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City Manager's Report

JUNE 24, 2014

Fireworks are Illegal in Huntington Beach



With the exception of a two-year trial period, the sale and use of fireworks has been illegal in Huntington Beach for over 25 years. Ordinance No. 3932 which was approved by the City Council on February 6, 2012, allowed the strict regulated sale, storage and use of "safe and sane" fireworks on specific dates

and locations. This expired on July 5, 2013, and no action has been made to extend. During the trial period, there was an increase in the confiscation and usage of harmful fireworks in addition to inappropriate use of state approved fireworks.

Residents and visitors can enjoy our 4th of July Fireworks show from the pier at 9 p.m. (See FREE Shuttle on pg. 4)



Police Department News



Message from Chief Handy: HBPD to Launch Ambassador Program Downtown

The Police Department is partnering with Downtown stakeholders to launch an Ambassador program for the Downtown area this summer.

The Police Department is putting the final touches on a Downtown Ambassador program set to Launch July, 14, 2014. The program consists of adding one daytime and two nighttime ambassadors who will provide additional security and hospitality services for our businesses and guests. The ambassadors will help answer questions, provide directions for guests as well as observe and report on security and quality of life issues impacting the Downtown area.

The ambassadors will be licensed security guards hired through a contract with a private company. They will be trained on when to act versus when to observe and report to the Police Department. Visit HB will provide training on the local area, amenities, and business we have to offer our guests. A component of the program also includes linking the bar security personnel, the ambassadors, and the Downtown police officers via a security radio for better coordination and more timely response.

The program is starting this summer on a trial basis as a result of a public private partnership with the Police Department, the Downtown Business Improvement District, Visit HB, and the Downtown bar owners. Our goal is to provide a more comprehensive approach to public safety Downtown where more people and businesses are actively working to improve the Downtown experience.

The program will run for 12 weeks beginning Monday, July 14, 2014, and will be evaluated continually for effectiveness. Once the program has proven successful, the City will be engaging again with our partners to obtain permanent funding options to consider.

Police Department News

Pets and Fireworks: Tips for keeping your furry friends safe this 4th

Although fireworks are illegal in Huntington Beach, often we receive complaints of illegal firework use. The following safety tips from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) can help keep your four legged friends safe this upcoming holiday.



Tip 1: Leave Your Pet at Home

Its always best to leave your pets at home. Dogs and cats can become overly excited and/or frightened when exposed to unfamiliar and loud places with unfamiliar people. If addition, if they become too frightened, they may run off in search of their home.

Tip 2: Prepare a "Safe Room" for your Pet

A small quiet room in your home where your pet feels safe, i.e. bathrooms, laundry room and spare bedrooms. Place a bowl of water, a few toys and a pet bed/blanket . If your pet is easily excitable, consider placing your pet in a crate during the holiday.

Tip 3: Possible Sedatives for Excitable Pets

Pets that are naturally excitable will have a tendency to get upset due to loud noise, such as fireworks. Consider talking to your veterinarian about advantages to giving your pets sedatives to help calm them during the festivities.

Tip 4: Keep Pets Away from Fireworks

Regardless of your pets temperament, keep them away from any fireworks. Pets do not understand what fireworks are and the potential dangers and risks associated. Even if your pet stay calm during fireworks, its still recommended to place them in a safe room until the festivities have concluded.

BEWARE: Residential Burglaries

The southeast area of Huntington Beach has fallen victim to a series of daytime residential burglaries. The suspects are gaining entry to the homes through a rear or side door/window and appear to exit through the front door. A possible suspect vehicle has been described as a red, burgundy or plum colored Chrysler PT Cruiser with a medium tint on the windows. A white female, 20-35 years, 5'6", 160lbs with dark hair and a Hispanic male, early 40's with thick dark hair, has been seen in the area of the burglaries.

Keep in mind that often burglars will canvas a neighborhood, knocking on residents doors until they locate a home with no one home. We are encouraging residents to immediately report any suspicious activities within their neighborhood, especially if the activity involves the persons or vehicle described. We also encourage residents to be vigilant and to discuss this information with your neighbors.

