

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**October 1, 2012**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

The SeniorServ lunch program at the Michael E. Rodger's Senior Center is selling See's candy to benefit the senior lunch program. The candy is discounted to \$15.00/lb, a savings off the retail price of \$16.90. The candy will be delivered on December 11 - just in time for the holidays. Pre-paid orders will be taken from October 1 through November 26 in the senior center lunchroom, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. Senior Serv provides a hot lunch at the senior center each weekday for a recommended donation of \$3.00 for older adults 60+ and a cost of \$5.00 for those under 60. For more information, call 714-536-8404.

### **Winter Basketball Camp**

The City Gym and Pool is offering a holiday Basketball Camp during Winter break starting December 17. Children ages 7-12 can stay active during the break in this weeklong skill-based camp designed for the beginner to intermediate basketball player. Participants will engage in fun based drills that are focused on passing, shooting, dribbling, and rebounding, while coaches focus on respect, teamwork, and responsibility. Registration is open and available online at [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org). For more information, please contact the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884. **Parks Make Life Better!**



### **Halloween Pumpkin Carving and Costume Contest at the spooky City Gym and Pool.**

Participants are encouraged to dress in their scariest costume and get ready to make a jack-o-lantern come to life! The contest will be held inside the City Gym and Pool gymnasium on Saturday, October 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 per family, which includes one pumpkin, safety carving kit, and refreshment. Additional pumpkins can be purchased at the door or during registration for \$5 each. With Halloween fast approaching, do not miss out. Sign-ups are taken in-person at the City Gym and Pool. For questions, please call the City Gym & Pool at 714-960-8884.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **Summer's Over...but the fun Downtown is Just Heating Up!**

While the weather doesn't feel like we've said goodbye to summer, fall is here and, with it, comes some exciting downtown happenings, including great entertainment during Surf City Nights, the monthly Artwalk, the return of the Thriller Flash Mob, and the annual HB Halloween Fest!

Last year's Thriller Flash Mob was such a rousing success that the zombies have vowed to again haunt the streets on October 30. They are actively seeking fresh new recruits right now to be part of their walking undead spectacular! For more information on the flash mob, please visit [www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org).

Country tribute group the 40 oz Band will get the crowd jumping tonight during Surf City Nights, with Soul to Soul, a Stevie Ray Vaughan tribute band, playing on October 9. Don't forget that the Surf City Downtown Shuttle can take you to Surf City Nights for free from 5:30-10 PM from the HB Civic Center and shuttle passengers enjoy free parking, too! The monthly Artwalk takes place on October 17 – this is becoming a very popular evening and the list of artists just keeps on growing! Plus, Halloween Fest, a family favorite, returns to the downtown on October 31 from 5:00-8:00 PM, with special free Surf City Downtown Shuttle service available from the HB Civic Center from 5:30-9:00 PM. For more information on the Artwalk, Surf City Nights and Halloween Fest, please visit [www.hbdowntown.com](http://www.hbdowntown.com) and for information on the Surf City Downtown Shuttle visit [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle\\_parking/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking/).

## **FIRE**

### **Fire Extinguishers**

#### **The Five Classes of Fire**

- 1) Class A Fires  
Involve ordinary combustibles such as wood, cloth, and paper
- 2) Class B Fires  
Involve flammable liquids such as gasoline, oil, and some paints and solvents.
- 3) Class C Fires  
Involve energized electrical equipment such as power tools, wiring, fuse boxes, computers, TVs, and electric motors
- 4) Class D Fires (NOTE: fighting Class D Fires requires specialized training)  
Involve combustible metals such as magnesium or sodium
- 5) Class K Fires  
Involve cooking oils used in commercial cooking equipment

Extinguishers are labeled with standard letters and symbols for the classes of fire they can put out. The appropriate extinguisher must be used for the type of fire being fought. Utilizing the incorrect extinguisher can make the fire worse. The recommended extinguisher for home use is the multipurpose type. A multipurpose fire extinguisher is marked ABC and may be used on those three types of fires.

#### **Installation and Maintenance**

Extinguishers should be installed:

- in plain view
- near an escape route
- away from stoves and heating appliances

Extinguishers require routine care:

- read the operator's manual to learn how to inspect the extinguisher
- follow the manufacturer's instructions on maintenance
- rechargeable models must be serviced after every use (service companies are listed in the Yellow Pages under "Fire Protection Equipment")
- disposable fire extinguishers can only be used once

#### **Before Fighting a Fire, Be Sure That...**

- You have been trained to operate the extinguisher

- Everyone not designated to use extinguishers is leaving the area and that someone has sounded the alarm and called 9-1-1
- There is an unobstructed escape route in case you can't put out the fire
- You know what's burning and your extinguisher is right for the fire

#### Operation of a Fire Extinguisher:

- **Pull the pin** that unlocks the operating lever
- **Aim Low** pointing the extinguisher nozzle or hose at the base of the fire
- **Squeeze** the lever above handle to discharge the extinguishing agent and release to stop
- **Sweep** the nozzle or hose from side to side keeping the extinguisher aimed at the base of the fire and sweep back and forth until the flames appear to be out

For more information on fire extinguishers, please visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at: [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

### INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know the City website contains a page that has links to Community Safety Service information? You can find links to safety tips, public safety departments, emergency preparedness, crime reporting, most wanted, etc. You can find a link to this page under the Services navigation tab:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/community-safety.cfm>

### LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### A Window into the Past

Library users now have a powerful new way to connect with the past. The ST ViewScan Digital Scanner System from Total Imaging Solutions allows patrons the ability to print, scan to a flash drive or email archives of treasured historic newspapers. The high quality scanner features sophisticated OCR and keyword index searching, along with the ability to enhance old microfilm images. The Library has microfilm reels of the *Huntington Beach News* dating back to 1905, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, and *Orange County Register*, in addition to several popular magazines, which provide access to articles and information that pre-date the Internet age.

