

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

October 31, 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

Please join us on November 4 from 6:00 – 9:00pm for a Wine and Cheese Pairing Party with the artists from CALidoscope: Kimber Berry, Jill D'Agnew, Rebecca Neiderlander, and Jennifer Vanderpool. The event is sponsored by SeaLegs Wine Bar and hosted by the Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased online at www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org or by calling Charlene at 714.536.5258. All proceeds benefit the Huntington Beach Art Center.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Huntington Beach Senior Services organizes beach clean-up days on Saturdays from November through March. This friendly group of volunteers gathers at 7:30am in the beach parking lot at 11th Street and spends an hour picking-up trash to keep the winter beach clean between Lifeguard Towers 8 and 10. Tools are provided and there is free parking between 11th and 12th Streets, north of the pier. Leaving the beach like new, the volunteers reward themselves for a job well done with a mug of coffee. Volunteers get some exercise, meet new friends, and enjoy the beach. What could be more fun? For more information about this opportunity or other volunteer opportunities contact Diane Swarts, Volunteer Coordinator, 714-374-1544, dswarts@surfcity-hb.org.

Distance Derby

It is not too late to participate in the Annual Distance Derby! The new "Surf City Beach Derby" will make its debut on Sunday morning, November 6. Participants can still register on event day! Registration will begin at 6:15 am on the beach at [Sandy's Beach Grill](#) and will be available for all Beach Derby events! The famous 10-mile run will be complimented with a new 10k run/walk. For a fun twist, the new 5k and 2k obstacle course will be held on the sand!! Race proceeds will support Project Self Sufficiency. For more information, visit www.beachderby.com.

Annual Downtown Halloween Celebration a Success

The Community Services Department joined the Annual Downtown Halloween Celebration! For over a decade, Huntington Beach - California's Main Street, has closed around 4:00pm on October 31 to make way for Annual Halloween Activities. The Community Services Department joined with the downtown merchants to provide "trick or treat" activities for little "ghosts and ghouls." Craft projects were designed by Community Services' College Intern Staff to create memories and build community pride. Visit www.hbsands.org to learn more about other recreation programs....the benefits are endless!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Huntington Beach MVB Announces Informational Video Series

The Huntington Beach Marketing and Visitors Bureau is excited to announce a new informational video series – "[The Huntington Beach Low - Down](#)". Once a month, the Huntington Beach Marketing and Visitors Bureau and Film Commission will produce a short video aimed at showcasing various points of interest within Huntington Beach. The show will be hosted by Kevin Keller, who has been an employee at the Huntington Beach Visitor Information Center for the past two years. In each episode, Kevin will provide a local's perspective on Huntington Beach attractions, shopping, and restaurants, as well as some lesser known hidden gems. To view "The Huntington Beach Low-Down," please visit the Huntington Beach Marketing and Visitor's Bureau official YouTube channel at www.YouTube.com/HBSurfCityUSA. The first episode features some of the best breakfast spots in Surf City USA.

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 is currently three (3) opening for park owners/managers, 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.

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 8:30am-11:30am. 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

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

As the time change approaches on Sunday, November 6, 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. Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths. 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.

INFORMATION SERVICES

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Backflow prevention devices eliminate contaminated water from flowing into the Huntington Beach water system. You can now check the compliance status of your Backflow device 24 hours day online at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Backflow_DataWebService/Backflow/cccompliance_search.aspx

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Start Thanksgiving at the Library

Reading about and planning for upcoming holidays can be almost as fun as the actual celebrations, but without crowds, traffic or certain relatives! Start planning Thanksgiving now with something fun from the library. Planning Thanksgiving dinner requires some serious preparation and the library has titles that can help you get started: *How To Cook a Turkey: and All the Other Trimmings*, by the editors of Fine Cooking Magazine, *The Thanksgiving Table: Recipes and Ideas to Create Your Own Holiday Tradition*, by Diane Morgan, and for younger readers, *Thanksgiving Fun: Great Things to Make and Do*, by Ronne Randall. If you're too busy to read, check out a DVD like *Martha's Classic Thanksgiving* in which the homemaking expert offers instruction and advice not just on the main course, but on side dishes, desserts, centerpieces, table setting and crafts for kids. Those just seeking a good story might try a timely mystery novel like *A Catered Thanksgiving* by Isis Crawford. Children's stories on the holiday number over 100 and include titles such as *Thanksgiving Is Here* by Diane Goode and *Thanks for Thanksgiving* by Julie Markes. History buffs might enjoy reading *A Great and Godly Adventure: The Pilgrims and The Myth of the First Thanksgiving* by Godfrey Hodgson, while the young at heart might enjoy relaxing with the DVD player and *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*. Make sure to plan early because Thanksgiving is just around the corner, followed by even more holidays to prepare for!

Friends of the Library November Author's Luncheon

The Friends of the Library will be presenting author and Chef Zov Karamardian at the November author's luncheon, a fundraiser for the Library System.

