

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

September 24, 2012

CITY CLERK

Voter Information

The last day to register to vote in the November 6, 2012 General Election is October 22. You can register online at <http://www.ocvote.com/registration> or by filling out a paper registration form which can be found at the Post Office, Libraries, and the City Clerk's Office (second floor of City Hall).

The following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled, and the following Measures will also appear on the Huntington Beach ballot:

For Members of the City Council: Vote for Three:

Tony James Carter
William Billy O'Connell
Dave Sullivan
Bob Wentzel

Jill Hardy
Jim Katapodis
Devin Dwyer
Barbara Delgleize

Tim Ryan
Bruce J. Brandt
Alexander S. Polsky
Erik Peterson

For City Clerk: Vote for One

Joan L. Flynn

For City Treasurer: Vote for One

Alisa Cutchen

Measures to be Voted On:

Measure Z -- City of Huntington Beach, City Charter Amendment Relating to Levy of Property Tax for Municipal Purposes -- Shall the proposed Charter Amendment, amending Section 607 of the Charter of the City of Huntington Beach entitled Tax Limits, as set forth in the proposed measure be approved?

Measure AA -- City of Huntington Beach, Ordinance to Apply Equal Taxation, Assessments and Property Related Fees to Sunset Beach -- Without increasing taxes or rates, shall Ordinance No. 3953, which provides that the City's existing taxes, assessments and property related fees apply to Sunset Beach, recently annexed to the City, so those measures apply equally to all residents, property owners, transients, business owners and visitors in the City to fund City services such as police, fire, street repair, parks and libraries, provided that existing exemptions for low-income seniors and disabled residents continue, be approved?

CITY MANAGER

Candidates Forum – October 4

The League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women will be hosting a City Council Candidates Forum on October 4. The forum will start at 7:00 pm and there will be a Meet and Greet with the candidates at 6:00 pm prior to the forum.

The Meet and Greet will take place in room B-8 of City Hall. The Candidate Forum will be in the Council Chambers. The LWV and AAUW will determine the agenda for the evening and the questions that will be asked of the candidates.

The Forum will be broadcast live on HBTv Channel 3 and webcast live as well. It will also be posted on the City's website and replayed on HBTv3 during the month of October - schedule to be determined.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

Kids of all ages are invited to attend the 14th Annual Family Arts Day on Sunday, September 30, from 12-4 p.m. Artists will be offering a variety of art activities including ceramics, drawing, collage, suminagashi, screen-printing, and more. Entertainment will feature Polynesian dancers and the Seabreeze Youth Orchestra. Admission is free. Call 714-374-1650 for information.

Calling All Zombies!

Thriller dance class begins Wednesday evening September 26 at 6:30 p.m. Classes are for five weeks and performances are on October 17, October 30, and October 31. Cost is by donation. Call the Art Center for details at 714-374-1658.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Senior Services is my Park

My Walker Took Me around the Fair

By Fran Ritchey

*This rhyme I dedicate, in gratitude, to "Seniors on the Go"
& my borrowed walker from the Outreach Lending Program*

My day began with a corn dog
I was at the county fair
From a building called "The Hanger"
Loud music filled the air...
Went through air conditioned buildings
Checked the Ferris wheel, so high
Food stands covered every nook
With smoky things that fry...
Took my walker toward the blue gate
For my Senior Transportation
Stopped to watch a rock band
That could cause aggravation...
Since childhood I have loved the fair
Thought this day I wouldn't last
But my walker took me everywhere
But I didn't speed too fast.

Fran Ritchey's poem celebrates a full spectrum of senior services enjoyed by Fran and many other older adults. Fran takes *Seniors on the Go* transportation to the senior center for the Poetry for Pleasure club, the HBCOA's Travel & Trips program, and she borrowed a walker to enjoy the Orange County fair on her last trip. The *Seniors on the Go* Transportation program transports residents 55+ each weekday for all their transportation needs in Huntington Beach and to medical appointments at Hoag Hospital, Fountain Valley Hospital, Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, and surrounding doctors. All aspiring poets are welcome to join the Poetry for Pleasure club that meets to write, read, and publish poetry each Thursday from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the senior center.

