

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**September 26, 2011**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Huntington Beach Art Center

Calling all zombies for the October 19 Art Walk! Dancers from the community are needed to participate in a performance of Michael Jackson's *Thriller* as we celebrate the **Night of the Dancing Dead**. The dance will be performed at four different locations along the Downtown Art Walk. There will be three rehearsals at the Art Center to learn a streamlined version of the dance. The rehearsals will be taught by dancers from the HB Academy for the Performing Arts, who will also comprise the core group of performers. Rehearsals are scheduled for Monday October 3, October 10 and October 17 from 5:30 – 7 pm. Please call the Art Center at 714.374.1650 for information.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### City Council Approves Vans ENA

On September 19, City Council approved an Exclusive Negotiation Agreement with Vans for the potential development of a free skate park on a City owned 2.7 acre property located on Center Avenue near Gothard Street. The Agreement extends through March 31, 2012, allowing time to process an environmental impact report for the proposed project. The project environmental impact report is expected to be completed in March 2012.

### Surf City Savings

Summer is coming to a close, autumn is officially here and that means Halloween is right around the corner! New to the Surf City Savings Program is Halloween Adventure located in Bella Terra, 7777 Edinger Ave, Unit 120. Some of the savings being offered to locals include \$10 off any purchase of \$80 or more or 20% off any regular priced item. This offer can be found in the retail section on [www.surfcityavings.com](http://www.surfcityavings.com). Supporting Halloween Adventure and the over 150 other merchants helps keep our spending dollars local which in turn support our local City services.

## FIRE

### Fire Prevention Week – October 9-15

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, but 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 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association decided that the anniversary should be observed by continuing to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, the Huntington Beach Fire Department will be holding its annual Open House on Saturday, October 15 at Fire Station 1 – Gothard (18311 Gothard Street 92648) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be rescue demonstrations, educational safety handouts, tours of the fire station, staging of emergency apparatus, and meeting Sparky and firefighters.

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

### **City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips**

Report traffic related issues such as speeding and illegal parking to the traffic division with the Directed Traffic Enforcement Request form at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/PD/online\\_services/traffic\\_direction.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/PD/online_services/traffic_direction.cfm)

## **LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Picture It @ Your Library**

"Picture It @ Your Library" is the theme for the 2011 Teen Read Week, celebrated nationwide October 16 – 22. In recognition of this event, the Huntington Beach Public Library's Teen Space is holding a photo contest for HB teens. The challenge will be to create an original photo of a scene set in or at the library. Be creative! What would a person picture when thinking about the library?

Photos should be submitted as an email attachment to [hbplya@gmail.com](mailto:hbplya@gmail.com). In the body of the email, please include contestant's name, age, grade, current school, email address and phone number. Submit all entries by 5 pm Friday, October 21. Contest submissions will be posted on HBPL's Facebook page and the one with the most "likes" by 9 pm Monday, October 21, will be the winner.

First place prize- \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card; second place prize- \$15 Barnes & Noble gift card; third place prize- \$10 Barnes & Noble gift card. Winning photos will also be featured in a special display at HBPL Teen Space throughout the month of November.

Entries must be created by teens, grades 6 – 12. Asking adults for advice is permissible, but all work and effort must be entirely original. Professional photographers are ineligible. Use of digital editing software or apps (Photoshop, Instagram) is not allowed. All subjects must be willing participants; ask photo subjects for permission first. Teens may submit one entry. Contestants agree that HBPL may publish their name and photo and may use both in future publicity. HBPL is not responsible for any lost, delayed, damaged, misdirected or illegal submissions. HBPL may disqualify any entry based on content and/or production.

### **Kindle Books @ Your Library!**

eBooks and eBook readers are everywhere, and are growing in popularity every day. Huntington Beach Public Library has been allowing readers to download eBooks for awhile now. In a dramatic breakthrough last week, the library's eBook holdings have become

compatible with the Kindle. This will put more eBooks than ever in the hands (and devices!) of readers. Now owners of eReaders will be able to download their reading from an old friend – their public library.

