

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**October 8, 2012**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Beach Art Center

At the request of professor Leland Means, the Huntington Beach Art Center hosted a group of students from a Professional Studies class at Orange Coast College last Wednesday. Students and teacher received an overview of the current exhibition, the Cylinder, the Sphere, the Cone and enjoyed a talk with artist Gary Simpson whose works embrace a global perspective. Students eagerly participated in conversations about art careers, the challenges of surviving as an artist, and the opportunities available for career development. The Art Center works closely with students at all grade levels to provide exposure to and understanding of contemporary art.

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

"Old Guys Rule!" The Second Annual Senior Surf Invitational will take place on October 27 at 7:30 a.m. on the south side of the pier. Surfers 50 years young and up will be judged on wave selection, maneuvers, fluidity, and style. Trophies go to the top three place finishers in each division — 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, and 75+. "It's bragging rights," said Chris Slama, Huntington Beach Senior Services' Recreation Supervisor, who is coordinating the contest. "Although it's fun, there are going to be surfers going at it, going for the first-place trophies." There is one division for women: 50 and up. In last year's competition, Becky Ettinger took First and Patricia Wyman of Huntington Beach came in Second. "We really want more women to compete this year," Slama said. The City of Huntington Beach, Huntington Beach Council on Aging, and Fountain Valley Regional Hospital sponsor the competition. Rodgers Senior Center's goal of promoting active aging comes to fruition with this display of athleticism and fun. Those interested in competing need to register before October 19. Call the Rodgers Senior Center for more details 714-536-9387 or visit [www.HBSands.org](http://www.HBSands.org) or [www.HBCOA.org](http://www.HBCOA.org).

### Fall Festival Luncheon

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) will host its Fall Festival Luncheon and membership meeting on Thursday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue. The Huntington Beach City Council candidates have been invited to speak at the luncheon. In addition, Bronze through Lifetime HBCOA sponsors will be honored at the luncheon and the slate of HBCOA officers for 2013 will be presented. Susanne's catering will provide a delicious autumn themed lunch of sage roasted chicken, butternut squash, potatoes, and tossed green salad. Back by popular demand, "Swingin' with Dean" will entertain. A prepaid \$5.00 reservation is required. Prepay your reservations at the front counter of the senior center. For more information, call 714-536-9387 or visit [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org).

**Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!**

### Breakfast with Santa

When the leaves begin to change color and pumpkin spice fills our coffee, it can only mean one thing: time to start thinking about the winter holidays.

Although it seems early, spots for Breakfast with Santa at the Murdy Community Center are already being reserved. This \$5 event is going to take place on December 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Santa will be there accompanied by music, crafts, pancakes, and more. Call the Murdy Community Center for more information 714-960-8895.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **Fall has Arrived at the Weekly Farmers Markets!**

Browse through the healthy fruits and vegetables offered at the three local Farmer's Markets. You can enjoy craft booths, local food vendors, music and children's activities, too. Make a morning, afternoon or evening visit to our local farmers market. Find one near you!

#### **Tuesday**

- Main Street during Surf City Nights from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM – plus, make it even more fun by catching the free Surf City Downtown Shuttle from the Huntington Beach Civic Center and take advantage of free parking for shuttle passengers!

#### **Friday**

- Pier Plaza (Main and Pacific Coast Highway) from noon to dusk

#### **Saturday**

- Farmers Market and Family Festival:  
16400 Pacific Coast Highway @ Peter's Landing –9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

## **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 13 at Fire Station 1 – Gothard (18311 Gothard Street) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be fire and rescue demonstrations, educational safety handouts, tours of the fire station, staging of emergency apparatus, and meeting Sparky and firefighters.

This year's focus for Fire Prevention Week is "Have 2 Ways Out".

Plan your escape

- Make a map of your home. Mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room.
- Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where everyone can meet once they've escaped. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.
- Write the emergency telephone number for the fire department on your escape plan.
- Sound the smoke alarm and practice your escape plan with everyone living in your home.
- Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator and have your family practice the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in your home celebrates a birthday.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week, please visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at: [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

Did you know the City website has a page that contains links to our city department Social Media Sites and Twitter feeds? This page is titled "Follow Us" and is on the City homepage. You can also find it under our News and Publications section under the Residents tab: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/news\\_publications/social-media.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/news_publications/social-media.cfm)

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **HB Reads Kick-Off with Panel**

How do teens feel about bullying? HB Reads is officially announcing its 2013 book, *13 Reasons Why*, with a panel on anti-bullying on October 10 from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the C/D Room of the Central Library. A guest panel consisting of local high school students representing the Orange County Relations Commission Bridges program will be discussing this topic at the HB Reads Kick-Off event. Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no charge. Light Refreshments will be served. The first 100 guests will receive a free copy of previous HB Reads book selections.

