

# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

**May 7, 2012**

## **CITY CLERK'S DEPARTMENT**

### **Lions Club Shred-A-Thon – Saturday, May 26, 2012 – 8:00 to 1:00**

Records, and their proper and secure destruction when necessary, are important in the City Clerk's Office. We would like to make you aware of a free public shredding event for your personal records hosted by the Surf City Lions Club. The event will be held Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The location is Realty One Group (back office parking lot) at 19126 Magnolia Avenue, #101, in Huntington Beach.

Drive up and drop off your outdated, expired confidential documents, tax records, cancelled checks and old bills. Representatives from a professional, licensed and bonded document shredding company will take possession of the old documents and shred them for free. No limit. Donations are accepted. The event is sponsored by Realty One Group (714) 925-5361.

Food and beverages will be available. Donations benefit the Lions Club charities.

Follow this link to information about the suggested retention and destruction of personal documents: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/files/users/city\\_clerk/FamilyRecordsDoc.pdf](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/files/users/city_clerk/FamilyRecordsDoc.pdf)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Huntington Beach Art Center**

The Art Center is currently preparing for its next exhibition to open on May 19, titled *Contemporary Traditionalists: A West Coast Perspective*. The exhibition features 48 works by 18 artists from South Orange County. The exhibition is collaboration between the Art Center and the Festival of Arts Laguna Beach focusing on traditional art forms of painting and sculpture. The exhibition continues through June 23. Call the Art Center at (714) 374-650 for gallery hours and additional information.

### **Huntington Beach Senior Services Step Out for Active Aging!**

On Wednesday, May 23 City of Huntington Beach Senior services, HB Council on Aging, The Arthritis Foundation, and title sponsor, Talbert Medical Group invite you to Step Out for Active Aging. The event will begin at 9:30 A.M. at Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue. "Senior Fitness Guru" Rene Burton will lead light warm-up exercise before a walk to the Huntington Beach Pier and back - approximately 2.4 miles round trip. That is 2.4 miles of beautiful beach weather, 2.4 miles of healthy activity, and 2.4 miles of community celebrating Older Americans Month. We will provide water, snacks, and excellent prizes for opportunity drawings during the event. The first one hundred participants in attendance will receive an event shirt and goody bag. Come join this free celebration of active aging at its best, and show that you are never too old to play. Age Strong, Live Long! For more information, call (714) 536-9387.

**Recreation – Parks Make Life Better!**

The City of Huntington Beach provides a wide variety of classes and workshops for residents of all ages. On Saturday, May 12, Murdy Community Center is providing a selection of workshops to teach participants how to prepare for the unexpected. The Alternative Outdoor Cooking workshop, taught by a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) leader, shows students how to prepare food without the use of a conventional kitchen. Babysitting: Seriously Awesome Sitters is the ultimate babysitter class preparing potential sitters in basic first aid and CPR, how to market their services, safely care for children, make healthy snacks, and provide healthy activities! CPR: American Heart Association trains individuals to give basic life support to adults, children, and infants. Visit [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org) to learn more about these and other outstanding programs!

**Local Students are Hooked on Fishing!**

On a typical overcast Huntington Beach morning, the waterfowl of Chris Carr Park had to make their annual shuffle to accommodate room for the Ol' Fishing Hole Fishing Derby. The May 4 event was presented by the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department and the HB Kiwanis. One hundred eighty students with special needs from Ocean View, Huntington Beach, Westminster, and Fountain Valley school districts enjoyed a day of friends, fishing, and fun! This event is many of the students' favorite day of school. Volunteers helped students bait hooks and pull in a total eighty-three fish (over 150 lbs,) while providing an opportunity for intergenerational discourse and lunch in the park. A special thank you is extended to the HB Kiwanis, California Department of Fish and Game, HB Firefighters Association, HB Police Officers Association, HB Council on Aging, HB Fish and Recreation Club, HB Municipal Employees Association, and Mako Matt's Marine.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****Huntington Beach Costco Opens**

On Wednesday May 2nd, the new Huntington Beach Costco officially opened its doors. The opening weekend was very successful with strong sales exceeding Costco expectations. Costco in Bella Terra was one of the stronger openings in Southern California according to the General Manager, Rod Skinn. The City is excited that another great opportunity to "Shop Huntington Beach" is available. Shopping locally keeps the sales tax in town to provide for our community services. Parking for Costco is provided in the adjacent parking structure as well as the store parking lot.

