

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

October 15, 2012

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Marine Safety

Marine Safety Officers and Lifeguards have been extremely busy as a result of the “endless summer”. Beach attendance has increased by 11%. As a result, ocean rescues have increased more than 500% this year compared to last year (09/04 - 10/08) and medical aids have increased by more than 200% during the same period.

Marine Safety Officer II Matt Karl received a Meritorious Act Award from the United States Lifesaving Association for the emergency care he provided to critically wounded surfer on October 16, 2011.

Huntington Beach Art Center

Zombies will take to the streets this Wednesday for the October 17 Downtown Art Walk. Community members have been learning the Thriller dance in preparation for the Halloween celebrations on Main Street, with upcoming performances including Surf City Nights on October 30 and Halloween Fest on October 31. Please join us at the Electric chair for the first performance of the season.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is my Park

On Wednesday, October 17, Mama's 39 Restaurant (corner of Beach Boulevard and Atlanta Avenue in Huntington Beach) is giving back 30 % of the tab to Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA). The mission of the HBCOA is to enhance the dignity and quality of life of senior citizens of Huntington Beach. At Monday's City Council meeting, the HBCOA presented a check to the City for \$29,000 to partially fund the Seniors Outreach Care Management program. Anyone who eats or takes out food on October 17 and PRESENTS THE OFFICIAL MAMA'S – HBCOA FLYER will have 30 % of their tab (including all beverage types) donated to HBCOA. You do not have to be a member of HBCOA. Come out that day or evening and give HBCOA your support. Flyers can be printed off the HBCOA website www.hbcoa.org/events or picked up at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. Please feel free to copy the flyer and give it out to all your friends and neighbors. For information, call 714-536-9387.



Central Park Sports Complex

The Huntington Central Park Sports Complex continues to be the site of quite a bit of activity. So far in the month of October the Sports Complex has been host to the annual Red Robin company softball tournament, the Cheesecake Factory's annual soccer tournament, Guns and Hoses, AmCom and PSTS adult softball groups, and the Surf City Showcase youth fast pitch softball tournament. This is in addition to the 230-plus adult softball teams that use the site for regular league play, numerous youth and adult soccer groups that hold practices and training for their teams, the US Youth Volleyball organization playing games, the batting cages, and the 30 teams playing in the City's Arena Soccer league. All these activities have kept the

place busy and well utilized. For information on field rentals, adult leagues, or the batting cages, please call 714-536-5230.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Huntington Beach Lofts to Start Construction

The Huntington Beach Lofts (formally known as the "Rip Curl Project"), located at the corner of Center Avenue and Gothard Street will begin construction in December with the demolition of the existing structure and parking area. Completion of the first building is scheduled for August 2014; the final building in April 2015. The project will consist of 384 multi-family apartment units, approximately 10,000 square feet of commercial/retail space. If you have any questions regarding the project or site, you can contact the Contractor - Cobalt Construction - John Kampen at (805) 577-6222 or the Project Manager Alex Wong at (949) 733-2000.

Hobby Lobby Grand Opening on October 19th

Hobby Lobby, located at 7202 Edinger Avenue (near the intersection of Edinger and Goldenwest) will open on Friday October 19. There will be a ribbon cutting on October 22 at 9:00 a.m. Hobby Lobby is a retailer selling arts and crafts supplies, fabrics, baskets, silk flowers, needlework, picture framing, party supplies, furniture, and related items. Hobby Lobby has over 60,000 products including crafting supplies, home accents, custom frames, gift ideas and more.

FIRE

Halloween Safety Tips

For Parents:

- Young children should be accompanied by an adult for trick or treating.
- Trick-or-Treater's should wear light colored costumes that fit properly to avoid trips or falls. Place strips of reflective tape on the front and back of children's costumes so they can easily be seen by motorists.
- Use hypoallergenic, non-toxic make-up instead of a mask which can limit or block vision.
- Check all treats prior to giving them to children. Do not allow children to eat unwrapped or homemade treats.
- Carry a cell phone in case you need to make an emergency call.

