

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**October 22, 2012**

## CITY CLERK

### **Early Voting -- Monday, October 22, 2012 to Tuesday, October 30, 2012**

Early Voting is a great opportunity for those who have a busy schedule on Election Day (November 6th) or just want to avoid the Election Day rush. While there is no early voting site in Huntington Beach, there are two located in the neighboring cities of Fountain Valley and Seal Beach:

#### **Fountain Valley**

10200 Slater Ave.

Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Mon-Fri [7a-5p] CLOSED WEEKENDS

Located in City Clerk office. Parking is in front of City Hall.

#### **Seal Beach**

211 8th Street

Seal Beach, CA 90740

Mon-Fri [8a-5p] CLOSED WEEKENDS

Located at the City Clerk office. Park on 8th Street in front of the City Hall building.

Any registered voter in Orange County may go to any location. Here is the link to all of the OC early voting locations:

<http://www.ocvote.com/voting/current-election-info/2012-presidential-general-election-info/early-voting-locations/>

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

Huntington Beach Senior Services is seeking volunteers for the Home Delivered Meals program. In their own vehicle, volunteers deliver meals from the Senior Outreach Center to older residents one weekday between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Volunteers give back to the community, brighten someone's day, have fun, and meet interesting people. Because of the dedicated team of volunteers, Huntington Beach has a thriving senior center and outreach center with a wide range of services, activities, and classes. For more information on Home Delivered Meals or other volunteer opportunities, contact Diane Swarts, Volunteer Coordinator, 714-374-1544, or [dswarts@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:dswarts@surfcity-hb.org).



### **Halloween Pumpkin Carving and Costume Contest**

Don't miss out! The Halloween Pumpkin Carving and Costume Contest is this Saturday, October 27, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the City Gym and Pool. Participants are invited to dress in their scariest costume and make a jack-o-lantern come to life! This fun and spooky event is only \$15 for the whole

family, which includes one pumpkin, safety carving kit, and refreshments. Additional pumpkins can be purchased at the door. Registration will be taken at the City Gym and Pool all week. For questions or more details, please call the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884.

### **Project Self Sufficiency (PSS)**

The Surf City Beach Derby and PSS teamed up for the second year for a fundraising event to help single parent families become self-reliant. Derby runners and walkers gathered on Pacific Coast Highway and Main Street, just as the rain-clouds parted over Pier Plaza! Thousands of runners, walkers, and obstacle course joggers came together for a morning of camaraderie and fun, while raising funds to assist PSS families with individual case management, which helps highly-motivated, low-income, single parents attend school and to work toward permanent independence.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **“HBoo Spooky Town” - 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, 2012, 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. Free candy will be distributed by participating businesses. For more details, visit <http://www.hb-downtown.com/HALLOWEENFEST.html>.

Take advantage of the free parking at the Civic Center on Halloween night. The Surf City Downtown Shuttle will operate from 5:30-10:00 pm. Hop on board the Surf City Downtown Shuttle for a fun ride to the downtown.

### **FINANCE**

#### **Huntington Beach's Financial Health is Strong**

Moody's Investor Services announced it is conducting a review of 32 California cities for potential credit rating downgrades. The City of Huntington Beach was one of the cities listed.

The City of Huntington Beach embraces and welcomes the opportunity to discuss its strong financial health with Moody's Investor Services. It is our hope that the multi-pronged approach used by the City over the past five years to cut spending, increase General Fund revenue, promote economic development and negotiate employee concessions will restore confidence to the rating agencies and its investors.

The City of Huntington Beach is pleased to announce that its FY 2011/12 General Fund revenue, in several major categories, has reached high levels of performance. As of the City's most recently audited financial statements, General Fund revenue reached \$186.6 million, an increase of almost \$6 million from the prior year, at a time when many cities are still struggling financially. Last year, the City of Huntington Beach added \$2.7 million to its emergency reserves.

The City of Huntington Beach's financial health is strong, and in a position to meet its financial obligations, including its long-term commitment to Wall Street and its investors.

## FIRE

### 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. Approximately 500 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 "Have Two Ways Out"

The kids were able to spray water from a fire hose, try on turnouts, spend time with Sparky the Fire Dog, and receive fire helmets and stickers thanks to donations by local businesses.

The Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association provided hot dogs and chips while the Fire Management Association provided bottled water. CERT and RACES shared information with the public, and Search & Rescue Explorers, Boy Scouts and administrative staff volunteers assisted with the event. Be sure to check out the video on You Tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gn8wmZ8MvFs>

## INFORMATION SERVICES

### City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know the City website contains information about the upcoming election? You can view a list of early voting locations, Council Candidate forum video, Information on the proposed local ballot measures and voting information. To view this information, click on "Election Information" on the left side of homepage:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected\\_officials/city\\_clerk/election\\_voter\\_info/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/city_clerk/election_voter_info/)

## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### New App for eBooks!

