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JULY 8, 2014

*From the City Clerk's Office:*

## NOTICE OF ELECTION



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The City Clerk announces that the General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Huntington Beach on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for the following Officers:

Four (4) Members of the City Council for a full term of four years and one (1) City Attorney for a full term of four years.

The nomination period for these offices begins on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 8 a.m. and closes on Friday, August 8, 2014, at 5 p.m.

If nomination papers for an incumbent officer of the city are not filed by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 8 the voters shall have until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 13 to nominate candidates.

Please call the City Clerk, Joan Flynn, at (714) 536-5404 if you are interested in setting an appointment to discuss or pull nomination papers for running for either office.



## **Structure Fire**

On July 2, 2014 at approximately 8 p.m., firefighters were dispatched to a structure alarm for a report of a fire on Pettswood Drive. Firefighters reported smoke showing from an upstairs unit of an apartment.

The fire appeared to have originated behind a dryer unit located inside the apartment. Fire damage was limited to the washer/dryer alcove and the hallway. There were no fire or civilian injuries reported and the fire is currently under investigation.

The Fire Department would like to remind you that taking care of your clothes dryer is important to the safety of your home. With a few simple safety tips, you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

## **Dryer Fire Prevention Safety Tips**

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure to clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.
- Keep the area around the dryer clear of things that can burn.

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

# Fire Department News

The Huntington Beach Fire Department Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office has provided the following information on earthquake preparedness. When earthquakes strike, utilities may be disrupted; roads impassible, and public safety resources overwhelmed. Do you know what to do when there is no 911?



It is important that you and your family be prepared to be self-sufficient for days or even weeks until relief support arrives. Determine the hazards your family faces at home and work and develop a plan for what to do based on the time of day or week. If you have children it is important to participate in their schools disaster planning and understand the process of reunifying with your children.

If you are a Huntington Beach resident, you are encouraged to participate in the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program to better prepare yourself for disasters.

To ensure that your family is prepared for such an emergency and for more detailed information, please visit [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/prepareHB](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/prepareHB) or [www.readyoc.org](http://www.readyoc.org).



# Public Works Department

## ***Shibley Nature Center*** – FREE Cool Summer Nights Program

Water Conservation will be the topic for the evening at the Cool Summer Nights Program on Thursday, July 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. Sylvia Franklin, Water Conservation Coordinator for the City of Huntington Beach, will be the speaker. You will learn where our water comes from and how to conserve during the drought in California. Also, learn about the rebates available to residents, such as the turf removal program, high efficiency toilets, smart timer irrigation controllers, rotating sprinklers and rainwater harvesting. Please visit our website for more information at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater)



## Cool Summer Nights Programs: FREE

### **July 10 – Thursday 6 – 8 p.m. – The Raptors of Orange County**

Peggy Chase returns with her wonderful raptor friends. She will share her experiences and knowledge of these wonderful birds. Some you may have seen at Shibley.

### **July 17 – Thursday 6 to 8 p.m. – Bats (The ones with wings!)**

Professional wildlife biologist Steve Norton will be here to share his knowledge of bats and how they are a remarkably important part of our ecosystem.

### **July 31 – Thursday 8 to 10 p.m. – Explore the Skies above Shibley**

Join us as we are visited by the Orange County Astronomers who will help us explore nearby planets and star systems light years away? The evening hours will be extended to allow for this not to be missed event.

Shibley Nature Center  
17851 Goldenwest St. (south of Slater)  
714-842-4772  
[www.shibleynature.org](http://www.shibleynature.org)

*\*Donations help keep the center open.*



# Police Department News

## Holiday Weekend Recap!



The Huntington Beach Police Department had a very busy holiday weekend. We received a large amount of calls for service as well as handled the street closures, pre-parade race, parade and fireworks show. We had large crowds on hand all weekend. This being a transition year from safe and sane fireworks proved to be busy.

Starting Thursday evening, the police department received 4,366 calls for service and responded to 3,754 of those calls. That is approximately 52 calls per hour.

