

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**October 24, 2011**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Marine Safety**

On Sunday, October 16, a 14 year-old boy surfing with his father, noticed his father in extreme peril after “duck diving” under a wave. The son pulled his father through the surf into shore. At 4:54pm, City Lifeguards received a 911 call from Police Dispatch for man experiencing a heart attack at Tower #20. Marine Safety Officer Matt Karl found the man in shock and experiencing extreme respiratory distress.

As MSO Karl began to administer oxygen, a civilian rescuer noticed a wetsuit laceration high up on the patient’s left leg and that the patient’s wetsuit leg appeared to be swelling. The patient had a punctured femoral artery and was experiencing severe blood loss. MSO Karl handed off airway care to a bystander and immediately applied direct pressure to control the profuse bleeding.

Paramedics arrived on scene and applied a tourniquet and pressure dressing. The patient was quickly transferred to an ambulance for urgent transport to UCI Trauma Center. After emergency surgery, the patient was transferred to the Intensive Care Unit and then to Kaiser Hospital.

### **Huntington Beach Art Center**

It was “The Night of the Dancing Dead” at the HB Downtown Art Walk on Wednesday, October 19 as more than 40 zombies gathered to perform Michael Jackson’s Thriller dance. The Art Center’s “call to zombies” was enthusiastically received by the local community who came out for three rehearsals at the art center. The dance featured the Academy for the Performing Arts dancers surrounded by a community flash mob. The dance was presented in four locations in downtown HB and was picked up by Channels 2, 9, and Fox 11 news as well as the OC Register. HBTv 3 also filmed the event and is available for the community to see on Surf City Highlights. The links below will take you to the newscasts. Enjoy a taste of this thrilling experience!

<http://youtu.be/kJR7TDku02A>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzjX36rnZhM&feature=share>

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/art-322923-routine-students.html?videos>

### **Distance Derby**

The Distance Derby is getting a NEW LOOK and a new race course! On November 6, the new SURF CITY BEACH DERBY will make its debut! The Derby’s famous 10-mile run will be complimented with a new 10k run/walk and for the first time in its 57-year history, the race will be on Pacific Coast Highway showcasing spectacular views of the ocean and coastline. Race proceeds will support Project Self Sufficiency. For more information, visit

[www.beachderby.com](http://www.beachderby.com). Come out and support this local Huntington Beach charity by WALKING WITH US!

### **Project Self Sufficiency**

On October 22, Project Self Sufficiency held a Financial Literacy workshop. Citibank generously donated a grant to provide opportunities for PSS participants to learn about finances, student loan debt, credit card debt, retirement, and getting their financial affairs in order. The event was held at Rodgers Senior Center and catered by Taco & Co. Several banking and financial institutions presented at the workshop. A Scholarship Workshop and a Living Will Clinic will also be offered to participants in the future.

### **Rodgers Seniors Center**

The annual Autumn Health Fair & Free Flu Shot Clinic will be held at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach on Wednesday, November 2, from 8:30am until 12:00pm or while supplies last. Get one shot with double coverage, the H1N1 strain is included with the seasonal flu vaccine. Free health assessments will be offered at the Health Fair. HB Senior Services *Seniors on the Go* will provide transportation to the Health Fair for Huntington Beach seniors. A nurse will board the bus and inoculate older adults from the comfort of their bus seats, no waiting in lines! To schedule transportation, call 714-374-1742.

## **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 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](http://www.hb-downtown.com/HALLOWEEN_FEST.html).

### **Calling All Members – Mobile Home Advisory Board Recruitment**

The Mobile Home Advisory Board (MHAB) is currently seeking applications from Huntington Beach mobile home park owners/park managers, residents and "at-large" residents to fill vacancies on the Board. Board Members currently meet quarterly in January, April, July, and October on the fourth Monday at 6:00 p.m. to review mobile home park issues and provide a forum for communication on matters affecting the city's 18 mobile home parks. There are currently three (3) openings for park owners or their designee; one (1) for a mobile home park resident; and two (2) for 'at-large' residents. Anyone interested in obtaining an application should contact the Economic Development Department at (714) 534-1519. Applications are also available online at [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org).

**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](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/boards_commissions) or call Denise Bazant, Administrative Aide at (714) 536-5470.

**Port of LA to Present Exporting Workshop in HB**

On November 17, 2011, the Port of Los Angeles will present **TradeConnect**, a workshop intended to provide professional guidance and information on the various aspects of exporting. The program will feature experts in trade development from the Port, as well as speakers from the US Department of Commerce, the US Small Business Administration, The LA Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association and the Center for International Trade Development. The workshop will provide information and resources on finding and expanding overseas markets, financing and insuring overseas sales, expert documentation and logistics, and export readiness education and counseling, as well as will provide connections to resource partners and provide opportunities for business networking. The workshop will take place at the Huntington Beach Central Library from 8:30 am-11:30 AM and the cost is \$35 for Chamber members and \$45 for non-members. The program is co-sponsored by the Port of Los Angeles, the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce and the City of Huntington Beach. For more information, and to register, please visit <http://hbchamber.chambermaster.com/Events/details/trade-connect-11-17-2011> or call the Chamber at (714) 536-8888.

**FIRE****Open House**

On October 15, the Fire Department celebrated Fire Prevention Week at the Gothard Fire Station. Approximately 650 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
- Visit an exhibit of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Collect safety information on this year's theme of "Protect your Family from Fire"

Kids were able to spray water from a fire hose, spend time with Sparky, and receive fire helmets, educational coloring books and balloons donated by local businesses.

The Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association provided hot dogs and chips while the Fire Management Association provided the drinks. CERT and RACES shared information with the public while the Search and Rescue Explorers, Boy Scouts, and administrative staff volunteers assisted with the event.

