

City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

Week of February 9, 2016



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Meeting Tonight at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will review the following item:

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 15-001 (HOUSING ELEMENT AMENDMENT)

– continued from the January 26, 2016 meeting: To amend the General Plan Housing Element. The Housing Element is one of the seven State-mandated elements of the City's General Plan and was last updated in 2013 for the 2013-2021 planning period pursuant to California Government Code Section 65588. The Housing Element identifies and assesses the City's existing and projected housing needs and provides an inventory of constraints and resources relevant to meeting these needs. The housing element must also identify how the City will meet its share of the regional housing need, commonly referred to as RHNA. The City will be amending its 2013-2021 Housing Element to ensure that the City will continue to meet its RHNA goals for the remainder of the planning period. The Housing Element Amendment includes an Adequate Sites Program, which commits the City to re-zoning a combination of sites to accommodate the City's remaining share of the RHNA for lower income households. Please contact Jennifer Villaseñor, Planning Manager, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/agendas/> Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

POINTS OF INTEREST

SENIOR CENTER UPDATE
HB READS
CUPCAKE WARS
VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE
SAVING BOLSA CHICA FILM
FREE HOUSING CLINIC

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February 16th City Council Meeting

The City Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16 due to President's Day on Monday, Feb. 15.



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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SENIOR CENTER UPDATE — JAN. 2016 CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT

- ◆ Completed metal stud framing of soffits
- ◆ Completed installation of glazing
- ◆ Completed installation of metal roof panels
- ◆ Completed application of exterior color coat and paint
- ◆ Continued Installation of stone veneer
- ◆ Continued installation of exterior doors
- ◆ Continued mechanical, plumbing and electrical rough-in
- ◆ Continued installation of fire sprinkler system
- ◆ Continued low-voltage rough-in
- ◆ Continued placing insulation and hanging drywall
- ◆ Continued constructing landscape trellis
- ◆ Continued installation of switchgear and SCE transformer
- ◆ Substantially Completed base pave of parking lot

TWO-MONTH LOOK AHEAD

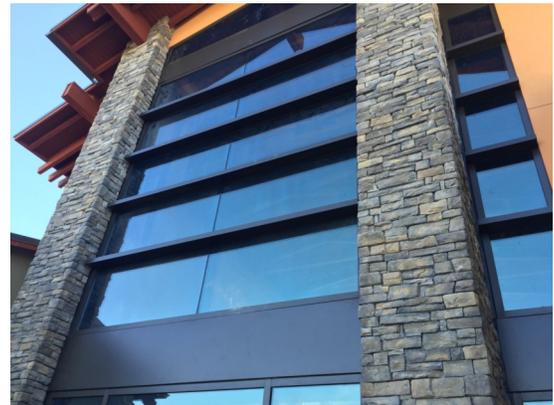
- ◆ Complete MEP rough-in
- ◆ Complete installation of switchgear/transformer and energize the building
- ◆ Complete fire sprinkler installation
- ◆ Complete installation of exterior doors
- ◆ Complete installation of exterior finishes
- ◆ Complete drywall tape and finish
- ◆ Complete interior painting
- ◆ Complete installation of MEP finishes
- ◆ Complete installation of low-voltage rough-in and trim.
- ◆ Complete start up and test and balance of HVAC system.
- ◆ Continue installation of interior finishes
- ◆ Complete trash enclosures and trellis
- ◆ Begin placement of hardscape
- ◆ Begin installation of irrigation and landscaping.
- ◆ Begin Goldenwest Median and traffic signal improvements

Estimated Completion: July 2016

Budget: Approximately \$18 million

You can watch either the construction in real time
or time lapsed at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/public_works/infrastructure-construction-in-progress.cfm#senior_center



