

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

November 29, 2010

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Senior Cardio Fit Special Holiday Session. Keep your commitment to fitness into the holiday season! Senior Cardio Fit will be offered on Tuesdays and Fridays at Rodgers Seniors Center from 9:00 – 9:45 am beginning this Friday, December 3 through Tuesday, December 21. Cost is \$15.00 for 6 Classes - Instructor Marianne Grossman. Sign-up at the Michael E. Rodgers Front Counter, 1706 Orange Avenue, HB. For information call 714-536-9387.

2011 Annual Beach Parking Passes

2011 Annual Parking Passes will go on sale for Huntington Beach City Beaches starting on December 1. Purchases may be made at 103 Pacific Coast Highway and at 2000 Main St, fifth floor in the Community Services Department from 8:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday. Additional weekend dates have been added at the 103 Pacific Coast Hwy. location. These dates are 12/18-12/19, 12/26, 1/1-1/2, 1/8-1/9 and from 8:00am-2:00pm on 12/24. Passes will be sold for \$150 and will be good in any City owned beach lot for the entire calendar year. Passes for seniors with valid ID will be sold for \$50. Please remember to bring your vehicle information and ID. Annual Parking Passes make a great gift so stop by now and pick up a gift certificate!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Santa Claus and Much More are Coming to Downtown Huntington Beach:

Beginning December 4 through the New Year, celebrate the holiday season Downtown. Downtown offers many events and activities to enjoy including a Tree Lighting Ceremony on Main Street Dec. 4. Sunday, December 5 is the "Light a Light of Love 14th Annual Celebration." Activities will include a children's parade on Main Street, entertainment at Pier Plaza, Taste of Main Street, and a snowflake lighting ceremony at the pier. The parade will start at Orange and Main St. and will end at the Pier Plaza. After the parade, the entertainment will begin at the Pier Plaza. While at the Plaza, Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be available for children to take pictures!

The day starts with a holiday bazaar at The Strand from noon to 3:00 pm. Then "Paws for Change" will hold a holiday dog costume contest from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Strand (5th Street to PCH). The Children's Holiday Parade starts at 4:30 pm followed by Santa and Mrs. Claus at Pier Plaza for photos with the family. At 6:00 pm, the lights go on and the snowflakes on Main Street and the Pier will brighten the sky and kickoff a Surf City Holiday Season. Sponsorship of the snowflakes benefit the Community Services Program's Huntington Beach Youth Shelter serving youth in crisis in Orange County.

For more information contact the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District at 714.536.8300 or log on to www.hbdowntown.com .

FIRE

Great Balls of Fire Charity Golf Tournament

On November 8, the Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association (HBFA) sponsored their annual Great Balls of Fire (GBF) Charity Golf Tournament at the Seacliff Country Club.

The GBF golf tournament (formerly known as Guns and Hoses) was created 11 years ago by HBFA to raise funds so that they can continue their work reaching out to the community. Providing donations to charitable organizations throughout the year is one of the ways HBFA helps the community. Since its inception, the GBF golf tournament has grossed over \$935,000 and has netted over \$620,000, all of which has gone to charity. The major beneficiary for this year's tournament is the HB Council on Aging and a check will be presented at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Visit from Chongqing Municipal People's Government

On November 22, 2010, the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office hosted a delegation of 26 emergency managers and government officials from Chongqing Municipal People's Government. Chongqing is a major city in southwestern mainland China and one of the five national central cities. Administratively, it is one of the People's Republic of China's four direct-controlled municipalities (the other three are Beijing, Shanghai and Tianjin) and the only such municipality in western China. In 2007, it was the largest direct-controlled municipality with a population of 31.4 million and an area of 31,800 square miles.