### **Charity Golf Tournament**

The annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots and Firefighters' Spark of Love Charity Golf Tournament will be on Saturday, December 10 at Coyote Hills Golf Course. All golfer packages include donation to Toys for Tots/Spark of Love, green fee, cart fee, range balls and other tournament amenities. Please join in to help bring holiday cheer to underprivileged Orange County kids. For more information, please contact Trevor Tam at 714-672-6800 extension 239 or groupsales@coyotehillsgc.com.

### **INFORMATION SERVICES**

#### **City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips**

Huntington Beach Senior Services provides a broad spectrum of programming and direct services to the senior population of Huntington Beach:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/human\\_services/senior\\_services.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/human_services/senior_services.cfm)

### **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

#### **Recipe Contest Celebrates New Cookbook**

Huntington Beach Public Library and The American Library Association, along with Sterling Epicure, publishers of *The Beekman 1802 Heirloom Cookbook*, is supporting "[The Beekman 1802 Heirloom Recipe Contest](#)" that is being held in honor of the book's release. The contest will offer library patrons a chance to win an all expense-paid trip to meet the book's authors, Discovery-Planet Green reality TV stars Josh Kilmer-Purcell and Brent Ridge – "The Fabulous Beekman Boys" – in Sharon Springs, N.Y., take a tour of the Beekman 1802 Farm and have dinner with Kilmer-Purcell and Ridge. Explaining their emphasis on the participation of the library community in the contest, Ridge and Kilmer-Purcell said, "Libraries are key components to a community, and we hope that the *Beekman 1802 Heirloom Recipe Cookbook* will help each local library develop their own community of cooks who want to share their heirloom recipes and the stories behind them." More information about the contest and how to enter is available at the Library, and at <http://www.pio.ala.org/visibility/?p=3328>.

### **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

#### **Planning Commission**

On October 25, 2011, at 7PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

- 1) **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-018 (TOTAL WINE & MORE)** to review a proposal to permit the offsite sale and limited onsite consumption of alcohol within an existing 23,990 sq. ft. building. The project consists of establishing a specialty food market use pursuant to the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan (SP14) for primarily alcohol sales (wine, beer, and spirits) and related sundries such as cigars, mixers, accessories, and a small assortment of gourmet food. The proposed project also includes approximately 870 sq. ft. of dedicated alcohol education and tasting areas. (16272 Beach Boulevard, 92647 - southeast corner at Stark Drive) Contact Ethan Edwards, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;

- 2) **DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 2008-001 (THE VILLAGE AT BELLA TERRA – CONTINUED FROM THE OCTOBER 11, 2011 MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING OPENED)** to review a proposal to enter into a Development Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and BTDJM Phase II Associates, LLC for a term of 10 years pursuant to a request by BTDJM for The Village at Bella Terra mixed use project, approved for the 10.40-acre site formerly occupied by the Montgomery Wards automotive repair building. The Village at Bella Terra mixed use project consists of 467 multi-family residential units and 30,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space. The applicant requests the development agreement to provide assurances that they may proceed with the project in accordance with existing policies and standards in place at the time of project approval; to automatically extend Tentative Tract Map No. 17261 for 10 years; to agree to process multiple finals maps; to delay payment of for-sale park and dedication in-lieu fees until a later date; and to initially rent the units as apartments then sell as condominiums without being subject to condominium conversion standards (7601 Edinger Avenue - north side of Edinger Avenue, east of Union Pacific Rail Road and west of existing Bella Terra development). Contact Jane James, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;
- 3) **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 10-003 (BEACH AND WARNER MIXED-USE PROJECT – CONTINUED FROM THE APRIL 26, 2011 MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING TO BE OPENED)** to review the environmental impacts associated with the Beach and Warner Mixed Use Project to permit the development of 279 residential units, 29,600 square feet of additional retail space and 6,000 square feet of restaurant space on 9.4 acres (7822-7862 Warner Avenue and 17011-17091 Beach Boulevard, 9.4-acre L-shaped site on the southwest corner of Beach Boulevard and Warner Avenue). Contact Rosemary Medel, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;
- 4) **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 11-001 (AMENDING CHAPTER 233 SIGNS-TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS)** to review a proposal to amend Chapter 233 Signs, Section 233.08 Exempt Signs, of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance to change the regulations pertaining to the posting and removal of election signs or political signs (subsection O, Temporary Signs). Contact Rosemary Medel, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;

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

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Help prevent a crime while shopping**

The holiday shopping season appears to be getting off to an early start this year. The malls and shops are all advertising and enticing shoppers to get out early. Keep in mind, the thieves know this too!

- Keep valuables and packages out of sight in your vehicle.
- Keep your vehicle locked.
- If you see people acting suspiciously around vehicles, call the police.

While this may sound like common sense, most items stolen from vehicles were left in plain sight, and the vehicle was left unlocked. These simple steps will make a difference.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Water Main Extension Projects At Various Locations Completed**

Three Water Main Extension Projects at various locations throughout the City have been completed. These projects were located on Holburn Drive near Brookhurst Street, on Springdale Street north of McFadden Avenue, and on Beach Boulevard north of Yorktown Avenue. Collectively, the projects involved the installation of approximately 470 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch diameter pipelines. The projects eliminated dead-end water mains by providing looped water mains. The newly looped water mains provide adjacent customers or subdivision tracts a redundant water supply, which increases the distribution system reliability. In addition, looped water mains provide better water circulation and eliminate concerns with stagnant water. Cost for all three pipeline segments was approximately \$160,000.

**Time to Adjust Irrigation**

With the cooler winter months around the corner, residents are encouraged to adjust their irrigation schedules accordingly. Be Water Wise!