**FIRE****Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors**

It is that time of year again for the Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors charity to unite Fire Departments, businesses, and volunteer citizens throughout Southern California with the common goal of raising funds to help burn survivors from all walks of life recover from the trauma of burn injuries. The Quest caravan will be traveling "Code 3" through the streets of Huntington Beach arriving at Pier Plaza Tuesday, May 8 at approximately 2:45 p.m. to receive donations from the Huntington Beach Firefighters Association and the Fire Management Association. This will be the sixteenth year of raising funds for Burn Survivors,

Burn Organizations, Burn Programs, World Burn Congress, and the American Burn Association.

Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors is a non-profit organization managed by firefighters and civilians who volunteer their services and are dedicated to assisting those that have been affected by burn injuries. The organization hosts fund raisers throughout the year in which donations are received and distributed on behalf of each donor to local burn centers and foundations as well as burn survivors and their families. To find out more about the organization, please call the toll-free number: (866) 937-8378 or visit: <http://www.firefightersquest.org>.

### INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know that the City website has a comprehensive Parking Information web section? This section provides information about parking garages and lots, parking maps, annual beach parking pass information, parking enforcement information and RV parking regulations and permits. Click on "Residents" and then "Parking Information."  
<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/visitors/parking/>

### LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### Voter Registration @ the Library

Huntington Beach residents who wish to vote in the June 5, 2012, election can pick up a Voter Registration Form at the Central Library. In addition to the presidential primary, voters will be nominating county, state and congressional representatives, as well as deciding countywide issues. Residents who have moved or changed their name, or who want to change their political affiliation, may re-register by using the printed form also. The registration deadline for the June election is May 21.

#### Ballooning for Fish! Balloon Classes at the Library

Beginning Wednesday, May 16, a weekly balloon sculpture classes will be held in the Tabby Theater at the Central Library. Balloon twisting classes will be at 5:30 pm and balloon decor classes will be at 7:00 pm. Balloons and pumps are provided during the class for classroom use. Learn two different balloon techniques per evening. Learn to make fantastic balloon creations.

A \$5 donation per family per class is suggested. All funds raised go toward saving the library's fish aquarium. Classes are taught by Dale Hoerth (**Absolutely Being Creative**, (714) 917-9658).

Current classes are scheduled for May 16, May 23, May 30, June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, and July 11. More classes may be added to continue through the summer. Classes are for adults, teens, and children ages 5 and older.

#### Children's Library Wall Tile Sale Extended

Those wishing to have a personalized ceramic tile installed on the post in the Central Library Children's Department can still do so for the \$30 sale price (regularly \$50). The sale will

continue through the month of May. To arrange a date and time to paint a tile, please call (714) 374-5330. Tiles and glazes will be provided.

### **Never Too Old to Play @ the Library**

Older Americans Month is celebrated each May to honor and recognize older Americans for the contributions they make to our families, communities and society. This year's theme "**Never Too Old to Play**" encourages older adults to stay engaged, active in their lives and involved in their communities. A great way to stay involved is to visit and volunteer at the Huntington Beach Library. Older adults often have free time to volunteer and take an active role in several Library activities. The Library's Grandparent Read Aloud Program specifically reaches out to older adults, connecting generations through the shared joy of reading stories aloud. Older adults are also greatly involved with Library fundraisers, such as the Concours d'Elegance Car Show, the Used Books Sale, and the Friends Gift Shop.