To check out free books for Kindle and other popular eReaders visit: [e.hbpl.org](http://e.hbpl.org).

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **City of Huntington Beach – FEMA Recertification**

The City of Huntington Beach participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS which are (a) reducing flood losses, (b) facilitating an accurate insurance rating, and (c) promoting awareness of flood insurance. Our current rating is a Class 7 which allows a 15% discount on all flood insurance policies issued or renewed on or after the effective date of October 1, 2000, for properties within flood zones A, AE, and VE and 5% for flood zone X. As a requirement of our participation the City must certify annually its floodplain management activities for each calendar year. Recently the program was reviewed and successfully recertified as a Class 7 by FEMA on September 21, 2011, for an additional year. If you have additional questions concerning the City's participation in the Flood Program please contact Andrew Gonzales, Associate Planner, at 714-374-1547. If you would like to receive a copy of the City's official Flood Insurance Rate Map, you can contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the following toll free number: 1-800-358-9616.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **Join us in Supporting NAMIWalks Orange County 5K Walk**

This Saturday, October 1, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), is holding its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual NAMIWalks Orange County 5k Walk starting at the Huntington Beach Pier. The Huntington Beach Police Department supports NAMI and has team "HBPD" walking in the event.

We invite everyone to come participate in the event to support NAMI. Please consider joining our team walking at the event or sponsoring our team.

Due to the incident in Fullerton involving the death of Kelly Thomas, this year's event will be much larger than the past six years. Since the walk is in Huntington Beach, we feel it is important on a professional and personal level to have our Police Department represented. If you can, please join us for this great event.

Use this link to join or support Team HBPD:

<http://www.nami.org/namiwalks11/OCO/hbpd>

WALK DETAILS:

Walk site: Welcome to NAMIWalks Orange County

Location: Huntington Beach Pier  
Huntington Beach, CA  
Date: October 1, 2011  
Check in: 7:30 am  
Start time: 9:00 am  
Team: HBPD

Lt. Russell Reinhart is the Huntington Beach Police Department "Team Captain" for the event and can be contacted at [rreinhart@hbpd.org](mailto:rreinhart@hbpd.org) for further information.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Huntington Beach Wins Annual Pipe Tapping Contest**

The Annual Orange County Water Association BBQ picnic was held on Wednesday, September 21 at Irvine Lake Park. Representatives from several Orange County and Los Angeles County water agencies, including Laguna Beach, Yorba Linda, Irvine Ranch Water District, City of Anaheim, and Long Beach Water Department attended the event which features an annual Pipe Tapping Contest.

Congratulations to the Huntington Beach team of Dean Sunter, Jesse Calderon, Rich Glover and Tony Velez who took first place in the contest. In addition to placing first in the contest, the team had the fastest two times in the event with their first run at 96 seconds and their second run at 101 seconds. The team, which has competed in the event for the past three years, beat their last year's contest time by almost 20 seconds.

### **Project to Extend Service Life of Water Transmission Main is Completed**

Construction is substantially complete on the rehabilitation and cathodic protection (CP) of 18,200 linear feet of existing 30-inch diameter water transmission pipeline primarily located on Yorktown Avenue between Delaware Street and Brookhurst Street. CP involves the utilization of low voltage currents through the pipeline to direct corrosive properties in the soil to more corrosive metals installed on or near the pipeline. Along with CP, the project also replaced old pipeline appurtenances to improve operation and maintenance reliability. As a final touch, Yorktown Avenue was slurry sealed and will be re-stripped to cover the pavement patches resulting from the project.

CP combined with appurtenance replacement could extend the service life of this 47 year old pipeline for another 50 years, thereby generating significant savings as compared to pipeline replacement. Total project cost for the project was approximately \$2.9M.