

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

October 14, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Project Self Sufficiency

Project Self Sufficiency changes lives! This is just one story of how Project Self Sufficiency (PSS) helps clients to transform their lives and become self sufficient!

"I just wanted to share some life changing news! Beginning November first, I will be a County of Orange employee as an Eligibility Technician. I am forever grateful to have been accepted into PSS. The program has made my difficult years as a teen mother/ college student more bearable. PSS inspired me to continue my education. The program has truly helped me become Self- Sufficient! Project Self-Sufficiency is AMAZING!"

If you would like to help make a difference in a family led by a single parent, please consider making a donation or running in our premier event: The Surf City 10.

The race will be October 27th at Pier Plaza. Run the race along the beautiful coastline of Huntington Beach, stay for the Expo afterwards, and join in the costume contest. All runners will receive a medal and there are other prizes for costumes, most club/team runners, etc.

For more information visit: www.surfcity10.com and we will see you there! For general donations please visit the Project Self Sufficiency Foundation website: www.pssfoundation.org.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Free Sales and Use Tax Workshop for Small Businesses

The Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the California State Board of Equalization, is offering a free Sales and Use Tax Workshop on Tuesday, October 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The workshop will take place at the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce at 21234 Main Street, Suite 100. While the workshop is free, advance reservations are required, and can be easily made online at:

<http://www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=224>.

For more information, you may also call the Chamber at (714) 536-8888.

HB Spookytown is Coming!

On October 31, Downtown will become HB Spookytown for the annual HB Halloweenfest. The event will feature costume contests, a petting zoo, pony rides, candy, games and entertainment from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Main Street and on 5th Street at The Haunted Strand, which will host the costume contests. The kids' contest will begin at 5:00 p.m. - the Canine Howl-o-Ween contest at 6:30 p.m.. Canine categories include most creative, funniest, cutest, scariest, best duo or group, and best look-a-likes (for those pups and their owners who seem rather similar in appearance). Visit www.hbdowntown.com for more information on Halloween fest, as well as canine contest rules and a contest entry form.

FIRE

Marine Safety Lifeguards

At 5:40 p.m. on Sunday, October 6, Huntington Beach Lifeguards observed a vessel in distress, just outside the surfline approximately 1/3 mile south of the Anaheim Bay east jetty. The vessel was disabled when a rope fouled the propeller. The City Lifeguard vehicle assigned to patrol Sunset Beach responded to Surfside Colony in Seal Beach. As Lifeguards drove to the scene, an additional City Lifeguard vehicle responded from Huntington Beach Lifeguard Headquarters. The first two City Lifeguards entered the ocean and successfully off loaded all 12 passengers into the ocean before the vessel ran aground. City Lifeguards escorted all passengers safely to shore. Orange County Harbor Patrol arrived on scene at 5:49 p.m. and successfully towed the vessel back out to sea. City Lifeguards transported all passengers off the beach.

Open House

On Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Fire Department celebrated Fire Prevention Week at Gothard Fire Station. More than 700 guests attended the Open House and were able to:

- View and learn about the various types of fire apparatus on display
- Tour the Fire Station
- Watch fire and victim extrication demonstrations
- Learn how to protect their families in case of a fire
- Obtain safety information on this year's theme of "Prevent Kitchen Fires"

The kids were able to spray water from a fire hose, spend time with Sparky the Fire Dog, and receive fire helmets and stickers.

The Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association provided hot dogs, chips, and soda while the Fire Management Association provided bottled water. CERT and RACES shared information with the public, and Search & Rescue Explorers assisted with the event.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know you can view Adult Softball League schedules, standings and registration information at: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/softball.cfm.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Teen Read Week – October 13-19, 2013

This year's Teen Read Week encourages teens to "Seek the Unknown @ Your Library!" Teen Read Week is a time to celebrate reading and to encourage teens to take advantage of reading in all its forms - books, magazines, graphic novels, e-books, audiobooks and more - *and to become regular library users.*

Teens can vote from now until October 19 for their favorite titles for the 2013 Teens' Top Ten at: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/reads4teens/>. Winners will be announced the week of October 21st. Happy voting!

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for review by the Zoning Administrator:

1. **TEMPORARY USE PERMIT NO. 13-002 (HSS P.C.H. OUTDOOR SALES):** To permit outdoor sidewalk sales on approximately fifty days per year for a period of five years from 2014 to 2018 at 300 Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 104, 92648 (northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Main Street). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.
2. **TEMPORARY USE PERMIT NO. 13-003 (HSS MAIN STREET OUTDOOR SALES):** To permit outdoor sidewalk sales on approximately fifty days per year for a period of five years from 2014 to 2018 at 126 Main Street, Suite 101, 92648 (southeast corner of Walnut Avenue and Main Street)). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.
3. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 13-025 (JULZZ OF THE PACIFIC):** To permit alcohol sales, service, and consumption within a proposed 2,400 sq. ft. indoor eating and drinking establishment and approximately 360 sq. ft. proposed outdoor patio area at 7041 Yorktown, Suite 104, 92648 (north side of Yorktown). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.
4. **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-008 (NGUYEN RESIDENCE):** To permit the demolition of an existing approximately 2,426 sq. ft. two-story residence and to construct a new approximately 4,373 sq. ft. two-story residence at a maximum height of 30 feet at 16651 Carousel Lane, 92649 (west side of Carousel Lane, near Wanderer Lane). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.
5. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 13-024 (BEACH CITY BREWERY ALCOHOL TASTING):** To permit an approximately 420 sq. ft. beer tasting area within a proposed micro-brewery/manufacturing use at 7631 Woodwind Drive, Unit B, 92647 (north side of Woodwind Drive, between Sampson Lane and Jamestown Lane). Please contact Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website. Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter is Now Available Online at:
www.huntingtonbeachca.gov