The following are some of the preliminary statistics for the weekend:

835 Fireworks Complaints (513 in 2013)

- ◆ 33 Traffic Collisions
- ◆ 15 DUI Arrests
- ◆ 1258 Parking Citations
- ◆ 96 Loud Party Calls
- ◆ 88 Adults Arrested

## ...A BIG THANK YOU...

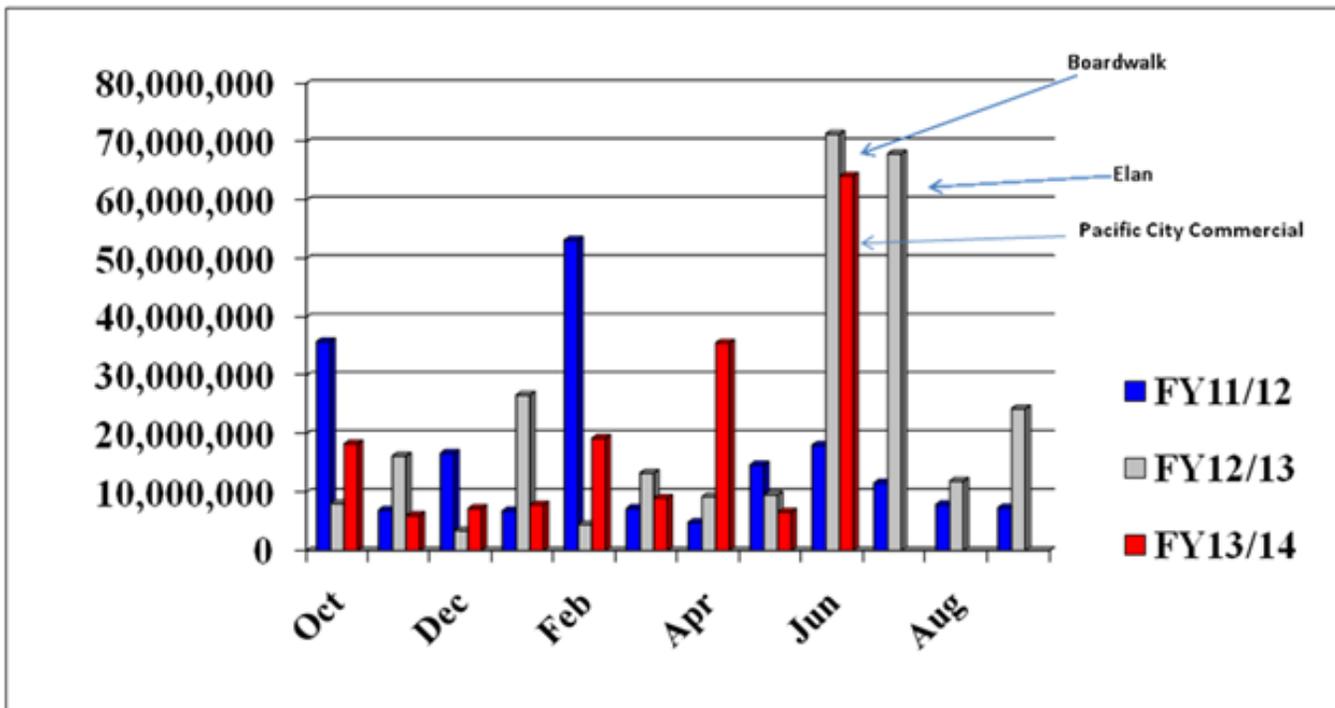
*The police department wants to thank the community and all those who celebrated responsibly. The event was successful with no major incidents to report. Our officers and staff worked long, hard hours to make this holiday a safe and enjoyable event.*

# Planning & Building

## Construction Activity Continues Through the Summer!

Total construction valuation for FYTD 13/14 is \$173,955,566 compared to the same time last year at \$162,178,386-valuation is up 7%. The increase was driven by strong gains in the commercial market segment with the permit issuance of Pacific City Open Air Mall valued at \$47,806,832. Also, 32 single family homes (Tri-Pointe=25, SFD infill=7) were issued with a valuation of \$10,167,332. We have not seen this type of activity in the single-family home market segment since 2006. Activity at the Planning and Building Counters has seen a steady increase over the summer months. Permit activity has increased 6% for the same time period. Walk-in customers to both counters are up 5% collectively over last year. Inspection activity is up 9% over last year, with concentrated activity at three large mixed-use projects. All these indicators point to continued strong summer construction season.