As we are entering into an El Niño winter season, the schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions. The contract completion date has been extended to June 2, 2016, predominantly due to framing revisions that impacted installation of roofing material. There is additional work that will occur after the contractor is gone, such as furniture and furnishings. At this time, the exterior plaster, paint and roofing are substantially complete. Hanging of drywall is 95% complete and finishing of drywall is progressing at a steady pace. Installation of interior finishes such as paint, bathroom tile, recessed t-bar light fixtures and t-bar grids are in progress as well. Installation of aluminum storefront doors is complete with exception of the Lobby. All exterior doors (Lobby storefront, hollow metal and maintenance roll-up) should be installed by the end of February, allowing the contractor to secure the building. Energization of the building is scheduled for February 13, which would allow the contractor to start preparing for testing of various systems. Substantial completion of the Parking Lot AC base course occurred on January 29 and, with this work complete, the contractor intends to commence with the parking lot landscape work. Goldenwest traffic signal and median improvements are tentatively scheduled to begin by mid-March. The Project Team's current focus is on ensuring quality installation of finishes and working towards preparation of close out documentation.

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LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Reads One Book 2016 Calendar of Events

This year's HB Reads book selection is *Little Princes* by Conor Grennan. For Grennan, what began as a footloose adventure in Nepal working in an orphanage became a commitment to reunite the children he had grown to love with their families. He would risk his life on a journey through the legendary mountains of Nepal, facing the dangers of a bloody civil war and a debilitating injury. *Little Princes* is a true story of families and children, and what one person is capable of when faced with seemingly insurmountable odds.

Events leading up to the author visit in March include:

- ◆ **Wednesday, Feb. 24** - A special presentation by the OC Human Trafficking Task Force and the HBPD on the "Prevalence and Impact of Human Trafficking in OC." This event will be held at the Bella Terra Barnes & Noble at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Thursday, March 3** - REI will host a talk on climbing Mt. Everest with father and son climbers John and Ryan Dahlem. This event will begin at 7 p.m. at the REI in Bella Terra. To register for this event please go to the Bella Terra [REI](#) website.

Several children's events are on the calendar too with special storytimes scheduled:

- ◆ **Feb. 15 at 3:30 p.m.** at Bella Terra Barnes & Noble
- ◆ **Feb. 25 at 3:30 p.m.** at HBPL Central Library Tabby Theater
- ◆ **March 2 at 4:30** at HBPL Oak View Branch

Thursday, March 17 - HB Reads Author Reception and Fundraiser in the Central Library C & D rooms from 4 to 6 p.m. Reserve your spot at HBReads.org The Author Keynote Speech will follow the fundraiser at 7 p.m. in the Central Library Theater.

*Please read the book *Little Princes* available for check out at the HBPL, and join us for any and all events*

INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Did you know that you can find information about the FireMed Paramedic Subscription program and online program enrollment is available on the City website? To find program information and online enrollment, click on the Services navigation tab and click on the then Community Safety link. You will find a link to the FireMed program from this Community Safety page.

<http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/FireMed/enroll/>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Cupcake Wars for HBPL Teens!

On Saturday, February 20, Huntington Beach teens are invited to compete in our own Cupcake Wars. Teens will be given a theme and time to decorate pre-made cupcakes with a variety of tasty toppings. Cupcakes will be judged by library staff and participants.

Cupcake Wars will be held from 2-3 p.m. in the Maddy Room at Central Library. This is a free program for teens in grades 6-12. No registration is required. May the most epic cupcake win!



New Storytimes Added to the Children's Department at the Central Library



The Children's Dept. of the Central Library has added three new storytimes to their monthly schedule. Due to their popularity we are now offering two toddler storytimes on Saturdays: 10 and 11 a.m. Saturday afternoon. "Stories and Craft" will continue at 2 p.m.

Story Apptations: We are happy to announce a new digital storytime that will begin on February 8, and will take place the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 3:30 p.m. This storytime is for pre-school children ages 3-5 and will use iPads to explore apps, ebooks, and music to foster the development of early literacy skills needed for kindergarten. This is a small group storytime, limited to 20 children plus their parent. iPads will be provided.

Paws 2 Read: The dogs are back! Paws 2 Read is a reading enrichment program for children ages 4-12 that provides therapy dogs for children to read to. This all volunteer program encourages children to increase their reading skills and build self-confidence by reading aloud to certified trained therapy dogs. The "Go Team" therapy dogs will be available the second Saturday of the month, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., in the Tabby Theater. There will be a "Meet and Greet" on Saturday, March 12, and one-on-one reading will begin on Saturday, April 9—children can walk-in and register to read to a dog for 15 minutes. Reading is done on a first come first serve basis.

