

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**November 7, 2011**

## CITY COUNCIL

### **Coffee with a Councilmember**

Come join Council Member Joe Shaw at the Monkey House Café, Saturday, Nov. 12 from 8:30 – 10:00 am. This is a chance to have an informal conversation with Council Member Shaw about events and issues in the city.

### **“Teach Your Children Well”**

“Teach Your Children Well,” a film about bullying, homophobia, and school violence, sponsored by the Human Relations Task Force, Council Member Joe Shaw, HBUSD Trustee Bonnie Castrey, and the Orange County Equality Coalition, will be shown at Central Library on Friday, Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm.. Admission is \$5.00 and will go to the HB Human Relations Task Force. This film explores the often tragic effects of homophobia, bullying, and school violence against LGBT young people.

## CLERK

### **Historical HB Photos Wanted**

The City Historian, Jerry Person, is seeking the public's assistance in sharing photos with historical significance in order to preserve them for future generations. Huntington Beach resident, Nancy (Gisler) Alfano, daughter of former Huntington Beach Mayor, Ernest H. Gisler, contributed the use of photos, newspaper clippings, and a scrapbook from when her father was mayor (1960 to 1962). Jerry is especially interested in receiving photos of former mayors and council members. Photos would be scanned and returned to the owner in the same condition received. If you have historical photos you would like to share with the public, please contact City Historian Jerry Person at [jpersion@hbquik.com](mailto:jpersion@hbquik.com) or (714) 378-1243.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### **Huntington Beach Senior Services Veterans' Day Celebration**

Community SeniorServ (CSS) will honor veterans with a ceremony followed by lunch on Thursday, November 10 at 11:00 A.M. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. Pat Mullin, CSS Site Manager, is requesting pictures of veterans in uniform from participants at the senior center, which she will display in the lunchroom on that day and throughout the month. Before a traditional American lunch of hot roast beef sandwich and apple crisp, the American legion will present colors. No reservations are needed.

Each weekday at 11:30 am, the Community SeniorServ lunch program serves a delicious, nutritious meal formulated by a registered dietician and recommended by the Orange County Office on Aging. Sign-up by 11:00 am. The cost is \$3.50 for those under 60 years of age and for those 60 years and older a \$2.50 donation is recommended, but nobody 60+ is turned away for their inability to pay. Reservations are needed only on special event days and those

days are marked on the monthly menu in the Bright Outlook newsletter and at [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org). For more information, call 714-536-8404.

### **Huntington Beach Senior Services Senior Surf Invitational**

The City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Council on Aging staged the HB Senior Surf Invitational at the Huntington Beach Pier on October 26. In a fun morning of camaraderie, men and women from 50 to 80 years of age competed for bragging rights and trophies. Following are the winners in their respective divisions: Michael Klein, Riverside (50-54), John Wilson, Westminster (55-59); Steve Berger, Huntington Beach (60-64); Lloyd Van Vorce, Cypress (65-69); George Carr, Pacific Palisades (75+); and Becky Ettinger, Huntington Beach (women, all ages).

### **Huntington Beach Senior Services Hoop Dance**

Trim more than the turkey during the holidays with "Hoop Dance" a new class offered on Wednesdays November 9 through December 14 from 9:00 – 10:00 am at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. Using weighted, colorful, hula-hoops learn to flow gracefully within the hoop while strengthening and transforming your body. Beginners are encouraged! Hoops are available to borrow at the first class. This is activity #4497.400 – the fee is \$52.00. Register at [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) or at the senior center. Call 714-536-9387 for more information.

### **Youth Sports**

The City of Huntington Beach offers Youth Basketball for children from 3 years old to eighth grade! The Pee Wee program (3 to 5 years old) provides a fun, non-competitive environment for children to learn the basics of basketball and teamwork. Junior Basketball (6 to 8 years old) allows players to have fun in a semi-competitive setting while staying healthy and active. Both programs begin Tuesday, February 14 at the City Gym and Pool, Edison, and Murdy Community Centers.

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 a great time. All games are played in the 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 [www.HBSANDS.org](http://www.HBSANDS.org). Leagues begin Saturday, January 14.

### **Huntington Beach Art Center**

Please join us on Wednesday, November 9 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for a "Late8" special event featuring a poetry reading with David Hernandez and Ryan Ridge. David Hernandez is a recipient of a 2011 NEA Literature fellowship in Poetry and author of *Hoodwinked*. Ryan Ridge is the author of *Hunters & Gamblers* and the poetry collection *Ox*. Refreshments will be served. Call the Art Center for information at 714.374.1650. For more information on the artists go to: [www.davidahernandez.com](http://www.davidahernandez.com) and [www.ryanridge.com](http://www.ryanridge.com).