For the Youth going out without an Adult:

- Make sure your child is in a group of at least three people.
- Provide a map outlining a route to follow and the boundaries they must stay in.
- Provide a cell phone for emergencies and for giving information on their location.
- Give them a flashlight.
- Set a curfew and make sure they have a watch with them.
- Remind the children
 - Not enter anyone's house when trick or treating and don't visit houses that are not well lit.

- Always use crosswalks and be cautious when crossing the street.
- Stay on the sidewalk when possible. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the side of the road facing traffic.
- Not to eat any candy until an adult has checked the treats.

For Homeowners:

- Turn outdoor lights on and replace burnt-out bulbs.
- Remove items from your yard or porch that might be a hazard.
- Sweep leaves from your steps and sidewalk.
- As an alternative to candles to light pumpkins, try a battery-operated candle or a flashlight. If you do use a candle, do not leave the pumpkin unattended.
- Consider other options such as stickers, erasers, yo-yos, etc. instead of candy.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know the City website has its own custom mini Google search engine? This search engine searches information that is contained only on the City website. By using this custom search engine, users will not get search results from other websites. Visitors use this search engine over 14,000 times a month. The search box is located on the top right side of every web page on the site: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HB READS Student Essay Contest

October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness month. With the support of HB Reads and in honor of their 2013 book selection, Thirteen Reasons Why, BARE (Bully Awareness Resistance Education, Inc) is sponsoring a student essay contest. The theme is "What Adults Should Know about Bullying." It is open to students ages 12 through 18, living within the Huntington Beach School Districts area. Entries forms and complete rules are available online at www.barethebully.org and www.hbpl.org . Entry forms are also available at the Central Library Children's Desk. Essays may be emailed to barecontest@ladylawca.com or sent by US Mail to BARE, 16541 Gothard St., Suite 106, Huntington Beach, CA 92647. All entries must be received or postmarked by midnight on November 10, 2012. First, Second and Third places winners will receive Visa gift cards.

Library Literacy Grant Awards

Literacy Services is the library division that recruits and trains volunteer tutors, matching them with adults interested in improving their English language skills for greater success at home, at work, and in the community. This important program recently received two grants to help them continue this vital service. Literacy Services received a \$5,000 grant from the Disney VoluntEARS Community Fund. Literacy Board of Directors member Amy Brennan nominated the organization for this award and her continued work on behalf of literacy is greatly appreciated. Another grant comes from the Romance Writers of America. Each year, RWA donates proceeds from their annual conference book signing event to ProLiteracy, a national organization that champions the power of literacy. ProLiteracy selected two local organizations to share this year's award—Huntington Beach Library Literacy & READ/Orange

County. HB Library Literacy's share of the award was \$11,141. Supporters of Literacy Services express their thanks to Mary McGonigel and all of ProLiteracy.

Friends of the Library November Luncheon

The Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library are hosting an author's luncheon at the Central Library Thursday, November 8. The guests are Anne Cherian, author of A Good Indian Wife and The Invitation, and Sandi Tan, whose first novel is The Black Isle. Book sales and signings will be available before and after the program which begins at 12:00 noon.

Tickets are \$20 and seating is limited. Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or drop off at the Friends Gift Shop. Payment for reservations must be received no later than Friday, November 2. For more information contact the Friends of the Library at (714) 375-8429.

Teen Read Week - Oct. 14 - 20, 2012

Teen Read Week dares teens to read for the fun of it with this year's theme "It Came from the Library!" Teen Read Week is a time to celebrate reading and to encourage teens to become regular library users and take advantage of reading in all its forms—books, magazines, graphic novels, e-books, audiobooks and more.

