

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- ◆ EVERY 15 MINUTES
- ◆ MAYOR'S CHALLENGE
- ◆ NEW LIFEGUARD TOWERS
- ◆ TASTE OF HB

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FREE EASTER HUNT THIS SATURDAY!

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department in partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach present a Free Easter Hunt this Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Hunt will be held at Central Park at the Sports Complex located at 18002 Goldenwest Street.

Activities include:

- ◆ Game Booths
- ◆ Fire Department Displays
- ◆ Police Department Displays
- ◆ Public Works Displays
- ◆ Refreshments
- ◆ Easter Bunny Photos
- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Live Band Entertainment
- ◆ Community Services Displays and More!



Hunt Times (for kids 2 to 10):

- ◆ 9am: Children with disabilities
- ◆ 9:30am: Under 2 years old
- ◆ 10am: 2 years old
- ◆ 10:30am: 3 years old
- ◆ 11am: 4 years old
- ◆ 11:30 am: 5 years old
- ◆ Noon: 6 years old
- ◆ 12:30pm: 7 years old
- ◆ 1pm: 8 to 10 years old

For more information, call Murdy Community Center at 714.960.8895

Public Works Department News

Join the Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation! *We need your vote! City of HB in 3rd Place!*

Mayor Matthew M. Harper recently proclaimed Huntington Beach's participation in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. Mayor Harper is asking residents to make a pledge to conserve water and energy by taking part in the Mayor's Challenge, aimed at reducing water and energy use across the nation. In return, residents from the winning city in each of the five categories has a chance to win a new Toyota Prius Plug-In, water saving fixtures, and hundreds of other prizes.

The Wyland Foundation's Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, is held now through April 30, in recognition of Earth Month. Mayor Harper is encouraging Huntington Beach residents to conserve water, save energy, and reduce pollution on behalf of Huntington Beach at www.mywaterpledge.com/national.

Huntington Beach currently fluctuates between third and fourth place, but we know that Huntington Beach residents take pride in sustainability and together we all can help make Huntington Beach become the nation's top Water Wise City! 2013 was the driest year on record in California and 2014 is the fifth driest year on record so it is especially important to conserve water right now. Please make the pledge to conserve water and energy. Make every drop count! If you have any questions or comments, you can catch the Water Conservation team at **Surf City Nights** this month. Stop by the water conservation booth to tell us you've taken the pledge and we will give you a free smart phone carrying case.

Watch Mayor Harper's Water Challenge Video on
YouTube:

http://youtu.be/YFaVo08G_I0



Fire Department News



**New Tower at
Sunset Beach**

New Lifeguard Towers

With summer rapidly approaching, six new lifeguard towers have been built and placed in Sunset Beach to replace the decade's old towers. With the recent transition of lifeguard services for Sunset Beach to the City of Huntington Beach Marine Safety Division, it is one more step in ensuring essential public safety services to the community.

Residential Structure Fire

On April 13, 2014 at approximately 1:30 a.m., firefighters were dispatched to a structure fire on Crista Palma Lane. Upon arrival, firefighters reported fire blowing from a second floor window and both of the residents were evacuated with the assistance of a neighbor. One of the residents was treated and transported to a medical center. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The Fire Department reminds everyone to make sure they have working smoke detectors and to practice an emergency escape plan. Early detection and preparing ahead of time allows people to escape from a house fire quickly and can reduce the fire damage.

RACES

On Saturday, April 12, 2014, 25 members of the Huntington Beach Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) participated in a Fire Department drill that simulated a catastrophic loss of our dispatch and communication systems. RACES (pronounced "RAY-sees") is a program endorsed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission that uses trained amateur radio operators (HAMS) during emergencies. Administered by the Fire Department, RACES members use their personal equipment and skills, and volunteer their time to provide this service at no-cost to the City of Huntington Beach.

During the drill, fire department personnel and RACES volunteers simulated dispatch and radio system failure. The goal of the drill was for the volunteers to simultaneously "shadow" the calls using their amateur radio system while calls were being dispatched through the normal channels. The exercise was a tremendous success and undoubtedly makes the city better prepared in case of a catastrophic communications failure.

DUI & Driver License Checkpoint Results

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on Friday, April 11, on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Huntington St. from 7:50 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public. Over the past 12 months, there have been 33 alcohol related collisions on PCH. These resulted in 33 injuries to the vehicles occupants and one fatality. There have also been 83 citations issued to drivers on PCH for being unlicensed or driving on a suspended/revoked license.

Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoints help lower DUI related deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effect it has on those who might drive drunk and/or drug impaired, unlicensed, or with a suspended/revoked license. Checkpoints help to bring more awareness to motorists and encourage everyone to use sober designated drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any DUI enforcement strategies. Here are some of our statistics from Friday's checkpoint:

- 2288 Vehicles through the checkpoint
- 1281 Vehicles screened and given pamphlet with info on DUI
- 9 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 6 DUI-Alcohol impaired drivers arrested
- 12 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle while unlicensed
- 4 Drivers cited for driving on a suspended license
- 1 Vehicle impounded
- 10 Citations issued for various code violations
- 1 Other criminal arrest made

The Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoint on May 23, 2014, in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways. Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Huntington Beach Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. Report Drunk Drivers. Call 911!

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 13 - April 19, 2014

BIG "THANK YOU!"

The second full week in April is dedicated to the men and women who serve our communities as Public Safety Dispatchers. This week many state and local governments will take time out to honor their "behind-the-scenes heroes."
Please try to take a moment out of your busy schedules and stop by Communications to acknowledge the great job they do!

Police Department News

Ocean View High School Experiences “Every 15 Minutes”



For more than 18 years, the Huntington Beach Police Department, in conjunction with the California Highway Patrol, and with the support of the Huntington Beach Fire Department, has organized and facilitated the “Every 15 Minutes” program directed at reducing DUI related collisions. The two-day program focuses on high school juniors and seniors challenging them to think about drinking and driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, and many others.

On April 9 and 10, the annual “Every 15 Minutes” Program was held at Ocean View High School. The event involved over 50 police and fire department personnel, 15 volunteers, and more than 40 school participants. The day starts off with a bell ringing every 15 minutes and is followed up by an officer dressed as a grim reaper coming into the selected students classroom. The student's obituary is read aloud and the student is taken away. They return later with their face painted white and cannot speak to their peers for the remainder of the day. Knott's Berry Farm make-up artists assisted with realistic costumes and injuries to add to the impact.

A staged DUI involved collision was held on Gothard south of Warner. More than 1,500 OVHS students and 50 family members watched as police and fire fighters responded as they would to a real emergency. One student is treated on scene and is pronounced deceased. Two additional victims are transported to Huntington Beach Hospital where they are treated by nurses and doctors. A family member goes in the ambulance with them and hears from the doctor that their child didn't make it. A student who received minor injuries is given field sobriety tests by a motor officer and is ultimately arrested for DUI resulting in the death of three of her friends. The driver is booked into the HBPD jail by a CHP officer and has to call her parents and tell them what happened. This is a very realistic and emotional reenactment which elicited many tears to both students and family members. In addition, selected students are transported to Superior Court where they participate in a mock trial where their peer has been arrested and is on trial. All the students are then transported to a mortuary in Newport Beach where they hear the stories of many others who have lost their lives to drugs and alcohol. They learn how a body is prepared for burial and see a memorial dedicated to victims of DUI. The evening ends with a five hour retreat where the students discuss the day's events and talk about their feelings.

On Day 2, the entire school reunites for a final assembly which is treated like a funeral. Chief Handy was the guest speaker who tied all the previous day's event together, relaying some personal and professional experiences with the students to show the impact DUI has had on him personally, and as a law enforcement professional. After the assembly, the students and parents are reunited after a long 24 hours away from each other with no contact. They spent almost two hours talking about how it felt to participate in the program and read the letters they wrote to each other. Next year the program will be held at Marina High School.



Office of Business Development

City Council Study Session on Downtown Task Force Recommendations

On Monday, April 21 at 4 p.m., the City Council will hold a study session to discuss the recommendations made by the Downtown Task Force (DTTF). From September 2013 to February 2014, the Downtown Task Force prioritized Downtown issues and made recommendations based on those issues. The City Council will review the recommendations at the Study Session. The meeting will take place at City Hall in Room B-7. More information on the DTTF can be found at: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/downtown_task_force.cfm.

Monthly Downtown Artwalk

The April edition of the Monthly Downtown Artwalk will take place this Thursday, April 17 from 6 to 9 pm, featuring unique and creative works from approximately 30 emerging and student artists. These artists are hosted at various locations and businesses throughout the Downtown and many businesses also offer discounts on products or services during this time as well. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Artwalk Booth at the International Surfing Museum to pick up a map and brochure and learn more about interesting happenings that night and in the Downtown overall. On this same evening, The Strand will host the Crafting Shack - an opportunity for kids to enjoy creating free Easter Crafts from 6 -9 pm. For more information about the Monthly Downtown Artwalk, including applications for artists and host locations, go to: <http://www.hbdowntown.com/artwalk.html>. Information about The Strand can be found at: www.thestrandon5th.com.