FREE JULY 4TH SHUTTLE TO DOWNTOWN

Planning to enjoy the Downtown HB festivities on July 4th? If so, you may consider adding a bit of green to your red, white and blue by taking advantage of free shuttle service to the Downtown on what is sure to be a busy day. The City will operate **free shuttles** from two locations, and free, limited parking is available at each location as well. (Bonus points to those who enjoy the free connection from one of five operating OCTA routes available as shown below!).

To ensure space is available for all passengers, no alcohol, coolers, chairs, beach umbrellas, surfboards, or pets (except service animals) are permitted on board.

Route #	Origin/Destination	Operating Hours/Frequency	Last Departure from Downtown
Route 1*	Goldenwest Transportation Center (7301 Center Avenue) to Main/Orange	8:30 AM to 11:30 PM; departs approx. every 30 min on hour and half-hour	11:00 PM
Route 2	Huntington Beach Civic Center (2000 Main Street) to Main/Orange	1 PM to 10 PM; departs approx. every 30 min on hour and half-hour	9:45 PM

**Note that OCTA service via routes 25, 29, 66 and 70 to the Goldenwest Transportation Center serve as connections to Route 1. This route will also stop at the north/southbound Route 72 stops at Goldenwest and Warner to provide service free of charge to/from Downtown.*

For OCTA route information, please visit: <http://www.octa.net/Bus-Transit/Trip-Planner/>.
For more information, please visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking

Fair Housing Walk In Counseling July 2

The Fair Housing Foundation, in partnership with the City of Huntington Beach, will provide a free housing counseling walk-in clinic on Wednesday, July 2 on the Fifth Floor of City Hall from 3 to 5 p.m.. A counselor will be present to discuss tenant/landlord disputes and concerns or to answer questions about Fair Housing laws. Those with questions or in need of immediate assistance need not wait for the clinics or training, as Fair Housing Foundation counselors are available Monday-Friday by calling (800) 446-3247 and information is available online around the clock at www.fairhousingfoundation.com.

Public Works Department



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Street Rehabilitation: Yorktown Avenue, Argosy Drive, and 6th Street

This \$2,080,000 project is located on Yorktown Avenue (Goldenwest Street to Main Street), Argosy Avenue (Bolsa Chica Street to Graham Street), and 6th Street (Walnut Avenue to Orange Avenue). The half-street pavement on Yorktown Avenue was last improved with the Seaciff Shopping Center in 1999 and this will receive a slurry coat. The Yorktown Avenue eastbound lanes were last resurfaced in 1978, and Argosy Drive and 6th Street were last resurfaced in 1974 and 1956, respectively, therefore, rehabilitation of these streets is warranted.

This project rehabilitation methods include grinding out failed asphalt and replacing with fiber reinforced asphalt concrete (FRAC), thickness as the conditions warrant. The project will use FRAC, wherein fibers are added to the asphalt concrete at the batch plant prior to delivery to the job site. A two-inch section of FRAC is equivalent in strength to a two and one-half inch section of conventional asphalt concrete (AC). The increased cost for FRAC was offset by the 30% reduction in the required conventional asphalt design thickness. This resulted in an estimated cost savings of approximately \$75,000 for this project.

OCSD sewer manholes, city sewer manholes, monitoring well covers, water valve covers, and water meter boxes will be adjusted to grade as necessary. Areas of settled or raised curb and gutter and sidewalk will also be replaced and new thermoplastic striping will be installed after final paving. The eastbound side of Yorktown Avenue will be improved to include new sidewalk, parallel street parking, new street lighting, (and sewer and water connections paid for by the HBUHSD for a new athletic facility). On the 6th Street segment, existing street lighting will be replaced with energy efficient LED technology.

The project utilizes a FRAC surface course which contains crumb rubber derived from 100% California waste tire rubber. A two-inch layer of FRAC with crumb rubber uses over 2,000 waste tires per lane mile. The project will divert more than 6,000 waste tires that would otherwise end up in a landfill. Including this project, the use of crumb rubber in the rehabilitation of the City's arterial streets has resulted in the diversion of over 262,000 waste tires.

Construction will begin on Yorktown Avenue after the fourth of July weekend and conclude by August 22, 2014, (before the students return to school). Argosy Drive will start in August (concluding in October) and 6th Street will begin in October and will conclude before the Thanksgiving weekend.