Mayor Cathy Green, Councilmember Joe Carchio, Fire Chief Patrick McIntosh, Division Chief Eric Engberg, Police Lt. Brian Tidrick, Information Services Analyst Tung Kao, and Emergency Services Coordinator Brevyn Mettler greeted the delegates and gave them a tour of the Emergency Operation Center. In addition, they gave an overview of fire, police, marine safety, and emergency management functions, programs, and services and how the city would coordinate a response to a major emergency.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HB Horse Lovers will Love this Holiday Event

In conjunction with the screening of "Equine Destiny" on Thursday, December 2 at the HB Central Library and Cultural Center Theater at 7:00 pm, the Red Bucket Equine Rescue group (a 501c(3) non-profit organization) is hosting a Holiday Event at the Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center(HCPEC) 8:00 am-5:00 pm, on Saturday, December 4. All funds raised at the holiday event will go toward the care and benefit of the RBER (Red Bucket Equine Rescue) Horses. There will be many vendors offering clothing, jewelry, tack & more. Assorted holiday treats and gourmet cupcakes ready for gift giving will also be on sale. Do your holiday shopping at HCPEC and stop by the RBER Giving Tree to see the RBER

Horse's Holiday Wish Lists. Don't miss an opportunity to see the award winning documentary "Equine Destiny" filmed by Mary Behrens, the owner of the HCPEC. To learn more about the Red Bucket Equine Rescue Group call 714-315-6565 or visit www.equinedestiny.com and www.redbucketrescue.org.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator to Review Application for Outdoor Skating Rink

On December 1, 2010, the Zoning Administrator will review Temporary Use Permit No. 10-006/Coastal Development Permit 10/016 for an outdoor skating rink at the Strand. The request, for up to five years (2010 to 2014), would permit the closure of 5th Street between Pacific Coast Highway and Walnut Avenue for 15 days between the third week of December and the first week of January to permit the establishment of an 1,800 square foot ice skating rink. The Zoning Administrator Meeting is in Room B-8, lower level of City Hall, at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, December 1. For additional information, contact Jill Arabe, Assistant Planner, at (714) 536-5271.

Magnolia Oil Storage Tank and Transfer Facility Demolition and Removal

On November 29, the Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC) approved the processing of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) as the appropriate level of environmental review for the demolition and removal of the Magnolia Oil Storage Tank and Transfer Facility. The MND will review the potential environmental impacts associated with the demolition and removal of three empty above ground crude oil storage tanks, approximately 2,342 linear feet of above-ground transfer piping, and ancillary site improvements at a former oil storage and pumping facility located at 21845 Magnolia Street (northwest of Banning Avenue and Magnolia Street intersection). The 30-day public review period for the MND will begin on Thursday, December 2, 2010 and ends on Monday, January 3, 2011. Public comments shall be addressed to Hayden Beckman, Planning Aide, Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA, 92648. Demolition and removal of the existing structures is anticipated to take two to three weeks. The start date should be determined following the Zoning Administrator's review of the project, which is tentatively scheduled for January 19, 2011. If you have any questions regarding the MND, please contact Hayden Beckman at (714) 536-5271.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Street Robbery by Two Suspects

On November 27, 2010, at about 7:50 pm, a Huntington Beach resident called the police department reporting he had been robbed. The resident reported he was walking home in the area of Beach Boulevard and Cypress Drive when he was approached by two suspects, described as male Hispanics in their 20's. One suspect grabbed the victim around the throat and the other one hit him. The two suspects were speaking Spanish and the victim could not understand what their demands were.

The suspects took five dollars from the victim and his cell phone. They took off running on foot toward Beach Boulevard and Warner Avenue. The victim finished walking home and called the police from his residence. The police officers checked the area but were unable to locate the suspects.

DUI checkpoint postponed

The DUI checkpoint scheduled for November 27, 2010, was cancelled due to inclement weather. It will be rescheduled for an upcoming weekend.

PUBLIC WORKS

New ADA Access to the City Gym and Pool Facility

The Public Works Department is nearing completion on new accessible walkways, ramps, and handrails to the front entrance of the City Gym and Pool facility. The City Gym and Pool facility was built in 1931 and provided limited access to persons with disabilities. The City was awarded funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to make the necessary improvements. These improvements will help make City Gym and Pool programs easier to access.