Huntington Beach Council on Aging

The HBCOA's Travel & Trips program plans monthly excursions. Upcoming trips include IMAX, *Mysteries of Egypt* & the Cleopatra exhibit on Saturday, October 13 and the Oak Glen Hoedown on Wednesday, October 24. The Seniors' Outreach Mobility Equipment Lending Program enables older residents to borrow power scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or canes for short-term use. Activities and Programs are listed each month in the Bright Outlook Newsletter. You may view the newsletter online at www.hbcoa.org or pick-up a copy at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors, 1706 Orange Avenue. For more information about any of the activities or programs, call 714-536-9387.

Seniors to Stun Spectators with Superb Surfing Skills

Regardless of what the calendar says and how quickly the pages turn, fall in Huntington Beach means better surf. While others around the country are carving pumpkins, hanging decorations, and trying to find the right balance between a warm costume and a scary one, the seniors of Huntington Beach will be competing in the water, judged on wave selection, maneuvers, fluidity, and style. Broken into five-year age groups, starting at 50 years young, the Second Annual Senior Surf Invitational will take place on October 27 at 7:30 a.m. on the south side of the pier. The HBCOA and 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 or www.HBCOA.org.



Tennis Time

Get off the bench and stop merely watching tennis – play tennis! We are excited to, once again, offer a gamut of tennis classes for the Fall season. Classes cater to everyone from those who only know how to use the racquet as an air guitar to the most advanced players. Tennis is an exceptional way to get outside, get exercise, and make some great friends. Call the Murdy Community Center at 714-960-8895 or the Edison Community Center at 714-960-8870 and we'll be more than happy to find the right class for you. Also, check us out at www.HBSands.org.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Grand Opening of Nordstrom Rack and Dick's Sporting Goods and the Grand Re-Opening of Michaels

Huntington Beach is pleased to welcome two exciting and much-anticipated businesses to our community: Nordstrom Rack and Dick's Sporting Goods! Nordstrom Rack will be the

first to celebrate their Grand Opening on September 27 with an opening tailgate party from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Food, entertainment and prize opportunities will be offered prior to the doors opening to shoppers at 9:00 AM. Michaels will hold a grand "Reopening" event on Friday, September 28, starting with a ribbon cutting at 8:45am sharp. Visitors can meet Joann "Jo" Pearson from TV's Craft Wars. Crafters can get started right away at the craft demo tables and bring the kids for fun at the face painting booth. Dick's Sporting Goods will host a ribbon cutting at their first Huntington Beach location at 8:00 AM on Friday, October 5, kicking off an exciting grand opening weekend for their store. All of these businesses are located at the newly-remodeled Edinger Plaza - joining existing tenants PetSmart, Michaels, the recently-opened Starbucks, and more.

FIRE

Fire Prevention Week – October 7-13

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 that killed more than 250 people, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8 and continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871. While the Great Chicago Fire was the best-known blaze during the two day stretch, the biggest was the Peshtigo Fire in Northeast Wisconsin, which also occurred in 1871, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorched 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Both blazes produced countless tales of bravery and heroism, but the fires also changed the way that firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals' Association decided that the anniversary should be observed by keeping the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. The commemoration has grown over the years.

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 92648) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Have 2 Ways Out." There will be fire and rescue demonstrations, educational safety handouts, tours of the fire station, staging of emergency apparatus, and meeting Sparky and firefighters.

National Preparedness Month – Get Educated

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is observed in September in the United States to encourage Americans to take the important steps to prepare for emergencies. Preparing for a disaster is a priority of the city's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program. The city is prepared for emergencies that could occur in our community. However, we cannot do it on our own. Residents are asked to take the necessary steps to get trained and become engaged in community preparedness and response efforts by joining Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

What is CERT?

CERT is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) endorsed training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency response personnel could become overwhelmed

and resources limited. CERT trained individuals acquire the necessary skills to assist emergency responders save lives and property. Once training is completed, you have the opportunity to become a Fire Department CERT volunteer.

What do CERT Volunteers do?

CERT volunteers are trained to prepare for and respond to a disaster until first responders arrive. CERT volunteers learn to manage a disaster at home, work, neighborhood or school. After taking care of home, family, and neighborhood CERT volunteers help the city with duties such as providing damage assessment information, sandbagging, sheltering, helping in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), and providing support to the Fire and Police Departments.

What Will I Learn?