Huntington Beach's "Seniors on the Go" program can provide transportation to and from the Library if needed. Check it out today! Call the Huntington Beach Library at (714) 842-4481 or HB Seniors on the Go at (714) 960-2478.

### **Authors Luncheon @ the Library**

The Friends of the Library present crime fiction authors D.P. Lyle and Marcos Villatoro at an Authors Luncheon on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at noon at the Central Library. Book sales and signings will be available after the program. Cost is \$20 per person. Seating is limited; reservations are required by May 11. For more information contact the Friends of the Library at 714-375-8429.

### **May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month**

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian-Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands. The Huntington Beach Library provides books by several well-known Asian and Pacific Islanders—Amy Tan, Lisa See, Maxine Hong Kingston, Linda Sue Park, Thich Nhat Hanh, and the Dahli Lama. In addition, the Central Library has a Vietnamese language book collection with 700 items in fiction, non-fiction, and biography. Check it out today! [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org).

## **PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

### **Planning Commission**

On May 8, 2012, at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the following item:

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-001 (CROSSROADS ANIMAL EMERGENCY)** to review a request to permit the establishment and operation of an approximately 5,100 sq. ft. after-hours emergency pet clinic within an existing multitenant commercial shopping center. The clinic will provide emergency, critical care, surgery, and internal medicine related services. The clinic intends to operate between 6:00 PM and 8:00 AM, Monday through Friday, and 24-hours on weekends and major holidays (18364 Beach Boulevard, 92646 - north of Ellis Avenue, eastside of Beach Boulevard ). Contact Andrew Gonzales,

project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information/ A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **HB Detective Receives "Crime Survivors Above and Beyond Award"**

On April 27, 2012, Detective Gary Kim received the Crime Survivors Above and Beyond Award. He was honored due to his efforts in assisting victims of domestic violence in the community. Detective Kim has been a police officer for the city of Huntington Beach since 1995. He has been assigned to investigate domestic violence and stalking cases as an investigator for the past 6 years. He has established himself as an expert and works in partnership with a victim advocate to assist victims throughout the criminal justice process.

Detective Kim routinely goes the extra mile in assisting victims of domestic violence. Victims benefit from Detective Kim's actions because he is pro-active, responsive, dependable, and trustworthy. At the same time, he is compassionate and respectful. He understands the cycle of violence, and the many reasons why victims stay in dangerous relationships. He himself has become a victim of stalking at least three different times by those he has pursued. These suspects became so frustrated with his tenacious efforts to bring them to justice that they turned their obsessive behavior and anger toward Detective Kim.

Detective Kim's efforts to ensure victims of domestic violence are protected make him a worthy recipient of the Crime Survivors Above and Beyond Award.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **LED Lighting Retrofit**

The City of Huntington Beach Public Works Department recently completed an effort to retrofit street and parking lot lights with LED lights at select locations around the City. More than 250 lights were changed out at several facilities including Rogers Senior Center, the beach parking lots from Beach Boulevard to 1<sup>st</sup> Street, portions of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, the Art Center and the Civic Center. The project was a collaborative effort between the City's Energy Project Manager, Aaron Klemm and the Signal and Lighting Maintenance section of Public Works. The material costs for the lights were funded through \$150,000 in grants and incentives secured by Mr. Klemm and the installation work was completed by our in-house staff. Public Works staff worked very efficiently despite the need to coordinate efforts around active use of each area and work was completed ahead of our anticipated schedule. The conversion of the lights to more energy efficient LED's is expected to result in energy cost savings of more than \$13,000 per year based on current rates. And, the extended life of the lights – up to 3.5 to 4 times longer than the old bulbs – also reduces maintenance labor and material costs. As an added benefit, the LED lights provide a more pleasing color of light that provides better color rendering than the previous "orange colored" lights.