

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

September 10, 2012

CITY MANAGER

HB Green Expo September 15

The City's Annual Huntington Beach Green Expo is set to take place on September 15 from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the Huntington Beach Pier Plaza. Co-Sponsored by the City and Chamber of Commerce, this is a wonderful event to learn all about what you can do to make a difference.

This year many different educational components are planned for the Expo: educational demonstrations every hour on the hour; a showing of "The Human Footprint;" Children's activities and many other interactive displays. This is a do-not-miss event! Businesses and non-profits participating will be on hand to show the community how their company is making a "Green" difference and how you can too. Take a step towards sustainability!

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Dog Beach Provides Great Fun for Your Best Buddy

A unique portion of Huntington Beach's 8-mile stretch of beach is "Dog Beach." Located off PCH between 21st Street and Seapoint Avenue, owners bring their dogs to enjoy a taste of fresh air and salt water.

Ten years ago, Martin Senat, President of Huntington Dog Beach, approached City Council offering to organize an official Dog Beach. With the support of local elected officials, Martin formed a non-profit organization, Friends of Dog Beach. Dog Beach has been a successful dog paradise, due in part to the hard work of the Friends of Dog Beach and support from thousands of dog lovers.

The Friends of Dog Beach relies on donations to continue its work. You can become a member of Dog Beach for \$15 or more, or simply buy a hat or shirt to help the cause. To learn more about Dog Beach or to become a member, please visit their website at:

www.dogbeach.org.

Huntington Beach Art Center

Do you love craft beer? Please join us for the **11th Annual Art of the Brew** on Thursday, September 20, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for some of the best micro brews in Orange County. The event includes local and regional brewers offering a tasting of their best brews under a canopy beer garden setting. BBQ will be provided by the Rancho Rocke BBQ food truck along with musical entertainment by Chris and Daniel. Tickets are \$30 before September 17, \$35 after the deadline, and at the door. Call 714-374-1650 for reservations.

Calling all Zombies!

The HB Art Center is offering the opportunity to learn the Michael Jackson Thriller dance on Wednesday evenings. The Dance Asylum will teach the dance for five weeks beginning on Wednesday, September 26, from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The program is planned in collaboration with the HB BID and will culminate with three performances in October, including the October Art Walk, Surf City Nights, and the Halloween Fest. For more information, call the HB Art Center at 714-374-1658.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Grandparent & I Discovery – now grandparents and grandchildren can learn the computer together through Puterbugs, a fun and educational class with grandparent & child as the main characters in a guided-learning technology mission to solve each week. Discovery Kids Puterbugs uses today's top 100 tech skills and features small class size, personal attention, off-computer activities, and exclusive access to online content from home. All skill levels welcome! \$100.00 for four Wednesdays 9/12-10/3, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Register at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue or on online at www.hbsands.org. For more information, call 714-536-9387.

**SANDS Classes Begin This Week**

If you think about the activities you enjoy, you can likely trace your movement roots and find a link between what you did growing up and what you do now. However, it is never too late to learn something NEW! Now is an excellent time to encourage friends and family to become involved in recreational activity! Whether you love the arts, movement, or just meeting new people, most of the classes and programs contained within the SANDS Community Services Guide begin this week. Visit www.hbsands.org to learn more about activities for a variety of ages and interests. Remember, **Parks Make Life Better!**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**Habit Burger HB Location Opening September 19**

The Habit Burger Grill, one of the hottest fast-casual restaurants, will begin serving customers on September 19 in its new Huntington Beach location - in the site formerly occupied by Tommy Pastrami at 18001 Beach Boulevard (at Talbert). The Habit serves up quality food at affordable prices, with their signature Charburger starting as low as \$2.95. Other menu items include sandwiches; a signature fresh albacore tuna that is line-caught and hand-filleted daily in the restaurant's kitchen; six entree salads made from fresh, hand-cut ingredients that are tossed to order. Sweet potato fries, onion rings, and French fries are complemented by handmade shakes, malts, sundaes or a \$1 vanilla ice cream cone. The Habit's Facebook page hints at a secret menu of items that aren't even on the traditional menu. For more information visit: www.HabitBurger.com.

FIRE**National Preparedness Month – Get a Kit**

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is observed each September and is sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) within the Department of Homeland

Security. NPM encourages Americans to take simple, but important steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities.

Preparing for a disaster is a top priority of the city's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program. Countless hours have been spent preparing disaster plans, training our employees and volunteers, organizing exercises, and ensuring that the city is prepared for emergencies that may occur in our community. However, we cannot do it on our own. This week the focus will be on "Get a Kit".