In the Save-A-Life series, you will learn how to:

- prepare your home and family for a disaster
- perform basic first aid and CPR
- safely search a building for trapped victims and perform a rescue
- put out small fires using a fire extinguisher
- survive outdoors if your home is unsafe
- use these skills to create a Neighborhood CERT Team

The Save-A-Life series consists of four classes that build upon each other and ends with a disaster drill where you practice what you have learned. You must attend all classes to graduate.

Class 1: Disaster & Terrorism Preparedness

Learn about threats Huntington Beach residents face, how the City will respond in a disaster, and how you can get your home, family, neighborhood, school and/or business prepared to respond to emergencies.

Class 2: Disaster First Aid (Medical Ops I & II)

Learn creative first aid solutions to common injuries resulting from an earthquake, or other disasters, and the ABC's of disaster first aid. Additional topics include splints, slings, treating burns, impaled objects and shock. Learn how to triage disaster victims.

Class 3: Light Search & Rescue/Fire Suppression

Learn how to do a safety size-up, lift 1000+ pounds using simple leverage techniques, properly search for trapped victims, shore up an unsafe structure, and safely move the injured. Learn to use a fire extinguisher and put out a live fire, fire safety and prevention, how to shut off utilities and secure items that may cause injuries in an earthquake. Finish the class with a disaster drill that will test your newly acquired skills.

Class 4: Disaster Living

Learn how and where to set up an outdoor shelter in a disaster. Whether in your yard or at a park, you will have to care for yourself and neighbors until the Red Cross establishes indoor shelters. Learn skills such as tenting, outdoor cooking, and sanitation.

CERT classes are free, but registration is required. Register on-line at: www.HuntingtonBeachca.gov/cert. An earthquake is rated the number one likelihood of occurrence hazard in Huntington Beach.

You Can Survive an Earthquake

When earthquakes strike, electrical power may go out, gas and water lines may break, buildings may collapse, and residents may require emergency medical assistance. Emergency resources are often overwhelmed and unable to respond to all calls for assistance. Therefore, it is important that you and your family be prepared to be self-sufficient for three to five days.

To ensure that your family is prepared for such an emergency, you should do the following:

- Have a family disaster plan
- Have a plan for your workplace
- Know the plan for your children's school and participate in the school's preparedness efforts
- Have sufficient food, water, medical prescriptions, and disaster supplies to sustain your family for at least 72 hours
- Eliminate hazards in your home
- Know how and when to shut off damaged or leaking utilities
- Ensure your family is fire safe
- Be sure to have smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in your home
- Have an evacuation plan and a "Grab-N-Go" bag ready

Before the Shaking

By planning and practicing what to do before an earthquake occurs, you and your family can learn to react correctly and automatically when the first jolt begins.

Get acquainted with the safe spots in each area of any location your family frequents, which include inside walls, under tables and desks, or in supported doorways. Know where the danger spots are such as, windows, mirrors, hanging objects, and bookshelves. Have an evacuation/communication plan and practice with your family.

Prepare Your Home

Learn how to shut off gas, water, and electricity if lines are damaged. You should mitigate the dangers in your home by securing water heaters and appliances, plants, heavy picture frames and latches on cabinet doors. Keep flammable or hazardous liquids such as paints, pest sprays or cleaning products in the garage or outside shed.

During the Shaking

Being hit by falling objects is the greatest danger during an earthquake. The most important thing is to stay calm and:

- If indoors, stay there. Get under a desk or table, or stand in a doorway.
- If outdoors, get into an open area away from trees, buildings, and power lines.
- If driving, pull your car to the side of the road and stop. Avoid overpasses or power lines. Remain inside the car until the shaking is over.

- If in a high-rise building, stay away from windows and outside walls.

After the Shaking

- Check for injuries, apply first aid, do not move seriously injured persons unless in immediate danger.
- Check for gas and water leaks, broken electrical wiring or sewage lines. If there is damage, turn utilities off at the source.
- Turn on your TV or portable radio for instructions and news reports. Cooperate fully with public safety officials (do not call 911 for information).
 - 107.9 KWVE is Orange County's primary broadcast station and will broadcast all EAS messages.
- Do not use your vehicle unless there is an emergency. Keep the streets clear!

First Aid

Every adult should take First Aid Training and have a First Aid Kit in their home and vehicle. Skills learned in a First Aid training course will enable members of your family to assist themselves and others in the event of an emergency. First Aid knowledge greatly enhances your family's ability to be self-reliant. It is useful in everyday emergencies as well as for disaster situations.