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Mermaid Swim Club

Grab your favorite fin and head down to the City Gym! Join your fellow mermaid lovers for a fun yet active workout, wading through our heated indoor pool. Mermaids will participate in exercises designed to strengthen core muscles and improve overall movement. They will also learn the most up-to-date mermaid skills, such as flips, fin kicks and more. American Red Cross certified Pool Lifeguards will be on deck to supervise all activity. Rental fins available for a fee. Register now for Tuesday and/or Friday lessons at HBsands.org!



Valentine's Dinner and Dance, Cruisin' on a Love Boat - Dancing through the Decades

The City of Huntington Beach is hosting an evening of dinner and dancing at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center on Friday, February 12, from 7 p.m.- 10 p.m. Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, with band sponsorship by MemorialCare Medical Group, participants will enjoy an evening Cruisin' on a Love Boat, dining at the Captain's Welcome Dinner Buffet, dancing to the big band swinging styling's of the Fresch Experience, and enjoying decadent gourmet desserts sure to please every sweet tooth's cravings. Fun games and opportunity drawings will be held throughout the dance and don't forget to stop by the photo booth for some silly snapshots or a cute picture with your sweetheart to remember the evening. Transportation will be available through Surf City Seniors On the Go, please call dispatch at (714) 374-1742 to book your ride.

Advance purchase tickets are available now at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center front desk for \$5 per person for HBCOA members and \$7.50 per person for non HBCOA members. Pre-purchased tickets will receive double raffle tickets. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door the night of the event. Don't miss out on what is sure to be a splendid event. For more information please contact the Rodgers Seniors' Center at 714-536-9387.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DOCUMENTARY "SAVING THE BOLSA CHICA WETLANDS" CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Amigos de Bolsa Chica is proud to invite educators, environmentalists, scientists and SoCal residents to attend the film premiere for "Saving the Bolsa Chica Wetlands," an inspiring short documentary about this nonprofit organization's 40-year endeavor to save, restore and protect a very special ecosystem, which we can now call the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.

The film premiere will take place **Friday, February 26**, at the Huntington Beach Central Library. Doors open at 6 p.m. and there will be a Q&A with the film producers and a wine & cheese reception with live music immediately after the screening. The event is **FREE**, but space is limited so please RSVP and watch the film trailer at <http://bolsachicashortdoc.eventbrite.com>

Saving the Bolsa Chica Wetlands is a co-production of Amigos de Bolsa Chica and award winning filmmakers Rita Baghdadi and Jeremiah Hammerling from Endless Eye Production Co.

The story of the Amigos de Bolsa Chica is as rich as the land itself.

In 1976, a group of mothers, teachers, engineers, scientists and students banded together with a mission to protect 2,000 acres in Huntington Beach from being developed. What they didn't know is they would spend the next forty years of their lives fighting to restore Bolsa Chica, one of the largest preserved coastal wetlands in North America. Today, with just 10% of California's coastal wetlands remaining, the Amigos look back at how, despite many obstacles, a group of ordinary citizens succeeded in carrying out an extraordinary mission. This inspiring true story raises a fundamental question - do we save nature, or does nature save us?

Saving the Bolsa Chica Wetlands is an opportunity to reflect upon the power of environmental advocacy through the portrait of real-life heroes: ordinary citizens who, through altruism, hard work and determination, have accomplished something extraordinary. It is also an invitation for the local community to become more involved in the continuous effort to maintain and protect Bolsa Chica and all the life it harbors.



OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2107 CDBG FUNDING DUE FEBRUARY 12

Applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, which were released on December 21, 2015, are due by February 12, 2016, at 4 p.m. CDBG funding is provided to the City by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis for eligible projects and programs that specifically benefit low and moderate income residents in the City of Huntington Beach.

Applications and submission requirements are available at: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/ed/cdbq/>.

