

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

September 9, 2013

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

Join the conversation at an informative Affordable Care Act (ACA) Town Hall Meeting on September 26, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Huntington Beach City Hall Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street. This forum is moderated by Robert Dettloff of the Huntington Beach Council on Aging and includes panel members, Amy Mejia, an attorney with the Public Law Center in Santa Ana, Sgt. Yasha Nikitin of the Huntington Beach Police Department, and Michelle Yerke, Care Manager with Huntington Beach Senior Services. The panelists will present information pertinent to Californian's and their access to the Affordable Care Act depending on their personal age, income, and employment status, the CoveredCalifornia resource, enrollment periods, current scams and fraud being perpetrated on the public in the area of Medicare and the ACA, and the resources available at Huntington Beach Senior Services. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session with the panelists.



View the new City Parks information on the City's website

Take a look at our new City Parks webpage to view park information, including the description, amenities, acreage, and interesting facts about each City park.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/community_services/

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Check out Surf City Days and The Green Expo this weekend, featuring Ed Begley, Jr!

Downtown is the place to be this weekend with exciting surf and green-themed events. Surf City Days will occur on September 14 and 15, with the "locals" theme, featuring an annual city surf contest, a standup paddleboard surf race, live entertainment, a safety fair, an art and vendor fair and an "Old Skool" skate event, all right in the heart of downtown, and is free to the public. For more information on this true hometown surf-themed event, please visit www.hbdowntown.com.

The Annual Green Expo returns on Saturday, September 14, with over 50 vendors exhibiting at Pier Plaza from 10 AM to 3 PM, including a variety of demonstrations, live music, a free bike valet, and raffle prizes. Catch what certainly will prove to be an interesting speech from actor/director/filmmaker and environmental guru Ed Begley, Jr. and the Harvest to Home Panel at the Shorebreak Hotel from 7:30-10:30 AM. Enjoying the vendors and demonstrations at Pier Plaza is free, and tickets to the Shorebreak Hotel event are just \$39. For more information and to purchase tickets, call (714) 536-8888 or visit www.hbchamber.com.

The Surf City Downtown Shuttle will be operating from City Hall to downtown from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM on both Saturday and Sunday, offering a convenient, fun, and free way to park and ride to enjoy all that downtown has to offer this weekend. For more info on the Shuttle, please visit http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking/.

FIRE

2013 Huntington Beach Disaster Preparedness Expo

The City of Huntington Beach would like to invite residents to the annual Disaster Preparedness Expo. The event is sponsored by the Huntington Beach (HB) Fire Department Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office and will have representatives from the HB Police Department, HB Fire Department Urban Search & Rescue (USAR), FireMed, National Weather Service, American Red Cross, HB Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), HB Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), Ready OC, and more.

The Expo is free of charge and will have fun and exciting demonstrations by experts in disaster preparedness. Learn about the hazards facing Huntington Beach and what you need to do to prepare such as, how to use a fire extinguisher, prepare a grab-n-go bag, 72 hour survival kit, etc. In addition, disaster preparedness vendors will be on scene to provide literature about equipment and kits that can be purchased. The event will be held at the entrance to the Huntington Beach Central Library on September 21, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 714-374-1565.

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

The website for the Downtown Task Force can be found under Popular Pages on the City's homepage. The site lists the committee members, meeting schedule and agendas for the Task Force. The site can be found at

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/downtown_task_force.cfm

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**Construction Disruption at the Library**

The following remodeling projects are currently in progress at the Central Library: Floor Tile Replacement near literacy on the lower level, Main Entrance Remodeling, and renovation of the Circulation Desk. Patrons can expect excessive noise, general disruption, alternate access routes and caution tape in various locations. All construction is scheduled for conclusion by Monday, September 30. Please bear with staff during the work that maintains and enhances the library.

