

City Manager's Report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Monogram Apartments – Edinger Ave. Elevation

The “Monogram Apartments” is a residential development project encompassing approximately 8.5 acres at the southwest corner of Gothard Street and Edinger Avenue. It consists of the demolition of five existing vacant commercial/industrial buildings and the construction of 510 residential dwelling units within a four-story apartment building. The residential units will wrap around and conceal a six-level parking structure. The development will include approximately 25,815 sq. ft. of public open space, 55,396 sq. ft. of private open space, a 5,097 sq. ft. leasing office, and fitness and clubhouse amenities. The project entitlements were approved by the Planning Commission in July 2013 and the Development Agreement was approved by the City Council in September 2013.

Building and Site Demolition permits were recently issued. Demolition work is anticipated for three months with the overall construction project to take up to three years. Construction permits are anticipated to be issued in Spring 2016.

Planning Commission Meeting Tonight

On Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 7p.m. in the Council Chambers the Planning Commission will review the following items:

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 15-001 (HOUSING ELEMENT AMENDMENT) – continued from the November 24, 2015 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 Villasenor, Planning Manager, for more information.

Staff is recommending that this item be continued to the February 9, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.

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.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

New eBook Service from HBPL

Huntington Beach Library is pleased to announce its partnership with Total Boox, a revolutionary ebook service that dramatically improves the way ebooks are offered and used in libraries. Through this service, patrons will have access to tens of thousands of ebooks, without limitations, holds, or expirations. That's right, not only are there no overdue fines, patrons never need to return their digital books at all.

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Virtual Author Talk with Jill Shalvis at the Central Library

Huntington Beach Central Library is proud to welcome a live streaming visit by *New York Times* bestselling author Jill Shalvis on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Maddy Room. Jill Shalvis is the bestselling author of over fifty contemporary romance novels, including her award-winning Lucky Harbor series. Jill will join us via live video chat for a conversation about her bestselling romance novels just in time for Valentine's Day! There will also be an opportunity for a Q&A from the audience. Join us!



Art Donation for the Central Library

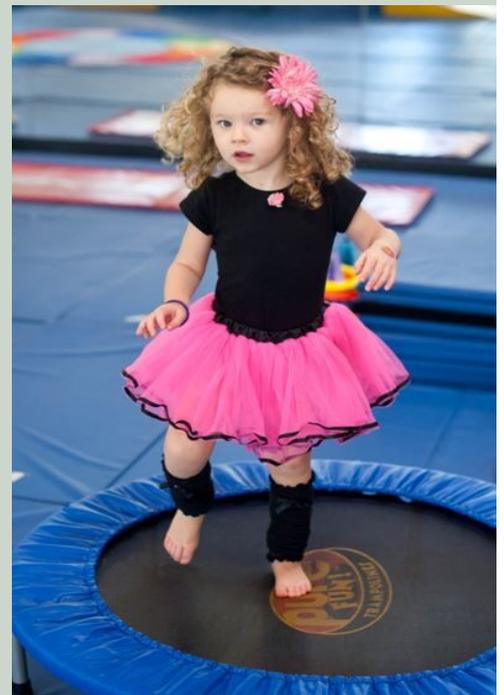
The Central Library received a lovely Christmas present over the holidays. The sculpture "Redily Apparent" by the local artist, Bret Price was installed near the front entry of the library over the holidays. The sculpture was donated by Mr. David Wickersham, a past President of the Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Wickersham played a key role in the building of the Central Library back in 1975. Art has always played an important role in the Library, and the new addition enhances the front fountain area.

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Tumble-N-Kids Gymnastics

Gymnastics classes are in full swing! Starting at eight-months and continuing through fourteen years, kids interested in learning age-appropriate skills, coordination and strength development can sign up for classes at Edison Community Center, Murdy Park or the City Gym & Pool. Experienced coaches will introduce cartwheels, round-offs, handstands, backbends, beam, back-handspring barrel and more. Obstacle courses and music make learning fun, while progressive skill instruction creates confidence and prepares kids for all sports. Register today online at HBSands.org or in-person at any community center!



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.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE VACANCY

The City of Huntington Beach would like to announce one vacancy on its Human Relations Task Force. These volunteer positions are appointed by the City Council. Applicants must be citizens and residents of Huntington Beach and be available to attend regular meetings on the first Tuesday evening of each month. Applications may be downloaded from the City's website at: http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/.

The mission of the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force is to promote and celebrate diversity in our community through education and understanding. The Task Force works towards achieving its mission by sponsoring annual community events, working with local schools, and other programs.

For more information regarding the mission of the Human Relations Task Force, go to: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/human_relation_task_force.cfm.

