

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

October 7, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Miss Huntington Beach 2013

The Community Services Department is pleased to introduce Miss Huntington Beach 2013, Erin Burke. The tradition of Miss Huntington Beach spans over 100 years of serving the community and providing a positive role model. The program provides intelligent, ambitious, young women the opportunity to win financial assistance to attain their educational goals.

Erin is a student intern at the City Gym and Pool and has worked for the Community Services Department for several years. In addition to being an exemplary employee, Erin is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Communication at CSULB. Erin's platform is "Parks Make Life Better!", stressing the importance of parks, recreation and community programming in enhancing quality of life for Huntington Beach residents. If you see Erin around City Hall, be sure to give her a "Pageant Wave" and say CONGRATULATIONS!

Huntington Beach Art Center

Please join us on Saturday October 12, 2013, for the opening of *Reverberations*, an exhibition of contemporary sculpture featuring seven artists whose work has inspired students and artists throughout Southern California. The public opening is from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Admission is free. Call 714-374-1650 for information.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

Join the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department for the spectacular 2014 Rose Parade on Wednesday, January 1. There is limited grandstand seating available. Tickets are \$115.00, which includes transportation and seating. Buses will depart from the Civic Center, 2000 Main Street at 6:45 a.m. sharp and return at approximately 3:00p.m. All registrants under 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult. For further information, please call 714-536-9387. Purchase your tickets from Betty Hickey at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach: Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Thursday or Friday 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Task Force Meeting - October 10

The next meeting of the Downtown Task Force (DTF) will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Street Library, located at 525 Main Street. The Task Force will hear a presentation from James Leitz of IMG, producer of the US Open of Surfing, regarding the future of the event in Huntington Beach and start the discussion of public safety. Meetings of the DTF are open to the public and take place on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. For more information, including agendas, minutes and other documents, please visit: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/downtown_task_force.cfm.

[FIRE](#)

Reminder - Open House for Fire Prevention Week

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, the Huntington Beach Fire Department will be holding its annual Open House on Saturday, October 12 at Fire Station 1-Gothard (18311 Gothard Street, 92648) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires." There will be fire and rescue demonstrations, educational safety handouts, tours of the fire station, staging of emergency apparatus, and meeting Sparky the Fire Dog and HBFD firefighters.

Marine Safety Division

The Marine Safety Division has transitioned from the Community Services Department to the Fire Department effective October 1, 2013. This organizational realignment was the result of recommendations made through the City's Strategic Planning Process.

HB Lifeguards now Serving Sunset Beach

The City Council approved the Marine Safety Division to begin providing lifeguard services to Sunset Beach effective October 1, 2013. The annexation of Sunset Beach became official on August 22, 2011, adding 1.25 miles of coastline to the City of Huntington Beach. Lifeguard services were previously provided by the County of Orange through a contract with OC Lifeguards which expired September 30th.

[INFORMATION SERVICES](#)

Did you know you can get an online estimate of building permit construction fees based on your project valuation on the City Website? To find a quick link to this Fee Calculator online application, click on the Services navigation tab and then click on Planning and Construction. A link to the Fee Calculator will be on the Planning and Construction page:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/building_safety/permit_center/fee_schedule_information.cfm

[LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT](#)

What Librarians Love to Read

One of the major goals of any public library is to connect books with as many readers as possible. LibraryReads was created to let readers know which new books Library staff have read, loved, and can't wait to share! The list, which changes monthly, is a compilation of most frequently mentioned favorites from around the country and can be found at libraryreads.org.

Here are some of the books published this month that librarians across the country love:

- ❖ [The Rosie Project: A Novel by Graeme Simsion](#)
- ❖ [Longbourn: A Novel by Jo Baker](#)
- ❖ [The Lowland: A Novel by Jhumpa Lahiri](#)
- ❖ [Cartwheel: A Novel by Jennifer duBois](#)
- ❖ [We Are Water: A Novel by Wally Lamb](#)
- ❖ [The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt](#)
- ❖ [The Tilted World: A Novel by Tom Franklin & Beth Ann Fennelly](#)

It's a Magical Halloween at the Library

The Friends of the Children's Library annual Halloween magic show starring Johnny Ace Palmer will be held on Wednesday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Library Theater. Tickets are \$4 each and may be purchased at the Children's Desk. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. Children may wear their Halloween costumes to the program. Following each show there will be a costume parade. Children will march up the circular ramp, around the adult reference area and end up in the Children's Department where they will be able to pet Johnny's pet rabbit, Snowball.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**Design Review Board**

On Thursday, October 10, 2013, at 3:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following item is scheduled for the Design Review Board:

