

# City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

April 21, 2015



## CITY NEWS

### Huntington Beach Nonprofits Selected to Sell 'Safe and Sane' Fireworks

At the April 20 City Council meeting, Miss Huntington Beach, Claire Epting, presided over the lottery drawing stands and randomly selected five qualified non-profit organizations, which were chosen from applications previously submitted. More than 80 organizations applied for a stand in one of the three categories: Youth Sports, Civic Organizations and High schools. Fifteen organizations were chosen.

#### Civic Organizations:

- The Veterans of Foreign War Post 9557
- Huntington Beach Lions Foundation
- Knights of Columbus Council 6020
- Huntington Beach Family YMCA
- Kiwanis Foundation of Huntington Beach

*Alternatives: El Viento Foundation, Resurrection Lutheran Church and McKenna Claire Foundation*

#### Youth Sports Organizations:

- Team 90 Inc., DBA California Rush Soccer
- HB Oiler Youth Football and Cheer / HB Jr. All American Football
- NHB Futbol Club, Inc.
- South Huntington Beach Girls' Fast Pitch Softball
- Huntington Beach Girls Softball, Inc.

*Alternatives: Seaview Little League, AYSO Region 117 and Cabers Baseball Club*

#### High School Organizations:

- Ocean View Cheer Program
- Ocean View Girls Water Polo
- Ocean View High School Girls Basketball
- Marina Boys Basketball Boosters
- Edison Cheer

*Alternatives: Ocean View High School Baseball Boosters, Marina Girls Outdoor Sports Boosters Girls' Field Hockey and Ocean View High School Student Body*

For any questions please contact the City Clerk's Office at 714-536-5227 x5404.



#### Points of Interest

- NON-PROFITS FOR SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS
- FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOPS
- BIKE "SHARROW" LANES
- SENIOR CENTER UPDATES
- NEW EMERGENCY TRANSPORT VEHICLES

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### BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

#### Free Business Workshops

The Office of Business Development continually seeks opportunities to provide resources to help enhance and support our local businesses in their efforts to achieve the highest levels of success. In the months of April and May, the City will sponsor and host free business workshops with partners that include the US Small Business Administration, Orange County SCORE, and the Internal Revenue Service.

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#### How to Make Your Business Bankable

This event is presented by the US Small Business Administration (SBA) and sponsored by the City of Huntington Beach.

When: **Wednesday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.**  
Location: Huntington Beach Central Library, Talbert Room  
Cost: **FREE!** – see below for registration information

At this event, you will learn:

- about SBA loan programs,
- the basics of getting your loan ready for approval,
- what lenders are looking for,
- how business credit influences funding,
- how to strengthen your business credit profile, and
- resources to help you prepare for funding.

To attend this highly informative and free workshop, please pre-register by emailing [Biz-DevEvents@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Biz-DevEvents@surfcity-hb.org).

*Coming in May...*What You Need to Know to Do Business Out of Your Home, presented by the Internal Revenue Service and Orange County SCORE. More information to come.

### INFORMATION SERVICES

#### City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Backflow prevention devices eliminate contaminated water from flowing into the Huntington Beach water system. You can now check the compliance status of your Backflow device 24 hours a day online at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Backflow\\_DataWebService/Backflow/cccompliance\\_search.aspx](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Backflow_DataWebService/Backflow/cccompliance_search.aspx)

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## PUBLIC WORKS

### Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation

Got a minute to spare? Take the Mayor’s Challenge for Water Conservation. It’s free and you can win great prizes [www.mywaterpledge.com](http://www.mywaterpledge.com). The City of Huntington Beach came in first last year, so lets defend our title!



Make your commitment to protect our natural resources and help **Huntington Beach** show the rest of the nation we care about our planet!



HB is currently in 3rd place!

### Bike Sharrow Lanes Completed on North and South Pacific in Sunset Beach

#### Bike “sharrow” markings

Recently, the City of Huntington Beach completed an effort to establish bike “sharrow” markings and signs on both the North and South Pacific in Sunset Beach. The project was developed in consultation with residents in Sunset Beach to help encourage cyclists to ride in the correct direction on the two one-way streets, while also educating motorists that cyclists have the legal right to drive in the travel lane and occupy the entire lane.

The project uses new standard markings for shared bike and motor vehicle lanes known as “sharrow” markings. The project includes a complete review of other one-way sign treatments throughout the 1.1 mile corridor. These two streets are also part of the Orange County Bike Loop, connecting the San Gabriel River Trail and the Santa Ana River Trail along the coast using portions of Pacific Coast Highway, North and South Pacific and the Beach Path.