FREE HOUSING COUNSELING FOR TENANTS AND LANDLORDS FEBRUARY 29

The Fair Housing Foundation will hold a monthly walk-in clinic at City Hall on February 29, from 10 a.m. to noon, on the fifth floor of City Hall in the Office of Business Development. A counselor will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to discuss any rental housing issues, tenant/landlord disputes and to answer questions about Fair Housing Laws. No appointment or RSVP is necessary. The City partners with the Fair Housing Foundation to provide services to the community related to fair housing issues and is also available by phone Monday through Friday at (800) 446-3247 or on a walk-in basis at their offices in Santa Ana and Long Beach. More information is available at www.fhfca.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

IRS SCAM

Tax season is here, which means the increase of IRS scams is also upon us. Here is some information and what to look out for to avoid becoming a victim of one of these scams.

The scam consists of a suspect making contact with the victim stating that they're delinquent with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The suspect pretends to be an IRS agent and demands payment from the victim. These impersonators usually demand immediate payment with either pre-paid debit cards or wire transfers. The suspect will direct the victim to a local bank or merchant where pre-paid cards can be purchased or direct the victim to complete a wire transfer. The suspect will manipulate ongoing communication with the victim until they are able to obtain funds.

Anyone can become a targeted victim. The victim may be threatened with arrest, deportation or revocation of their driver license. Fear tactics are a commonly used and include insult and hostility to scare potential victims. Be vigilant against these types of calls. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email or phone to request financial information. The IRS will always send taxpayers a written notification of any tax due via U.S. Mail. The IRS never asks for credit card, debit card or pre-paid access cards for payment over the telephone. Do not engage in conversation with these callers and tell them you will contact the IRS directly. Terminate the call as soon as practical without offering any personal information.

You may call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to confirm if you might owe taxes. If you have fallen victim to this scam or were targeted without sustaining a loss, you may also contact the Federal Trade Commission via their 'FTC Complaint Assistant' at www.ftc.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the comments of your complaint.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Structure Fire

On Tuesday, February 2, at approximately 5 a.m., the Fire Department was dispatched to the Huntington Valley Care Center for a report of smoke in a room. Firefighters arrived on scene and reported a single-story convalescent facility with nothing showing, but was able to determine there had been a small electrical fire that was extinguished by hospital staff prior to the Fire Department's arrival. The Police Department did an excellent job, prior to our arrival, by keeping access clear for fire units and by ensuring the doors of the involved unit as well as doors of adjacent patient rooms were closed. No injuries were reported on scene.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Presidents' Day Holiday Affects Street Sweeping; Trash Collected on Regular Schedule

Due to the observance of Presidents' Day there will be no street sweeping on Monday, February 15 (third Monday route). Streets that are not swept due to holidays are not rescheduled. Trash collection is on the regular schedule. If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance Division at 714-960-8861.

Dancing Through the Decades

Cruisin' on a
 LOVE
 BOAT

*Couples & Singles
Welcome !*

Join us for an evening of Dinner and Dancing

February 12th, 2016

7:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.

*Raffles
Photo Booth*

*Transportation
Available
(714)374-1742*

*Live Music featuring
The Fresch
Experience*

**TICKETS
AVAILABLE NOW
AT THE
FRONT DESK**

**\$5 HBCOA Members
\$7.50 Non-Members**

***double raffle tickets when you
pre-purchase dance tickets**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

February

- ◆ 2/12—**Crusin' on a Love Boat Dance**, 7 to 10pm, Rodgers' Senior Center. 714.536-9387

- ◆ 2/13 and 2/14—**Revolutionary War event in HB Central Park** this weekend on Feb. 13 and 14. **FREE Family Event.** <http://hbhistory.wix.com/hbhs#!the-revolution/dtzzu>

- ◆ 2/19—**112th Annual Chamber of Commerce Gala**, 5:30 to 10pm—Waterfront Hilton www.hbcoc.org or 714.536-8888.

- ◆ 2/26—**Saving Bolsa Chica Wetlands Movie**, 6pm, Central Library. Free. Register at <http://bolsachicashortdoc.eventbrite.com>

March

- ◆ 3/12—**3/One Fun Run 5K.** <http://www.active.com/huntington-beach-ca/running/races/3-1-marines-5k-fun-run-walk-2015>

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
Community Development	(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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