

SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- **Homelessness
Community Workshop**
March 13 at the
Library at 6pm
- **Free landscaping class**
this Sat., March 15 at
9 a.m.
- **St. Patrick's Day
Comedy Magic Show**
at Library March 15 at
1pm
- **General Plan Update**
March 19

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City Manager's Report

MARCH 11, 2014

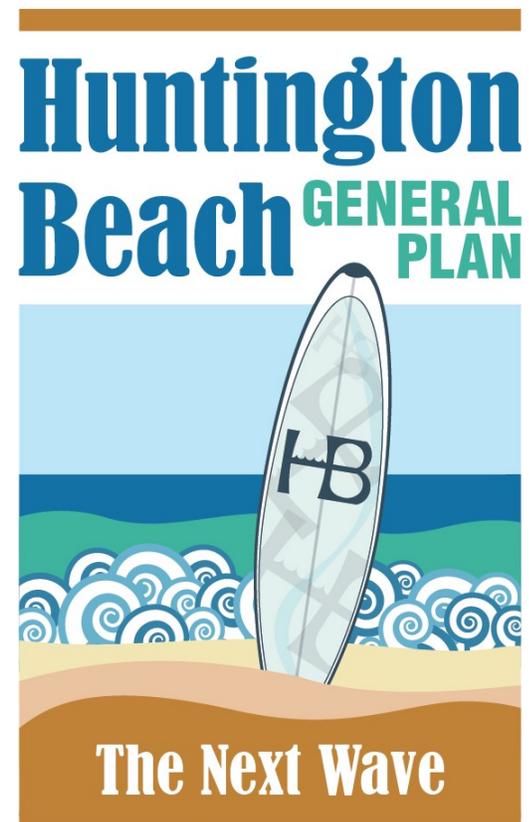
General Plan Update

Help the city set goals and improve the quality of life for generations to come! We need your help in updating our General Plan!

**Beach Bonfire Kickoff
Event at City Beach at
Huntington Street***
Wednesday, March 19
5 to 8 pm.,
**(300 feet south of Jack's
Beach Concession)*

**Community Visioning
Workshops**
March 27 from
6:30 to 8:30pm

March 29 from 10am to noon
Huntington Beach Public Library
The Talbert Room
7111 Talbert Avenue



Visit www.hbthenextbigwave.org
Visit: www.hbthenextwave.org for more info!

Community Services Update

Spring and Summer Swim Program

Registration is now available for spring and summer aquatic programs. The City of Huntington Beach is pleased to offer a complete American Red Cross swim program designed to meet a variety of swimming needs. Whether it is water safety, learning new swimming techniques, or recreational enjoyment of the water, we have something for everybody. All swim instructors are certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors and lifeguards. Classes are offered for youth ages six months through adult and teach skills from water adjustment through life-guarding techniques. Sign up now for group, semi-private, or private lessons at www.HBsands.org or call 714-960-8884 for more information.



Estate Planning

On Friday, March 21, from 10:30 am - 11:30 am the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center will hold a free class on "Estate Planning" provided by The Society of Financial Awareness, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about financial issues. The class will cover a variety of topics including the purpose of estate planning, how estates, wills, and trust are distributed, tips on avoiding probate and specific estate planning strategies. The class is being offered on a drop in basis at no cost and no reservations are required. For more information about the class contact the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center 1706 Orange Avenue 714-536-9387.

Fire Department Update

Free Residential Used Oil & Oil Filter Disposal

The Huntington Beach Fire Department, in coordination with the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), has developed a residential used oil disposal program that gives Orange County residents three convenient and **cost-free** disposal methods:

Call 800-449-7587 to arrange for “curbside” service. Our vendor will arrange collection of your used oil at your doorstep on one of their semi-monthly collection dates.