July 4th Holiday Will Affect Friday's Street Sweeping and Trash Collection:

In observance of the 4th of July Holiday, street sweeping and trash collection will be on Holiday schedule. There will be no street sweeping on Friday, July 4th (first Friday route). Friday's trash route will be collected on Saturday, July 5th. All other days are on regular schedule.

Any question about the holiday maintenance schedule please contact the Public Works Maintenance Division at (714) 960-8861

Public Works Department

New: Spray -To-Drip Irrigation System

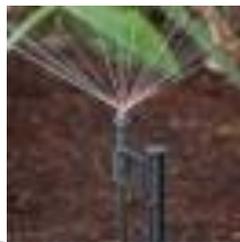
Receive up to \$175 per kit in Rebates!

A drip irrigation system offers the benefit of saving water while helping to keep our beaches clean by reducing harmful runoff. Drip Irrigation and Micro Sprinkler Systems offer modern alternatives to the old-fashioned spray head irrigation systems. Drip irrigation is a very efficient way of providing water directly to your plants, shrubs and trees without wasting water by irrigating the entire area.

The Spray to Drip Program offers you the opportunity to convert areas irrigated by spray heads to a drip irrigation system. Drip irrigation systems are very different from pop-up sprinkler systems. Rather than spraying wide areas, drip systems utilize point emitters to deliver water to specific locations at or near plant root zones. Water drips slowly from the emitters either onto the soil surface or below ground. As a result, less water is lost to wind and evaporation, and weed growth is minimized. Drip irrigation systems are very water-efficient and are even customizable for different plant varieties in a small area. Many types of kits are available to retrofit your sprinkler systems. Go to www.mwdoc.com/wue/drip for the application.

If you have turf, replacing old fashioned sprinkler heads with highly efficient rotating sprinkler heads can result in a water savings of **up to 20%**. This versatile sprinkler allows you to apply multi-stream, water-saving coverage in more areas of your landscape, including narrow or wide corners, along curved walkways, and even outside corners.

Rebate information for rotating nozzles, high efficiency toilets, smart irrigation controllers, turf removal and more is available by visiting SoCal Water Smart at www.socalwatersmart.com or by calling (888) 376-3314. For any questions about these programs, please call Sylvia Franklin, Water Conservation Coordinator, at (714) 374-1503.



Public Works Department

Shipley Nature Center is Huntington Beach's very own Waterwise Demonstration Garden

We are so proud to have such a wonderful nature center in our own neighborhood. The Shipley Nature Center is a beautiful demonstration garden of California Friendly Landscaping. They have a friendly knowledgeable staff that is always eager to help residents learn about native plants that thrive in our lovely Mediterranean climate in Huntington Beach. The **Waterwise Garden** illustrates drought tolerant plants that are suitable for a home garden. Manzanita, Ceanothus, Blue-eyed Grass, Mountain Marigold, Salvia and Coffeeberry attract butterflies, bees and Hummingbirds. The **Color Garden** is bursting with color, attracting bees and butterflies all year long. The Lilac Verbena, Electric Blue, White, and Royal Purple Sages, Apricot Mallow and Sun Drops provide the shades of a rainbow. The Nature Center has a Native Plant Nursery on site, where you can purchase California Native Plants. The Shipley Nature Center is located at 17851 Goldenwest St. (Goldenwest/Talbert) and can be reached at (714) 842-4772.



This past weekend, Shipley Nature Center held the Grand Opening of their **Living Soils Exhibit**. Visitors learned about the importance of maintaining a healthy, living soil. A healthy soil will use less water, retain its moisture better, reduce runoff, and reduce the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Did you know that one teaspoon of compost will have up to a billion bacteria, 400 to 900 feet of fungal threads, 10,000 to 50,000 protozoa, and 30 to 300 nematodes? It is filled with life! These microorganisms create a healthy, living soil that benefits your garden and the environment.

How can you make your soil healthy? In one simple answer.....composting. Microorganisms can convert organic trash such as simple kitchen scraps and a landscape waste into rich compost material for your water-

wise landscape or vegetable garden.

You are invited to the **Shipley Nature Center's next Composting Class on Sat. Aug. 23. Register at www.shipleynature.org** (nominal fee of \$10). *Check out their exclusive offer for Huntington Beach residents!*

Library Services Department

Get a Kick out of Reading @ the Library

Get a kick out of reading this Summer with these Library books that take the action, intrigue and romance south of the equator to Brazil, this year's World Cup host!

