

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

October 17, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Human Relations Task Force Member Vacancies

The City of Huntington Beach is seeking citizens to serve on the city's volunteer Human Relations Task Force. The mission of the Human Relations Task Force is to promote and celebrate diversity through education and understanding. The Human Relations Task Force meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:45 P.M. Participants may also serve on a variety of working committees that support the mission. If interested in becoming a member, please submit your application by October 25 on-line at http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/. For further information regarding the Human Relations Task Force, go to the City's website at: <http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/hrtf>.

"Learn to Swim" Classes

Fall "Learn to Swim" classes are still available at the City Gym and pool beginning the week of October 24 for Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday classes. Registration is available on line at www.hbsands.org or in person at your local Community Center! The City Gym and Pool also offers recreational swim from 7:00-8:00 P.M. for children and adults and 8:00-8:30 P.M. for adults only, every Monday and Wednesday night. The cost to swim is \$2 per person. For more information, please contact the City Gym and Pool at (714)960-8884.

See's Candy

The Community Senior Serv lunch program at the Michael E. Rodger's Seniors Center is selling See's Candy to benefit the senior lunch program. The candy is discounted to \$14.60/lb, an almost \$2.00 savings off the retail price. For delivery by December 8, just in time for Christmas, pre-paid orders for candy are being taken now through November 21 at the Michael E. Rodgers lunchroom, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. Community Senior Serv provides a hot lunch at the senior center each weekday for a recommended donation of \$2.50 for older adults 60+ and a cost of \$3.50 for those less than 60 years of age. For more information, call 714-536-8404.

Art Center

The Huntington Beach Art Center was honored to be named for presenting the Best Exhibition of the Year by the OC Weekly. The exhibition of **Economy Portraits** created by artist Gina Genis was presented during the Art Center's Artist in Residence program in March 2011. The project featured portraits taken by Genis that included a statement by the subject on how the economy has affected them. Portraits were hung in rows across the gallery and a full wall size American flag was created with additional portraits. The images and statements were visually and emotionally compelling, as they echoed the experience of people throughout the country.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

"Halloween Fest" in Downtown Huntington Beach

Join in the fun as Downtown Huntington Beach becomes HBoo Spooky Town. The Downtown Huntington Beach Business Improvement District is hosting "Halloween Fest" on October 31 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. This free event will take place Downtown in the 100 to 300 blocks of Main Street and 100 block of 5th Street. Come dressed in your scariest Halloween costume. For more details visit http://www.hb-downtown.com/HALLOWEEN_FEST.html.

Habitat for Humanity

The City and Orange County Habitat for Humanity have begun construction on two homes located on Patterson Lane. On October 15 volunteers and families gathered to start the 45-day "Blitz Build" construction on the two homes, an ambitious schedule to have the families in their homes by the holiday season. With assistance from the City, one home will be sold to a low-income family and the other home sold to a moderate-income family in order to provide workforce housing for families to live and work in Huntington Beach. For more information or to volunteer please contact Gladys Hernandez (Habitat) at (714) 434-6200 ext. 229 or visit: www.habitatoc.org.

Surf City Savings

Surf City Savings, a discount program offered by the city, is free of charge for Huntington Beach businesses to participate in and is intended to help keep our spending dollars local. Visit: www.surfcity-savings.com to print out various discounts from categories including dining, retail/shopping, health & beauty, services, and leisure/recreational. Take your discount to the merchant, and save, save, save. The newest businesses to have signed up are Orange County Offroad & Auto Repair, offering free diagnostics including: check engine light, problems with noises, running fluid leaks, electrical, brake, A/C and more. Luminaire Images Photography is offering 25% off their basic portrait collection. Huntington Beach Hot Yoga is offering \$20 for 20 days of unlimited yoga. Great deals keeping us shopping in Huntington Beach.

Citizen Participation Advisory Board Members Sought

The City of Huntington Beach is seeking residents to serve on the Citizens Participation Advisory Board (CPAB) to fill three (3) vacancies. CPAB assesses the needs of low and moderate income households and evaluates and prioritizes funding for the Community Development Block Grant program to the City Council. CPAB holds regular monthly meetings, generally on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in Room B-8 of City Hall. Citizens interested in applying to serve on the CPAB may apply online at: www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/boards_commissions or call Denise Bazant, Administrative Aide at (714) 536-5470.