You may also contact the staff liaison, Elaine Kuhnke, Community Services, at (714) 374-5307 or ekuhnke@surfcity-hb.org.

INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Did you know the City website contains a page that has links to Community Safety Service information? You can find links to safety tips, public safety departments, emergency preparedness, crime reporting, most wanted, etc. You can find a link to this page under the Services navigation tab.

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/community-safety.cfm>

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Pollution Prevention Grant

The City of Huntington Beach has been selected as a recipient of the **EPA Region 9 Pollution Prevention Grant**, to expand Sustainable Business certifications in the City, specifically those businesses located in the Oak View area (this includes businesses located on portions of Beach Blvd.). While the initial reach of the program is the entire City, this grant will focus on business development and certification of existing businesses through a partnership with the Oak View Renewal Partnership and CIELO. Through this grant, the City will receive \$36,250 to assist businesses with conducting audits of their operations, reviewing utility bills, and suggesting retrofits to achieve energy, water or solid waste/recycling savings; thereby improving the bottom line. The Sustainable Business Certification program is funded by Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company, and Republic Services, this ensures that the program is closely tied with the existing rebate and incentive programs offered by the utility companies.

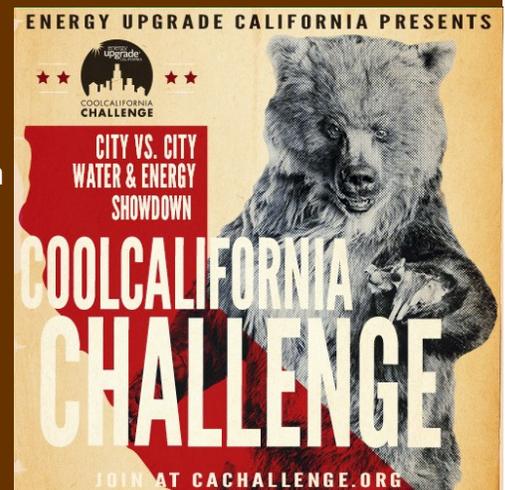
For more information on the Sustainable Business Certification program please contact Antonia Graham at antonia.graham@surfcity-hb.org.

CoolCalifornia Challenge—Sign Up Today!

The CoolCalifornia Challenge just got a little more interesting! This week, Mayor Jim Katapodis was featured in a [video](#) by Energy Upgrade California encouraging residents to commit to energy savings and discussing what makes the City of Huntington Beach the “coolest” California city. The CoolCalifornia Challenge is organized by Energy Upgrade California and engages households in 22 participating cities throughout the state to reduce their energy and water use at home as well as their transportation emissions through a statewide city-to-city competition.

Help bring Huntington Beach to victory by signing up for the CoolCalifornia Challenge at www.cachallenge.org today. Already signed up? Remember to keep tracking your monthly usage and share with others to gain more points and help Huntington Beach become California’s Coolest City!

Questions relating to CoolCalifornia go to Kirsten Graham at kirsten.graham@surfcity-hb.org.



OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Community-Wide Wayfinding Kickoff Meeting – February 3

We would like to hear from you!

In cooperation with the City of HB, Visit Huntington Beach (VHB), our City's official sales and marketing organization for Surf City USA, is in the initial planning phase for a community-wide wayfinding program, which will be installed later in 2016.

Interested HB residents are invited to a very special community stakeholder input session scheduled for Wednesday, February 3 at the Main Street Public Library from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The library is located at 525 Main Street.

The program will help facilitate wayfinding throughout the City, while enhancing the sense of direction and themes associated with our community's history and character. A well-planned community wayfinding system, using the latest technology and on-brand signage (including parking decks), makes it easier to navigate our streets and sideways to key points of interest throughout Surf City USA. If you are interested in attending, please email tonya@surfcityusa.com. If you have any questions, call Tonya at VHB, 714-969-3492, ext 211.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT—RISK MANAGEMENT

Did you know...???

One of the many services provided by Risk Management is to pursue recovering funds from those who cause property damage to the City's assets. This can include anything from a citizen causing damage to a City vehicle, fire hydrant, property, vandalism, etc. With the assistance of various departments, we evaluate the cost of the damage by reviewing invoices, estimates, photos and work orders to determine the amount of loss for each of the damage causing incidents.

