

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- **We're #1**
- **National Public Employees Recognition Week**
- **Public Works Open House May 20**
- **Magic of Composting Workshops at Shipley**

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City Manager's Report

MAY 6, 2014

Congratulations! Huntington Beach is the #1 Water Wise City in the Nation!

Huntington Beach came in first place in the Wyland Foundation's National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation for those cities with a population between 100,000 and 299,000. A great round of applause goes out the residents of Huntington Beach for their participation and for taking the time to recognize that our water resources are very important to us!

During Tuesday morning's "Wake Up With Al Roker" segment on the Weather Channel, the names of the five winning cities (based on the size of the population) were announced. In addition, a resident from the city of Corpus Christi, Texas, was named as the winner of the grand prize, a Toyota Prius. Other prizes included a \$1,000 shopping spree at a home improvement store, smart irrigation controllers, Ecoflow showerheads, and home improvement store gift cards. The winning cities receive WaterSmart software.

City	Population
Crete, Nebraska	5,000 – 29,999
Bremerton, Washington	30,000 – 99,999
Huntington Beach, California	100,000 – 299,999
Corpus Christi, Texas	300,000 – 599,999
Dallas, Texas	600,000 +

Last year, residents from more than 1,000 cities in all 50 states pledged to:

- Reduce their annual consumption of freshwater by nearly a billion gallons;
- Reduce waste sent to landfills by 18.3 million pounds;
- Prevent more than 69.9 million pounds of hazardous waste from entering our watersheds; and
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2.7 million pounds.

For additional water saving tips, rebate programs, and useful resources, please visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater.



Library News

Teen Volunteers Wanted @ the Library

Hey teens, are you between the ages of 12 and 17 years old? Don't get bored this summer - be a volunteer for the library's summer reading program!

Teens can help the Library with Summer Reading activities in numerous ways: assisting at the Festival of Folktales on June 24; signing kids up for the summer reading program; staffing a weekly reading prize table; helping with story times; and shelving books. A pizza party to thank the teen volunteers will be held on August 2.

All teen volunteers need to fill out an application online at www.hbpl.org (click on "Teen Space") and attend a mandatory training workshop. Volunteers will be contacted by e-mail to confirm their volunteer commitment. APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 14. Volunteers need to be at least 12 years old by July 1, 2014.

Spring Art Show

The HB Art League's Spring Open Juried Art Show runs through Friday, May 30 in the Windows Gallery of the Huntington Beach Central Library. Prizes are awarded in six categories, including: oil/acrylics, watercolor, mixed media, drawings/pastels, photography, and sculpture. Some artwork may be for sale. The Library is at 7111 Talbert Avenue. The gallery is free and open to the public during regular Library hours. For more information, contact Gallery Manager Cheryl Del Toro at (714) 531-3663 or visit www.hbartleague.org.

Library Literacy's Walk, Run, Read was a Great Success!

The 5K Walk/Run/Read! Literacy fundraiser went off without a hitch. The weather was beautiful as 91 adults walked or ran 3.1 miles while 31 children did the "Fun Run" loop. Twelve of the children were from *Tom Vo's Tae Kwon Do Academy*, arriving in uniform. *Farm Fresh to You* had a booth featuring information about their organic foods, the balloon towers at the start/finish of the race were donated by *Raquel's Balloon Arches*, and the timing clock was loaned to us by Jeff at *Masuda Middle School*. Jennifer Rennie and Irma Perez, from *Lift to Lose Ladies*, led the 5K and Kids Run participants in warm-up exercises before their respective runs. Debra Garcia and Kevin Moran donated their time singing and telling stories to the children. *Thank you so much to both of them—and everyone!* Raffle prizes were donated by 12 local businesses for groceries, restaurants, spas, massages and more. We had tremendous volunteer support from local groups such National Honor Society. This was a real community event highlighted by the spirit and giving of everyone involved.