FIRE

Halloween Safety Tips

For Parents:

- Young children should be accompanied by an adult for trick or treating.

- Trick-or-Treaters 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

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

View city meetings, events and activities on the City Calendar page:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/calendar/>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Holiday Gift Ideas at the Library

Do some holiday shopping and support the library and at the same time! The library offers several options.

- Library tile gift certificates are a unique and personalized gift idea; a library tile painted by the receiver will be fired and added to the wall in the Children's Area, a permanent addition to be viewed again and again in coming years.
- The Annual Taste of Huntington Beach takes place on April 29, 2012, and a gift certificate to a foodie makes a memorable gift. (Available starting November 28 – gift certificates can also be purchase online at www.tastehb.com). Money raised will go towards "Books for Kids."
- A new opportunity to support the library aquarium! Purchase a ceramic fish that can be personalized and adhered to the new ocean mural wall just outside the Tabby Theater. This will be viewed by children and their parents again and again.
- Also consider gifting an annual membership to "Friends of the Library" or a "Friends of the Children's Library" to a friend or family member.

For more information about these and other gift ideas, please visit www.hbpl.org or call 714-842-4481, and ask for the Children's Area or Library Administration.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator

On October 19, 2011, the Zoning Administrator will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

- 1) **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-017 (MIKE THAI BROS. BISTRO – ALCOHOL SALES)** to review a proposal to permit the onsite sales, service, and consumption of alcohol within an existing 1,200 sq. ft. eating and drinking establishment (8935 Atlanta Avenue, 92646 - northwest corner at Magnolia St.) Contact Jill Arabe, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;
- 2) **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-019 (LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION - COLUMBARIUM)** to review a proposal to permit the construction and maintenance of two (approximately 20 sq. ft. in area and 10 ft. 6 in. high) outdoor columbariums to be located within the courtyard area of an existing church facility (9812 Hamilton Avenue, 92646 - west of Brookhurst Street, south side of Hamilton Avenue). Contact Andrew Gonzales, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;

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

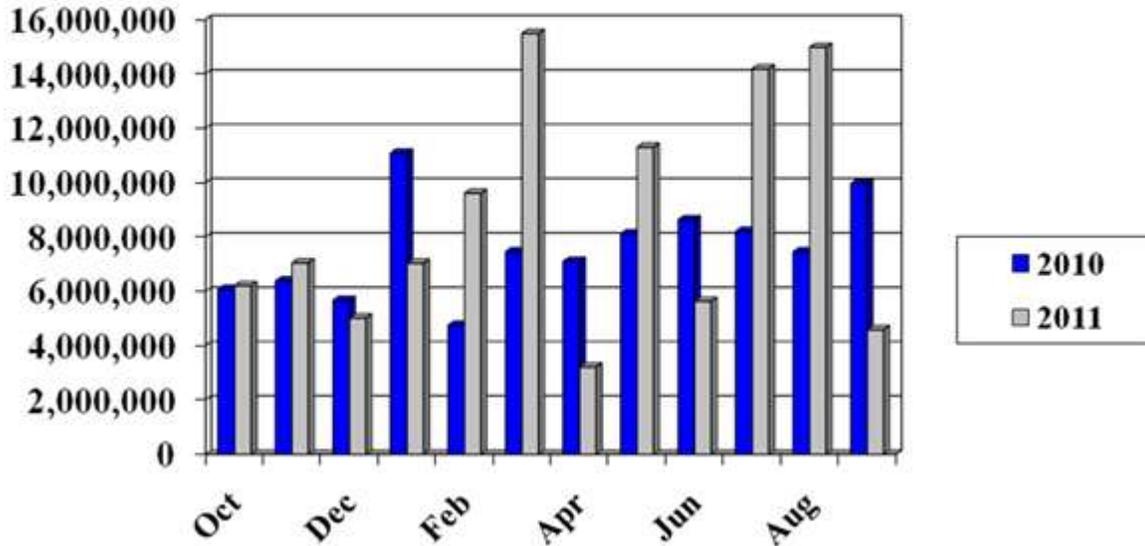
Construction Valuation for Fiscal Year 10/11 finished up 14% over FY09/10

The 10/11 year-end total was \$104,238,053 compared to \$91,049,312 in FY09/10. No real market trend has presented itself. Commercial alterations/tenant improvements and residential miscellaneous (Block walls, reroof, window replacement, etc) were the leading segments in fiscal year 2010/2011.