Parking Advisory

There will be major special events in Central Park during September. Parking at the Central Library will be a challenge during these events. Some reserved parking will be available in the Library parking lot nearest Golden West Street. The Library recommends carpooling, taking alternative forms of transportation such as a bus or bicycle, using the Huntington Beach "Seniors on the Go" van service, or visiting Banning Branch or Main Street Branch during these weekends.

The events and the dates:

Saturday & Sunday – September 21 & 22: So Cal Film Festival in the Library Theater,

Sunday – September 21: Pacific Islanders Festival in Central Park East, Disaster Expo in the Library Traffic Circle

Saturday – October 5: Fountain Valley Cross Country Invitational in Central Park West

We are sorry for any inconvenience!

School's In Session and the Library is Ready!

Don't miss Central Library's Back to School family evening storytime Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tabby Theater. Children may wear their pajamas. National Charity League will be bringing cookies for after storytime.

Central Library Homework Club, staffed by volunteer tutors, starts on September 23. Homework Club meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the downstairs Maddy Room. Parents and children must register for the club before tutoring will start. Registration takes place at the start of Homework Club. Children must bring their homework with them.

Oak View Branch Library's Homework Club for elementary and middle school students begins on Monday, September 9 and meets regularly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Parents should attend the first session to register their child. Call the Oak View Branch at (714) 375-5068 for more information.

Don't get the homework blues. Use the library database *Help Now* powered by Brainfuse. "Help Now" offers online tutoring with trained tutors seven days a week from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Students can also take practice tests, have essays reviewed and practice subjects they wish to improve. This is a free service offered by the library. All you need is a library card

to use this database at home, or those without library cards may use library computers to access Help Now. To get homework help today, go to www.hbpl.org and click on the Help Now button.

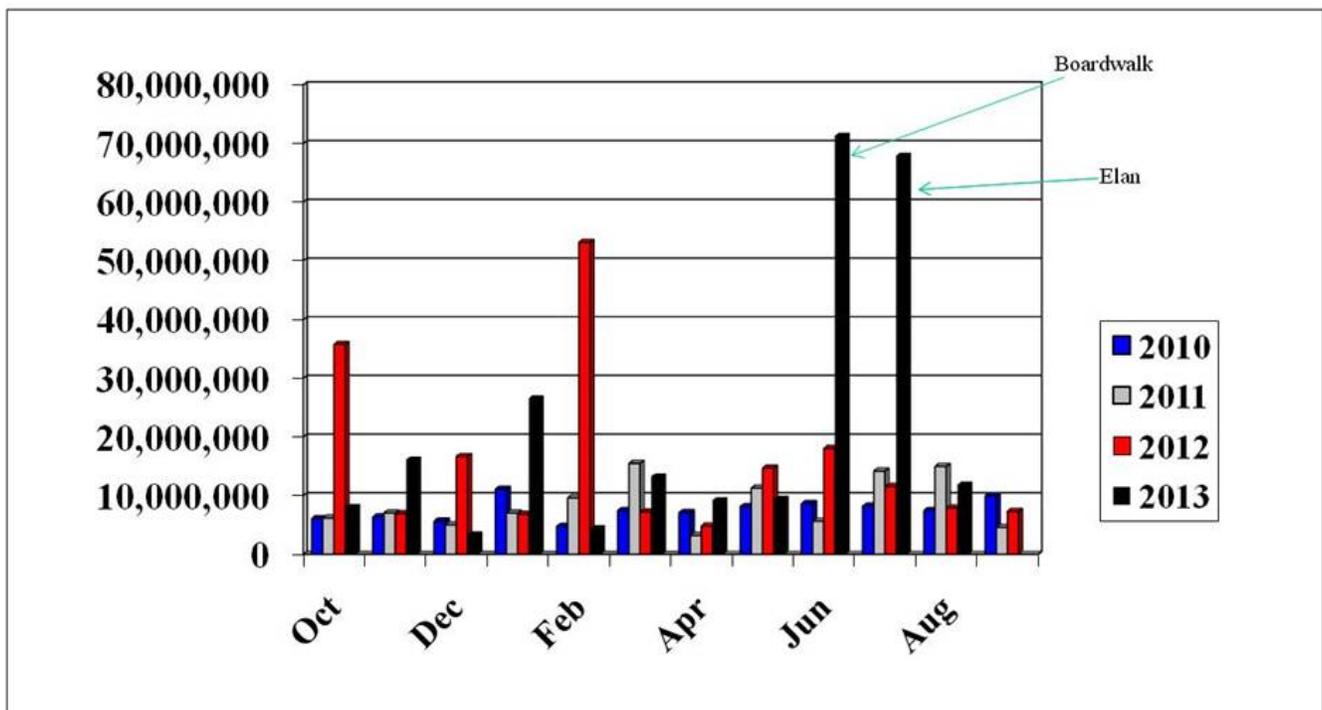
Ahoy there, matey! September 19 is the official "Speak Like A Pirate" day. Learn the Pirate Language by using the Library's database, *Mango*. It's free. All you need is your library card and soon you'll be speaking Pirate as well as any pirate who sailed the Seven Seas. Mango also offers 63 other languages you can learn as well. *Little Pim* is our language learning database for children.