The Teen Space young adult section at the Huntington Beach Central Library is the place to go for popular teen series like Gossip Girl, Hunger Games, Alex Rider, and Ranger's Apprentice, as well as manga series like Naruto, Case Closed, and Sailor Moon. The Teen magazine kiosk offers Transworld Skateboarding and Seventeen, while the Teen Computer Lab provides one-hour of free computer use per day for students ages 13-18 who have a Huntington Beach library card to start on homework or connect with their Facebook and Twitter friends. Check it out today!

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator

On October 17, 2012, at 1:30PM in Room B-8, the Zoning Administrator will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 12-03, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-05, VARIANCE NO. 12-06, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 17481 (SUNSET MIXED USE) – CONTINUED FROM THE OCTOBER 3, 2012 MEETING): **Applicant**: Jeff Bergsma, Team Design **Property Owner**: Brett Blanchard **Request**: **CDP/CUP**: To permit the demolition of a vacant drive-thru restaurant and construction of a four-story, 48 ft. 6 in. high, approximately 38,400 sq. ft. mixed-use building consisting of one visitor-serving commercial retail unit and one live work unit on the ground floor and a total of 12 residential units on the second, third, and fourth floors. Parking for the mixed-use building will be provided in an at-grade and subterranean parking garage that includes 13 surface level spaces and 20 subterranean spaces. **VAR**: To allow an overall building height of 48 ft. 6 in. in lieu of a maximum height of 45 ft. permitted. The portions of the building exceeding the 45 ft. height limit result from three fourth floor mezzanine areas that comprise 8.4% (764 sq. ft.) of the subject building's overall roof area. **TTM**: To permit the

consolidation of three lots into one lot measuring approximately 11,378 sq. ft. of net lot area for condominium purposes. The project will result in one commercial, one live/work, and 12 residential condominium units. **Location:** 818 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (northeast corner of Pacific Coast Highway and 9th Street) **Project Planner:** Ethan Edwards

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-17 (METRO PCS COMMUNICATION FACILITY):

Applicant: Tanner Young, The Derna Group **Property Owner:** Philip Hickerson, Southern California Edison **Request:** To permit the installation of an unmanned wireless communication facility on an existing 121 foot tall Southern California Edison transmission tower, consisting of a total of six (6) panel antennas and three (3) parabolic antennas at a height of 50 feet in lieu of a maximum height of 45 feet permitted. This project will include new support equipment that entails an at-grade equipment cabinet within a new eight foot high block wall enclosure constructed directly beneath the transmission tower. **Location:** 20338 Ravenwood Lane, 92647 (north of Warwick Drive, west of Santa Ana River in the existing nursery north of Le Bard Park) **Project Planner:** Rosemary Medel

TEMPORARY USE PERMIT NO. 12-02 (HOME DEPOT OUTDOOR SALES EVENT):

Applicant: Jason Malone, Home Depot **Property Owner:** Gregg Haulk, Superintendent, Huntington Beach Union High School District **Request:** To allow a maximum 50-day temporary outdoor retail sales event located within an existing parking lot adjacent to the Home Depot retail center for a five year period (2012-2016). **Location:** 7100 Warner Avenue, 92647 (southeast corner of Warner Avenue at Goldenwest Street) **Project Planner:** Hayden Beckman

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-15 (SMITH FRONT YARD WALL): **Applicant/**

Property Owner: Vanessa Smith **Request:** To permit the construction of approximately 24 linear- foot wall with 42 inch high pilasters and a gate measuring 3 feet 3 inches high in lieu of a maximum height of 1 foot 6 inches permitted within 3 feet of the front property line. **Location:** 422 7th Street (southeast of 7th Street and Pecan Avenue) **Project Planner:** Hayden Beckman

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 12-12 (O'BRYAN RESIDENCE): **Applicant:**

Jay Earl, Jay Earl Design **Property Owner:** Rick O'Bryan **Request:** To permit an increase of more than 10% of internal floor area for a proposed 704 square feet, two-story addition and a 105 square feet garage addition to an existing two-story, 2,915 square feet single-family residence with a 445 square feet detached garage. The proposed two-story addition will result in a permanent attachment between the garage and main residence. **Location:** 16911 Edgewater Lane, 92649 (south of Favenport Drive, west of Edgewater Lane). **Project Planner:** Andrew Gonzales.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers Rescue Distressed Swimmers

On October 11 at 1:39 AM, the Huntington Beach Police Department received a call of two swimmers in distress under the pier. One of our first arriving officers, with previous ocean lifeguarding experience, entered the sixty-six degree water and was able to reach one of the distressed swimmers bringing them safely to shore.