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## Senior Center Update

### Current Status:

- Rough grading is nearly complete pending an import to achieve design grades
- Unearthed concrete rubble was crushed to six-inch minus and placed into the fill
- Contractors Land Surveyor certified the building pad on March 20
- Trenching and installation of utilities under the building slab began on March 20

### Two Month Look Ahead:

- April: Continue installation of utilities under building slab
- April 6 to Mid-May: Excavate building foundation, erect false work, and install rebar
- April 3 to End of May: Install onsite water improvements
- April to May: Fabricate structural steel at an offsite facility
- April to May: Fabricate trusses at an offsite facility

Forecasted Completion is expected to be complete by mid-2016.

## CITY ATTORNEY

The City Attorney's Office is pleased to report that its Motion to Dismiss the City of Huntington Beach and the Police Department from the lawsuit **Lenore Albert v. State Bar of California; City of Huntington Beach, et al.**, was granted. This case involved an attorney plaintiff, who claimed that the City violated her First Amendment and Fourth Amendment rights when City Police assisted a former client in retrieving the former client's files from the Plaintiff's law office.

"I would like to thank the City Council for its continued support in our efforts to aggressively defend cases like this," said Michael Gates, City Attorney.



City Attorney is pleased to report another positive win for the City of Huntington Beach

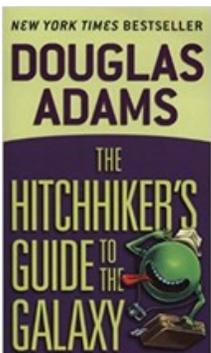
## LIBRARY

### In Celebration of Central Library's 40th Anniversary

To celebrate Central Library's 40th Anniversary, the library will host a brand new book club. Every meeting we'll discuss a book from each decade in Central Library's history. The first book, representing the 1970s, will be the cult classic *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams on Thursday, May 14. Upcoming book clubs will include:

- *The Remains of the Day* (1980s) by Kazuo Ishiguro on July 9
- *Into Thin Air* (1990s) by John Krakauer on September 10
- *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer (2000s) on October 8
- *The Martian* by Andy Weir (2010s) on December 10.

All meetings will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room, at the Central Library. There's no need to sign up, just bring your book and be ready for some great conversations. Extra copies of the books will be available for checkout from the library. You can also try downloading eBook or Audiobook versions from [Overdrive](http://Overdrive) (e.hbpl.org).



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### Spring Children's Reading Program

Our "Spring Into Reading" program is nearing the end in the Children's Department of the library, running through April 24. Kids ages 4 to 12 are encouraged to read either four books or four hours. They will receive a "Spring into Reading" bookmark and a Lego Land coupon just for registering! Register in person at the library or go to [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) and register online and download your reading log.

Participants who meet their reading goal will receive a seed packet in the library and will be entered into a drawing for a fun kids gardening gift basket. Bring your completed reading log to the garden party on Saturday, April 25, and receive another gift and participate in a variety of garden activities.

They are also invited to participate in the Huntington Beach Tree Society's spring celebration in the "Secret Garden" in Central Park (download their bookmark at [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/library/kids\\_stuff/index.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/library/kids_stuff/index.cfm))

Reading  
Program ends  
Friday,  
April 24

### Library Receives Generous Donation

#### The Woman's Club of Huntington Beach Gifts a Generous Donation

The Woman's Club of Huntington Beach has a long history supporting the Library. They were instrumental in founding the Library back in 1909 and have continued that support with a generous donation of \$100,000 to the Huntington Beach Public Library system. The Library has already proposed several projects that will be funded by this donation. In the Children's Department, we will renovate the boat, add new early learning interactive furniture, improve the seating in the Early Literacy area, and add features to our Story Time Annex. We will also expand the Teen Zone by adding new study space, new furniture, and new space for an expanding Teen collection. In addition, we are currently looking at new shelving, seating, and computers for our branches.

The Library works hard to create an enjoyable experience for our patrons and this additional, very appreciated funding, will help us continue to enhance services and help shape an enjoyable library environment.