ORANGE COUNTY'S LARGEST WEEKLY STREET FAIR

Surf City Nights

STREET FAIR FARMERS' MARKET & CERTIFIED FARMERS' MARKET

SurfCityNights.com

TUESDAY APRIL 8TH & 15TH

5-8PM
HB DOWNTOWN

Surf City Nights is Hopping with the Easter Bunny

Bring Your Camera, Take A FREE PHOTO With the Easter Bunny

TONIGHT! One more chance to visit with the Easter Bunny!

The Easter Bunny makes one more stop at Surf City Nights before gearing up to for its very busy Sunday deliveries. Stop by the Downtown from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 15. Bring your camera for a photo or two. Afterwards, take some time to visit Orange County's largest street fair, with over 90 vendors each week, including a certified farmer's market. Stop into our many exciting local businesses offering a variety of specials every Tuesday evening. For more information about Surf City Nights, please visit: www.surfcitynights.com.

Library Services Department

Library Card Design Challenge! DEADLINE EXTENDED!

The deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, April 30**, for the Huntington Beach Library "Library Card Design Challenge." Children, teens and adults still have a chance to submit their original artwork for consideration. Five winning designs will be featured on new Huntington Beach Library cards issued in 2014. There are more than 130,000 Huntington Beach Library cards in circulation and the Library issues about 10,000 new cards each year!

Winning library card designs will be selected by a panel of city staff, partners in the arts, and library board members. Artwork entries are accepted in five categories, divided by grade or age: 2nd Grade and under; 3rd-5th Grades; Middle School; High School; and Adult Artwork submissions. To find out more details and learn how to submit your artwork visit www.hbpl.org and click on "Library Card Design Challenge" to download an entry form that can be emailed or dropped off at your neighborhood Library. Questions? Email librarycontest@surfcity-hb.org.



Taste of Huntington Beach 2014 is almost here!

Join us on **Sunday, April 27** from noon to 4 p.m. at the Sports Complex; 18100 Goldenwest (at Talbert) across the parking lot from the HB Public Library to experience "Taste of Huntington Beach."

For one all-inclusive ticket price (\$65 General Admission, \$85 VIP), guests can feast on unlimited tastes of food from their favorite local eateries, sip on samples of wine and beer from premium California wineries and craft breweries, meet new people and catch-up with fun-loving old friends!

Neil Saavedra, host of "The Fork Report" on KFI radio, will be the special celebrity guest at this year's Taste of Huntington Beach. Party Jones will be the musical performers.

There are also opportunities to bid on silent auction baskets filled with goods and services from local businesses, listen and dance to top-notch live entertainment all afternoon, buy tickets to win great raffle prizes, and stop by the sponsor and vendor booths and talk to Taste supporters.

Since 2002, The Friends of the Children's Library and the HB Restaurant Association have helped the Taste raise over \$300,000 for the HB Children's Library!

Please note that there are no reduced-price children's tickets for the Taste; everyone pays the full price - but the Taste policy for babies and toddlers is "Under 3 and they are free!"
Questions? Email info@TasteHB.com or visit <http://www.tastehb.com/tickets.html>



Library Services Department

April Art Show

Louis LaCroix and **Mark Leeds** exhibit their photography and digital imagery in the Corner Gallery of the Central Library during the month of April. The gallery is free and open to the public during regular Library hours. For more information, contact Corner Gallery Manager Paul Scott at 714-625-9295 or visit www.hbartleague.org.

Storytime Survey

Due to the overwhelming popularity of its storytimes, the Library is exploring ways of providing additional sessions. Let us know which new storytimes you want for your children by taking a short survey (just 5 questions!) on the Library website. Visit www.hbpl.org and click on the banner ad for the "Storytime Survey", or go directly to [Story Time Survey](#).



Earth Day Concert at the Library!

The Wild Wonders Animal show for children is sold out. BUT there are still PLENTY of tickets available for the Wild Wonders Earth Day concert on Tuesday, April 22 (Earth Day) at 4 p.m. in the Library Theater featuring Birdsong and the Eco-Wonders. Tickets are \$4 each and are available at the Children's Desk. Birdsong's goal is to help children to love the earth, one song at a time, with lots of audience interaction. Listen to

samples of her songs on YouTube. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library.

Also, a reminder that all are invited to visit the Library's booth at the **City's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19** at the Sports Complex from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Library Services Volunteer Appreciation Event 2014

On April 7, the Central Library hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Event to acknowledge those who have dedicated their time and talents in making the Huntington Beach Library System a valuable community resource. The event was scheduled during the National Volunteer Week (April 7-11 this year) with over 130 people attending.