- ◆ *The Amazon Quest* by Gilbert Morris.
- ◆ *A Vine In The Blood* by Leighton Gage.
- ◆ *A Window In Copacabana: a novel* by Luiz Alfredo Garcia-Roza ; translated by Benjamin Moser.
- ◆ *Amazonia* by James Rollins.
- ◆ *Brazil* by John Updike.
- ◆ *Codex 632: The Secret Identity Of Christopher Columbus* by José Rodrigues Dos Santos; translated by Alison Entrekin.
- ◆ *Journey To The River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson.
- ◆ *Little Tiny Teeth* by Aaron Elkins.
- ◆ *Now Is The Time To Open Your Heart: a novel* by Alice Walker.
- ◆ *Roosevelt's Beast: a novel* by Louis Bayard.
- ◆ *Run Afoul* by Joan Druett.
- ◆ *Snow Hunters* by Paul Yoon.
- ◆ *The Seamstress* by Frances de Pontes Peebles.
- ◆ *The Trade Mission: a novel* by Andrew Pyper.
- ◆ *The War Of The End Of The World* by Mario Vargas Llosa ; translated by Helen R. Lane.



Planning & Building

Planning Commission

On Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers the Planning Commission will review the the following items:

VARIANCE NO. 2014-003 (MILLER RESDIENCE): To permit a 53 square foot expansion of an attached side-entry garage at a 7.5 ft. front yard setback in lieu of a required minimum 10 ft. front yard setback. The project is located at 16532 Somerset Lane (North side of Somerset Lane, west of Gilbert Drive). Please contact Hayden Beckman, Assistant Planner, for more information.

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.

Information Services

The City website contains comprehensive City Budget information. You can find such the Proposed City Budget, Adopted City Budget, Comprehensive Annual Finance Reports and the Popular Annual Financial Reports.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/budget_information/

Surf City Providers Luncheon Recap

On Thursday, June 19 the Huntington Beach Senior Services hosted the Surf City Providers Network Luncheon at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue for 52 senior providers. The sponsor of the lunch was Rainbow Environmental Services. Karen Fazio, MSG, from the Orange County Council on Aging was the guest presenter and spoke about the topics in her novel “Care, Grieve, Grow” and how those topics can be applied by the providers and care givers in the community. The Surf City Senior Providers Network is a forum founded by Huntington Beach Senior Services held every other month to address senior issues and concerns and improve communication between professional and community organizations. For information or for Senior Service providers interested in attending, please contact Heather Dodd at 714-374-1517 or heather.dodd@surfcity-hb.org

Fitness for Life Classes

Get fit this summer at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors’ Center “Fitness for Life” class. Come join the work-outs using weights, stretching and exercise balls. At the first class, set personal goals and get fit to enjoy whatever it is you love to do. Please bring your own mat or towel to the work-outs. First class meets Tuesday, June 24 and meets every Tuesday after that at 6 p.m. until August 26 (excluding 7/8 and 8/12). Instructor Phil Hart keeps enrollment low so that you will be sure to get personal attention and training at each session. For information or to enroll contact the Rodgers Seniors’ Center front desk at 714-536-9387

Fire Department News

Summer Staffing of Beach Lifeguards

With the end of the school year and beginning of the summer season, the Marine Safety Division transitioned to their extended schedule effective June 21. Lifeguards will be on duty at City beaches during the summer beginning at 6 a.m. and extending into the late evening hours. This schedule will continue through the beginning of September.

Junior Lifeguard Program Begins



On June 23 more than 900 youth, ages 9 to 17, started the 2014 Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguard program. The program which runs daily for 8 weeks provides aquatic training including lifesaving, first aid, CPR, and how to recognize and avoid potentially hazardous conditions in the ocean environment. The participants also learn about the importance of protecting and preserving our valuable natural resources.



More than 500 people joined city officials, elected officials and special guests as we gathered to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 1914 Huntington Beach City Pier. Costumed characters from the 1900's entertained the crowd, while a barbershop quartet sang period tunes. Father Christian Mondor blessed the pier, our elected officials and VIPs unveiled a plaque for Pier Plaza and 100 doves were released to complete the celebration! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped put on this amazing event!

City Hall Directory



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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

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