## PLANNING AND BUILDING

### Council Takes First Steps Toward Allowing Use of Plastic Bags

On Monday, April 20, the City Council took steps to repeal the Reusable Bag Ordinance. The repeal of the Reusable Bag Ordinance eliminates the existing ban on plastic carry-out bags and the ten-cent charge for recyclable paper carry-out bags at affected stores citywide. Stores would have the option to offer single use plastic and paper carry-out bags free of charge to customers, and reusable bags could continue to be available for purchase at most retail stores in Huntington Beach. All affected stores were notified of the repeal prior to the April 20 City Council meeting. The second reading of the repeal ordinance is scheduled to occur at the City Council meeting on May 4. If the second reading is approved on that date, the repeal would become effective on June 4 and stores would once again be able to offer single use bags to customers.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

On April 12, at approximately 5 a.m., Fire Department units responded to a traffic accident with a fire on the 405 Freeway at the Magnolia off-ramp. Upon arrival, firefighters determined that four vehicles were involved in the accident and it was declared a mass casualty incident. Two of the vehicles were on fire and three of the patients were transported to the hospital.

**Mass  
Casualty  
Incident**



### Two New Emergency Transport Vehicles

There are two new Emergency Transport (ET) vehicles that will be placed into service before the end of April to attend to the residents and visitors of Huntington Beach. These new units are Dodge 4500 vehicles by Braun-Northwestern and will be servicing our community for many years to come.

### HBFA at the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fun Day

The Huntington Beach Firefighters' Association supported the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fun Day on April 4 at the Sports Complex by cooking food for the event. The Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach volunteer their efforts to serve the youth, senior citizens, and military



On April 14, at approximately 8 a.m., Fire Department units responded to Ellis Avenue, just east of Beach Boulevard for a reported vehicle into a building. On arrival, firefighters reported a single vehicle that hit the construction scaffolding on the north side of the site.

### VEHICLE DRIVES INTO BUILDING

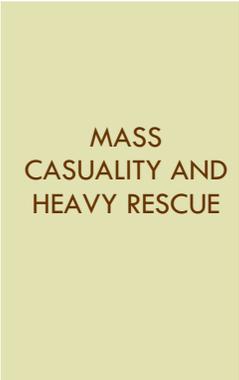
The Building Department and the Huntington Beach Urban Search and Rescue teams worked with the construction company to discuss a plan for securing the scaffolding to remove the vehicle from the construction site and ensure it was safe. There was one patient transported to the hospital.



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## Structure Fire

On Sunday, April 19, at approximately 8 a.m., the Fire Department responded to a reported fire with smoke from the roof of a single-story, single-family residence on Lennox Drive. The occupants evacuated prior to the Fire Department’s arrival and the Red Cross was requested to assist with shelter for the displaced occupants. There were no injuries reported and the fire is currently under investigation.



## Traffic Collision – Mass Casualty Incident/Heavy Rescue

On Sunday, April 19, at approximately 11 a.m., firefighters arrived on scene of a two-car traffic collision. The doors from both vehicles had to be removed for patient access. Three patients were transported to the hospital and the scene was left in the care of the Huntington Beach Police Department.

## Bomb Threat

**Occupant cooperated and HBPD confirmed that there was no threat**

On Sunday, April 19, at approximately 10 a.m., the Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire on Ellis Avenue. Firefighters investigated the reported fire after observing that there was no smoke or fire showing from the three-story apartment building. Voice contact was made through the door with an occupant of one of the units who advised the firefighters that there was a bomb that would explode if they entered. The building was evacuated.

Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) was on scene and a request for the bomb squad was made. HBPD made contact with the occupant prior to initiating a bomb squad response. The occupant cooperated and HBPD confirmed that there was no threat.

## CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

In an effort to help businesses grow and become more sustainable, the City of Huntington Beach is launching a series of Green Business Workshops. Businesses that are interested in learning about rebates and conservation tips that will in turn help them save money and grow their business are strongly encouraged to attend.



## Workshop Schedule

- 6/11: Water Conservation, Water, Water Everywhere but Not a Drop to Drink, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 7/27: Energy Efficiency, Greening Your Building and Your Wallet, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 8/12: Recycling, Let’s Talk Trash-Solid Waste and Recycling, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact Antonia Graham with any questions at [Antonia.Graham@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Antonia.Graham@surfcity-hb.org)

## Huntington Beach in Preliminary Planning Stages of Application Submission for RMDZ

Recycling  
Market  
Development  
Zone

In an effort to continue to expand, retain, and attract businesses to the City of Huntington Beach, the City is in the preliminary planning stages of submitting an application to become a Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) through the Department of Resources, Recycling, and Recovery (CalRecycle). An RMDZ is an economic development tool specifically designed for businesses and manufacturers that utilize or want to utilize products that would normally end up in a landfill.

