

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

November 5, 2012

CITY CLERK

Do You Have Political Yard Signs You Would Like to Recycle?

After the close of polling places on Tuesday November 6, political signs will be coming down all over Huntington Beach. Per the City's Zoning Code, all election-related signs are to be removed by midnight on November 16. Rainbow Environmental Services will once again provide free election sign recycling. Political signs can be dropped off at Rainbow in a marked bin stationed inside the entrance to Gate 7 effective November 7 through 16. There will be a sign posted on the bin which says "Election Sign Recycling." Rainbow will accept signs Monday through Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturday 6:00 am to 4:00 pm. Rainbow is closed on Sunday. The address: 17121 Nichols Lane (off Warner or Slater between Beach and Gothard).

CITY MANAGER

HBTv-3 will Feature Election Results

Local election results will be available starting at 9:00 pm on Tuesday, November 6th. HBTv-3 will feature coverage provided by the Public Cable Television Authority.

The election results will be reported for Huntington Beach, Westminster, Stanton and Fountain Valley and will include up-to-the-minute reporting as well as field coverage by Television Host, Matt Liffreing.

Tune in starting at 9:00 pm to see your local election results and find out who will be serving on City Council, and what happens with your local initiatives. Channel 3 is your source for local election results.

Spaghetti Fundraiser to Benefit Super Storm Sandy victims

A spaghetti fundraiser will be held on Saturday November 17 to raise money to help victims of the Super storm Sandy that hit the east coast last week. The fundraiser will be held at Zack's by Pier Plaza from 10 am to 4 pm.

Proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross for relief efforts. Anyone interested in helping can call 714-536-0215. The fundraiser is being organized by Councilmember Joe Carchio (who has family members impacted by the storm), former Councilmember Gil Coerper and Zack's owner, Mike Ali.

City Hall will be closed on November 12

City Hall will be closed on November 12 in honor of Veteran's Day. A Veteran's Day ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 11 at 11:00 am. The ceremony is sponsored by the American Legion Post and will be held at Pier Plaza.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

The Allied Arts Board is hosting its Biennial Arts Awards ceremony on Thursday, November 15, at the Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel. The program honors outstanding contributions to the arts in Huntington Beach in a variety of categories including performing and visual arts, volunteerism, and business support. The Allied Arts Board is a City Council appointed board that advises council on arts and cultural affairs in Huntington Beach.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is my Park

Huntington Beach Senior Services is seeking volunteer instructors for the *Beginning Course to the Computer* offered at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue. Classes run in four-week sessions held Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. This basic class starts with how to turn on the computer and advances to using the mouse and basic email and internet skills. This rewarding class enables older adults to email their children and grandchildren for the first time. The instructor takes the fear out of using a computer and teaches the older learners that, "No, it won't blow-up (usually)." After completing the class, a 99-year-old student proclaimed, "Age is no barrier to learning the computer!" Volunteers need basic computer skills. Teaching experience is preferred but not required. For more information on computer instruction or other volunteer opportunities, contact Diane Swarts, Volunteer Coordinator, 714-374-1544, or dswarts@surfcity-hb.org.

Senior Surf Invitational

Darkness swelled with an amber glow on Saturday morning while competitors waxed boards and donned wetsuits. On October 27, over seventy seniors participated in the Second Annual Senior Surf Invitational. With ages ranging from 50 to 82, these older adults displayed athleticism and vigor, with top awards going to Harry Handy, John Wilson, Mike Ester, Roy Crump, George Carr, Lloyd Van Vorce, and Kim Hamrock in their respective divisions. This pinnacle of active aging is not only growing, but also establishing its importance as the senior population swells. Partnered with Huntington Beach Senior Services to ensure the longevity and success of such an occasion were the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, Huntington Surf & Sport, and Fountain Valley Regional Hospital. Local restaurants and businesses joined in the fun, too, by donating prizes to our top wave warriors and drawing winners. The Third Annual Senior Surf Invitational is going to drop in quickly, so get out there, and have fun! For more information on activities and events for adults view the *Bright Outlook Newsletter* online at www.hbcoa.org, call 714-536-9387, or visit the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue.



Halloween Pumpkin Carving and Costume Contest

On Saturday, October 27, the Huntington Beach Community Services Department hosted its first Halloween Haunted House, Pumpkin Carving, and Costume Contest. Families participated in the Spooky Haunted House, arts and crafts, face painting, games, and, of course, pumpkin carving. Children were dressed in all sorts of costumes ranging from a UPS driver, cowboys and cowgirls, and Spiderman to fairies and princesses. The pumpkin-carving contest was a success with over 25 pumpkins carved with designs of the traditional Jack-O-Lantern, the HB

logo, scary jagged teeth, and many more. The top three pumpkins and costumes were given trophies.