#### Bilbary @ the Library

Readers who own electronic gadgets, Nooks and other eReaders know that the Huntington Beach Library has a growing eBook collection for these popular devices. This new part of the library's collection has quickly become one of its most popular, and even though there are hundreds of eBooks to choose from, there are times when popular titles are all checked out. Readers who don't mind waiting a few days for the library's copy of that new book can place a reserve and are notified when the title is available. Readers who just can't wait now have the option of buying the book instantly and helping the library at the same time. Instead of going directly to Barnes & Noble or other online retailers, eBooks can be purchased and downloaded through Bilbary – an online eBook store compatible with computers, tablets, smartphones and eReaders. Bilbary is working with libraries to help support access to eBooks and provide a new way for patrons to help the library. Visitors to the library's

website, hbpl.org, can click on the Bilbary icon and register. Next time they need a book the library doesn't have, they can quickly buy a copy and half the profit from the sale will come back to the Library.

### **DARE TO SCARE! --Writing Workshop for Students**

The Huntington Beach Friends of the Children's Library is sponsoring a special writing workshop for students in grades 3 - 8. This creative writing class will be held Wednesday, October 17 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Talbert Room of the Central Library.

Participants will learn to write hair-raising stories and discover plot tricks and treats to make writing fun. Students will make their descriptive writing more exciting after attending this 2-hour class.

Advance tickets are required: cost is \$5.00 per student. Tickets are available at the Children's Information Desk. For more information, please call Ms. Sue Welfringer at (714) 840-8398 or Ms. Dawne Knobbe at (714) 841-0954.

Please purchase tickets by Friday, October 12. Space is limited. Adults are asked to return for pick-up at the end of the class.

### **FALL READING PROGRAM "Cover to Cover Club"**

The Huntington Beach Public Library is sponsored by In-N-Out Burger to promote reading of library books. For every five library books a child age 4 - 12 reads, he/she can earn one free hamburger or cheeseburger courtesy of In-N-Out. The program runs from October 6 - November 17 at all five Huntington Beach library locations. Children can sign up online at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) or in person. They will receive a reading log to count their books. Children who don't read yet can count the stories they listen to, either at library story times or by parents. Burger certificates are awarded one per day per child, up to a maximum of 3. For additional information, please call the Children's Department at (714) 375-5107 or any of the branch libraries.

### **Things that Cost Money, but are Free at the Library**

Investopedia, one of the web's largest sites devoted entirely to education on how to invest, recently ran an article about the value of using the public library. Investors and others serious about sound money management tend to know a real value when they see one. How can the Library help everyone save money? Here's a list of resources available at the Huntington Beach Public Library that can save money. The Library has:

1. Free books (most know that the library has these!) - The cost of an average hardcover book is \$18.99. Get them for free at the library.
2. Magazines and Newspapers - The average cost of a magazine (monthly) is \$5.99 and the cost of an average newspaper subscription is \$60 per year. They're free at the HBPL.
3. Save on Music – Thousands of music CDs from classical to rock & roll are available. Need music for a children's party, wedding, anniversary or just listening while relaxing? Find it at the Library. The average music CD is \$10.99. The library loans them for \$1.00.
4. Free article searches - high school or college student? Find the materials required to cite sources, footnote a thesis, or find some obscure fact for a class. Need an article that

appeared in Time Magazine on global warming from 2004? The library will have it online, in a database (available both in the library and online).

5. Internet and Wi-Fi – The average cost of Internet Service is \$44. The Library has free internet access and Wi-Fi, and free computers all available with a library card.
6. Low or no-cost movies - Libraries offer children's movies from "Sponge Bob," "The Magic School Bus" and Disney movies to informational DVDs from National Geographic, to How-To instructional videos as well as major motion pictures. The cost of an average movie DVD is \$12.99, and \$3.99 for a DVD rental.
7. Find family history - For family genealogists, libraries offer free access to search programs such HeritageQuest.com. The cost of an online genealogy membership is \$25.00 (monthly).
8. Learn a language – The library has the Mango database that allows users to learn a new language online at their own pace. Priceless!
9. More free stuff – homework help program, great story times for kids, summer reading programs, and more. Don't pay again for services the local library already provides – come see what's new at the library or log on at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org)!

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Subject Arrested Selling Marijuana to Juveniles in City Park**

On September 25, 2012, at about 4:00 PM, a uniformed patrol officer received information about marijuana sales occurring in Murdy Park. The uniformed officer, driving a marked police vehicle, was able to park and watch an adult make a hand to hand sale of marijuana to high school age juveniles. The sales were occurring next to two teams of six year old children having soccer practice in the park.

The police officer contacted the subjects and after an investigation, arrested the adult, Jesse Ivan Hernandez, 19, of Huntington Beach and he was booked in the Huntington Beach city jail for possession of marijuana for sale.

The juveniles were identified and follow up is being conducted with their parents. Information developed with this arrest was that juveniles are buying individual "nuggets" of marijuana for five to ten dollars and smoking the entire amount in the park before heading home from school. This information, and the picture (shown on Facebook), is being shared to assist parents in recognizing this type of activity.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Rodgers Senior Center Parking Lot to be Slurry Sealed**

On Wednesday, October 3, and Thursday October 4, contract crews will begin preparation to slurry seal Rodgers Senior Center parking lot. This treatment will extend the useful life of the pavement of the parking lot. City crews will provide the parking stall striping to finish the improvement. This will conclude major street maintenance functions performed for the area.

Please call Public Works Maintenance Operations for details and scheduling of the project area: (714) 960-8861.