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Public Works OPEN HOUSE

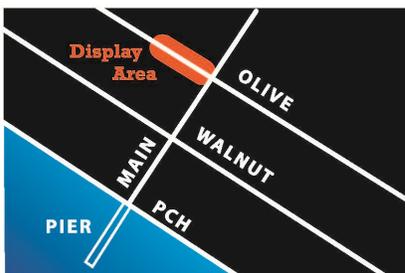
Display at Surf City Nights Street Fair

See how the City works
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
From 5pm to 9pm



Celebrating
National Public Works Week
(May 18-24)

**FREE Family Fun
Equipment
Giveaways
Booths
Exhibits**



Downtown - between PCH and Olive
Public Works Display on Olive Avenue

- Engineering
- Water Department
- Storm Pumping Stations
- Parks, Trees & Landscape
- Wastewater Maintenance
- Street Maintenance
- Warehouse
- Traffic Control
- Signs & Markings
- Building Maintenance
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Waste Management
- Hazardous Materials
- Water Quality
- Water Conservation

Public Works Department

Learn How
to Compost!



Shipley Nature Center presents the Magic of Composting: May 10, June 21, August 23 & September 20

Sign up now for this informative seminar! Learn how easily you can transform your kitchen scraps and backyard cuttings into rich compost for your plants and gardens. A \$10 reservation fee is payable via PayPal. Class is limited to the first 50 registrants. Register at www.shipleynature.org
Exclusive offer: HB residents who attend a seminar are eligible for a FREE VermiPro Model 14 worm bin with worms or \$50 towards the purchase of a composting bin or a larger Vermicomposting Kit. The offer is limited to one discount per household (requires proof of residency with a utility bill).

**Seminars will be held at 9:30 a.m.
Shipley Nature Center
17851 Goldenwest
(714) 842-4772**

**Thank you to all our
City of Huntington Beach employees!
We recognize all the hard work you do
throughout the year.**



MAY 4-10, 2014

Fire Department News

Vegetation Fires – Santa Ana River Trail north of Hamilton

On April 28 at approximately 9 p.m. HBFD units responded to a small vegetation fire along the river trail which was quickly extinguished. At just after 1:30 a.m. on April 29th, HBFD units responded to a separate fire in the same area which was also extinguished quickly. Witness accounts indicate that the fires were likely started by a male transient in the area. HBFD Investigators are continuing to follow-up.

Structure Fire – Multi-Family Dwelling @ 16040 Springdale

Just after 10:30 a.m. on April 29th, HBFD units responded to a structure fire in a three-story apartment building at 16040 Springdale. Upon arrival units found heavy smoke coming from a unit on the third floor. Fortunately, the fire was confined to the balcony area of the apartment and was partially held in check by the fire sprinkler system. HBFD Arson Investigators determined the cause was an unattended candle on the balcony that came in contact with combustible materials during the strong Santa Ana winds. One occupant in the apartment was treated for first and second degree burns and transported to the Burn Unit at UCI Medical Center.

Electrical Vault Fire – Main Street @ Walnut

Fire Department responded to a reported electrical vault fire downtown on April 30 at 10:30 p.m. Arriving crews found fire and smoke coming from an electrical vault vent. The area was isolated and several nearby businesses were evacuated due to concern of a possible vault explosion. Edison responded to cut power to the vault and check for damage before the power was restored.

Scaffolding Collapse – 9th Street @ Orange

HBFD crews responded to a report of scaffolding partially collapsed at a home under construction at 9th and Orange in the downtown area. When crews arrived they found the partially collapsed scaffolding threatening some nearby power lines. HBFD's Urban Search & Rescue Team responded and helped safely lower the structure to the ground during the strong wind conditions without damage to the home or the nearby power lines.

Police Department News

Three Robbery Suspects in Custody

On May 1 at about 11:40 p.m., a couple walking on the sand near city beach Tower 11 were confronted by a man who pointed a handgun at them. They were robbed, then forced to walk from the beach to their car to steal more property. At about the same time, a citizen called 911 to report he saw three males at a Jeep SUV parked on PCH and one of them was holding a handgun.