1. **DESIGN REVIEW NO. 2013-019 (AES VISUAL ENHANCEMENT PLAN):** To review the colors, design, and materials for the proposed aesthetic improvements associated with a request to demolish and reconstruct the existing Huntington Beach Generating Station at 21730 Newland Street, 92646 (northeast corner of Newland Street and Pacific Coast Highway). Please contact Jane James, Planning Manager, for more information.
2. **SIGN CODE EXCEPTION NO. 2013-005 (TALBERT MULTI-TENANT FREESTANDING SIGN):** To permit a multi-tenant freestanding sign in lieu of a single tenant freestanding sign at 7712-7732 Talbert Avenue, 92648 (south side of Talbert Avenue, between Beach Boulevard and Gothard Street). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.
3. **DESIGN REVIEW NO. 2013-015 (JULZZ OF THE PACIFIC):** To permit alcohol (beer and wine) sales, service, and consumption within a proposed indoor eating and drinking establishment and proposed outdoor patio area enclosed with a 36-inch high metal railing at 7041 Yorktown Avenue, Suite 104, 92648 (north side of Yorktown Avenue, between Goldenwest Street and Main Street). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website. Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

See a Problem? Contact Code Enforcement.

Residents and other interested parties are encouraged to report suspected violations or eyesores on private property to the Code Enforcement Division. You can [file a complaint online](#). Please include the following information:

- Location (address) of the alleged violation
- Brief description of the complaint
- Contact information (name, address, phone, or email)

- Whether or not a code enforcement officer may contact you

After receiving the complaint, a Code Enforcement Officer will investigate the problem (normally within 3 days). Your identity will not be disclosed to the offending party.

You can also call Code Enforcement at (714) 375-5155 to report a suspected violation or speak to Code Enforcement personnel.

You can also download the [Code Enforcement Complaint Form](#) and mail it to the Code Enforcement Division or submit it to the 3rd Floor, Department of Planning and Building, City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, 92648.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Take Back Initiative Event

The 7th DEA National Take Back Initiative Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2013, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the front desk of the Huntington Beach Police Department. The goal of the program is to allow Huntington Beach residents to deliver all of their unused, unwanted or expired medications to law enforcement officials who can dispose of these controlled substances in a secure and non-hazardous manner, potentially saving lives and protecting the ecosystem. Medications in liquid form and syringes will not be accepted.

Robinwood Little League Property Recovered

On September 14, 2013, Robinwood Little League reported a burglary of the storage container at their baseball fields located west of Marina High School in the City of Huntington Beach. There was a substantial loss including a pitching machine and their A.T.V, which they used to groom the baseball fields. On October 1, 2013, a Southern California Edison employee contacted the Huntington Beach Police Department to report he had located an A.T.V. hidden on S.C.E. property located along the west side of Graham St. and Edinger Ave, which was located across the street from the Robinwood Baseball Fields.

During the police investigation it was determined the suspect(s) removed locks securing the S.C.E. grounds and had hidden the A.T.V. in bushes on the property. Police confirmed the A.T.V. belonged to the Robinwood Little League and their representatives responded to the location. Once at the location Robinwood Little League representatives noticed other items hidden in bushes adjacent to the S.C.E. property that were possibly related to the burglary.

Huntington Beach Police Patrol Officers searched the surrounding area and located additional hidden property. Their investigation led to property belonging to both the Robinwood Little League burglary as well as a burglary of the Marina High School snack shack, on August 31, 2013. Both burglaries had similar circumstances and it appears the same suspect(s) were responsible.

Some, but not all, of the property that had been stolen was returned to both the Robinwood Little League and the Marina High School baseball programs. At this time, the investigation is on-going and no suspects have been arrested

PUBLIC WORKS**City Receives Emergency Water Trailer**

The Utilities Division received an emergency water trailer from the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) on September 30. The trailer was purchased via an Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant obtained by MWDOC, and transferred to the City at no cost. The City Council approved the transfer agreement with MWDOC on July 15, 2013. The trailer consists of a 2,000 gallon container mounted on a bed that includes a small pump, food grade hoses, and a 10 manifold spigot system. The trailer can be towed by a number of heavy duty trucks in the Utilities Division of Public Works.

The primary purpose of the trailer is to provide a system to deliver drinking water to the residents of the City following a major disaster. The trailer can also be used for other emergency response purposes, such as a small decontamination shower unit or as a temporary water supply to businesses or residents that may be impacted during a water main break. The trailer must be made available for mutual aid when not otherwise in use by the City. The City was one of 12 Orange County water retail agencies to receive a trailer.