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PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Valuation (\$)

Residential, Commercial & Industrial



Total construction valuation for FYTD 12/13 is \$242,009,410 compared to the same time last year, \$183,656,438; valuation is up 32%. New Residential construction starts have seen a 81% increase over last year. For the month of August new housing starts, residential

remodels and residential miscellaneous (Block walls, reroof, window replacement, etc) were the leading segments having a total year to date valuation of \$208 million.

Activity at the Planning and Building Counters has seen a steady increase over the summer months. Entitlements applications are up 14% over the same time last year. Permit activity has increased 6% for the same time period. Walk-in customers to both counters is up 21% collectively over last year.

Planning Commission Meeting for September 10, 2013

At 5:15 PM, the Planning Commission will be conducting a Study Session in Room B-8 (City Hall Lower Level) for the following item:

- **Zoning Text Amendment No. 13-001**, a proposal to change the Downtown Specific Plan to prohibit the sale of alcohol for off-site consumption in District 1.

At 7:00 PM, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers for the following item:

- **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 01-003 (GUN RANGE REMEDIATION AND REUSE) Applicant/ Property Owner:** City of Huntington Beach, Community Services Department

Request: To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with a proposal by the City to remediate the lead contamination that resulted from the prior use of the +4.9 acre site as a gun range and re-use it as a park element within Central Park. **Location:** Huntington Central Park (between Goldenwest St. and Gothard St., south of Talbert Ave.)

City Contact: Ricky Ramos, Senior Planner

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

Huntington Beach Search and Rescue Open House 2013

Huntington Beach Search and Rescue is hosting its annual open house and we invite you to attend. Huntington Beach Search and Rescue is a non-profit volunteer organization which allows teens and young adults to step into the world of firefighting, police work, and marine safety to see if this career path is their potential calling in life.

Date: September 12th 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Fire Training Center 18381 Gothard St., Huntington Beach

September 11 Ceremony

Please join us for our annual Patriot Day Ceremony at Pier Plaza on September 11, 2013, at 6:00 PM. This event is presented by the American Legion Post 133 and City of Huntington Beach. This will be a day to remember and honor our war veterans and public safety members with both ceremony and tradition.

PUBLIC WORKS

Come join the City of Huntington Beach for the 17th Annual Inner-Coastal & Watershed Clean-up Day and the 29th Annual Coastal Clean-up Day on Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 9:00 to noon. The three sites are located at:

- Bartlett Park, 8099 Adams Avenue at Beach Boulevard, behind Mother's Market in the Newland Center (Co-Hosted with the County of Orange)
- Huntington Beach Pier, just north of the Pier
- LeBard Park at Lower Santa Ana River Trail, 20451 Craimer Lane (Co-Hosted with the County of Orange)

Free parking is available at all locations. Please bring your own bucket or reusable bag, glove, and filled, reusable water bottle.