Anaheim Police Department's Helicopter arrived to assist and located the second victim floating unconscious in the surf at Tower 4. Our Officer re-entered the water with a firefighter and performed a second rescue in the surf, bringing in the unconscious male. The victim was treated at the scene then transported to Hoag hospital where he later died.

The first swimmer rescued was a Good Samaritan, attempting to rescue the unconscious victim. It appears the victim entered the water with friends before becoming distressed. The victim's friends were not proficient enough swimmers to assist the victim and summoned help. An investigation is underway to determine if alcohol played a role in the victim entering the ocean at 1:30 in the morning. The identities of the victims and involved parties are not being released at this time.

Red Ribbon Week — October 21-27, 2012

Every 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, in fact. That's why 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. Together, by engaging youth, parents, and the community to prevent underage drinking and support the minimum drinking age of 21, we can reduce the deaths and injuries that come from underage drinking.

MADD is excited to announce that during Red Ribbon Week they will be unveiling their new *Power of You(th)*[™] booklet. The booklet will help teens understand the dangers of underage drinking and show them that their futures are not worth the risks associated with drinking alcohol before 21. Whether you are a teen, parent or educator use your power to make a difference and save lives during Red Ribbon Week and always.

PUBLIC WORKS

ADA Accessibility Improvements at the Civic Center

On October 15, City Council awarded a construction contract to make ADA improvements to the Civic Center to better accommodate individuals with disabilities. The Public Works Department was awarded funding under the Community Development Block Grant program for the construction of ADA Improvements at the Civic Center. The work was planned in consultation with a licensed architect and accessibility specialist. This project includes, but is not limited to, accessible parking and path of travel from the east parking lot to the first floor lobby, glass separation wall at the first floor lobby to allow after-hours use of elevator and accessibility to lower lobby and Council Chambers, accessibility improvements to City

Council Chambers and Caucus room, restrooms, ramps, elevators, drinking fountains, public service counters, doors and signage. A complete set of plans and specifications are available at Public Works Engineering.

Distance Derby Street Closures

On Sunday, October 21 the City of Huntington Beach will be hosting the Annual Distance Derby 10 mile run, supporting Project Self Sufficiency. The event will take place on several of our local streets with street closures beginning at 4:00 AM and the street reopening at about 10:00 AM. The primary streets closed during the event are Pacific Coast Highway, between Beach Boulevard and Warner Avenue; Seapoint Street; and Garfield Avenue, between Edwards Street and Seapoint Street. Access to other streets intersecting these street closure locations will also be affected during the event. Traffic will be detoured around the closures. Motorists should anticipate delays and avoid travel through the area if possible. More information is available at www.beachderby.com.

Main Street and Garfield Avenue Rehabilitation

Work on the Main Street and Garfield Avenue rehabilitation project will begin the week of October 15 and be completed by late January 2013. Main Street, from Utica Avenue to Adams Avenue, and Garfield Avenue from Delaware Street to Beach Blvd. were last rehabilitated in 1972. The projects consist of asphalt rehabilitation including: grinding the existing pavement, removing failed roadway sections, and overlaying the street with rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC). Improvements also include limited replacement of concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk, and access ramps where needed.

A two-inch layer of RAC uses over 2,000 waste tires per lane mile. The project will divert more than 3400 waste tires that would otherwise end up in a landfill. Including this project, the use of RAC in the rehabilitation of the City's arterial streets has resulted in the diversion of over 239,000 waste tires.