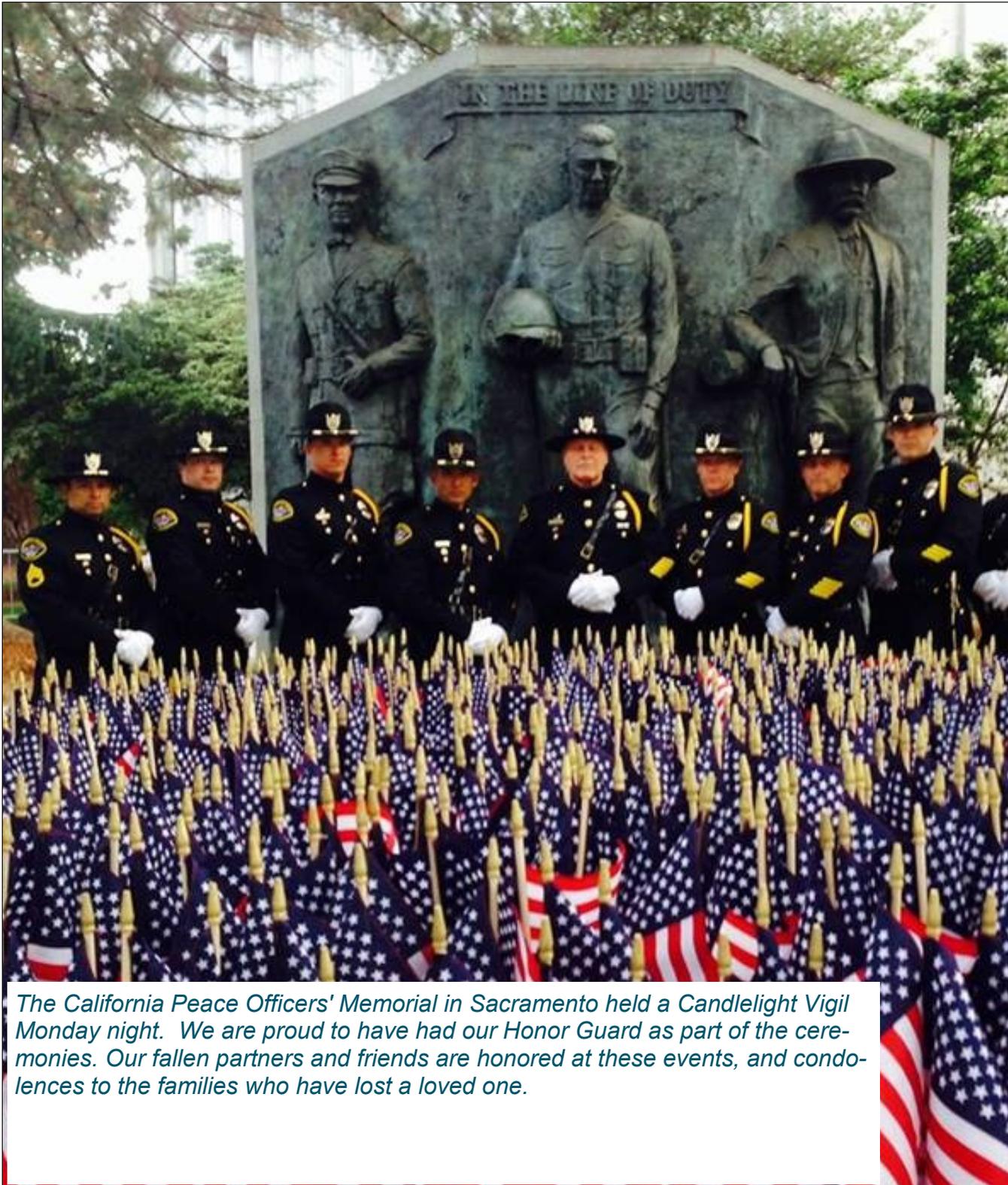
Our officers located the parked Jeep SUV which was then unoccupied. Officers set up a surveillance to watch it. At this point, the beach robbery had not yet been reported to us. Two men returned to the vehicle. As they tried to drive away, officers stopped and detained them. By this time, the victims flagged down one of our downtown foot beat officers to report the robbery. Foot beat officers spotted the third suspect riding a bicycle in the beach parking lot, then went into foot pursuit of the suspect. While officers were chasing him, the suspect dropped the handgun he was carrying. Officers eventually caught and arrested this third suspect.

After the officers' investigation, all three male adult suspects from Garden Grove were booked in our jail for robbery and related criminal charges. The victims' stolen property were recovered. Excellent job by all involved, citizens and officers.

Information Services

Did you know you can get an online estimate of building permit construction fees based on your project valuation on the City Website? To find a quick link to this Fee Calculator online application, click on the Services navigation tab and then click on Planning and Construction. A link to the Fee Calculator will be on the Planning and Construction page.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/building_safety/permit_center/fee_schedule_information.cfm



The California Peace Officers' Memorial in Sacramento held a Candlelight Vigil Monday night. We are proud to have had our Honor Guard as part of the ceremonies. Our fallen partners and friends are honored at these events, and condolences to the families who have lost a loved one.

Community Services

Members from the Council on Aging Honored

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging works closely with senior services to help provide the best aging opportunities for the older residents of Huntington Beach. This spring two board members from the Council on Aging were honored and recognized by State Senator Lou Correa of the CA 34th district for their contributions to the community. In March, board member Beth Hamblen was honored with a “Women Making a Difference” award. The criteria for receiving the award was quite extensive. The women must have successfully served as a leader or managed an organization or company; shown the ability or power to effect change in the community; demonstrated a willingness to share expertise with others in the field; served as a role model or mentor to other women; and assumed a leadership position in their respective industry outside of her own organization or company. In addition, board member Judy Ann Morris was selected to receive the 2014 “Seniors Making A Difference” Award. She was selected for her commitment to the betterment of the senior community. Senior citizens possess strengths in knowledge and skills drawn upon after years of experience that need to be recognized. Both of these women are champions for Huntington’s older residents and work tirelessly as advocates for their needs and to ensure that they enjoy a comfortable aging community.

Ol’ Fishin’ Hole Fishing Derby “Bringing the Generations Together!”



On Friday, May 2, the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department together with the Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club held the Annual Ol’ Fishin’ Hole Fishing Derby. This recreational event for youth with special needs was held at Chris Carr Park at Heil Avenue and Springdale Street in Huntington Beach. The derby is led by the Senior Center Staff and volunteers in an effort to provide for the recreational needs of youth from local special education classes. A total of 66 fish were caught throughout the morning, including the biggest fish of 4.4 pounds caught by Ryann Zeppenfeldt from Village View Elementary. Mrs. Sifuentes’ class from Sun View Elementary took the award for most fish caught, weighing in a total catch of 44.69 pounds. This event is an excellent opportunity for “intergenerational” programming, as volunteers of all ages fish along-side students. Many thanks to the California Department of Fish & Game, Walmart, Sport Chalet, HBFA, HBPOA, MEA and the dozens of volunteers who gave their time to assist with this outstanding program.

Planning & Building

Building Permits Issued

On April 29, 2014, the Building Division issued building permits to start construction on tenant improvements for Harbor Distributing, a wholesale beverage distributor. The building was formerly occupied by Sharp Electronics and is located at 5901 Bolsa Avenue (northwest corner of Bolsa Avenue and Springdale Street). The two-story building renovation consists of 498,999 square feet. This includes 388,190 square feet of warehouse and 110,809 square feet of office space. Construction is expected to last six months with an anticipated completion date of October 31, 2014.

Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for review by the Zoning Administrator:

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-023/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 13-034 (MAI RESIDENCE): To permit the demolition of an existing approximately 2,879 sq. ft. residence and to construct a new approximately 4,173 sq. ft. single-family dwelling with an approximately 1,090 sq. ft. third story, a 407 sq. ft. deck, an 812 sq. ft. attached garage, and an 805 sq. ft. covered entry. The project is located at 16375 Ardsley Circle, 92649 (south side of Ardsley Cir. east of Humboldt Dr.). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 14-004/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-004 (NGUYEN RESIDENCE): To permit the construction of a new approximately 5,363 sq. ft. single-family dwelling with an overall building height of approximately 32 ft. 6 in., an approximately 402 sq. ft. third story, a 109 sq. ft. deck, and a 737 sq. ft. attached garage. The project is located at 16541 Channel Lane, 92649 (west side of Channel Ln., between Bounty Cir. and Admiralty Dr.). Please contact Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner, for more information.

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.

Design Review Board

On Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 3:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for review by the Design Review Board:

SIGN CODE EXCEPTION 13-009 (W&R STUDIO SECOND FLOOR SIGNAGE): To permit the installation of a second floor sign on an awning of a second floor unit without exterior access. The project is located at 123 Main Street, Suite 201 (West side of Main Street, between Walnut Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website (<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/PJB/dr1/index.cfm>). Please contact the Planning Division at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.



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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