, local High School Groups and bands, followed by the finale of the Pier and Main Street Snowflake Lighting. Businesses will offer special discounts and sales on December 5 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm - a percentage of proceeds will be donated to the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter. For more information contact the CSP Youth Shelter at 714.842.6608 or log on to www.hbdowntown.com.

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. Last year the

"Spark of Love" Toy Drive collected and distributed in Orange County communities, over 300,000 toys to children who may have otherwise gone without during the holiday season. An estimated total of 600,000 toys were collected throughout the five counties participating in the campaign.

The public is welcome to bring new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment to Huntington Beach Fire Stations, the Civic Center lobby, or the Police Department lobby drop-off sites. 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 from November 20 through December 24, 2010. Some of the toys collected will also be used to support the Project Self Sufficiency Holiday Party and for the Elks Club Holiday Party which assists disadvantaged children in our community.

For additional information, please contact Mike McClanahan, Deputy Fire Marshall, in the fire department at (714) 536-5418.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Welcome new Literacy Tutors for Family Literacy

In November, the Family Literacy Program graduated an amazing group of new literacy volunteers. There are now 68 literacy tutors meeting with 145 adult literacy students at Oak View Branch Library. The Family Literacy Program is serving more families than ever before and adults are achieving important goals: reading with children; no longer needing translators at parent teacher conferences; volunteering in their children's schools; and being able to read, write and speak English on the job. Students consistently thank the library for offering the program - as one student wrote to us "I can never repay my tutor for the time she is giving me. I have learned so much with her." Another student told us "I never went to school before (for English). When I came here, I couldn't read at all and now I can!"

Holiday Spirit Island Style

Westwind Productions Annual Ho'ike and Lu'au Fundraiser will be Sunday November 28. Beautiful song and dance performed in the Holiday spirit usher in an Island-style Christmas in the Library Theater. Doors open 5:00 pm, Lu'au Dinner 5:30 pm, Show at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available on-line www.WestWindproductions.com.

"Equine Destiny" Documentary

Thursday, December 2 at 7pm in the Huntington Beach Library Theater on Talbert Avenue: please join the Red Bucket Equine Rescue group, for the screening of "Equine Destiny". The owner of the Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center, Mary Behrens and her sister Carole, have produced a documentary exposing the ever increasing issues today threatening America's horses. The goal of the film is to bring awareness and offer solutions to the serious and mounting problems of neglect, abandonment, over-breeding, slaughter, Premarin (pregnant mare urine) harvesting, and wild horse extermination. Through engaging cinematography, undercover investigations, and moving stories, "Equine Destiny" will serve

as a centerpiece for national horse rescue and education. Don't miss this opportunity to see an award winning documentary that could change the destiny of America's equines.

"Though it only takes one person to make a difference, with your help and support we can make that difference together. The fate of America's equines lies in our hands." Mary Behrens www.equinedestiny.com

The Nutcracker at the Central Library

On Tuesday, December 14 and Wednesday, December 15, the Children's Department at the Central Library will once again present "The Nutcracker" performed by the members of Ballet Etudes. Shows will be 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the Library Theater. Tickets are on sale in the Children's department.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

November 23 Planning Commission Meeting Cancelled

The regular Planning Commission meeting for Tuesday, November 23 has been cancelled. The Planning Commission is next scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Vandalism on Cameron Lane

On November 21, 2010, at about 11:35 pm, a resident in the 17600 block of Cameron Lane called the police department to report juveniles were vandalizing vehicles in his neighborhood. Two juveniles had a shovel and were hitting parked vehicles and breaking out windows. The resident provided their description and the police officers responded to the scene.

Police officers located 13 vehicles with damage including shattered windshields, broken side view mirrors, and shattered side windows. One residence window was also shattered. The damage is estimated to be around five thousand dollars.

Police officers located two juveniles on Van Buren Street fitting the description of the suspects. The juveniles had a shovel with them. After finishing their investigation, the police officers arrested the two male juveniles, ages 14 and 15, for vandalism and booked them at Orange County Juvenile Hall.

PUBLIC WORKS

Work Continues on 30-inch Water Transmission Main Project

Work continues on the installation of a cathodic protection system on 3.5 miles of existing 30-inch diameter water transmission pipeline located along Huntington Street, Yorktown Avenue, Brookhurst Street, and Adams Avenue. The project began earlier this month and is expected to be completed within 8 to 9 months. The cathodic protection system will increase the life of

the pipeline by directing corrosive elements in the soil away from the pipeline and onto other metals installed in the ground to corrode in its place (sacrificial nodes). The project will also replace existing valves and other aging appurtenances along the pipeline. After completion, this major transmission line will have an estimated functional life of approximately 50 years. Work is currently taking place along Huntington Street between Yorktown Avenue and Clay Street. There are minimal traffic impacts associated with the current work. As with all Capital Improvement projects, no work will take place on Thanksgiving or the day after Thanksgiving.