GET A KIT

Local officials and relief workers will be on-scene after a disaster, but cannot reach everyone immediately. You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means assembling emergency supply kits that include enough food, water, and other supplies to last for at least three days. In addition, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment, and telephones may be cut-off for an extended period of time.

There are several different types of kits including a 72 hour Disaster Supply Kit, Grab-n-Go Bags, and Car Supply kits that are essential to being prepared. These kits are a collection of basic items a family would need to stay safe and be comfortable during the early onset of a disaster.

The following are examples of some of the basic supplies for:

72 hour Disaster Supply Kit

Supplies:

- Flashlight, AM/FM radio, batteries, first aid kit, matches, sterno (canned fire gel), light sticks
- Can opener, dish pan, disposable dishes and utensils

Food/Water:

- Store a minimum of three days supplies of non-perishable canned/dried food, but it is recommended to have a two week supply
- One gallon per person, per day, store off the floor on a shelf or a pallet near the disaster kit

Bedding:

- Sleeping bag, blankets, tent

Clothing:

- One change of seasonal clothing per person, comfortable shoes

Personal Supplies:

- Personal hygiene products, toilet paper, medications, glasses, etc.

Tools:

- Ax, shovel, bucket, wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, whistle, gloves, dust mask, plastic bag liners for sanitation, small tool kit, etc.

Other:

- Water purification tablets, liquid chlorine/bleach, eye dropper, water purification instructions, cell phone with charger

Pet Supplies:

- Food, water, carrier, etc.

NOTE: Do not store liquids (water, bleach, etc.) inside the disaster kit as it can leak. Store water off the ground as concrete can contaminate the contents of the container. Water should be changed every six months.

A Grab-n-Go Bag

Each member of your family should have a grab-n-go bag that can be carried in the event of an evacuation. Examples of some of the basic supplies that should be included in the Grab-n-go Bags are:

Supplies:

- Flashlight, AM/FM radio, batteries, first aid kit, matches, whistle, pocket knife, paper/pencil, zip-lock bags/plastic bags, work gloves, dust mask, etc.

Personal Items:

- Eyewear, keys, medications, emergency contact list, hygiene products, sunscreen, small bills and coins

Food/Water:

- Emergency food, bottled water and purification tablets (also for pets if applicable)

Special Considerations:

- For seniors - dietary needs, hearing aid batteries, wheelchair, walker, cane, supplies such as oxygen, catheters, etc.
- For infants – diapers, wipes, instant baby cereal, bowl and spoon, at least two change of clothes, light jacket, medicine dropper, Pedialite electrolyte replacement solution, toys, books, stuffed animals, etc.

Personal documents:

- Photocopies of identification, credit cards and other essential documents like insurance policies, bank account records, etc.

Family Car Kit

In addition to all of the supplies listed above for the grab-n-go bags, other considerations include:

- Jackets, blankets, flares, fire extinguisher, glow or light sticks, screwdriver, pliers, wire, rope, scissors, maps of the most often traveled areas

For preparedness questions specifically for the City of Huntington Beach, contact:

Brevyn Mettler, Emergency Services Coordinator
Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office
714-374-1565
bmettler@surfcity-hb.org

For more information on Disaster Preparedness, please visit one of the following On-line Resources:

www.ReadyOC.org
www.HuntingtonBeachca.gov/CERT
www.Ready.gov
www.ShakeOut.org

www.AlertOC.org

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know the City website contains a page that has popular links to Water and Sewage service information? You can find links to information about our drinking water quality, water conservation program, water rate information, water sources, etc. To find a link to this information, click on the Services navigation tab and then click on the Water and Sewage link:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/water-sewage.cfm>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HB READS ONE BOOK

Each year HB Reads selects one book to be read and discussed by the entire community at the same time. The book chosen for 2013 is Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher. The group has announced that this year's featured book campaign will focus on bullying, which is vividly portrayed in this best-selling novel about teenage suicide **and the reasons behind it.**

HB Reads plans to hold several special events leading up to author's personal appearance in March 2013 at the Huntington Beach High School Gym. These events will illustrate the importance of understanding the repercussions bullying has on young people, both the victims and the perpetrators.

To learn more about HB Reads One Book and find out about upcoming events, visit www.hbread.org.

