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- ◆ GO-BIZ HOSTS  
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## Get Energy Efficient

Want to make your home smarter and save money? Property Assessed Clean Energy programs can assist you with making energy efficient, water efficient, and renewable energy upgrades to your home. The City of Huntington Beach has partnered with the Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) program to assist residents and businesses with financing renovation projects that can increase your property value, lower your monthly utility bills, and contribute to a more sustainable community.

The HERO program makes energy efficient upgrades affordable. They offer low-interest, tax-deductible financing options that are repaid through your property taxes. Approvals are not based on credit scores and applying is simple.

Click to learn more visit: <https://www.heroprogram.com/huntingtonbeach> or contact Antonia Graham at 714-536-5233 or [Antonia.Graham@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Antonia.Graham@surfcity-hb.org)



See more at: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/announcements/announcement.cfm?id=780#sthash.sEln2kKZ.dpuf>

## Bowling Champ!

On December 12, the Surf City Strikers Wii bowling team participated in a Wii Bowling tournament at Palm Island Senior Living Apartments. After 12 nail biting frames of bowling, the Strikers prevailed as champions once again. High scorers were Bob and Bob Fordinani with perfect game scores of 300 and Ted Minton with an almost perfect game score of 289. Everybody had a good time and enjoyed each other's company. The strikers took home bragging rights and the coveted Wii bowling trophy as well as the promise of a rematch anytime to defend their title.

Wii bowling is one of the many active aging opportunities offered at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center and all are welcome to join for free. Practice is every Wednesday morning 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come and try it out— it is great exercise and a fun way to meet new friends and learn a new skill.

For information contact the Rodgers Seniors center at 1706 Orange Ave 714-536-9387.



## New Year's Eve Celebration

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging hosted their annual New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on Wednesday, December 31 at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center. More than 100 attendees enjoyed live music from P.M. Howard, a hearty buffet dinner, dessert and beverages. The dancers celebrated with champagne at the "Grand Countdown Toast," the midnight balloon drop, and many took home fabulous door prizes donated by local businesses. Special thanks to this year's sponsors, AR Mobility, SeaCliff Homecare and Merrill Gardens.

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging is a non-profit organization that supports programs and services for Huntington Beach Seniors through the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center and the Huntington Beach Seniors Outreach.



# Community Service

## Sands Winter Classes

Beginning January 12, the following classes are available to register for at [hbsands.org](http://hbsands.org) or at any Community Center:

- ◆ Register for classes at [hbsands.org](http://hbsands.org) or at any Community Center
- ◆ Pee Wee & Youth Basketball Starts Saturday, January 17
- ◆ Adult Health & Fitness classes
- ◆ Tots & Youth classes
- ◆ Aquatic Programs and much more



## Tennis Classes

2015 has brought a new season of tennis classes to Huntington Beach! Registration is currently open for classes starting the week of January 12.

- ◆ Classes are held at four convenient locations: Edison Community Center, Murdy Community Center, LeBard Park, and Marina Park.
- ◆ Classes range from beginner to advanced levels and are available for children and adults.
- ◆ Low-ratio, semi-private lessons are also available for all ages.

For more information or to register for classes, please consult [hbsands.org](http://hbsands.org) or contact Edison Community Center at 714-960-8870.



## Literacy Volunteer Orientation

Imagine not being able help your first grader with their homework, being afraid to go to a community meeting because someone might ask you to read something, or not feel confident to go after the job you are capable of handling.

If you can read and write English fluently, you can help another adult to read, write or speak English and reach their personal goals. Literacy Volunteers - HBPL has tutor training workshops throughout the year. The 15-hour class teaches Literacy Volunteers of America methods for helping adults improve their skills. After taking the class, you are matched with an adult learner, and you will meet two hours a week at a schedule convenient to you.

Orientation for prospective tutors at Central Library's Adult Literacy Program will be held Thursday, January 22 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Call Literacy Services at (714) 375-5102 or go online to the Library home page ([www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org)) and click on Literacy Programs for more details or to register.

## Central Library Children's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Authors Festival

Come and meet a variety of children's authors and illustrators on Tuesday, January 27 from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Central Library. After visiting local schools to promote their books and reading, our authors will come to the Central Library to talk to our patrons and autograph their books. The authors are all local authors and their books are mainly for children and teens. Books will be available for sale at the event. In addition, the winners of our "Spin Us A Story" contest (a writing and illustrating contest for children) will receive their certificates at the festival!

This program is put on with the generous support of the Friends of the Children's Library. This is always a well attended and fun event! Please join us!



# Fire Department

## Structure Fire

On Saturday, January 10 just before midnight, the Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at an apartment building on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Upon arrival, firefighters found smoke coming from the unit and a neighbor was attacking the fire with an extinguisher. Firefighters put out the remainder of the fire and completed ventilation and search. A total of four units were affected and Red Cross responded to make lodging arrangements for the displaced occupants.



Carbon monoxide (CO) is a gas. It has no odor. CO gas is poisonous. It can make a person feel sick and can be deadly. In the home, heating and cooking devices that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

### CO ALARMS

- »»» CO alarms should be installed outside each sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. It is best to use interconnected alarms. When one sounds, all CO alarms in the home sound.
- »»» Follow the instructions on the package to properly install the CO alarm.
- »»» Test CO alarms at least once a month.
- »»» Replace CO alarms according to the instructions on the package.
- »»» Know the sounds the CO alarm makes. It will sound if CO is detected. It will make a different sound if the battery is low or if it is time to get a new CO alarm.
- »»» If the battery is low, replace it.
- »»» If the CO alarm sounds, you must get fresh air. Move outdoors, by an open window or near an open door. Make sure everyone in the home gets to fresh air. Call the fire department from a fresh air location. Stay there until help arrives.