### **Halloween Family Storytime @ the Library**

Halloween Family Evening Story Time will be Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m., Central Library, Tabby Theater. "Miss Barbara" will provide fall and Halloween books and special stories with music, puppets, finger play and hand stamps. Children may wear their costumes and/or pajamas. Refreshments will be provided by National Charity League teens. For more information, please call the Children's Library at (714) 375-5107.

### **Annual Halloween Magic Show and Costume Parade @ the Library**

Johnny "Ace" Palmer, winner of the title of World Champion Magician, will perform again this year in the Central Library Theater on Tuesday, October 30 at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. A master of close-up magic, his shows involve children and parents alike. These shows are sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library. Children can wear their Halloween costumes and march in the parade following each show. Tickets are \$4.00 each and are available at the Children's Desk - cash or checks are accepted. Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended and children under 7 years old must be accompanied by an adult. For additional information, please call the Children's Desk at (714) 375-5107.

### **Chinese Art Exhibit @ the Library**

The American Chinese Brush Painting Society has its annual membership exhibit in the Windows Gallery at the Central Library (7111 Talbert Ave.) during the month of October. The gallery is free and open during regular Library hours. For more information call Gallery Manager Cheryl Del Toro at (714) 531-3663 or visit [www.hbartleague.com](http://www.hbartleague.com).

### **Read the Book, See the Film**

This fall a number of classic novels will be adapted for the big screen. Before catching their larger than life counterparts at the cinemplex, why not check out the original story from the Library:

- *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte

- *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac
- *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **Planning Commission**

On October 9, 2012, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 08-12, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 08-04, ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 08-04, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 17239, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 08-25 (WARDLOW 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 8.35-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 8.35-acre site from Public-Semipublic (PS) to Residential Low Density (RL) to be consistent with the proposed General Plan Land Use Element designation. **TTM:** To subdivide approximately 8.35 acres of the subject property to accommodate 49 numbered lots with varying lot sizes for new detached single-family homes and seven lettered lots A-G for streets with standard and reduced widths, landscaped areas, and a public parking lot to be dedicated to the City for Wardlow Park. **CUP:** To permit the development of a 49 unit single-family residential subdivision proposed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) with varying lot sizes (min. 4,152 square feet, max. 5,864 square feet) that average approximately 4,250 square feet (50 feet wide by 85 feet deep) and associated infrastructure and site improvements, including offsite sewer, water and storm drain improvements and development of an approximately 0.82 acre portion of land for the construction of an 80-space public parking lot. 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:** 9191 Pioneer Drive, 92646 (north side of Pioneer Drive, east of Magnolia Avenue) **Project Planner:** Andrew Gonzales.

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

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Online Crime Mapping Data Available**

Huntington Beach Police Department Communications Center receives about 130,000 non-emergency phone calls and about 78,000 "9-1-1 emergency" phone calls per year from

citizens. Of these calls, police officers are assigned to about 101,000 "calls for service" per year. These numbers do not count all the self initiated activity by police officers such as observations of criminal and suspicious activity and traffic enforcement.

All together, this is a lot of activity and data to review. An easy way to determine what is going on in your Huntington Beach neighborhood is to follow the link "Online Crime Mapping Data" from the police department website to CrimeReports.com. Since 2009, Huntington Beach Police Department has partnered with this service to make this public information easily accessible via your computer or smart phone application. You can review the police related activity in your neighborhood with the filter buttons at the top for "date range" "incident layers" and "map layers", up to 500 incidents at a time. You can also sign up for email alerts for notification of incidents in your neighborhood, local school or other places of interest.

The Huntington Beach Police Department is accepting applications for Experienced and Academy Graduate Police Officers and Police Cadets. Go to: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/human\\_resources/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/human_resources/) for more information on the application and testing process. Or contact Officer Lisa Gallatin 714-536-5936.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Federal Funding Authorized for Warner Bridge Preventative Maintenance**

In light of the economic downturn, Public Works staff continues to aggressively seek alternative funding sources such as State and Federal grants. After submitting the required construction documents for Caltrans' review, the City recently received authorization to proceed with preventative maintenance efforts for the Warner Avenue Bridge, located in the Huntington Harbour area. The project will include primarily non-structural maintenance activities such as, replacing the concrete barrier and chain link fence, removal and replacement of the asphalt deck surface, and rock slope repair. The City will receive approximately \$580,000 from the Federal Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program (HBMP) for these maintenance efforts.

Previously, the City received approximately \$190,000 from the same grant program for preparation of the engineering documents. Public Works staff is currently in the process of obtaining California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approvals both locally and from the California Coastal Commission, prior to letting the project out for bid. It is anticipated that the project would be awarded within the next 6 months

Public Works staff is also in the process of acquiring additional Federal funds from this grant program for the Magnolia Bridge and Brookhurst Bridge. In addition, staff is working on securing Federal funding from a similar grant program to provide funding for improvements to up to four bridges in the Huntington Harbour area. All totaled, the City is expected to receive approximately \$16 million in Federal funding over the next several years, which will allow the City's limited resources to be used elsewhere.