Drop off used oil at one of the Certified Collection Centers. These centers are local auto parts stores & auto service shops that will accept used oil for free. Businesses participating in the program will have a blue and yellow “Used Oil Collection Center” sign in the window. To find the nearest location, call 800-CLEANUP or log on to CalRecycle’s website at:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/Reports/CenterSearch>

Take used oil to the Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center located at:

Rainbow Disposal
17121 Nichols Street, Gate 6
Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Saturday (closed on holidays and rainy days)

For facts and figures and more information about the disposal of used oil, click on the following

Hazardous Materials Fire

On Wednesday, March 5, at approximately 4 p.m., Huntington Beach Fire received a call for an unintentional reaction of chemicals that released smoke and vapors on Commerce Lane. The fire department evacuated businesses in the immediate area and used a reverse 911 call to instruct people in a wider area to stay inside while the incident was addressed. By 9:30 p.m. the winds had died down, the reaction had slowed, and the area for sheltering was reduced. No injuries were reported as a result of the incident.



Library News

Want to get your original artwork in everyone's wallet?

The Huntington Beach Library is hosting a "Library Card Design Challenge" asking artists of all ages to design new versions of Huntington Beach Public Library cards. Starting March 1, and continuing through March 31, children, teens, and adults will have a chance to submit their original artwork for consideration. Five winning designs will be featured on new Huntington Beach Library cards issued in 2014. There are more than 130,000 Huntington Beach Library cards in circulation and the Library issues about 10,000 new cards each year!

Winning library card designs will be selected by a panel of city staff, partners in the arts, and library board members. Artwork entries are accepted in five categories, divided by grade or age: second grade and under; third-fifth grades; middle school; high school; and adult. To find out more and learn how to submit your artwork visit: www.hbpl.org and click on "Library Card Design Challenge" to download an entry form that can be emailed or dropped off at your neighborhood Library. Questions? Email librarycontest@surfcity-hb.org.

Community Workshop to Address Homelessness in Huntington Beach

Former Mayor Ralph Bauer is assembling connections in Orange County who work in the areas of compassion, faith, and human relations to participate in a workshop being held at the Central Library and Cultural Center on Thursday, March 13 in the Talbert Room at 6 p.m. Participants will focus on gathering ideas to address homelessness in Huntington Beach to be shared with the City Manager and City Council.

Movie Rentals @ the Library

The Huntington Beach Central Library's Media Center has thousands of DVDs for rent - including the latest Oscar winners, classic favorites, and even some television shows—for just \$1 per week with a Huntington Beach Library card. The 7-day borrowing period allows plenty of time to enjoy the movie and watch any bonus features on the disc. The Library's film holdings can be searched by using the Library's catalog in person, or from home via the web at www.hbpl.org using the gray "Search Catalog" button, just like searching for a book.



Saint Patrick's Day Magic Show at the Library

The Friends of the Children's Library are presenting a St. Patrick's Day Comedy Magic Show on Saturday, March 15 at 1 p.m. in the Tabby Theater. Dave Skale will be performing as Patty O'Furniture, the St. Paddy's Day Leprechaun, in search of his pot of gold. Who knew magic could be so funny? Tickets are \$4 per person and are available now at the Children's Desk. Advanced ticket purchase is recommended. For more information, please call (714) 375-5107.

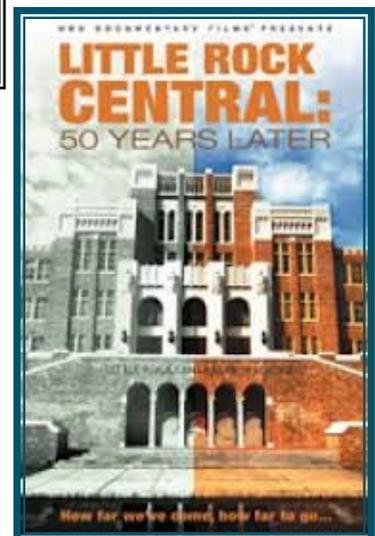
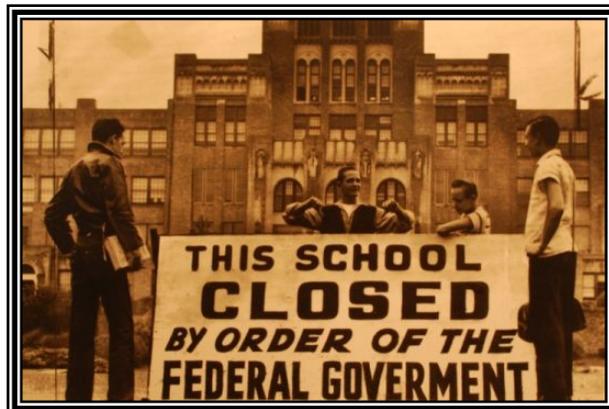
Library News

