

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

October 28, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

Did you know you can make decisions regarding medical service you prefer in the event you are unable to speak for yourself? Learn more at *Advance Directive – You Call the Shots*, a presentation by Beth Hamblton, Senior Program Relations Liaison at Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach, on Wednesday, October 30 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Learn what an Advance Directive is, why it's important to have one, how to complete it, and who to give it to before you need medical care. Advance Directives and light refreshments will be provided. To reserve your seat, visit www.memorialcare.org or call 1-800-memorial (1-800-636-6742).

Senior Surf Invitational

Despite fog cloaking the Huntington Beach Pier, excitement built as competitors waxed boards and donned wetsuits. On Saturday, October 26, six men's divisions and one women's division of healthy, active seniors participated in the Third Annual Senior Surf Invitational. Ranging in age from 50 to 88, these surfers displayed their athleticism and vigor as they conquered the waves. Partnering with Huntington Beach Senior Services to ensure the longevity and success of such an occasion were the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, Memorial Care Medical Group, Huntington Surf and Sport, and Body Glove. Local restaurants and businesses joined in the fun, too, by donating prizes and drawing winners. The top scoring wave warriors were Harry Handy, Tim Whalen, John Wilson, Rick Karren, Roy Crump, John Cronin, and Kim Hamrock. For more information on activities and events for adults view the *Outlook Newsletter* online at www.hbcoa.org, call 714-536-9387, or visit the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue.



Halloween Pumpkin Carving and Costume Contest

On Saturday, October 26, the Huntington Beach Community Services Department hosted its second annual Halloween Haunted House, Pumpkin Carving, and Costume Contest. Families participated in the spooky haunted house, arts and crafts, face painting, games, and of course, pumpkin carving. Children were dressed in creative costumes and paraded around the City Gym and Pool for all to see. The pumpkin-carving contest was a success with over 25 carved pumpkins with designs of the traditional Jack-O-Lantern, scary jagged teeth, and many more. The top three pumpkins and costumes were given trophies and everyone had a chance to spend this special Halloween event as a family.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Visit HB Spookytown

Enjoy Halloween in Downtown Huntington Beach as it transforms into HB Spookytown from 4:00-8:00 p.m. This free annual event features a variety of family-friendly attractions, including rides, games, entertainment, a petting zoo, and of course...candy! There will also

be spooky times on 5th Street at The Haunted Strand, which will host a kids' costume contest at 5:00 p.m. and a canine costume contest at 6:30 p.m. Contest entry forms and additional information about this fun, free event can be found online at www.hbdowntown.com.

Free - Fair Housing Walk-In Clinics

The Fair Housing Foundation, in partnership with the City of Huntington Beach, will be hosting free housing counseling walk-in clinics on a monthly basis at City Hall. A counselor will be present during each clinic to discuss tenant/landlord disputes and concerns or to answer questions about Fair Housing laws. The first clinic will take place from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 7 on the 5th Floor of City Hall in the Economic Development Conference Room. In addition to the clinics, the Foundation will also be offering local trainings in 2014 for landlords, tenants, and apartment managers. Those with questions or in need of immediate assistance need not wait for the clinics or training, as Fair Housing Foundation counselors are available Monday-Friday by calling (800) 446-3247.

FIRE

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

As the time change approaches on Sunday, November 3, the Fire Department wants to remind you to make another change that could save your life – changing the batteries in your smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms. Changing smoke alarm batteries at least once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce fire related deaths and injuries.

The risk of dying in a home fire is nearly cut in half if smoke alarms are working properly. The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when most families are sleeping. Children and senior citizens are most at risk, and a working smoke alarm can give them the extra seconds they need to get out safely.

Marine Safety

On September 26, 2013, Marine Safety personnel were called out at approximately 6:15 p.m. for a report of an unconscious person floating next to the pier. The first Lifeguard arrived on scene and found the patient conscious, but unable to move. The patient was treated by Marine Safety and Fire personnel prior to being transported to a local hospital.

Later that same evening at approximately 10:15 p.m., Marine Safety personnel were called out for a report of a missing swimmer. After a comprehensive search of the ocean area, the reported missing person was found safe in the beach parking lot.

The Marine Safety Division always encourages people who enter the ocean to:

1. Learn how to swim
2. Never swim alone
3. Swim near a Lifeguard

These safety tips are especially important at this time of year when the water is cold, surf is stormy, and Marine Safety hours are limited to daylight hours. Effective November 3, Marine

Safety hours of operation will be 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. After hours response is maintained through "on call" procedures.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know that the City website contains information about parking violations and related fees? Click on the "Residents" navigation tab then click on "Parking Information." You will find a link to this page on the "Parking Information" page.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/parking_enforcement.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

From Page to Screen

A metamorphosis occurs every autumn as popular and noteworthy reads turn into major feature films. Here's what to enjoy on the page as well as on the screen in the coming weeks – check one out from the Library today!