Your First Aid Kit should contain those items that will meet the particular needs of your family. Include a sufficient quantity of supplies for the size of your family. Keep your kit freshly stocked, use it for everyday problems, and take it on all family outings. The First Aid Kit and book should be stored together in an easy-to-reach location (out of the reach of children). Keep First Aid supplies in a small box, toolbox or tackle box. This makes it easy to find, easy to carry, and water resistant. For more information about First Aid Kits, go to:

http://www.surfcity-hb.org/government/departments/Fire/Emergency_preparedness

or

www.fema.gov

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

Disaster Preparedness On-line Resources

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

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know that you can purchase an Annual Beach Parking Pass that allows parking at the City beach? To find a link to this page, click on the Residents tab and then Parking Information: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/parking_pass.cfm.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Support Literacy!

HB Library Literacy Services is selling tickets to the 35th Annual Oktoberfest at Old World Village. A \$5 ticket entitles the bearer admission on Wednesday or Thursday through October 25 and includes a sampling of either beer or wine, or food. Almost 100% of the \$5 donation goes to support the HBPL–Literacy Volunteers program. Stop by the Literacy office at Central or Oak View Library to purchase tickets, or call (714) 375-5102.

Information about HBPL – Literacy Volunteers: The ability to read and write has never been more important than it is in this complex, technologically advanced society. Huntington Beach Library Literacy Services addresses this issue by training community volunteers to assist other adults with the skills they need to succeed as citizens, employees and parents. Literacy volunteers help adults increase the reading, writing, and English speaking skills needed to accomplish individual goals by offering one-to-one and small-group tutoring with adult learners at the Central Library and at Oak View Branch Library.

Banned Books Week – September 30 – October 6, 2012

Award-winning broadcast journalist Bill Moyers and president of Public Affairs Television Judith Davidson Moyers have been named Honorary Co-Chairs of this year's Banned Books Week, the American Library Association's annual celebration of the freedom to read. The week is an occasion for libraries and bookstores across the U.S. to increase public awareness of real and ongoing censorship. The ALA condemns censorship and works to ensure free access to information. Many classic novels have been the target of challenges and bans, including *Catcher in the Rye*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Lord of the Flies*, *Of Mice and Men*, *Brave New World*, and, most ironically, *Fahrenheit 451*.

According to ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, the most challenged book in 2011 was the *ttyl* young adult series of books by Lauren Myracle, which was cited for language, sex, and religious viewpoint. A challenge is a formal, written complaint requesting the removal of materials from a school or library for content or appropriateness. More than 11,000 books have been challenged (though not necessarily censored) since 1982, the inaugural year of Banned Books Week.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission

On September 25, 2012, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-003 (HASHIGO SUSHI RESTAURANT OUTDOOR ALCOHOL SERVICE) **Applicant/Business Owner:** Jimmy Suh **Property Owner:** Sher Five Points LLC **Request:** To permit the onsite sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages within an approximately 398 sq. ft. outdoor dining area to be located in front of an existing 2,000 sq. ft. restaurant with interior alcohol sales and service. **Location:** 18685 Main Street, Suite 106, 92648 (west side of Main Street, south of Ellis Avenue—Five Points Shopping Center) **Project Planner:** Tess Nguyen

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 12-003 (ARCHSTONE HB LOFTS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT) **Applicant:** Archstone Apartments and Red Oak Investments **Property Owner:** Archstone Huntington Beach College Park LLC **Request:** Development Agreement No. 12-003 represents a request to enter into a Development Agreement between the City of Huntington Beach and Archstone Huntington Beach College Park LLC (developer) pursuant to approvals for the Archstone HB Lofts Project (Conditional Use Permit No. 07-043). The Project is approved for 385 multi-family apartment units, including live work units, 10,000 sq. ft. of retail space, a leasing office, resident fitness and recreation areas and public open space. The project, formerly known as The Ripcurl, was approved by the Planning Commission and the City Council in 2008. Condition No. 4.a. requires an affordable housing agreement to be approved by the City Council and recorded to provide for affordable dwelling units in accordance with the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. **Location:** 7400 Center Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 (southeast corner of Center Avenue and Gothard Street) **Project Planner:** Tess Nguyen