Children's Needs Task Force

The Children's Needs Task Force is thrilled to be working with the Bella Terra Barnes Noble in Huntington Beach on their annual Holiday Book Drive. Barnes & Noble stores across the country invite customers to give the gift of reading to children during its annual Holiday Book Drive, taking place from November 1 through December 31, 2012. The Bella Terra Barnes & Noble is providing an opportunity for customers to donate books to local non-profit organizations through the Children's Needs Task Force. The Children's Needs Task Force will select the schools, libraries, literacy organizations, family social service agencies, and homeless centers to receive these books. For more information, please download an application at the City of Huntington Beach official website at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/files/users/community_services/BarnesandNobleBookDrive2012.pdf.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Free Mobile Wi-Fi in the Downtown!

Smart Phone users who live, work or play in Huntington Beach are in luck! The City of Huntington Beach, in partnership with ProX Media, has made it possible for those on-the-go to access free WiFi on the first three blocks of Main Street and along the beach from Beach Boulevard to Pier Plaza. The Surf City WiFi Free Mobile Network is just that: in Surf City, it's WiFi, it's for mobile devices, and best of all...it's free and as easy as 1-2-3. **1) Connect to SurfCityFreeWiFi; 2) Open your web browser; 3) Enjoy local content!** This is a useful tool to those visiting Huntington Beach as the mobile browser features a variety of information about what's happening in the City, including dining, shopping, events, news, beach and parking information, and searchable business directories, with more great features to come.

The Surf City WiFi Free Mobile Network is a great opportunity for local businesses to get in on the act too, and reach millions of mobile users who may be looking for just what you have, right at that very moment. Merchants interested in becoming part of the program can find out more at www.surfcitywifi.com.

FIRE

Heating Season Tips

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Here are 10 tips to get ready for the cold weather:

- 1) Furnace has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional (at least once a year).
- 2) Chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional.
 - Check for creosote build-up (a flammable tar deposited inside a chimney flue when wood burned).
- 3) Wood being used for fireplace or wood stove is dry, seasoned wood.

- 4) Fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass, in good condition, and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- 5) Use a covered metal container to dispose of cooled ashes
 - Ash container should be kept at least ten feet from the home and any nearby buildings.
- 6) Keep children at least three feet away from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- 7) Portable space heaters should have an automatic shut-off.
 - If there is no automatic shut-off, place notes throughout your home as a reminder to turn-off the portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.
- 8) Portable space heaters should be plugged directly into an outlet (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn (like bedding, paper, walls, and even people).
- 9) Smoke alarms should be tested and in working order.
 - Smoke alarms should be on every level of the home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area.
 - For the best protection, smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound).
- 10) Carbon Monoxide alarms should be tested and in working order.
 - Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.

For more safety information, visit www.nfpa.org/education

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know you that the City Website has information about the preservation of Historic Wintersburg site Preservation? You can also make a donation online for the preservation of this historic site. Simply click on the "Donate" button below the building photo. You can find a link to this page from the homepage under the "Web Spotlights" section. Or click on the "I Want to" tab, then click on "Give" and choose "Wintersburg Preservation:" http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/i_want_to/give/donation-wintersburg.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Military History Gets Personal

Readers can't seem to get enough of the famous U.S. Navy SEALs-- as evidenced by the numerous personal narratives and biographies that have been published in 2012. Check them out today:

- *American Sniper : the autobiography of the most lethal sniper in U.S. military history* by Chris Kyle, with Scott McEwan and Jim DeFlice
- *Fearless : the undaunted courage and ultimate sacrifice of Navy SEAL team six operator Adam Brown* by Eric Blehm

- *No Easy Day: the firsthand account of the mission that killed Osama bin Laden* by Mark Owen with Kevin Maurer
- *SEAL Team Six : memoirs of an elite Navy SEAL sniper* by Howard E. Wasdin and Stephen Templin
- *Service : a Navy SEAL at war* by Marcus Luttrell with James D. Hornfischer

Google Chromebooks available for Check Out at the Library

The Huntington Beach Public Library launched a new service Monday, October 29. Thanks to a grant from the California State Library, the Library is offering Google Chromebooks for check out. This is a pilot program to see if Chromebooks can help expand Internet access to library patrons.

Members of the community, both young and old, can check out one of 30 Chromebooks and take it home for up to seven days to research material for school reports, educate themselves on health matters, or simply watch videos. The possibilities are endless. All that is needed is a valid Huntington Beach library card and photo ID.

Chromebooks are Internet browsing devices, using Google programs and Apps to get things done. Running Google's operating system, Chrome, each Chromebook is simple, fast and secure. Chromebooks are easy to use, regardless of technology experience, and they're small enough for anyone to easily carry. Users can save their documents and favorite apps to their Google accounts; later they can retrieve their information from **any Chromebook they check out** or from **any device running Chrome** – like an iPhone or Android tablet. All user data is deleted after individual use, protecting everyone's privacy.

Perhaps the best thing about the Chromebooks is that they don't require any manual software updates or maintenance. With shrinking budgets and reduced library staff, IT maintenance is something the Library has to consider when providing new technologies to our patrons. Google and the State Library have made it easy for the Huntington Beach Public Library to monitor and manage the Chromebook program, and expand access to the Internet.

Come on into the Library and give one a try!

November Art Show

The Huntington Beach Art League's Annual Member Show runs through the month of November in the Windows Gallery of the Huntington Beach Central Library. Prizes are awarded in several categories, including oil/acrylics, watercolor, drawings/pastels, photography, and mixed media. Some of the artwork may be for sale. The Library is at 7111 Talbert Avenue; the gallery is free and open during regular Library hours. For more information call Gallery Manager Cheryl Del Toro at (714) 531-3663 or visit www.hbartleague.com.

Huntington Beach Library Upcoming Children's Holiday Programs

MARIONETTES: Ever seen a marionette blow bubbles? How about one flying on a trapeze? See this and much more at the Franklin Haynes Marionette Magic Variety Show on

Wednesday, November 14 at 4:00 pm in the Library Theater. Be amazed. Have fun. Enjoy a show for children of ALL ages. Tickets, \$4 per person, are on sale now at the Central Library Children's Department.

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET: Tickets for Ballet Etudes annual library performance of a shortened version of the Nutcracker Ballet are on sale NOW at the Central Library Children's Department. There is a limit of ten tickets per person. Tickets are \$5 each. Children under one year of age are free. Performances of The Nutcracker will be Tuesday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 12 at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the Library Theater. This is a very popular show and advance ticket purchase is highly recommended. Should tickets sell out, please check back by calling (714) 375-5107 as there are often returned tickets. All refunds for tickets must be made at least 24 hours before the show. This shorter Nutcracker is roughly one hour to 75 minutes long.

HOLIDAY TREE TRIMMING: Also on sale NOW are the FOTCL's Tree Trimming and Special Storytime tickets. This annual event is Saturday, December 1 from 10:00 am to noon. Tickets are \$4 per person. Regularly scheduled Saturday storytimes will be cancelled as Santa and his helpers visit the library. Children will be making holiday ornaments to decorate the Children's Department Christmas tree. They can also take some of their ornaments home. Miss Mary Pat will be giving a very special holiday storytime and Santa will be available for all the children to visit. Parents should remember to bring their cameras as there will be great photo opportunities.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator

On November 7, 2012, at 1:30PM in Room B-8, the Zoning Administrator will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-23 (KIA TEMPORARY VEHICLE STORAGE):

Applicant: Bradley Wolf, Car Pros Automotive Group **Property Owner:** Mountainview Properties **Request:** To permit a temporary parking lot for the storage of new cars on an unimproved lot secured with a 6 ft. high chain-link fence along the perimeter of the site for a period of three years. **Location:** 19070 Holly Street, 92648 (bounded by Holly Street, Main Street, and Garfield Avenue) **Project Planner:** Tess Nguyen

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 12-11 (BURROWS RESIDENCE):

Applicant: John Stone **Property Owner:** Scott Burrows **Request:** To permit the an approximately 469 sq. ft. demolition including an unpermitted solarium and construct an approximately 389 sq. ft. addition and remodel to an existing 4,600 sq. ft. single-family residence for a new overall building height of 25 ft. 3 in. **Location:** 16761 Bolero Lane, 92649 (northwest side of Bolero Lane – Davenport Island, Huntington Harbour) **Project Planner:** Jill Arabe

DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 12-06 (WARNER AVENUE BRIDGE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROJECT):

Applicant: Jonathan Claudio, City of Huntington Beach **Property Owner:** City of Huntington Beach **Request:** To analyze potential environmental impacts associated with proposed maintenance activities

on the existing Warner Avenue Bridge that are intended to restore the integrity of its original design. The proposed project will remove and replace the following: existing concrete barrier and chain link railing along both sides of the bridge, existing asphalt concrete overlay providing a durable driving surface, all unsound concrete at existing bridge bents and columns, and missing rockslope protection along the channel embankment area below the bridge. **Location:** Warner Avenue Bridge, spanning approximately 110 linear feet over the Bolsa Chica Channel, connecting Huntington Harbour with Upper Bolsa Bay. **Project Planner:** Hayden Beckman

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-22 (GET AIR SPORTS): **Applicant:** Peter Bradshaw **Property Owner:** Jack Chalabian **Request:** To permit a commercial recreation and entertainment use (trampoline jumping) for general public use within an existing industrial building. **Location:** 5142 Argosy Avenue, 92649 (south side of Argosy Avenue at the terminus of Triton Lane) **Project Planner:** Ethan Edwards.

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

Orange County Red Carpet Film Premier in for Historic Wintersburg Preservation Fund

The City of Huntington Beach Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task Force will host the Nov. 17 and 18 Orange County premier of the film, Lil Tokyo Reporter. The Lil Tokyo Reporter cast includes Academy Award® winner Chris Tashima (Visas and Virtue), television star Keiko Agena (Gilmore Girls) and Eiji Ozaki (Letters From Iwo Jima). Lil Tokyo Reporter is a narrative short film inspired by the life of historic newspaper publisher, Sei Fujii, who was known by Orange County's pioneer Japanese community.

The film will be screened at the Regency Theater (Warner Avenue and Beach Boulevard) at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17, and at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 18 (\$9, \$7 discount for students and seniors). Meet the film actors, producers, and director at the screenings. Join the film team and Historic Wintersburg at an "after hours" reception, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort West Coast Club Room. Learn more at the Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task Force Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Historic-Wintersburg-Preservation-Task-force/433990979985360>. Learn about the film at www.LTReporter.com. Advance online ticket sales at www.regencymovies.com.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fatal Traffic Collision – On October 31, 2012

at about 8:55 PM, on October 31, the Huntington Beach Police Department received a report of a traffic collision on Main Street at the intersection of 13th Street. A black 2013 Harley Davidson motorcycle was southbound on Main Street when it lost control in the area of 13th Street. The motorcycle rider, later identified as 28 year old Mitchell Lucker from Huntington Beach, collided with a light pole on the west side of Main Street ejecting the rider. The motorcycle continued south on Main Street and collided with a black 2007 Nissan Titan pick-up truck travelling north on Main Street. The Nissan was not involved in the initial collision between the motorcycle and the light pole.

The occupants in the Nissan Titan, as well as nearby Trick-or-Treaters, were not injured. Lucker sustained severe injuries and was treated on scene by Huntington Beach Fire Department paramedics, who transported him to the UCI Medical Center. On November 1, 2012, Lucker succumbed to his injuries. He was the lead singer for the metal band Silent Suicide and his fans held a candlelight vigil that evening.

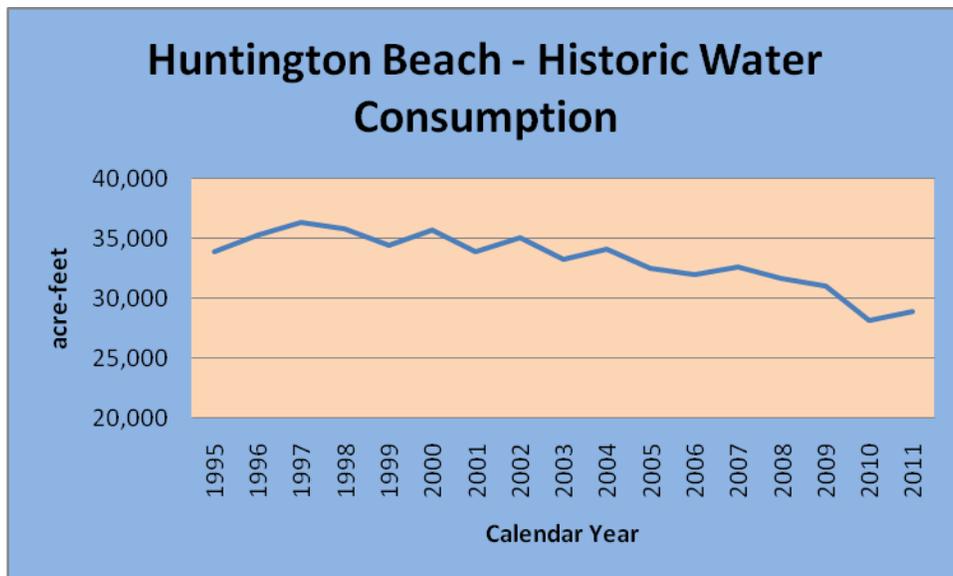
HBPD Accident Reconstruction Officers responded to the collision scene and conducted the initial investigation. The investigation into the cause of the collision or whether alcohol was a factor is ongoing. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is encouraged to contact Officer Barr at 714-536-5666.

PUBLIC WORKS

Water Consumption

The unseasonably warm weather has caused a spike in water use. After a record low year in 2010, the City experienced an increase in 2011 of 2.4% versus 2010 and it appears that 2012 is on course to come in about 4% higher than 2011.

For information on the City's water conservation program and lots of tips, suggestions and links visit the City's main website page at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov> and click on the water conservation button on the left. Also, check out the Huntington Beach Water Facebook page. Be Water Wise!



Acre-foot = approximately 326,000 gallons