Zov Karamardian has been the recipient of many awards including Restaurateur of the Year,

Best Bakery in Southern California and California Chef of the Year. Zov is the author of *Recipes and Memories from the Heart* and *Simply Zov: Rustic Classics with a Mediterranean Twist*. Book sales and signings are offered before and after the luncheon.

The event is scheduled for Thursday, November 10; reservation payments are due by November 5. Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or deliver to Friends Gift Shop. For questions, you may contact the Friends Gift Shop at (714) 375-8429.

Huntington Beach Art League

HBAL's Annual Fall Members Juried Show will host a reception this Saturday, November 5 from 6pm- 8pm at the Central Library Corner & Windows Art Galleries. Refreshments will be catered by One Fine Blend.

Art in 6 categories, to include water color, oil/acrylics, mixed media, photographs, drawing/pastels and 3D/crafts, are judged for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prizes. Artist Gary Sohl advised, this year the league has initiated a new system of judging which has two qualifying divisions. Division 1 is for professional artists that pursue sales, have websites, have won two major awards, etc. Division 2 is for the amateur, beginning artist. 1st thru 3rd prizes and "Honorable Mention" prizes in each category are available for each division, making it possible for more art to be recognized at this annual event. There is also a Best of Show & a special Huntington Beach Art League prize awarded. The show will be in place in the galleries through November.

Huntington Beach Playhouse Group

Wednesday, November 2nd thru Sunday, November 6th, will be the final performances of "Treasure Island", which is the final show of 2011 for the HB Playhouse group. Performances are 7:00 pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Sunday's performance is 2:00 pm. All performances are in the Huntington Beach Central Library Theater. The Christmas show will defer this year to the HBPH Gala celebration "An Evening in Paris" on the Eve of New Year's Eve, December 30. The theme of the celebration is inspired by HBPH first musical of 2012, "Can Can" and commemorates 50 years of live theater in Huntington Beach. Ticket proceeds go to the Friends of the Library. Save the Date... More information is available on the HBPH website at www.hbph.com.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Skate Park Project

The 30-day comment period for the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Huntington Beach Skate Park Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) opened on Thursday, October 27 and will end on Wednesday, November 30. The Notice of Preparation period allows interested parties to submit comments on the scope and content of environmental issues to be reviewed for the proposed project at a 2.718-acre site on Center Avenue, located approximately 500 ft. east of Gothard Street. The applicant, VF Outdoor Inc., proposes to lease the vacant property from the City to design, develop, maintain, and operate a public skate park. The proposed project includes a 14,000 sq. ft. skate plaza area, a 13,000 sq. ft. skate bowl area, a 3,500 sq. ft. skate shop/concession/restroom building, a 15,000 sq. ft. turf/walking area, a 480 sq. ft. restroom structure, and a 200 sq. ft. entrance kiosk. The main

parking lot is accessed from Center Avenue and a secondary parking area, which is used only for special events, is accessed from McFadden Avenue. The project also includes a General Plan Amendment and Zoning Text Amendment as the site is currently designated for housing and this designation would be removed. Project entitlements include a Site Plan Review and Variance to deviate from the parking standard requirements.

A Scoping Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 9 to take comments related to the scope of the environmental issues to be analyzed within the Draft EIR. The Scoping Meeting will be located at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, in Rooms C and D. Copies of the NOP will be available at Planning and Building Department, Central Library, and on the internet at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/major/index.cfm>. For more information or to comment on the NOP, contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, at (714) 374-1744 or tnguyen@surfcity-hb.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief to Speak at Sunset Beach Community Association

Chief Small will be the guest speaker at the Sunset Beach Community Association meeting this Thursday, November 3. The meetings are held at the Women's Club, at 16812 Bayview Drive. All are welcome. The meeting last month was attended by the members of the Huntington Beach City Council & staff, who presented a formal welcome of Sunset Beach to Huntington Beach.

Police Records Bureau

Each year agencies throughout the State depend upon law enforcement Records and support personnel to provide them with vital services. The Executive Board of CLEARs (California Law Enforcement Association of Records Supervisors) has proclaimed Wednesday, November 2, 2011, as the "Law Enforcement Records and Support Personnel Day".

Police and Sheriff's departments rely heavily on Records personnel in order to accomplish daily operations. They provide exceptional service to customers, employees, their community, the courts, and to the District Attorney's Office.

Please join us in acknowledging and thanking Records personnel for their dedication, commitment, and their professionalism

PUBLIC WORKS

Fleet Operations' Interns

Public Work's Fleet Operations has partnered with Cerritos College who will provide student interns from their Automotive Technology Program. Students in this two-year Automotive Technology Program receive the most advanced training that covers the latest developments in technology within General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and many import vehicles.

Fleet Operations has accepted six interns from the two-year program. Three interns will work with City staff for a nine week period while the other three are attending courses at Cerritos College. The two groups will alternate every nine weeks until they complete the program. This program applies a real world work setting that help students become familiar with a work environment and organizational structure while developing competencies that are expected of a professional automotive technician. The City benefits from the additional staff resources who bring the latest developments in technology of engines, fuel management, electronics, transmission, suspension, brake systems and air conditioning.