## Construction Valuation (\$) Residential, Commercial & Industrial

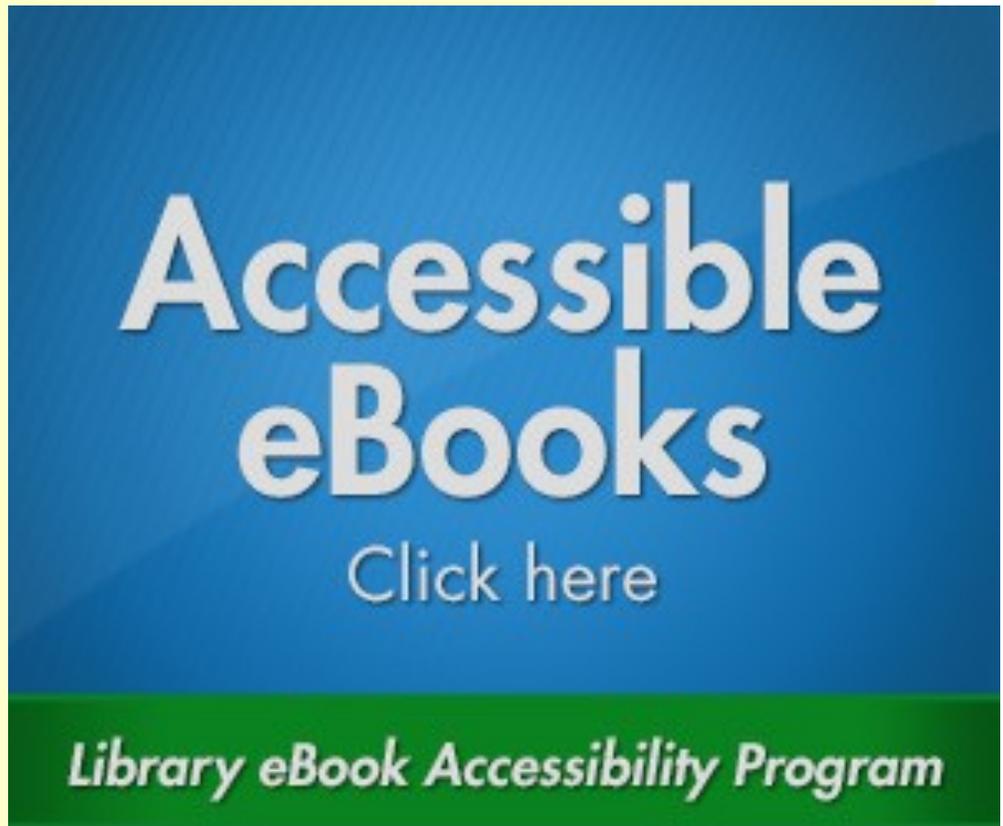


# Library Services Department

## **Assigned Summer Reading Just Got a Little Easier!**

Need to complete that summer reading assignment for school, but all of the Library's print copies are checked out?

Library eBooks provide another way to complete the required reading! Check the eBook collection at [e.hbpl.org](http://e.hbpl.org) for high school assignments such as *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury, *Count Of Monte Cristo* by Alexander Dumas, *1984* by George Orwell, and *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton, among others. Just like printed books, eBooks can be borrowed for up to three (3) weeks for free with a Huntington Beach Library card. For more information, visit [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org).



The graphic features a blue background with the text "Accessible eBooks" in large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, "Click here" is written in a smaller white font. At the bottom, a green banner contains the text "Library eBook Accessibility Program" in white, italicized font.

# Information Services Department

Did you know that a City Parks Locator has been developed for the City website? Individual park web pages have also been produced for all 71 city parks. You can find park location maps, park hours, amenities, descriptions, fun facts, photo galleries and other park information. You can find the parks locator at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parks\\_facilities/parks/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parks_facilities/parks/)

# 4th of July Recap!



Another 4th of July holiday has come and gone for the City of Huntington Beach! All the days events went off without a hitch. This is a great holiday filled with fun, family, friends and memories that will last a lifetime! Thank you to KABC-TV for the first LIVE telecast of our parade that made millions of positive impressions around the southland!



## The Greens Room Golf Tournament

As you may know, 2014 marks an important year in the history of Huntington Beach. It was a century ago that George Freeth showed up on our shores in 1914, and surfed the first wave next to the new concrete municipal pier. The Surf City USA brand was officially born! 100 Years of Surfing (100 YOS) launched a special website, [www.100yearsofsurfinghb.com](http://www.100yearsofsurfinghb.com), which tells the story of our rich surfing history and surf culture, and captures the specifics of all 100 YOS signature events including the upcoming Greens Room Golf Tournament.

The Greens Room Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, July 28, at Seacliff Country Club in Huntington Beach. The Green Room is that special place in the wave when a surfer is in the curl, as well as that special place on the golf course. All holes are named for famous surf breaks from around the world with food and beverage sponsors paired to match the break.

This Inaugural event will be held on the Monday of the US Open of Surfing with a shotgun start at noon. Surfing icons will be playing alongside golfers for what we anticipate will be a sold out, must-attend event. Proceeds raised will benefit the HB International Surfing Museum. Your participation and support will directly aid the museum's mission to preserve surfing heritage for future generations.

