

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

September 30, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

Senior Surf Invitational is hoping for crystal surf conditions. Shadows cast upon the horizon before the break of a warm October dawn, patiently waiting for the initial wave of the day, the seniors of Huntington Beach will be competing in the *Third Annual Senior Surf Invitational*. Soon, the sun will rise, casting golden light on this apex of active aging. Being judged on wave selection, maneuvers, fluidity, and style, competitors will be broken into five-year age groups starting with the newest batch of 50-year-olds. Hosted by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, Huntington Beach Senior Services, and Memorial Care Medical Group, the event will take place on October 26, 2013, promising a day of athleticism and fun. Those interested in competing need to register before October 11. Call the Rodgers Seniors' Center for more details 714-536-9387 or visit www.HBSands.org or www.HBCOA.org.

FIRE

Fire Extinguishers

The Five Classes of Fire

- 1) Class A Fires
Involve ordinary combustibles such as wood, cloth, and paper
- 2) Class B Fires
Involve flammable liquids such as gasoline, oil, and some paints and solvents.
- 3) Class C Fires
Involve energized electrical equipment such as power tools, wiring, fuse boxes, computers, TVs, and electric motors
- 4) Class D Fires (NOTE: fighting Class D Fires requires specialized training)
Involve combustible metals such as magnesium or sodium
- 5) Class K Fires
Involve cooking oils used in commercial cooking equipment

Extinguishers are labeled with standard letters and symbols for the classes of fire they can put out. The appropriate extinguisher must be used for the type of fire being fought. Utilizing the incorrect extinguisher can make the fire worse. The recommended extinguisher for home use is the multipurpose type. A multipurpose fire extinguisher is marked ABC and may be used on those three types of fires.

Installation and Maintenance

Extinguishers should be installed:

- in plain view
- near an escape route
- away from stoves and heating appliances

Extinguishers require routine care:

- read the operator's manual to learn how to inspect the extinguisher

- follow the manufacturer's instructions on maintenance
- rechargeable models must be serviced after every use (service companies are listed in the Yellow Pages under "Fire Protection Equipment")
- disposable fire extinguishers can only be used once

Before Fighting a Fire, Be Sure That....

- You have been trained to operate the extinguisher
- Everyone not designated to use extinguishers is leaving the area and that someone has sounded the alarm and called 9-1-1
- There is an unobstructed escape route in case you can't put out the fire
- You know what's burning and your extinguisher is right for the fire

Operation of a Fire Extinguisher:

- **Pull the pin**
that unlocks the operating lever
- **Aim Low**
pointing the extinguisher nozzle or hose at the base of the fire
- **Squeeze**
the lever above handle to discharge the extinguishing agent and release to stop
- **Sweep**
the nozzle or hose from side to side keeping the extinguisher aimed at the base of the fire and sweep back and forth until the flames appear to be out

For more information on fire extinguishers, please visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at: www.nfpa.org

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know you can report a crime online on the City website? By using this online reporting system, you can report harassing phone calls, thefts, hit and runs, vandalism, lost property and vehicle burglaries. You can find a quick link to this system on the Police Department homepage:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/PD/online_services/online_crime_reporting.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

In-N-Out's Cover to Cover program

Children ages 4 through 12 can register online starting October 5 for In-N-Out's **Cover to Cover** reading program at www.hbpl.org. For every five library books children read and record on their online reading log, they will earn a coupon good for a hamburger or cheeseburger at In-N-Out. Once a child has logged five titles online, he can go to any Huntington Beach Library branch to receive his prize. Children may earn up to THREE coupons for a total of 15 books during the program. Children and parents who do not have access to a home computer may use the library computers to register and keep track of their reading. Staff is available to assist if needed.

Attention Writers! Writing and Illustrating Contest

Attention all aspiring writers and illustrators - pre-k through eighth- grade. The Sand Scribes and FOTCL's annual writing and illustrating contest starts Tuesday, October 1 and ends Saturday, December 21. Winners will receive Barnes and Noble gift cards at an award ceremony held during our 2014 Authors Festival.

This year's theme is IMAGINE SOMETHING DIFFERENT. *Imagine a character woke up and found that something about that character had changed. What would it be? What happens?! What if the change happened to YOU? Are you a giant? Are you a bug? Imagine something different!!!*

Print out entry forms and rules at www.fotcl.org.

October Art Shows @ the Library

The American Artists of Chinese Brush Painting will present their works in the Central Library Windows Gallery during the month of October. For more information, contact Windows Gallery Manager Cheryl Del Toro at (714) 531-3663.

Original wildlife paintings by Laura Curtin are featured in the Corner Gallery of the Central Library during October. An open house reception will be held Saturday, October 5 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact Corner Gallery Manager Paul Scott at (714) 625-9295.