The library is proud to say it has over 300 volunteers who donated at least one hour per week during 2013, contributing over 59,000 hours; this is equivalent to 28 full-time employees. It is because of these talented and dedicated people the library can offer exceptional services to our community.

This year the volunteer event committee received six nominations for the Distinguished Volunteer award, it was decided to announce and acknowledge all of the nominees: Betty Currie, Joan Jennings, Sally Nielsen, Linda Rosenthal, Christine Turner and Judi Williams. They each received an award presented by Stephanie Beverage, Library Director, and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Shaw; included with each award was a unique gift certificate donated from these generous local restaurants: Cucina Alessa, Duke's, Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort, Hyatt Regency, Maggiano's Little Italy, Naples Rib company and The Yard House.

The library is once again grateful to all the volunteers for their contributions.

New “Hoag Medical Office Building Expansion” and Parking Garage

On November 8, 2012, the Building Division issued a building permit for the new 53,864 square foot 3-story Hoag medical office building which also included a new detached 191,079 square foot, four-level open parking garage. The parking garage was completed on March 29, 2013, and opened to the public. In March 2014, the entire project was completed and a Certificate of Occupancy was issued for the three-story 53,864 square foot medical office building expansion and the first floor 13,811 square foot



tenant improvement; which includes imaging, women’s imaging, Hoag Heart, vascular outpatient clinic, lab services and express care clinic. This project is located at 19582 Beach Boulevard.

What is your vision for Huntington Beach?



Stop by the General Plan Update booth on **Saturday, April 19 at the Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fun Day** at the City’s Central Sports Complex between 9 and 2 and let us know. This event will complete the City’s visioning outreach phase for the project. For more information on the General Plan Update or to complete the online survey visit: www.hbthenextwave.org

Other News

LAFCO Accepting Applications for Public Members

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is currently accepting applications from members of the public that are interested in serving on LAFCO as a regular public member. All applications must be completed and returned to LAFCO Executive Officer by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2014. Finalists will be invited to interview with the Commission at the regular LAFCO meeting on June 18, 2014. Employees of the county, cities, and districts are **not** eligible to serve on LAFCO as a regular public member per Government Code Section 56331, which states, "No person appointed as a public member or alternate public member pursuant to this chapter shall be an officer or employee of the county or any city or district with territory in the county..."

All interested parties are encouraged to contact the LAFCO office at 714-834-2556. Any questions related to this information should be directed to Carolyn Emery, Executive Officer at LAFCO or by email at cemery@oclafco.org. Attached is a link to download an application and any additional information: http://oclafco.org/images/stories/PDF/Commission_Vacancy/PubMem_Pkg_2014.pdf

LAFCO is a state mandated agency that oversees all jurisdictional changes within Orange County, including the incorporation of new cities; annexations to cities and special districts; and consolidations, mergers, and dissolutions of public agencies. The purpose of LAFCO is to encourage the orderly formation of local government agencies, to discourage urban sprawl, and to preserve agricultural and land open space. LAFCO meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Planning Commission hearing room at the Orange County Hall of Administration located at 10 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, California 92701. The regular public member would be expected to attend all meetings.

Information Systems Department

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

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City Hall Directory

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| City Attorney | (714) 536-5555 |
| City Clerk | (714) 536-5227 |
| Passports | (714) 374-1600 |
| City Council | (714) 536-5553 |
| City Manager | (714) 536-5202 |
| Community Services | (714) 536-5486 |
| Beach Operations | (714) 536-5281 |
| Office of Business Development | (714) 536-5542 |
| Finance | (714) 536-5630 |
| Business Licenses | (714) 536-5267 |
| Fire Department | (714) 536-5411 |
| Human Resources | (714) 536-5492 |
| Information Services | (714) 536-5515 |
| Library | (714) 842-4481 |
| Planning & Building | (714) 536-5271 |
| Code Enforcement | (714) 375-5155 |
| Police Department | (714) 960-8811 |
| Public Works | (714) 536-5431 |

Schedule of Events

- ◆ All month— Mayor’s Water Challenge Campaign
- ◆ All month— Distracted Driving Awareness Month Campaign
- ◆ 4/16— Chamber of Commerce Economic Conference
- ◆ 4/16 — Wild Wonders at the Library
- ◆ 4/19 — Easter Hunt at Central Park; 9am to 2pm
- ◆ 4/21 — City Council meeting. 4pm Study Session; 6pm Council meeting
- ◆ 4/22—Earth Day Celebration at the Library
- ◆ 4/26 — Compassionate Day of Community Service
- ◆ 4/27— Library 5K Fun Run
- ◆ 4/27 — Taste of HB from noon to 4pm at Central Park

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