A business may be eligible for RMDZ benefits if their operations can or will include the following:

- Waste prevention manufacturing that reduces the materials used to make products;
- Processes that make products reusable again by repair, reconditioning, and/or washing
- Manufacturing that makes recycled content products; and
- Conversion technology and biomass processes that convert waste to energy, fuel, etc.

Through monetary loans and business development assistance, the RMDZ can benefit the community in the following ways:

- Stimulates the expansion of recycled content manufacturers into the region
- Adds jobs
- Increases local revenue

If you or your business is interested in learning more about this great economic development tool, please contact [Antonia.Graham@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Antonia.Graham@surfcity-hb.org)

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### HBPD Host Candlelight Vigil April 23 as Part of National Crime Victim' Week

The Huntington Beach Police Department and the City of Huntington Beach will host a candlelight vigil in observance of National Crime Victims' Week. Join Mayor Hardy and Chief Handy on **April 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**, at Pier Plaza, as the event will honor courageous victims, survivors of victims, and the victim advocates. The event will build public awareness to what victims and their families go through, and to celebrate the fact that victims can become survivors. Candles will be provided to the first 100 people.





Contact  
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any questions at  
714-536-5412 or  
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OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND  
CONVERSATION!**

**No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice  
concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!**

**Info: Lieutenant Brian Seitz (714) 536-5412 bseitz@hbpd.org**

**Huntington Beach  
Police Department**



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### COMMUNITY SERVICES

#### TASTE OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

This annual event raises money for The Children's Library of Huntington Beach while promoting the amazing variety of restaurants and catering companies in town. Add in samples from local breweries and wineries, along with live entertainment from OC's own Party Jones

**Sunday, April 26, Noon to 4 p.m.**

(Exclusive VIP reception 11 a.m. to noon)

HB Sports Complex

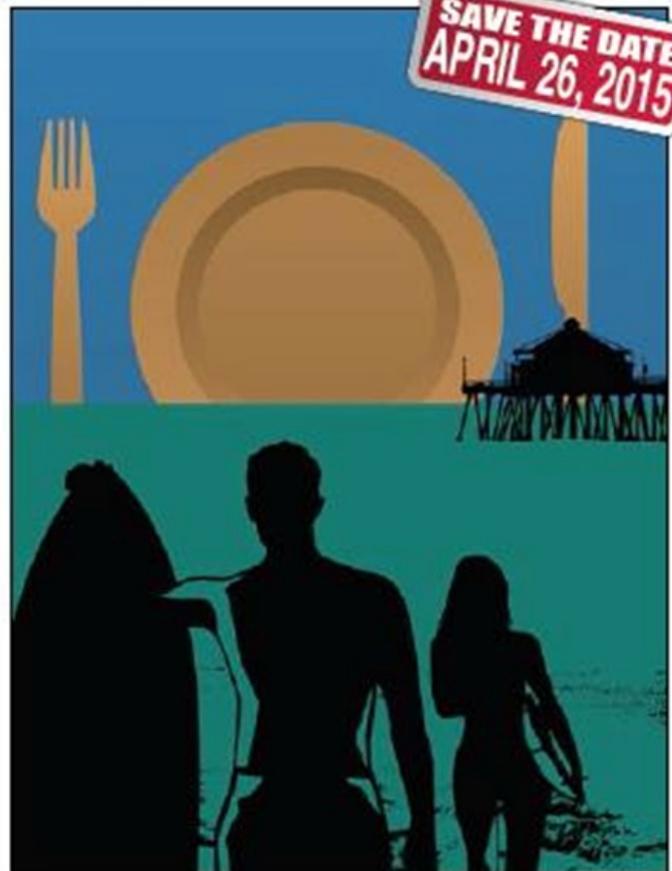
18100 Goldenwest St.

Huntington Beach, 92648

## Taste of Huntington Beach

# EAT. DRINK. GIVE.

Fundraiser for The Children's Library of Huntington Beach



Sample food from 50 of the best eateries.  
Taste wines from 30 of the finest wineries.  
Sip brews from 15 custom breweries.  
Plus live music, a silent auction and raffle,  
and much more!  
All for one low price. All for one great cause.