**For detailed information, please visit [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)**

# Building and Planning

## Planning Commission

On Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers the Planning Commission will review the following items:

1. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-028 (GLOW HOT YOGA HEALTH CLUB)**: To permit the establishment of an approximately 3,700 sq. ft. health club consisting of group fitness, personal training, and standup paddleboard instruction and rentals at 16360 Pacific Coast Highway, 92649 (east side of Pacific Coast Highway, south of Anderson Street – Peter’s Landing) **City Contact**: Jill Arabe, Associate Planner
2. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-029 (L.A. FITNESS SPORTS CLUB)**: To permit the establishment a 40,000 sq. ft. health club including a fitness studio, workout areas, cycling and aerobics rooms, lap pool, spa, locker rooms, basketball court, and kids klub at 19330 Goldenwest Street, 92648 (northeast corner of Goldenwest Street and Yorktown Avenue – Seacliff Village). Please note that the applicant has requested a continuance of this item to a date uncertain in order to revise the proposed plans. **City Contact**: Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner

A copy of the agenda is available on the City’s website:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/pcl/PCAgendas.cfm>).

Please contact the Planning Division at 714-536-5271 with any questions.

# Public Works

## Caltrans to Rehabilitate PCH

Rehabilitation of the roadway on PCH from Goldenwest Street to Warner Avenue is anticipated to start by the end of January. The work will consist of grinding and resurfacing the pavement. City staff will be working closely with Caltrans to coordinate between the City's projects and events including the marathon taking place on February 1.

Questions regarding the Caltrans project should be directed to the Caltrans Resident Engineer, Dat Pham, at 949-279-8586.

## City Clerk



**OCWD Seeks Applicants to Serve  
on the  
Ocean Desalination Citizens'  
Advisory Committee.  
Deadline to Apply is  
January 30, 2015 • 5:00 p.m. PST**

# Office of Business Development

## **GO-Biz Hosting Free Regional and Online Workshops**

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) is presenting FREE workshops on how to apply for the California Competes Tax Credit program.

The application period is open through February 2, 2015. The State will provide \$75 million in tax credits to small, medium and large companies in California through this program, with an additional \$31 million during the next application period, which will take place from March 9 through April 16, 2015. Last fiscal year, GO-Biz awarded \$28.9 million to 29 companies that are planning to create 6,000 jobs and invest more than \$2 billion in the state.

The workshops are scheduled locally and online as follows:

### **Irvine, CA**

Friday, January 23, 2015  
9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

### **Online Webinar**

Monday, January 26, 2015  
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Attendance is free, but attendees must register online to participate. The GO-Biz website features a vast amount of information about the program, including the presentation, a full application guide, a list of prior tax credit recipients and more.

To view this information and register for the workshops please visit: <http://www.business.ca.gov/Programs/CaliforniaCompetesTaxCredit.aspx>

## **FREE Fair Housing Walk-In Counseling January 26**

The Fair Housing Foundation, in partnership with the City of Huntington Beach, will provide a free fair housing counseling walk-in clinic at City Hall on Monday, January 26, from 10 a.m. to noon on the Fifth Floor of City Hall. A counselor will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to meet individually and discuss tenant/landlord disputes and concerns or to answer questions about Fair Housing laws.

Those with immediate questions or in need of more urgent assistance need not wait until the clinic, as Fair Housing Foundation counselors are available Monday through Friday by calling 800-446-3247.

# City Managers Office

## Heating and Cooling Efficiency for Your Home and Business

As much as half of the energy used in your home or business goes to heating and cooling. So making smart decisions about your home's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system can have a big effect on your utility bills – and your comfort. Some easy steps to increase the efficiency of your heating and cooling system include:

- ◆ Changing your air filter regularly
- ◆ Tuning-up your HVAC equipment yearly
- ◆ Installing a programmable thermostat
- ◆ Sealing your heating and cooling ducts
- ◆ Consider installing Energy Star qualified heating and cooling equipment.

If you are thinking of larger scale improvements, property assessed clean energy (PACE) programs can assist you with making energy efficient, water efficient, and renewable energy upgrades to your home. The City has partnered with the HERO program to assist residents and businesses with financing renovation projects that can increase your property value, lower your monthly utility bills, and contribute to a more sustainable community. For more information on the HERO program visit: <https://www.heroprogram.com/huntingtonbeach>.

For more information on the Energy Star program visit: [http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=heat\\_cool.pr\\_hvac](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=heat_cool.pr_hvac)

For more information on all things sustainable, contact Antonia Graham at: [Antonia.graham@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Antonia.graham@surfcity-hb.org)



## Police

On January 12, 2015, at approximately 10:19 a.m., officers responded to a silent robbery alarm call at Citibank located at 20981 Magnolia Street. The suspect fled the location prior to officers arriving. The suspect approached the teller counter, presented a note and was given an unknown amount of cash. No weapon was mentioned or seen. The suspect was last seen leaving the bank on foot.

The suspect is described as a black male in his mid-twenty's, 6'1, 200 lbs, Unshaven, last seen wearing a red baseball cap with a yellow omega logo, teal green sweatshirt and grey pants, possibly sweatpants.

We are seeking additional witnesses and ask anyone with any information to please call the Huntington Beach Police Information Hotline at 714-375-5066.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS (855-847-6627). You can click on the "Submit a Crime Tip" link on our Facebook page.

## Information Service

### **City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips**

Did you know that you can have a wedding on the City beach? You can find more information at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/beach\\_info/beach\\_wedding.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/beach_info/beach_wedding.cfm)

## 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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