(See chart on next page)

Construction Valuation (\$)

Residential, Commercial & Industrial



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Coyote and Other Wildlife Information

Many residents in Huntington Beach and all of Orange County experience occasional visits from local wildlife, especially those that reside in newly developed neighborhoods or areas next to protected parks and wilderness trails. During the spring time, these visits may become more frequent as this is the breeding season for many wild animals. While some residents understand that wildlife is being pushed from their natural habitat and take pleasure in these visits, many consider them a nuisance because of late night forages in trash cans, messes left behind, and the occasional "setting up camp" in or around one's property.

The City of Huntington Beach contracts with OC Animal Care for animal services. OC Animal Care receives many calls about wildlife from residents throughout the year. In an effort to alleviate their concerns, we have some helpful tips to discourage wildlife activity in their neighborhoods.

- Keep pet food indoors and do not leave food of any kind outside at night. Food left out at night will be taken as a welcome invitation by wildlife, and may prompt a future visit.
- Keep cats and small dogs indoors or in the close presence of an adult.
- Remove any fruit which has fallen to the ground.
- Store trash in covered, heavy-duty containers.

- Keep yards free from potential shelter such as thick brush and weeds, and enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.
- Eliminate garbage, debris, lumber piles, etc.
- Check fencing and try to eliminate access points to roof tops.
- Change automatic sprinkler settings regularly.

Taking these preventive measures should help in deterring wildlife from visiting your property. Please remember that if the three (3) life sustaining elements are available (food, water, and shelter), you are likely to encounter some wildlife in your area.

OC Animal Care will respond to situations regarding any wildlife that is sick, injured, dead, or has had physical contact with a human or domestic animal. For more information on the laws pertaining to urban wildlife and their protection visit the Department of Fish and Game's website at www.dfg.ca.gov.

More specific information on coyotes is available at:

<http://egov.ocgov.com/vgnfiles/ocgov/OC%20Animal%20Care/Docs/regulatory/coyotes.pdf>

The contact information for OC Animal Care is:

- **Hours of operation:**
8:00am-5:00pm daily
(714) 935-6848 or (949) 249-5160
5:00pm-8:00am nightly
(714) 935-7158

In an emergency, call 911.

PUBLIC WORKS

Caltrans Beach Boulevard Paving Project Underway

Caltrans has started construction on the Beach Boulevard Paving Project between Ellis Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. The project includes construction of a rubberized asphalt overlay over the entire roadway and all new striping. The work between Ellis Avenue and Adams Avenue will take place during the evening and early morning hours (9:00 pm to 5:30 am) while the work between Adams Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway will generally take place during the day between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm. Southbound lane closures between Adams Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway will take place between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm Monday through Friday while northbound lane closures in this same stretch will be restricted to 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. A minimum of at least one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times. Construction completion is expected before the end of this year.

Edison Park, Phase I Construction is Complete

The Edison Park, Phase I project is now complete. Phase 1 includes a new parking lot and drop off area situated between the Magnolia Fire Station and the Community Center as well

as re-grading on the southeastern portion of the park to allow for 3 new lighted practice soccer fields and additional landscaping. The new practice fields will be fenced off for an additional 90 days to allow for time for the new sod to grow and limit potential damage caused by any activities. Final cost for the project was approximately \$785,000.

Newland Street Rehabilitation

The City of Fountain Valley recently started rehabilitation of Newland Street (from Garfield Avenue to Heil Avenue). Since the west half of the street falls within Huntington Beach City Limit, the City has entered into a cooperative agreement with Fountain Valley in order to fund improvements in our City. The project utilizes rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) which contains crumb rubber derived from 100% California waste tires. It is anticipated that the overall project will divert approximately 3,000 waste tires. Including this project, the use of RAC in the rehabilitation of the City's arterial streets has resulted in the diversion of over 220,000 waste tires. The use of RAC not only prolongs the design life of the street, but also provides a quieter environment for the adjacent residents. The project is scheduled to be completed prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday.