

# City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

March 24, 2015



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### National Tsunami Preparedness Week—March 23-27

Huntington Beach residents and businesses can prepare for a tsunami by practicing how to protect themselves when one occurs. The City will participate in National Tsunami Preparedness Week, March 23-27. Throughout the week, there will be various events held to educate the public about tsunami risks.

Wednesday March 25, the City will participate in a Tsunami Communications Drill between the County EOC, CalOES, National Weather Services, and the seven Orange County coastal jurisdictions.

Thursday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to noon, the City will perform an Evacuation Exercise with residents from the Landmark Senior Community, and students from two classrooms at Isaac Sowers Middle School. Participants will be led to Moffett Park, located at 20400 Meander Lane, Huntington Beach, where City representatives will answer questions and distribute information to attendees at the park.

For more information visit [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/tsunami](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/tsunami) or call the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office at 714-536-1565.

### CERT Training Enrollment

In most disasters, the victim or bystander is the first to respond. Would you know what to do? The 2015 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) disaster preparedness training is now open. CERT is a FEMA endorsed training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your community in the event of a disaster. During a major disaster, emergency response personnel will be overwhelmed and resources will be limited. By becoming CERT trained, you will gain the skills to help save lives and property.

#### A series of five classes will be held:

- Wednesday, April 8, 15, 22, 29 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, May 2 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To register for this free training, visit [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/cert) or call 714-536-5979. Space is limited so act now! Once you have completed the training, you will have the opportunity to become a Fire Department CERT volunteer.

#### Points of Interest

- NATIONAL TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK
- CERT TRAINING
- MAYOR'S CHALLENGE
- HB RNAKED #1
- COFFEE WITH A COP
- EVENTS PAGE

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HUNTINGTON  
BEACH LIFEGUARD  
TRYOUTS WERE A  
SUCCESS

### Lifeguard Tryouts Recap!

The Huntington Beach City Lifeguard Tryouts were held on Sunday, March 15. Applicants had to complete swims of 1,000 and 500 yards, in addition to a 1,500 yard run/swim/run.

- More than 120 applications were submitted and 79 applicants began the process.
- There were 66 candidates that completed the tryouts.
- Only 41 of those who finished were given an opportunity to interview, and there have been job offers to 25 of the best qualified candidates.

MULTI CASUALTY  
INCIDENT

### Traffic Accident

On Friday, March 13, at approximately 11:30 a.m., firefighters responded to a reported traffic accident on the northbound 405 freeway near Beach Boulevard. Upon arrival, firefighters found three involved vehicles and a motorcycle. There were three patients identified and two were transported to the hospital. CHP began an accident investigation at the scene.

### Hazardous Material Incident

On Thursday, March 19, at approximately 10:15 a.m., firefighters were dispatched to a hazardous materials incident on Computer Lane. The incident involved an ammonia leak from a gauge on a 1,000 gallon tank that was damaged while being moved. Fire Department personnel, including two Hazardous Material Response Teams, operated on scene for six hours to stabilize the leak, drain remaining product, and render the scene safe.

**No injuries  
reported!**

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### CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

#### **HB Joins Nationwide Water Wise Challenge**

Looking to defend our 2014 title in taking 1st place in last year's National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, Mayor Jill Hardy is joining mayors all across the county in asking residents to make a commitment to conserve water and cut pollution by taking part in the national contest, aimed at drastically slashing water and energy use. In return, residents can win a new Toyota Prius Plug-In, water saving fixtures, and hundreds of other prizes.

The Wyland Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, April 1- 30, is a non-profit national community service campaign to see which leaders can best inspire their residents to make a series of informative, easy-to-use online pledges to reduce water and energy usage.

To participate residents enter online at [mywaterpledge.com](http://mywaterpledge.com), and make a series of online pledges to conserve water on behalf of Huntington Beach.

4TH ANNUAL  
NATIONAL  
MAYOR'S  
CHALLENGE FOR  
WATER  
CONSERVATION

*Let's  
repeat  
our win!*

#### **Huntington Beach Named the #1 Best California Beach**

Huntington Beach, or better known as Surf City USA, won the most votes and was titled the Best California Beach, according to the 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards by US TODAY. Way to go HB!

To see a complete list of the top 10 finalist visit: <http://10be.st/1AvIoIU>



#### **Interested in Serving on the Newly formed Homeless Task Force?**

On March 16, the City Council approved the formation of a seven member Homeless Task Force to advise the City Council on matters pertaining to homelessness in Huntington Beach. The seven members will be appointed by the City Council.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Homeless Task Force, please contact the Julie Toledo at (714) 536-5577 or complete an application online: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards\\_commissions/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/)

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## PUBLIC WORKS

### Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Rehabilitation Minor Delay

DELAY DUE TO SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS OF CALTRANS SPECIFICATIONS

Caltrans originally anticipated starting this pavement rehabilitation project during the first week of February. City staff has been in contact with Caltrans to inquire about the delay in starting the project. Caltrans staff has informed us that the delay was due to a slight modification to their specifications after the project was awarded, which required additional time for the contractor to address this change. The project is now expected to begin within the next two to three weeks.

For questions and inquiries, contact Michele Miller at 949- 533-8931 or David Richardson at 949-724-2000.

## OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### Pacific City Land; an OC Favorite

Ways & Means Oyster House was recently featured in the *Orange County Register* with news that it has inked a deal to join the growing list of very special restaurants coming to Pacific City. Ways & Means operated in Orange until October 2014, and in a short time, generated a very loyal clientele who were anxiously awaiting an announcement of where their favorite restaurant would be reopening. The restaurant has promised its legions of loyal fans that Fizz Fridays, Market Feast, and Maine Lobster Mondays will return upon the grand opening of their new home in the Fall.

To read the entire OC Register article, visit <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/restaurant-654819-orange-ways.html>

WAYS & MEANS OYSTER HOUSE COMING TO PACIFIC CITY

## INFORMATION SERVICES

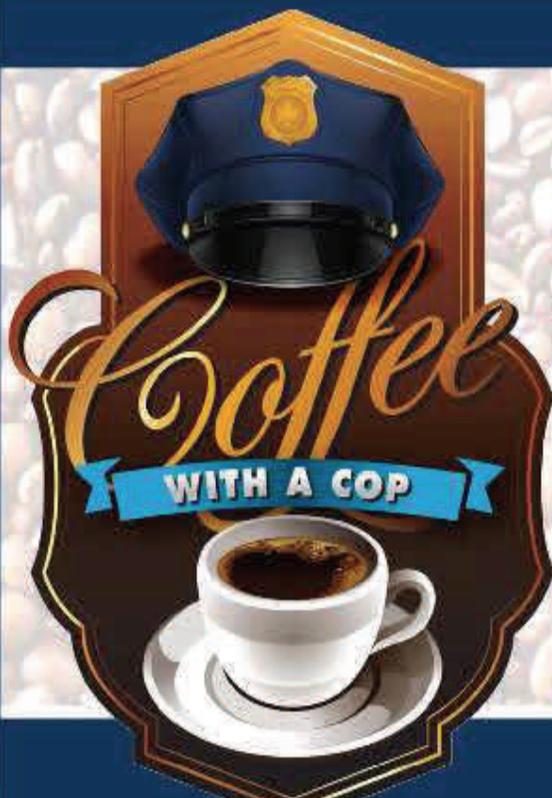
The City web site contains information about the CalRecycle Rubberized Asphalt Project. They can find out information about the program and what streets in the city will be rehabilitated at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/public\\_works/rubberized-asphalt-project.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/public_works/rubberized-asphalt-project.cfm)

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH WEB SURFING TIPS

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**Wednesday  
March 25<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Tomgirl Baking  
Company  
9048 Adams Ave.**



**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE  
OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND  
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**



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## CITY ATTORNEY

The City Attorney recently prevailed in a personal injury lawsuit brought by Susan Goldsmith, who was involved in a bicycle accident on Beach Blvd on July 5, 2013. “We aggressively defended the City of Huntington Beach and on February 18, 2015, the Orange County Superior Court dismissed Plaintiff’s suit with prejudice citing the fact that the City was not at fault for Plaintiff’s injuries,” said Michael Gates, City Attorney. “I want to thank the City Council for their support in defending this lawsuit. This is a great win for both the City and the taxpayers of Huntington Beach,” said Gates.

City Attorney is pleased to report positive wins for the City of Huntington Beach

In addition, the City Attorney’s Office issued a statement concerning a case that involved an electrical accident while working in an Edison electrical vault on Tisbury Street in the Huntington Harbor on September 30, 2013. “I am pleased to report that after a series of aggressive negotiations by our office, the Plaintiff in the “Successor-In-Interest to Brandon Orozco v. Southern California Edison; City of Huntington Beach” dismissed the City from the lawsuit on March 19, 2015,” said Gates.

## LIBRARY

HB Reads will have two FREE programs @ the Central Library! On Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m., in the Library Theater, author Luis Carlos Montalvan will speak about his experiences and his book, ***Until Tuesday***. On Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m., in the Tabby Theater, author Montalvan will read aloud from his children’s book, ***Tuesday Tucks Me In***. Please join us for these two great programs!

HB READS



### Central Library 40th Anniversary Contests

Do you have the oldest Huntington Beach Library card? We’re looking for the oldest cards, both children’s and adult, that were issued by the Huntington Beach Public Library system. Both active and inactive cards are eligible for a prize. Bring the card into the Central Library for verification, or send a photo of it to [library@hbpl.org](mailto:library@hbpl.org) with the subject “Oldest Library Card.” Entries will be accepted through July 25, 2015.

In addition, there is an Art Contest for Kids. Imagine Central Library in the future! Imagine 40 years from now, what will it look like and what services will it offer? Show us by drawing the Central Library of 2055 on a standard 8.5” x 11” piece of paper, and you could win a prize! All entries must be received in the Children’s Library by April 30, 2015. Limit one entry per child.

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## PLANNING AND BUILDING

### Study Session

On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 5:15 p.m., in Room B-8 the Planning Commission will review the following items:

Planning  
Commission

1. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 15-003 (BEACH AND EDINGER CORRIDORS SPECIFIC PLAN):** To amend the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan (BECSP) regarding maximum residential development and various development standards. **City Contact:** Rosemary Medel, 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.

### Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., in Room B-8 the Zoning Administrator will review the following items:

1. **TEMPORARY USE PERMIT NO. 15-002 (LIVING SPACES OUTDOOR SALES):** To permit a temporary outdoor retail sales event located within an existing parking lot adjacent to the Living Spaces furniture store for twenty-two (22) days per year for a period of five (5) years from 2015 to 2019 at 6912 Edinger Avenue, 92647 (southwest corner of Edinger Ave. and Goldenwest St.). **City Contact:** Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/zal/ZAAgendas.cfm>. Please contact the Planning Division, at 714-536-5271, with any questions.

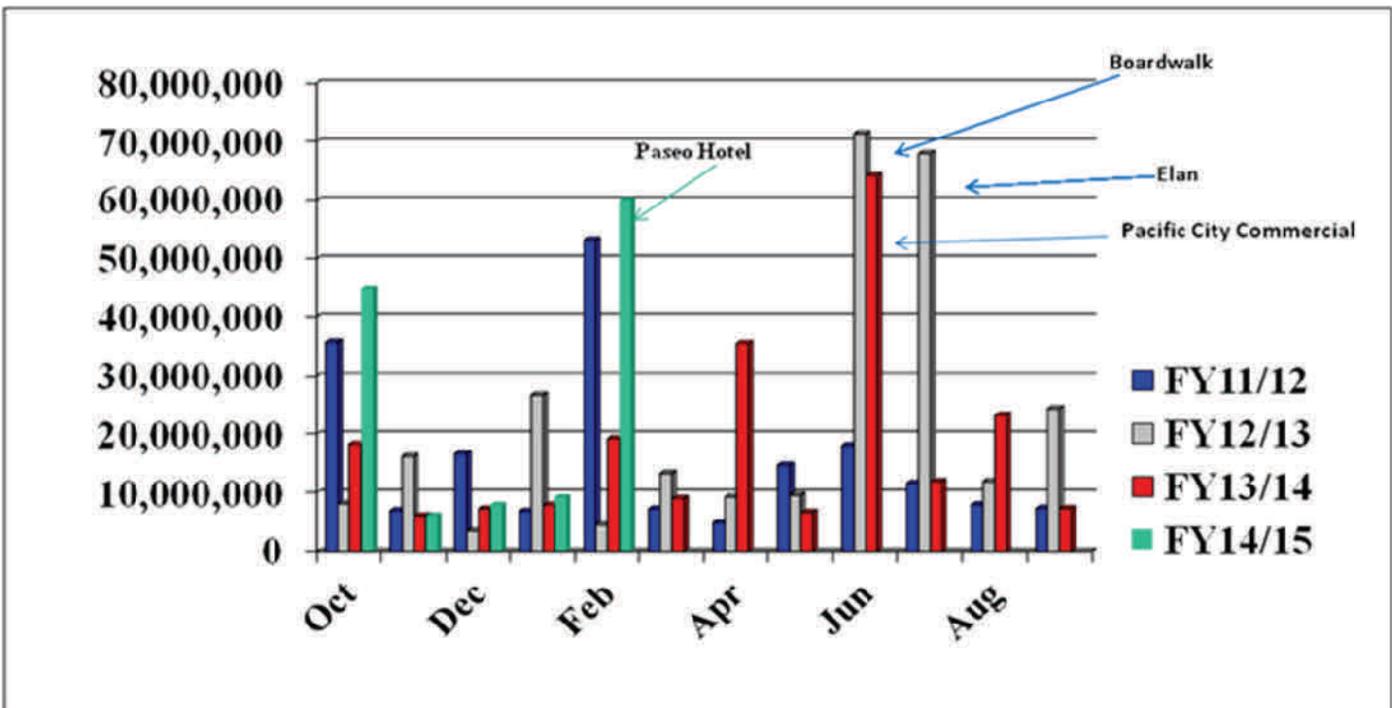
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**PLANNING AND BUILDING**

**Construction Permit Valuation is up from Last Year at this Time!**

# Construction Valuation (\$)

Residential, Commercial & Industrial



Total construction valuation for Fiscal-Year-To-Date for 2014-2015 is \$128,009,405 compared to the same time last year, \$58,617,093; valuation is up 118%. New Residential construction starts have seen a 104% increase over last year. The increase was driven by strong gains in the single family detached sector (Tri-Pointe Homes) which expanded by adding 129 single family dwellings within the city. Paseo Hotel, located on Pacific Coast Highway, part of the Pacific City Complex, was permitted this month.

For the month of February, new housing starts and new commercial were the leading segments having a total valuation of \$54 million. Activity at the Planning and Building Counters has seen a steady increase over the last month. Permit activity has increased 9% for the same time period over last year.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

In honor of volunteer appreciation week April 13 -17, senior services is recognizing all of the wonderful individuals that serve the community and help to make Huntington Beach a wonderful place to age. This year, 165 senior services volunteers were awarded a *Presidential Service Award*. Bronze awards were given to 124 volunteers for their 100-249 service hours. Silver awards were given to 29 volunteers for their 250-499 hours and 12 volunteers received the prestigious Gold award for 500+ hours of volunteer service. To complete the recognition of volunteers, on April 17, Senior Services will recognize 350 volunteers who have donated more than 30 hours of service in 2014. Volunteers truly do help *Make Life Better* in the HB community and we appreciate all that they do.



## BERM MODIFICATIONS

The City of Huntington Beach erects a winter dike annually in Sunset Beach. Since the annexation of Sunset Beach, staff has attended several Community Association meetings, where concerns from residents about the size and location of the berm were discussed. In an effort to address some of those concerns, staff partnered with a marine engineering consulting firm, Moffatt & Nichol, to redesign the Sunset Beach Winter Sand Dike. Those changes were designed to better accommodate both accessibility to and views of the ocean, without compromising flood protection for Sunset Beach residents.



This year, the berm was located farther landward and was generally lower in crest elevation compared to previous years. The more landward crest could be lower than what was previously utilized. In addition, there were no gaps in the dike at the street ends. Instead, periodic lateral ramps for use by emergency vehicles were constructed, that angled up the dike and down the other side. The berm was also widened at the crest to allow for more substantial girth, or bulk volume.



## Huntington Beach Art Center

The community is invited to join us for the gala celebration of Creative Visions, the annual student art exhibition, opening Friday, March 27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The evening will feature performances by students from the HB City School District and Ocean View School District, as well as the exhibition of art created by students from the HB City School District, the HB Union High School District, and the Ocean View School District.

For additional information please call the Art Center at 714-374-1650.

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## Community Services

### ADULT ARENA SOCCER SIGN-UPS

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department offers year round adult arena soccer leagues at the award winning Central Park Sports Complex. Games will be played on artificial sports turf under the lights beginning the week of April 13, 2015. Team registration costs are \$400 per eight week season, plus referee fees (\$20) per game, paid directly to the official by each team. League play will be 6 v 6 including the goalie. Men's leagues are offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and Coed on Thursday and Friday.

For league information or to be placed on the individual players list, please call 714-536-5486. The deadline to turn in team registration to City Hall is April 6, 2015.



### SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for the Summer 2015 Adult Softball leagues is now underway. The registration deadline is April 24. The scheduling is as follows:

- Senior Men's league: Sunday mornings and Thursday nights
- Senior Coed league: Tuesday nights
- Senior Women's league: Monday and Thursday nights
- Men's league: Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Coed league: Sunday afternoons and evenings and Wednesday nights

The leagues will start play May 11 and will concluded in late July or early August. Registration packets are available on the City Adult Softball page or can be mailed out. For more details or information, please contact the Community Services office at 714-536-5230.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/27- **Taste of Marina 2015**, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. [www.mhsedfoundation.com](http://www.mhsedfoundation.com)
- 3/29—**Crabfest 2015 by Lions Club HB**, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
[www.hblionscrabfest.com/](http://www.hblionscrabfest.com/)
- 4/4- **Easter Hunt and Family Fun Day**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information contact Kristin Martinez at: [kmartinez@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:kmartinez@surfcity-hb.org)
- 4/11- **The 18th Annual Golden West College Gala**, 5:30 p.m. For more information call 714-895-8316
- 4/11— **The 2nd Annual Huntington Beach Autism Awareness Walk**, 8:30 a.m. check in and 10 a.m. walk begins. For more information contact Maggie Noriega at [maggie.noriega@tacanow.org](mailto:maggie.noriega@tacanow.org)
- 4/15- **The 28th Annual Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Economic Conference**, 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 714-536-8888 or visit [hbchamber.com](http://hbchamber.com)
- 4/18- **The 2nd Annual Huntington Beach Volunteer Expo**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information contact JudyAnn at 714-420-3087
- 4/19- **“Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Please”**, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 714-536-5263 or [www.pssfoundation.org](http://www.pssfoundation.org)
- 4/25, 5/23, 6/20, 8/22 – **Shiple Nature Center Presents, “The Magic of Composting 2015**. For more information visit [www.Shipleynature.org](http://www.Shipleynature.org)

CITY EVENTS:  
MARCH— APRIL

## 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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