Library A to Z

Visiting the Library can be an overwhelming experience for the newcomer or the person who hasn't visited in awhile. For example, what's up with that alphabet soup of call numbers, like R, G, SS, SC, and X? What about Dewey Decimal numbers?

Fortunately, the library staff is trained to help patrons navigate its vast resources, whether on the shelf or online. Connecting people to the information (or books!) they want is what they do. They've even created some letter codes to make searching a breeze:

- An "R" in front of the call number signifies a Reference book. Reference books are for in-house use only.
- A "G" in front of the call number signifies a book that is shelved in the Genealogy section. These are materials about researching family histories and are used in the library.
- SS in front of a call number signifies a Sight Saver, or Large Print book. These books make reading possible for visually challenged readers and check out for 3 weeks.
- SC in front of a call number means a Story Collection. These are collections of stories by a number of different authors. Story collections may be borrowed up to 3 weeks.

- An X in front of the call number signifies a Children's book. Children's books are everything from early readers to middle school books. Children's books are all in the Children's area in the library and can be borrowed up to 3 weeks.

Once a patron knows a few letter codes and takes a moment to have a staff member show them where things are, the library becomes as easy to navigate as one's own neighborhood. For assistance on finding anything in the Library, patrons can ask a staff member for assistance on their next visit.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Design Review Board

On September 13, 2012, at 3:30PM in Room B-8, the Design Review Board will review the following items:

DESIGN REVIEW NO. 12-015 (METRO PCS WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY)

to review the design, colors, and materials for the installation of an unmanned Wireless Communication Facility attached to an existing SCE transmission tower. A total of six (6) panel antennas and three (3) parabolic antennas installed on the existing tower at a height of 50 feet and includes an at-grade equipment cabinet within a new eight foot high block wall enclosure (20338 Ravenwood Lane, 92647 - north of Warwick Drive, west of Santa Ana River within the existing nursery north of Le Bard Park). Contact Rosemary Medel, project planner, at (714) 374-1684 for further information;

DESIGN REVIEW NO. 12-010 (9/11 MEMORIAL SCULPTURE)

to review the design, colors, and materials for the construction of a 9/11 memorial sculpture at City Hall by removing the existing water fountain fronting Main Street. The sculpture incorporates two I-beam sections of the World Trade Center recovered by the New York Fire Department. The sculpture design symbolizes the Twin Towers and is proposed at a height of 19 feet with a 9 feet wide base. The sculpture incorporates a water feature which will be illuminated from the base (2000 Main Street, 92648 - southeast corner of Main Street and Yorktown Avenue). Contact Rosemary Medel, project planner, at (714) 374-1684 for further information.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motorcycle Enforcement and DUI Checkpoints

On August 31, 2012, Huntington Beach motor officers conducted a motorcycle enforcement saturation detail. Between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, they issued 36 traffic citations focusing on unsafe driving. Five of those citations included motorcyclists who did not have a driver license endorsed to be riding a motorcycle. The funding for this enforcement was provided by the Office of Traffic Safety as part of a statewide effort to reduce the number of motorcycle involved injury and fatality traffic collisions. More enforcement details like this are planned in the future.

On Saturday, September 1, 2012, the Traffic Bureau conducted a DUI and California Driver License checkpoint at Beach Boulevard south of Slater Avenue. The checkpoint was set up around 9:00 PM and ended at approximately 3:00 AM. The following is statistical data for the evening:

Vehicles through the checkpoint: 2,088

- Vehicles screened for DUE 848
- Field sobriety tests administered 10
- DUI Arrests 4
- Criminal Arrests 1
- Unlicensed/Suspended citations 3
- Other impounded for 30 days 0
- Other citations 6

Overall, the checkpoint was successful with almost 850 drivers screened for DUI. We handed out educational drinking and driving pamphlets to each driver. These were donated by the Community Services Program as part of "Project Path". In addition to the DUI arrests, officers arrested a suspect for outstanding traffic related warrants. This was the last DUI/CDL checkpoint for this grant period. Our checkpoint activities will resume after October 1, 2012, when the new grant year begins.

PUBLIC WORKS

Caltrans Project on Pacific Coast Highway

Caltrans has informed the City that a project to replace temporary concrete barriers with guardrail on Pacific Coast Highway north of Seapoint is scheduled to begin on September 10. The work will require the closure of one northbound lane on PCH. Since the work is scheduled for both day and night shifts, the lane closure will likely be in place continuously. The project is anticipated to last until early November. Questions regarding the project can be directed to the Caltrans Office of Public Information at (949) 724-2000.