Once the amount of damage has been established, we refer this to the Finance Department for billing purposes. **As of January 4, 2016, \$113,827.77 has been collected as a result of processing 55 claims during the 2015 calendar year. We anticipate even more will be collected in 2016 for prior calendar years.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deceased Whale on the Beach

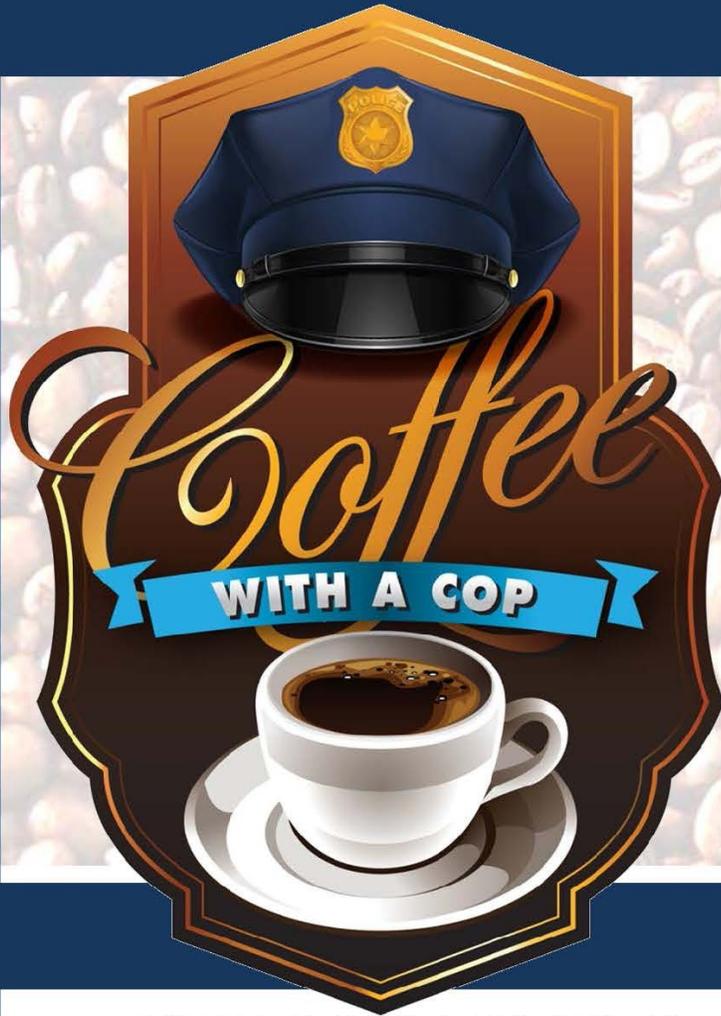
At 7 a.m. on Friday, January 15, Beach Maintenance workers on Sunset Beach reported that a deceased whale had washed ashore on the beach near 8th Street.

The California Stranding Network Coordinator for the West Coast Region of the National Marine Fisheries was called per protocol, was advised of the situation, and performed an inspection of the animal. The animal was identified as a 24-foot Humpback Whale, approximately one-year old. It is estimated that the whale had been deceased for less than a week and, because there was no evidence of external injuries, further lab testing would be required to determine the exact cause of death. After the inspection, it was transported to the LA County Museum for further testing and educational purposes.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Trinidad Lift Station Progress Report

The Trinidad Lift Station recently passed the seven day operational test. The new sewer pump station performed flawlessly for the duration of the test. The contractor has approximately four more weeks to complete this project. The major items that remain incomplete include, demolish the old lift station and force main, finish grading and landscaping within the park, replace broken curb gutter and sidewalk, and repave Trinidad Lane from the bridge to Aquarius Drive.



**January 29, 2016
9pm to 11pm**

**Starbucks
16471 Heil Ave
Huntington Beach, Ca**



**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS & POLICE
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE &
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 www.facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice

**Huntington Beach
Police Department**



Dancing Through the Decades

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 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*

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Available
(714)374-1742*

*Live Music featuring
The Fresch
Experience*

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AVAILABLE NOW
AT THE
FRONT DESK**

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

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



*Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center
1706 Orange Ave. Huntington Beach , CA 92648~(714)536-9387*

Week of January 25, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- ◆ 1/28—**Coffee with a Cop** from 8 to 11pm at Starbucks at 16471 Heil.
- ◆ 1/29 — **City of Huntington Beach Strategic Planning Session**, 8am to 1pm at Central Library.

February

- ◆ 2/7—**Surf City Marathon** www.Runsurfcity.com
- ◆ 2/12—**Crusin' on a Love Boat Dance**, 7 to 10pm, Rodgers' Senior Center. 714.536-9387
- ◆ 2/19—**112th Annual Chamber of Commerce Gala**, 5:30 to 10pm—Waterfront Hilton www.hbcoc.org or 714.536-8888.

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>

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City Manager	(714) 536-5202
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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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