Teen Tech Week – March 9-15, 2014

Teen Tech Week: when libraries get to highlight all of the great non-print resources and services that are available to teens and their families. Teen can enjoy e-books, digital audiobooks, a wide assortment of music CDs, schoolwork aides such as reference databases with thousands of journal articles at their fingertips or on-demand homework help from the live tutors at Brainfuse. The Huntington Beach Library is the place where teens can broaden their reach and pursue their goals. The Teen Computer Lab also provides one-hour of free computer use per day for students ages 13-18 who have a Huntington Beach Library card. Check it out today! For more info, visit www.hbpl.org and click on “Teen Space” or like us on Facebook, or send us a Tweet @hbpl!

HB Reads Movie Screening

HB Reads is showing the movie *Little Rock Central: 50 years later* on Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the C/D Room. This event is free to public. There will be a panel discussion following the film and light refreshments will be served.



Public Works Department News



Free California Friendly Landscaping Class this Saturday at 9 a.m.

Please join us on **Saturday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to noon** for a wonderful class on how to best select your irrigation nozzles, controllers and other equipment. We will also be discussing the various techniques for maintaining your California Friendly Garden.

Rotating sprinkler nozzles can save you up to 20% on irrigation water usage and the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is offering rebates of \$4 per rotating nozzle purchased (15 minimum). MWDOC also offers \$1 per square foot of turf removed and replaced with California Friendly or native plants. Visit MWDOC's website at www.mwdoc.com/services/incentives for further rebate information.

The Water Conservation Section of the City's Public Works Department will be hosting the event. The class will be held at the City's Utilities Yard, located at 19001 Huntington Street (at the corner of Garfield Avenue and Huntington Street). Light refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend or a neighbor. Please sign up for the class at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater.

Turf Removal Program Extended

Are you tired of spending weekends mowing your lawn? Well, you're in luck. The Turf Removal Program's (\$1 per square foot of turf removed) expiration date of March 14 has been extended. The additional funds are available to residents, HOA's and commercial properties. However, due to limited funding, if you plan on participating we recommend that you complete your application soon.

Removal of water intensive turf has a tremendous impact on water savings. California Friendly Gardens use up to 40% less water than turf. Please apply at the Municipal Water District of Orange County's (MWDOC's) website: [www.mwdoc.com/services/turf-](http://www.mwdoc.com/services/turf-removal)

[removal.](#)

We are excited to see that many H.B. residents are taking advantage of the \$1 per square foot rebates. For further information, contact the City of Huntington Beach Water Conservation staff at (714) 536-5921.



Office of Business Development



Think your chili or salsa is the tops? Apply to become a contestant at the 2014 Chili at the Beach Competition and take home the prize!

The Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District is seeking contestants for the 7th annual Chili at the Beach Chili Cook-Off and Salsa Tasting Contest, to be held Saturday, June 14. This fun, family-friendly event has become a downtown Father's Day weekend tradition. Each contestant must provide 20 gallons of chili and follow the preparation and serving rules. Salsa contestants are required to provide six gallons of their finest concoction, plus tortilla chips. Contestant applications must be filed in advance with the HB Downtown BID. All information about the event, including contestant rules, frequently asked questions, and applications for contestants, vendors, and sponsors is available at: <http://hbdowntown.com/chili-at-the-beach.html>.

Free Fair Housing Certificate Management Training

The Fair Housing Foundation, in partnership with the City of Huntington Beach, will offer a free Certificate Management Training for landlords, managers, property owners, attorneys, realtors and management companies on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, from 1 -5 p.m. at the Central Library. This training will cover a wide range of important topics including an overview of State and Federal Fair Housing Laws, practicing equal opportunity, fair housing scenarios, and question and answer period. All participants will receive a certificate upon successfully passing an exam administered at the end of the training session. The training is free, but space is limited to 10 participants - RSVPs are mandatory. To RSVP, please contact 800-446-3247. For more information about the Fair Housing Foundation, please visit their website at www.fairhousingfoundation.com.

Information Services

Did you know the City website has a very large selection of streaming videos? You can watch a variety of videos such as HBTv3 Live, archived videos of Surf City Highlights, Cityworks, City Attractions, City Events and videos about the City departments. You can find a link to this page from the City site homepage or under the Residents navigation tab: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/videos>

Planning & Building News

Building Permits Issued

New “Oceana Apartments” – Permits Issued February 27, 2014

The Building Division recently issued building permits for the construction of a new 61,116 square foot, three-story, 78 unit multi-family residence with a 39,806 square foot one-story parking garage. This project is located at 18151 Beach Boulevard (west side of Beach Boulevard, south of Talbert Ave). The anticipated construction time is 16 months with a projected completion date of May 15, 2015. A copy of the permit is available on the City’s website: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/permitonline/>. Construction plans can also be reviewed during business hours at the Building Division counter. For additional inquiries, please contact the Building Division at (714) 536-5241.

Police Department News

Distraction Burglaries

Recently there has been a growing trend of distraction home burglaries where the victims are typically older or elderly. In these cases, the suspect(s) will initiate contact with the victim while they are to the front of their home, or in a public parking lot entering or exiting their vehicle. The suspects will typically claim to be roofers, utility workers, driveway pavers, painters, or auto body repairmen.

They will claim they can remove the dents from your car, do some sort of repair work on your home,

or claim to be utility workers looking for gas leaks, electrical problems, water pressure issues, etc. In repair jobs they will typically give you a reduced price for their work to gain your undivided attention. While suspect #1 is distracting the victim with his great deal, a second suspect will make entry into the home undetected. Suspect #2 will go to the usual places where jewelry, currency, etc. is kept and look for valuables. Once suspect #2 is done, suspect #1 will momentarily excuse himself, disappearing with the valuables.

Please be aware of this scam or suspicious activity and call the Huntington Beach Police Department should you have any similar instances, or dial 911 if necessary.



MARCH 2014

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9	10	11	12	13 Arbor Day Celebration & Homelessness Workshop	14	15 Free landscaping class
16	17	18	19 General Plan Beach Bonfire	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 General Plan Workshop	28	29 General Plan Workshop & Japanese Festival
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Schedule of Events

- } 3/13— Arbor Day Celebration at Central Park at 12:30pm
- } 3/13 Homelessness Workshop at 6pm at the Library
- } 3/15 — Free Landscaping Class at 9am
- } 3/19—General Plan Kick-off with Beach Bonfire from 5 to 8 pm at the City Beach (at Huntington Street)
- } 3/27—General Plan Community visioning Workshop at the HB Public Library from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- } 3/29— General Plan Community visioning Workshop at the HB Public Library from 10am to noon.
- } 3/29 — Japanese Cultural Festival at Central Park Bandstand from 11am to 4pm

City Hall Directory

City Attorney	(714) 536-5249
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 536-1612
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5575
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Office of Business Development	(714) 536-5542
Finance	(714) 536-5630
Business Licenses	(714) 536-5267
Fire Department	(714) 536-5411
Human Resources	(714) 536-5492
Information Services	(714) 536-5515
Library	(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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