Both galleries are free and open to the public during regular Library hours: www.hbpl.org.

Repairs and improvements at the Central Library

The dust is finally beginning to settle from a variety of repairs and improvements at the Central Library. The Library entryway will have a new look in early October, with new tile and new security gates for the collection. The Circulation Services Desk is getting a facelift, to make it more ergonomic and open, improving our customer service experience. New Self Service Check out units will be going in, and will help streamline checkout for most library materials. Tile was also replaced by our Literacy office, improving the walkway in the central stairwell of the building. Thank you to all library patrons who have put up with the dust and disruption over the past few weeks.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**New Fair Housing Service Provider**

The City of Huntington Beach is committed to enforcing fair housing laws, in particular, to protect the rights of persons who believe that they have been the victims of discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, handicap, familial status (generally, the presence of children in the household), or national origin. The City fulfills its commitment to fair housing by providing a contract each year to a qualified provider to service our community, as selected through a competitive application process via our Community Development Block Grant Program.

Starting October 1, 2013, the Fair Housing Foundation will work on behalf of the City to provide these services. Fair Housing Foundation (FHF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating discrimination in housing and promoting equal access to housing choices for everyone. FHF has been providing fair housing services since 1964, assisting individual citizens, elected officials, landlords, tenants, owners, community groups, housing providers and Realtors. FHF conducts multiple workshops and trainings to aid in educating every one of their rights and responsibilities. FHF will be providing these workshops in the City in the near future. For more information, please visit their website at FairHousingFoundation.com or call (800) 446-3247

Surf City Downtown Shuttle Service Concludes October 1

The Surf City Downtown Shuttle will conclude its 2013 service at 10:00 p.m. on October 1 and will return for the 2014 summer season, having provided free, fun rides to approximately 5,600 passengers this year. Thanks for riding and we will see you next year!

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following item is scheduled for the Zoning Administrator:

1. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 13-023 (DIBBLEE RESIDENCE):** To permit the construction of an approximately 21 linear ft., 42 in. high retaining wall with 44 in. high columns, topped with a 42 in. high decorative wrought iron railing for a total height of 7 ft. - within three feet from the front property line at 320 17th Street, 92648 (south side of 17th Street, between Olive Avenue and Orange Avenue). 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

HBPD Swears-In Three New Officers

On September 24, three new officers were sworn-in to HBPD. Steve Flynn comes to us from the Los Angeles Police Department. Kevin Heusser joins us from the Golden West Police Academy having served our country for four years in the Navy. Alex Durham, one of our youngest members to become a police officer at HBPD also comes from Golden West Police Academy. Huntington Beach welcomes our new recruits!

PUBLIC WORKS

Hydrant Flushing

Beginning the week of October 7, the Public Works Utilities Division will begin its fire hydrant flushing program. Hydrant flushing is a necessary maintenance activity that helps flush the City's water system, removing sand and sediment that has accumulated on the bottom of water pipelines over time. This is typically done every two to three years. This year the north

side of the City (everything north of Ellis Avenue) is scheduled. It is estimated the process will take about four months.

During this time it is possible water customers may experience some discolored water from their tap. They could also experience some minor loss in water pressure as crews begin to flush hydrants in your area. This is a temporary situation. We recommend in these instances of discolored water customers refrain from doing any laundry and flush their plumbing system by running a few taps until the water runs clear.

Before work is done, door hangers will be distributed with the date, time and location of the flushing program. Please be aware that the information presented on the hanger may be subject to change. It is our goal to be as accurate as we can when the hanger is distributed. If you should have any questions or concerns, simply call the Public Works Utilities Division at 714-536-5921.

29th Annual Coastal Cleanup Event – Saturday September 21

On Saturday September 21, over 400 volunteers participated in the 29th Annual Coastal Cleanup Event at three sites in Huntington Beach. This is an annual statewide event and this year there were volunteers at 850 sites in 53 of California's 58 counties, gathering hundreds of tons of trash from beaches, creeks, parks, roadways, and other locations that have been impacted by trash and debris. Statewide, over 501,748 pounds of trash and recyclables were collected by 51,543 volunteers.

Closer to home, volunteers at the three cleanup sites in Huntington Beach collected 8,449 pounds of trash that would have otherwise washed out to our local waterways and eventually the ocean. Below are details regarding each site in Huntington Beach:

Bartlett Park (Co-hosted with the County of Orange Public Works Department):

Volunteers: 95

Trash & debris collected: 6,600 pounds

Huntington Beach Pier:

Volunteers: 270

Trash & debris collected: 1,492 pounds

LeBard Park & Lower Santa Ana River Channel (Co-hosted with the County of Orange Public Works Department):

Volunteers: 40

Trash & debris collected: 400 pounds