- ❖ *August: Osage County* by Tracy Letts.
- ❖ *Big Sur* by Jack Kerouac.
- ❖ *Carrie* by Stephen King.
- ❖ *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins.
- ❖ *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card.
- ❖ *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens.
- ❖ *Long Walk to Freedom: the Autobiography of Nelson Mandela* by Nelson Mandela.
- ❖ *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.
- ❖ *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien.
- ❖ *Twelve Years a Slave* edited by Sue Eakin & Joseph Logsdon.

Computer Help @ the Library

The Library's Volunteer Computer Coach Program offers assistance to Computer Lab users at the Central Library. Coaches can help with Internet searches, e-mail, Microsoft Word and Excel, Wi-Fi connections, formatting resumes, saving files to a USB drive, and printing. Coaches are available during most operating hours on a first come, first served basis. It is best to call ahead to verify a coach is on duty if you anticipate needing help. Use of the Computer Lab requires a Huntington Beach Library card (except at two Guest Stations). Wi-Fi access is free for everyone and does not require a Library card. Call 714-842-4481 for more information.

Reflections Artwork on Display at the Library

Who will win the Reflections Contest? Local winners of their school's PTA Reflections program will display their artwork and photography in the Central Library's Children's Department from October 28 through November 16. This year's theme is "Believe, Dream, Inspire;" participants include preschool children through High School seniors. A panel of judges will determine the winners. Winning entries will be displayed at the Orange County Department of Education. For more information about this program and how children can enter next year's contest, go to www.capta.org.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Gothard Street Industrial Development (former Randall Lumber site) – Draft Negative Declaration Comment Period

Draft Negative Declaration No. 2013-004 in conjunction with Conditional Use Permit No. 2013-008 and Tentative Parcel Map No. 2012-146 analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with a proposal to demolish the entire site (structures/parking lot areas), subdivide the 6.5-acre site into two lots and one lettered lot, and construct two two-story industrial buildings. The subject property is located at 17332 Gothard Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 (east side of Gothard Street, approximately 700 feet north of Slater Avenue; former Randall Lumber site).

The Draft Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment for 20 days commencing Thursday, October 31, 2013, and ending Tuesday, November 19, 2013. A copy of the Draft Negative Declaration is on file with the Planning and Building Department and City Clerk's Office, City of Huntington Beach City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California 92648. A copy of Draft Negative Declaration No. 2013-004 is also available for review at the Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, California, 92647, and on the internet at <http://www.Huntingtonbeach.ca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/Environmentalreports.cfm>.

Any person wishing to comment on the request may do so in writing before November 19, 2013, by providing written comments to Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, City of Huntington Beach, Planning and Building Department, P.O. Box 190, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. Subsequent to the comment period, a public hearing will be scheduled before the City of Huntington Beach Zoning Administrator. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for mid December, 2013.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DUI Checkpoint October 26 Statistics

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety and Drivers License checkpoint on Saturday, October 26, from 7:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public. Over the past year, there have been nine alcohol-related collisions on Goldenwest Street. This resulted in two injuries and one fatality.

There have also been 45 citations issued to drivers on Goldenwest for being unlicensed or driving on a suspended/revoked license. Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoints help lower DUI related deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effect it has on those who might drive drunk and/or drug impaired, unlicensed, or with a suspended/revoked license. Checkpoints help to bring more awareness to motorists and encourage everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies. Here are some of our statistics from Saturday's checkpoint: 1,599 vehicles through the checkpoint; 851 vehicles screened and given a pamphlet with information about DUI; 7

Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered; 1 DUI-Drug and Alcohol impaired suspect arrested 16 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle unlicensed or with a suspended/revoked license; 2 vehicles impounded; 6 citations issued for other vehicle code violations.

Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on **November 23, 2013** in our ongoing commitment to reducing deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways. Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Huntington Beach Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. If you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.

PUBLIC WORKS

Residential Overlay Project Zone 7

The City of Huntington Beach is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 300 residential miles of streets. In 2012, the City updated the Pavement Management Program (PMP) that calculates a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) value for each street. The PCI is a condition rating that ranges from 100 for perfect condition to 0 for the worst, structurally failed condition. As part of the PMP, a residential network that divides the City into 12 maintenance zones was created to allow the City the ability to better coordinate all maintenance activities. This project rehabilitated approximately 80 streets with PCI ratings below 55. Maintenance Zone 7, a \$1,500,000 residential overlay project, is bounded by Warner Avenue to the North and Ellis Avenue to the South between Springdale Street and Beach Boulevard. The overlay project will consist of cold milling existing pavement, installation of pavement fabric, overlaying and 1 1/2" of new asphalt pavement, adjusting all water valves and sewer/storm drain manholes to match new finished surface.