APPEAL OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S APPROVAL OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 12-005 (RUSSO AND STEELE AUTO AUCTION)

Applicant: Drew Alcazar **Property Owner:** City of Huntington Beach **Appellant:** Planning Commissioner Mark Bixby **Request:** To permit an annual automobile auction for a period of 11 days during the month of June for five years (2013-2017). The main event will take place for four days and include amplified music, auction announcements, food and alcohol sales. The event will be held within the beach parking lot located between Huntington Street and the Hyatt pedestrian bridge and temporarily displace up to 588 parking spaces. The request also includes a parking management plan with shuttle services to remote parking lots located at Rodgers Senior Center, City Hall, Edison Park, Edison High School, and Newland Barn. Parking within the hotel parking lots will be available for event participants, attendees, and staff. **Location:** 21101 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (ocean side of Pacific Coast Highway, between Huntington Street and Beach Boulevard) **Project Planner:** Jill Arabe. A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

SWAT Team Takes Armed, Convicted Felon into Custody

On September 23, 2012, at about 9:40 AM, police were notified of a reckless driver in the area of Beach Boulevard and Slater Avenue. The vehicle description determined it was a

vehicle stolen in Huntington Beach the day prior. Officers came across the vehicle broken down in the intersection at Gothard Street and Heil Avenue. The suspect was trying to push the broken down vehicle. As the police officer approached, the suspect took off running and the police officer went in foot pursuit of him.

The suspect entered an industrial suite complex and ran through an open roll up doorway. Two employees confronted the suspect, but, due to his bizarre behavior, exited the building. Officers surrounded the building and ordered the suspect to exit the business. However, police officers were informed there were loaded firearms in the office the in which the suspect was hiding. Due to the firearms, and the suspect's refusal to exit the office, the Huntington Beach SWAT Team was called.

As SWAT surrounded the location, the suspect exited the interior office, but not the business. The suspect, smoking a cigarette and walking back and forth near the office where the firearms were, stated he had a knife. To prevent him from returning to the office, a SWAT officer shot the suspect with a rubber projectile that knocked him to the ground. He was taken into custody and arrested without further incident. It was later determined the suspect had armed himself with a loaded AR-15 assault rifle while in the office.

After completing their investigation, the police officers arrested John Ronald Moreno, 18, of Huntington Beach, for auto theft, burglary, felon in possession of a firearm, driving while DUI drugs, resisting arrest and several additional related criminal charges. He was booked in the Huntington Beach city jail. See HBPD Facebook page for photo of suspect.

PUBLIC WORKS

Utilities Division Water Distribution Wins Tapping Contest

Congratulations to the Public Works Utilities Division tapping team of Jesse Calderon, Rich Glover, Dean Sunter, and Tony Velez for successfully defending their championship status by winning the 2012 tapping competition at the Orange County Water Association's Exhibition and Operator Competition. The team took first place by defeating the City of Long Beach, Yorba Linda Water District, and Irvine Ranch Water District with a time of 1 minute and 43 seconds.

"Hot tapping" involves making a connection to a pressurized water pipe using a hand operated tapping machine. Teams are required to tap the pipe, connect it to copper tubing leading to a spigot. Penalty seconds are assessed for leaks.

Maintenance Operations to Slurry Seal Zone 4

On Monday September 24, contract crews will begin preparation to slurry seal maintenance zone 4. This will conclude major street maintenance functions for the area which included replacement of sidewalk, curb and gutter, street rehabilitation, and tree trimming.

The slurry seal project is scheduled to run from September 24 to October 5. The project includes residential streets in an area from PCH, running north on Lake Street, east on Adams, north on Beach, east on Yorktown, south on Newland, east on Atlanta and south on

Magnolia back to PCH. Please call Public Works Maintenance Operations for details and scheduling of the project area: (714) 960-8861

Caltrans Begins Paving on PCH

On Monday, September 24, contractors working for Caltrans began the scheduled pavement maintenance project for Pacific Coast Highway between Beach Boulevard and Goldenwest Street. The project is expected to continue through the end of November with work generally taking place between 9 am and 3 pm daily. The project will require substantial temporary traffic lane and on-street parking restrictions. Updated information regarding the project can be obtained from the Caltrans website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist12/> and the Caltrans Public Information Line at (949) 440-3450 or (949) 724-2000.