**Golf Packages Include: Range Balls, Putting Contest, Box Lunch, 18 Holes of Golf, Catered Dinner and Prizes!**

Registration is available online at [www.100YearsOf SurfingHB.com/golf](http://www.100YearsOf SurfingHB.com/golf)

## Community Services

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging was proud to march in the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Parade titled "Waves of Freedom." HBCOA board members, as well as senior service volunteers, donned their festive red, whites and blues and showed off their Independence Day pride marching up Main Street accompanied by a festively decorated Surf City Seniors on the Go senior bus. Everybody had a wonderful time marching in the parade and waving to the crowd on Main St. The HBCOA was honored to be able to represent the seniors of Huntington Beach to the world both at the parade as well as all those watching on the television.

# City Council News



At the July 7 city council meeting, we were honored to have our two Sister Cities join us! Representatives from Manly, Australia, and Anjo, Japan were presented with small surfboards from Surf City USA, and both Sister Cities presented Huntington Beach with small gifts from their countries. We are honored to have them with us this summer as part of our 110th annual 'Waves of Freedom' 4th of July Parade!

# City Treasurer News

## City of Huntington Beach Receives Certification of Investment Policy

City Treasurer Alisa Cutchen is pleased to announce that the City's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Investment Policy has been certified by the California Municipal Treasurer's Association (CMTA). The CMTA Investment Policy Certification Program provides professional guidance and assistance in developing and/or improving existing investment policies in California's public sector agencies and districts.

The benefits of having the City of Huntington Beach's FY13/14 Investment Policy certified by the California Municipal Treasurer's Association are:

- ◆ Trust, confidence and verification to the public that our policy has been reviewed and certified by a professional organization and Certified California Municipal Treasurers within California, who scrutinize the policy in nineteen areas: Policy, Scope, Prudence, Objective, Delegation of Authority, Ethics and Conflicts of Interest, Authorized Financial Dealers and Institutions, Authorized and Suitable Investments, Review of Investment Portfolio, Investment Pools/Mutual Funds, Collateralization, Safekeeping and Custody, Diversification, Maximum Maturities, Internal Control, Performance Standards, Reporting, Investment Policy Adoption and Glossary;
- ◆ To ensure that our policy is well-written so that it is easily understood by readers and provides complete transparency of the investment process to the public;
- ◆ To demonstrate that due diligence was performed on our Investment Policy to adopt a prudent useable document that will produce sound investment decisions that meet certain standards and fall within the goals and objectives set forth by our governing bodies;
- ◆ California Government Code sections are included (cited) in policy; and
- ◆ Assist to satisfy auditors when reviewing our Investment Policy.

Through active management and diversification of the investment portfolio, the City Treasurer has maintained the City of Huntington Beach's portfolio as a low risk, balanced portfolio that is positioned to meet the pool's cash flow needs now, in the future, and will be able to adapt and embrace the changing rate environment.

The FY1314 Investment Policy can be found on the City's website at [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected\\_officials/city\\_treasurer/investments/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/city_treasurer/investments/)

# Office of Business Development

## New Developments in Huntington Beach!

Huntington Beach continues to be an outstanding place in which to develop and locate a business. Several Huntington Beach projects were rated in the top ten of industrial sales, leases and construction projects through the first quarter of 2014 as reported by the Orange County Business Journal.

Harbour Distribution purchased 5901 Bolsa Avenue in late 2013 and was the number one industrial sale in the County with a sale price of \$56.7 million. It had previously been purchased by Sharp in August 2011 with a recorded sale price of at \$38.5 million - so in two short years, the sale price increased by nearly 48%. Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America leased 5800 Skylab Road, a 167,778 square foot industrial building and was among the County's top ten industrial leases during the same period, having been leased for a ten-year term.

New construction is also putting Huntington Beach on the map. Shea Properties is currently developing two distribution buildings at the former Randall Lumber site, located at 17332 Gothard Street. This development is one of the top ten industrial developments in all of Orange County, adding a total of 94,572 valuable square feet in two separate buildings. The project is due to be completed in December. This project has also moved Shea Properties into the number 11 spot on a list of top commercial developers in Orange County for the 12 months ending May 2014.

Two other significant developers – DJM Capital Partners and R.D. Olson Development – also made the list as # 9 and # 4, respectively, primarily attributed to projects at the new Pacific City. DJM is developing the retail portion of the site and R.D. Olson recently broke ground on the luxury boutique Pasea Hotel.

Stay tuned for more great news about businesses choosing and thriving in Huntington Beach!

### 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) 536-5502
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

Fred A. Wilson, City Manager  
[www.huntingtonbeachca.gov](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov)

***US OPEN OF SURFING  
 JULY 26 TO AUG. 3!***

## JULY 2014

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