Burglar Caught Inside House under Fumigation Tent

Saturday morning at about 7:20 a.m., employees of a fumigation company arrived to remove the tent to a house being treated in the 5300 block of Heatherly Drive. The employees noticed a vehicle parked outside and could hear noises inside. As they started to remove the tent, they saw a male inside wearing some type of mask.

The employees called 911 and watched to make sure no one exited the tented residence. Police officers arrived and established a perimeter. Officers and the employees verified the poisonous gas was no longer a threat. The suspect was located trying to hide under the tarp and was taken into custody. The officers checked the interior of the residence and no other suspects were located. After their investigation, the officers booked Alexander John Hamilton, 19 years old of Huntington Beach, into the Huntington Beach city jail. In addition to the charges of residential burglary for this crime, he also had an outstanding arrest warrant for another residential burglary. Huntington Beach detectives will be following up to see if he is responsible for any other crimes.

Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31, 2013

Each October, during Red Ribbon Week, schools around the country encourage young people to live a drug-free life. Alcohol is the most commonly used drug by youth—more than all illegal drugs combined. MADD wants to help young people take a stand against underage alcohol use, help schools educate young people about the dangers of alcohol, and equip parents to have potentially lifesaving conversations about alcohol with their kids. MADD seeks to engage youth, parents, and the community to prevent underage drinking and support the 21 minimum drinking age to reduce the deaths and injuries that come from underage drinking.

PUBLIC WORKS**Rainwater Harvesting Class – October 19**

The Utilities Division is proud to present a Free Rainwater Harvesting Class for Huntington Beach residents, institutions and businesses! The class will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The class will discuss Rainwater Harvesting, Benefits of a rain barrel, installation of a rain barrel, sustainable gardening and Water Conservation techniques. Rain barrels are available for purchase (\$85.00) in advance by logging onto: www.RainBarrelsIntl.com under the EVENTS tab, City of Huntington Beach.

In addition, Metropolitan Water District is offering a pilot rebate program which will reimburse residents up to \$75.00 per barrel up to a 4 barrels maximum. Please visit www.socalwatersmart.com for details and participation.

Each barrel is outfitted with a side brass overflow with cap and can be connected with other barrels, increasing the water storage capacity. The barrels have a 4 inch tight steel mesh screen to prevent bugs and mosquitoes from accessing the water. Furthermore, the barrels are reused "food grade" barrels, originally used to import vegetables from the Mediterranean region. If they were not converted into rain barrels, these barrels would have ended up in landfills.

Rain barrels are one of the components of Low Impact Development (LID) and offer multiple benefits such as diversion of water from municipal storm drain systems and protecting the ocean from storm runoff pollution. Rain barrels also help to conserve water by reducing the demands on our potable water supply. The "soft" rain water collected is ideal for plants and vegetable gardens. Many may question the use of rain barrels in our semi-arid climate, but for every inch of rain falling on a 1,000 square foot roof, 600 gallons of water can be collected.

For more information on the event, please visit www.surfcity-hb.org/hbwater or call [714.374.1503](tel:714.374.1503). A small stock of rain barrels is available for residents and businesses at the Huntington Beach Utilities Yard, 19001 Huntington Street.

Sports Courts Resurfacing

Over the last four months, all of the City's sports courts have been repaired and resurfaced. These courts include four tennis, six racquetball, four full basketball, and four half basketball courts at Edison; four tennis, eight racquetball and two basketball courts at Marina; two tennis courts at LeBard Park; one basketball court at Manning Park; one basketball court at Weider Park; four tennis and four basketball courts at Murdy Park; and two basketball courts at Worthy Park including the additional striping of four pickle ball courts. Thanks to the coordinated efforts between Facilities and Community Services, the inconvenience to our residents was kept to a minimum.

The City uses a five-step resurfacing process using Plexipave Acrylic. This process includes 1) power washing the courts; 2) repairing all pop-outs, broken areas and cracks; 3) applying one coat of Plexipave Acrylic Resurfacer with #60 silica (this fills the minor cracks and helps in bonding the new material); 4) applying two coats of Plexipave Acrylic with #90 silica; and 5) pre-coating and striping lines with Plexipave Hi-Hide white line paint. This process provides the best playing surface and life expectancy for the courts. The newly resurfaced courts should last approximately five to eight years.

Keelson Lane Rehabilitation

The \$330,000 Keelson Lane rehabilitation project was successfully completed on Friday, September 27, 2013. The Contractor, Nobest, completed the replacement of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, landscaping in the parkways and street paving three weeks ahead of schedule with little to no impact on the local residents. Included in the Contractor's scope of work is to provide plant establishment and landscape oversight up to one year. Community Development Block Grant funds were used for this project.