As eBooks and eReaders grow in popularity, booksellers and libraries are working hard to meet demand. The Huntington Beach Library has a quickly growing and very popular eBook collection through a provider called Overdrive. The array of devices available and their varied operating systems have proven challenging for publishers, booksellers, libraries and readers but new technology continues to bring some order to this still chaotic industry. This week's announcement by Overdrive of a new App available for the Kindle Fire is an example of how the process of borrowing eBooks is getting simpler. Kindle Fire users can download the App from their App store, then search the library's collection, pick books, and checkout without opening a separate browser window. Similar Apps are now available for the iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Whichever eReader someone uses, they can keep an eye out for new

Apps that make borrowing even easier from libraries that use the popular Overdrive service. Getting a new book has never been easier.

### **Ukulele Fun!**

Visitors to the Huntington Beach Library will notice something new in the Media department – ukuleles! The library is loaning fun, educational sets that include a ukulele along with an instructional booklet and DVD. Library users who would like to explore playing an instrument can take the ukulele home, learn to strum a few tunes and share some music with their friends and families. In addition to these sets, the library has songbooks, instructional materials and a history of this terrific little instrument. Come see what's new!

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **Planning Commission**

On October 23, 2012, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

**ENTITLEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 12-007 (AMENDMENTS TO SITE PLAN, FLOOR PLANS, AND ELEVATIONS APPROVED UNDER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 02-20/COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 02-12/SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 02-04/TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 16338 - PACIFIC CITY RESIDENTIAL)** **Applicant and Property Owner:** Chaim Elkoby, 21002 HB, LLC  
**Request:** To amend the site plan, floor plans, and elevations for a 516 unit multi-family residential development originally approved under Conditional Use Permit No. 02-20, Special Permit No. 02-04, Coastal Development Permit No. 02-12, and Tentative Tract Map No. 16338 for the Pacific City project. The Pacific City project is approved for 191,100 square feet of retail, office, restaurant, cultural, and entertainment uses; an eight-story 250 room hotel, spa, and health club; a 2.03 acre open space/park easement; and 516 multifamily residential units above subterranean parking. The applicant proposes to amend plans for the 17.23 acre residential portion only at this time. The proposed modifications include redesigning the cluster building layout, relocating the public open space from the center of the project to the northern edge of Pacific View Avenue while maintaining the previous 2.03 acre size, relocating the pedestrian corridor from the middle to the perimeter, expanding the common recreational area within the project center, rearranging the layout of the two levels of subterranean parking, and complying with the previous Special Permit requests to allow encroachments of retaining walls and private patio wall in the required perimeter residential setback areas and to exceed maximum parking ramp slopes. Access points to the project and the subterranean parking remain the same. The proposed project also includes amendments to the floor plans and elevations. Changes to the elevations, building colors and materials consist of amending the project design from traditional Mediterranean to a contemporary, modern aesthetic. Although the original project was approved as condominiums the applicant intends to lease the units as apartments at this time. Overall, the original count of 516 multi-family units remains the same. **Location:** 21002 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (bounded by Pacific Coast Highway, First Street, Atlanta Avenue, and Huntington Street) **Project Planner:** Jane James, Senior Planner

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 12-004, ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 08-001, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 08-014, COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 08-008, VARIANCE NO. 11-007, TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 11-138 (HARMONY COVE MARINA DEVELOPMENT)** **Applicant/Property Owner:** Joe Daichendt, Harmony Cove LLC, c/o TheoryR Properties **Request:** **MND:** To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed project and legislative amendment. **ZMA:** To amend the existing zoning designation of the land portion of the site from Residential Low Density–Coastal Zone–Flood Plain 2 (RL-CZ-FP2) to Open Space–Parks and Recreation–Coastal Zone–Flood Plain 2 (OS-PR-CZ-FP2). **CUP:** To permit the development of a 23-boat slip marina, an eating and drinking establishment with outdoor dining and alcoholic beverage sales, ancillary uses to the marina (marina office, retail/rental uses), metered parking, and outdoor display of sale and rental equipment. **CDP:** To “approve in concept” of the development of a 23-boat slip marina, an eating and drinking establishment with outdoor dining and alcoholic beverage sales, ancillary uses to the marina (marina office, retail/rental uses), metered parking, and outdoor display of sale and rental equipment. **VAR:** To permit reductions in required setbacks for buildings, rooftop mechanical equipment, backflow prevention device, trash enclosure, and reductions in minimum landscaping requirements. **TPM:** To subdivide the existing privately-owned portion of the site (1.91 acre parcel) into two parcels (0.94 acre parcel for the marina portion of the site and 0.97 acre for the land portion of the site). **Location:** 3901 Warner Avenue, 92649 (2.28-acre site on the north side of Warner Avenue, west of Weatherly Lane) **Project Planner:** Tess Nguyen

**DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 08-13, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 08-05, ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 08-05, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 17238, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 08-26 (LAMB RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION)** **Applicant:** Michael Adams, Michael C. Adams Associates, and Thomas Grable, Tri Pointe Homes, LLC **Property Owner:** Fountain Valley School District **Request:** **MND:** To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the proposed project. **GPA:** To amend the existing Land Use Element designation of an approximately 11.65-acre site from Public with an underlying designation of Residential Low Density (P-RL) to Residential Low Density (RL-7), which allows a maximum density of seven units per net acre. **ZMA:** To amend the existing zoning designation of an approximately 11.65-acre site from Public-Semipublic (PS) to Residential Low Density (RL) to be consistent with the proposed General Plan Land Use Element designation. **TTM/CUP:** To permit (a) the subdivision of an approximately 11.65-acre site to accommodate 81 numbered lots with reduced lot sizes for new detached single-family homes and eight lettered lots A-H for streets with reduced widths and landscaping; and (b) development of an 81 unit single-family residential subdivision proposed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) with varying lot sizes (min. 3,659 square feet, max. 6,695 square feet) that average approximately 3,600 square feet (45 feet wide by 80 feet deep) in lieu of the minimum 6,000 square feet and 60 feet wide standard for RL (Residential Low Density) lots,

including associated infrastructure and site improvements, and mutual benefits that include offsite sewer, water and storm drain improvements. The request includes a review and analysis for compliance with the Infill Lot Ordinance. The Infill Lot Ordinance encourages adjacent property owners to review proposed development for compatibility/ privacy issues, such as window alignments, building pad height, and floor plan layout. **Location:** 10251 Yorktown Avenue, 92646 (north side of Yorktown Avenue, east of Brookhurst Street) **Project Planner:** Jane James. A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Detective Receives Mayor's Award**

Huntington Beach Police Detective Mike Reilly received the Mayor's Award at the City Council meeting of October 15, 2012. Detective Reilly was sworn in as a Huntington Beach Police Officer on August 30, 1984. He has worked patrol, narcotics, and general investigations. He was a tremendous narcotics investigator with an ability to develop informants.

Detective Reilly was assigned as the lead investigator in two of the homicides both of which were resolved with defendants charged with murder in both instances. Detective Reilly has also embraced working cold cases.

### **Search and Rescue Open House**

Huntington Beach Search & Rescue will be hosting the annual Open House event for the public on October 25 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the Joint Powers Training Center, 18381 Gothard Street. Please join us in celebrating another outstanding year of Exploring and learn about how to become a Search & Rescue Explorer.

See Explorers In Action! Open House Activities Include:

- Explorer Promotional Ceremony
- Explorer Video and Slide show from this year's training
- Training scenarios such as felony car stops, live firefighting and rappelling tactics from the 5-story training tower
- A Police K-9 demonstration
- **Meet staff members and ask questions about becoming an Explorer with Huntington Beach Search & Rescue**

Come join us for some coffee and snacks. For further information, please call 714/536-5485 or [www.HBSAR.org](http://www.HBSAR.org)

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **County to Hold Public Meeting to Discuss Edinger Avenue Bridge**

The County of Orange is preparing plans to replace the timber bridge along Edinger Avenue adjacent to Countess Drive. The existing bridge can no longer support the traffic load it was

originally designed for. The proposed project will replace the existing bridge with concrete to improve public access to the Sunset Aquatic Regional Park.

In an effort to keep the community informed and to receive input, the County will be hosting a community meeting at 7:00 pm on October 30 at the SeaGate Clubhouse on 16011 Bonaire Circle, Huntington Beach. They will discuss the proposed improvements, schedule, and temporary construction impacts.

**Water Main Extension Project on Springdale Street**

On October 15, 2012, City Council awarded a Water Main Extension Project on Springdale Street, from Glenwood Drive to Briarcliff Drive. City staff identified this location whereby approximately 140 single-family residential homes, is currently fed from one point of connection on Springdale Street. Constructing the relatively short segments of new pipe will create a continuous looped system providing service redundancy, eliminating water quality concerns from dead end pipes and enhancing reliability for greater fire protection to this residential area.