### **57<sup>th</sup> Annual Surf City Beach Derby**

In spite of a rainy forecast, athletes came out to Huntington Beach to participate in the "57th Annual Surf City Beach Derby". Runners were cheered through the finish line as the showers

began, and at the same time, hundreds of athletes took their passion to the sand on the zany new Beach Obstacle Challenge. The damp weather did not dampen the spirits of the participants or volunteers who came out for a GREAT event in support of Project Self Sufficiency. Photos and video are available on the Beach Derby Facebook page!

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **“Miracle on Main” Street Kicks off the 2011 Holiday Season**

Celebrate the start of the 2011 Holiday Season at the annual Main Street Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in Downtown Huntington Beach on Saturday, November 26. The fun begins at 5:00 PM with free live entertainment, holiday treats, and a visit from Santa, with the tree lighting and the transformation to the “Miracle on Main Street” at 6:00 PM. Since you’ll already be there to enjoy the festivities, why not escape the swarming mall crowds by visiting our downtown merchants to do some of your holiday shopping? Shopping locally helps to generate tax dollars for the city which are used to make our community safe and beautiful. There is much to choose from in the area, from national brands like Forever 21, G by Guess, and Sketchers at The Strand, to unique and exciting Main Street merchants who certainly make it possible to find the perfect holiday surprise for everyone on your list. For more information about the “Miracle on Main Street” and what downtown has to offer, visit [www.hb-downtown.com](http://www.hb-downtown.com).

### **Mobile Home Advisory Board Recruitment**

New members are being sought to occupy vacancies on the Mobile Home Advisory Board (MHAB). In order to serve, members must be Huntington Beach mobile home park owners/park managers, residents or “at-large” residents. Board Members currently meet quarterly in January, April, July and October on the fourth Monday at 6:00 p.m. to review mobile home park issues and provide a forum for communication on matters affecting the city’s 18 mobile home parks. There are currently three (3) openings for park owners/managers, one (1) for a mobile home park resident and two (2) for ‘at-large’ residents. Anyone interested in obtaining an application should contact the Economic Development Department at (714) 534-1519. Applications are also available online at [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org).

### **Expanding internationally? Attend TradeConnect on November 17!**

There’s still time to register for TradeConnect, an informative workshop intended to provide professional guidance and information on the various aspects of exporting. The program is co-sponsored by the Port of Los Angeles, the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce and the City of Huntington Beach. Attendees will learn from experts in trade development from the Port, as well as speakers from the US Department of Commerce, the US Small Business Administration, The LA Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association and the Center for International Trade Development. The workshop will provide information and resources on finding and expanding overseas markets, financing and insuring overseas sales, expert documentation and logistics, and export readiness education and counseling, as well as provide connections to resource partners and provide opportunities for business networking. The workshop will take place at the Huntington Beach Central Library from 8:30am-11:30am. The cost is \$35 for Chamber members and \$45 for non-members. For more information, and

to register, please visit <http://hbchamber.chambermaster.com/Events/details/trade-connect-11-17-2011> or call the Chamber at (714) 536-8888.

## **FIRE**

### **First Nationwide Test of Emergency Alert System (EAS) Set for November 9**

On the morning of November 9 people will hear those familiar tones or see that test message across their television screens saying, "This is a test." The difference this time will be that this test is happening across the nation, all at the same time. It will be a first-ever nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) giving federal, state and local officials the opportunity to make sure vital life-safety information can be communicated from the nation's capital to the public via broadcasters and cable operators.

This EAS test is also an excellent opportunity for local, state and federal emergency officials, as well as EAS participants, to identify and address potential problems in the system before another real emergency occurs.

Quick Facts about this Nationwide Test

- Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 11:00 am (PST)
- You will hear the familiar EAS tone, a voice say, "This is a test." and potentially see a message on your television or radio.
- It will last less than 4 minutes.
- No action is needed or required on the part of the public.

While the public does not need to take any action during the test, officials urge residents to take this opportunity to review and update their emergency plans and replenish their emergency supplies.

For more information, visit: [http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas\\_info.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws/eas_info.shtm)

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

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

Need to schedule a construction inspection? The Inspection Services division performs construction inspections to ensure that contractors and owner-builders construct projects in a manner consistent with the approved construction plans and state adopted codes/standards. You can find information about the inspection service at the following web page:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/building\\_safety/inspections/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/building_safety/inspections/)

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Saving Money at Your Local Library**

In today's online world, some people wonder what the library still has to offer. Isn't it just dusty books and magazines? Tuned-in residents know that the library serves the public in many new ways – including saving money! Don't have a computer and printer and online

connection? Come use a library computer and printer or get free Wi-Fi access for your laptop. If the bills for borrowing or streaming movies are piling up, borrow some great new DVDs from the library. Even if that hot new release is checked out, there are lots of great movies for adults and kids priced at \$1.00 per week.

Downloading a song online is convenient, but for that same \$1.00, you can get the whole cd - thousands of new and classic cds are available for you to borrow. When you are looking for high-quality educational activities for your toddler or young child, consider the free and low cost programs at the library. Weekly story hours, in particular, are free programs that teach and entertain young children and the Huntington Beach Library offers some of the best available. The library still has books, of course, with hundreds of new releases on display every day. By thinking twice before you click "buy now," you can save some serious money by borrowing that new best seller, eBook, career guide, cookbook, or travel guide. For more ideas visit [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) and click on "Events/News" to see what programs are coming up. To get a real idea how much can be saved by using your library, click "Contact Us/About" from the home page and pick "value calculator" from the choices on the left. Forget the dusty books and the shushing librarian – today's library connects you to a world of possibility and saves money at the same time!

### **Winter Holiday Laser Show**

Performed at the Central Library on Wednesday, November 16, at 4:00 p.m., this spectacular Winter Holiday Laser Show combines multi-colored laser lights with classic and popular winter songs for a fun family program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library and the Huntington Beach Public Library Children's Department, the show is sure to be a hit for young and old alike.

The audience will recognize songs like "Let It Snow," "Sleigh Ride," "Jingle Bell Rock," and "Winter Wonderland," while snowflakes, "Frosty the Snowman" and other winter features are displayed on the screen. Tickets are \$4 each, and advanced ticket purchase is recommended. Children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. For additional information, please call the Children's Library at (714) 375-5107.

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **Skate Park Project**

A public Scoping Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 9 to take comments related to the scope of the environmental issues to be analyzed within the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Huntington Beach Skate Park Project. The Scoping Meeting will be held at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, in Rooms C and D.

The applicant, VF Outdoor Inc., proposes to lease the vacant property from the city to design, develop, maintain, and operate a public skate park on a 2.718-acre site on Center Avenue, approximately 500 ft. east of Gothard Street. The project also includes a General Plan Amendment and Zoning Text Amendment as the site is currently designated for housing and this designation would be removed. Project entitlements include a Site Plan Review and Variance to deviate from the parking standard requirements.

For more information, contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, at (714) 374-1744 or [tnguyen@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:tnguyen@surfcity-hb.org).

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **ABC Grant Funds Used To Enforce Laws Prohibiting Alcohol Sales to Minors**

The Huntington Beach Police Department was recently awarded a grant by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). The grant is to fund additional enforcement of laws regarding alcoholic beverages at ABC licensed establishments. In the past two months, detectives have conducted two separate undercover operations to combat alcohol sales to minors.

Prior to the undercover operations, letters are sent to each ABC licensed business in Huntington Beach telling them these types of undercover operations will be happening in the future.

The operations utilized undercover detectives who directly supervised underage decoys. The decoys attempted to purchase alcoholic beverages from licensed establishments in Huntington Beach. The goal of the grant, and these operations, is to ensure retailers are complying with the laws and license conditions prohibiting the sale of alcohol to minors.

During the operations, the minor decoys approached eight separate businesses and attempted to purchase alcohol. Of the eight, four establishments sold alcohol to the minors. Those businesses were:

- Stop N Go 20361 Beach Boulevard
- Arco 16501 Goldenwest Street
- Seagate Liquor 16101 Bolsa Chica Street
- Chevron 5002 Edinger Avenue

The following businesses complied with the law and did not sell alcohol to the minors:

- Landmark Liquor 8491 Atlanta Avenue
- Hilltop Liquor 815 Indianapolis Avenue
- Ocean Pacific Liquor 301 17<sup>th</sup> Street
- Seaciff Liquor 402 17<sup>th</sup> Street

Each clerk who sold alcohol to a minor was cited at the scene. The cases will be followed up by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for potential actions against the business and associated ABC license.

Both operations also included a "Shoulder Tap" investigation where the minor decoys attempted to acquire alcoholic beverages by asking adult shoppers to purchase alcohol for them. A total of three adults were arrested for purchasing alcoholic beverages for the minors. The three adults were cited and released at the scene.

More of these undercover operations will be occurring in the future as part of the HB Police Department's efforts to keep alcohol away from minors.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Water Well No.10 Rehabilitation is Substantially Completed**

Construction of Water Well #10 Rehabilitation Project on Sher Lane between Edinger Avenue and Heil Avenue is substantially complete. On September 21, 2009, Water Well No. 10 sustained significant fire damage. After evaluation, it was determined that the pressurized ventilation/cooling system caused the fire. As a result, the ventilation system design was revised to reduce the fire potential and the plans were also revised to include other changes to further improve the operation and maintenance of the water well.

The scope of work consisted of replacing the damaged engine room roof with a concrete roof, replacing the muffler and catalytic converter, and constructing a new detached muffler room. The project also converted the adjacent former chlorine room into a separate control room, installed new controls and telemetry system, and installed other repairs/upgrades necessary for the proper operation of the well pump station. The cost of the project was approximately \$405,000.