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## Community Services

### OCTA Bike Festival Advances Cycling Awareness

OCTA's annual Bike Festival will be held this Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 9 am – 1 pm. Each year, thousands of bicycle enthusiasts gather at the Huntington Beach Pier Plaza for a full day of biking fun and networking with local vendors and organizations.

The Bike Festival in Huntington Beach serves as the kick-start for National Bike Month. This year, the theme is Start a Chain Reaction! Whether you ride for personal or environmental health, to save time or money or just for fun – Bike Month in Orange County is the perfect time to encourage others to discover the joy of riding a bike.

As one of Orange County's healthiest and most inspiring events, the Bike Festival encourages more bicycling and fewer car trips in Orange County to enhance air quality cut down on traffic congestion and improve health and fitness.

We hope to see you out at Pier Plaza for the Bike Festival. This year, there will be a helmet decorating station for kids, a BMX stunt show and a bicycle safety course led by the Huntington Beach Police Department. Although May is Bike Month, any time is a great time to ride in Orange County as part of your daily commute or just for fun. Check out OCTA's bike safety resources and bikeways guide to discover the more than one thousand miles of bikeways in Orange County.



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## Community Services

### Senior Services Honors Volunteers

During Volunteer Appreciation week, Huntington Beach Community Services recognized 365 active volunteers with a lunch at SeaCliff Country Club on Friday, April 17. The theme of this year's lunch was *Volunteers Make Life Better*.

For the first time this year, Community Services became a certifying agency for the *Presidential Service Awards* and 165 volunteers received the award. 124 volunteers received bronze awards for 100+ hours, 29 volunteers received silver awards for 250+ hours and 12 volunteers received the prestigious gold award for 500+ hours of volunteer service. Two Huntington Beach Senior Services volunteers, Cheryln Brinker and Pat Henry, were honored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee with *Outstanding Service to Senior Citizens Awards* donating 685 hours and 250 hours respectively.

Senior services also had one special volunteer, Betty Hickey, who gave 985 hours of service and received a One OC's *Spirit of Volunteerism Award* which highlights individual volunteer efforts in Orange County that are a catalyst for what drives positive change in the community. In 2014, Community Services Volunteers gave 56,330 hours, an in-kind cash value to the City of Huntington Beach of \$1.5 million dollars! See more info at [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org)

### Huntington Beach Art Center

The public is invited to join us for the opening of the exhibition **California Impressionism: Plein Air Painting Past and Present**. Presented in collaboration with The Irvine Museum and the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, the exhibition includes over 30 historical works of art along with over 100 works from contemporary plein air painters. The exhibition will run from May 2- July 4, 2015, with the opening reception on May 2 from 7-9pm. For additional information please call the Art Center at 714.374.1650.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/22– **Youth in Government Day at City Hall**, 8 a.m.
- 4/23– **National Crime Victims' Rights Week, "Candlelight Vigil,"** 6 p.m. at Pier Plaza. For more information visit [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov)
- 4/24– **Friends of the Library Author Event**, 11:30 a.m. For more information contact 714-375-8429
- 4/24— **Huntington Beach Historical Society**, Celebrating Artists & Authors, 6 pm to 9pm, Newland House
- 4/25, 5/23, 6/20, 8/22 – **Shiple Nature Center Presents, "The Magic of Composting 2015.** For more information visit [www.Shipleynature.org](http://www.Shipleynature.org).
- 4/26– **The Taste of HB**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located at the Sports Complex by the Central Library. For more information contact [info@TasteHB.com](mailto:info@TasteHB.com)
- 4/26– **OCTA Bike Festival**, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., located at Pier Plaza. For more information visit [octa.net/bikemonth](http://octa.net/bikemonth)
- 4/28- **COMING SOON! Surf City Nights'- Free Concert at the Pier**
- 5/2—Assistance League **"Treasures by the Sea,"** Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa. [www.alhb.org](http://www.alhb.org) or [www.facebook.com/assistanceleagueofhb](http://www.facebook.com/assistanceleagueofhb)

CITY EVENTS:  
APRIL

**City Hall Directory**

City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 536-1600
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5202
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Business Development	(714) 536-5542
Finance Department	(714) 536-5630
Business Licenses	(714) 536-5267
Fire Department	(714) 536-5411
Human Resources	(714) 536-5492
Information Services	(714) 536-5515
Library Services	(714) 842-4481
Planning & Building	(714) 536-5271
Code Enforcement	(714) 375-5155
Police Department	(714) 960-8811
Public Works	(714) 536-5431
Graffiti Removal	(714) 960-8861



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