

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- ◆ HUNTINGTON HARBOUR BOAT PARADE
- ◆ 2015 SMALL BUSINESS AWARD
- ◆ BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY
- ◆ PROJECT SELF SUFFICIENCY

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Huntington Harbour Boat Parade Celebrate 52 Years!

This weekend, December 13 and 14, will mark the 52nd Annual Huntington Harbour Boat Parade. More than 40 vessels will dawn lights, decorations and festive music with the theme of "Music in Paradise." Grand Marshall Sharie Snedon will lead the parade starting at 5:15 p.m.

The boat parade is a prelude to the annual Huntington Harbour Cruise of Lights, which offers narrated boat tours through the waterways of Huntington Harbour. From Wednesday, December 17 through Tuesday, December 23 both locals and visitors share the beauty of thousands of lights and animated displays on brightly decorated homes, docks, decks and boats. All proceeds from the Cruise of Lights goes to the Huntington Harbour Philharmonic.

For more information, visit www.hhboatparade.org.

For time and ticket information, see flyer on page 12!



Did you see the Light a Light of Love Snowflake Lighting Sunday night? See it again here!

<http://youtu.be/ZiwlwqHsuW8>



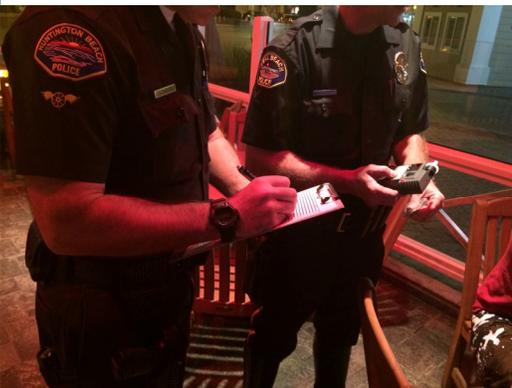
Bank Robbery

On December 6, 2014 at 1:20 p.m., officers responded to the Citibank located at 20981 Magnolia Street regarding a bank robbery. A male white suspect, mid 30's, dark hair, 6'0" 230-250 lbs, wearing a pink dress shirt and dark sunglasses entered the bank and used a demand note. No weapon or vehicle was seen. The suspect fled in an unknown direction.

The Police Department is seeking additional witnesses and ask anyone with any information to please call the Huntington Beach Police Information Hotline at **714 375-5066**. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS (855-847-6627). You can also contact Orange County Crime Stoppers by texting to phone number 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S) from a cell phone. **All text messages should begin with the letters "OCCS."**

#KnowYourLimit Campaign in Huntington Beach

Last Thursday night, officers from HBPD, as well as other local agencies, and representatives from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and Community Service Programs (CSP), conducted a Know Your Limit campaign. The program educates bar and restaurant patrons about the science behind drinking alcohol, its effects on their bodies and their ability to drive. This educational program is one of the multi-prong approaches the HBPD is taking to reduce alcohol-related collisions, injuries, and fatalities in Huntington Beach. The goal is to have zero alcohol-related traffic accidents and deaths. Know Your Limit is conducted with the cooperation of CSP and is funded by a grant from OTS.



Public Works

Huntington Beach named a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly CommunitySM by the League of American Bicyclists

On November 18, the League of American Bicyclists recognized the City of Huntington Beach with a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community (BFBSM) award, joining more than 325 communities from across the country.

With the announcement of 55 new and renewing BFBs, Huntington Beach retains its status among a leading group of communities, in all 50 states, that are transforming our neighborhoods. This is the second time the City has been recognized at the Bronze-level with the first being in 2010, when the City first applied.

“Visionary community leaders are recognizing the real-time and long-term impact that a culture of bicycling can create,” said Andy Clarke, president of the League of American Bicyclists. “We applaud this new round of communities for investing in a more sustainable future for the country and a healthier future for their residents and beyond.”

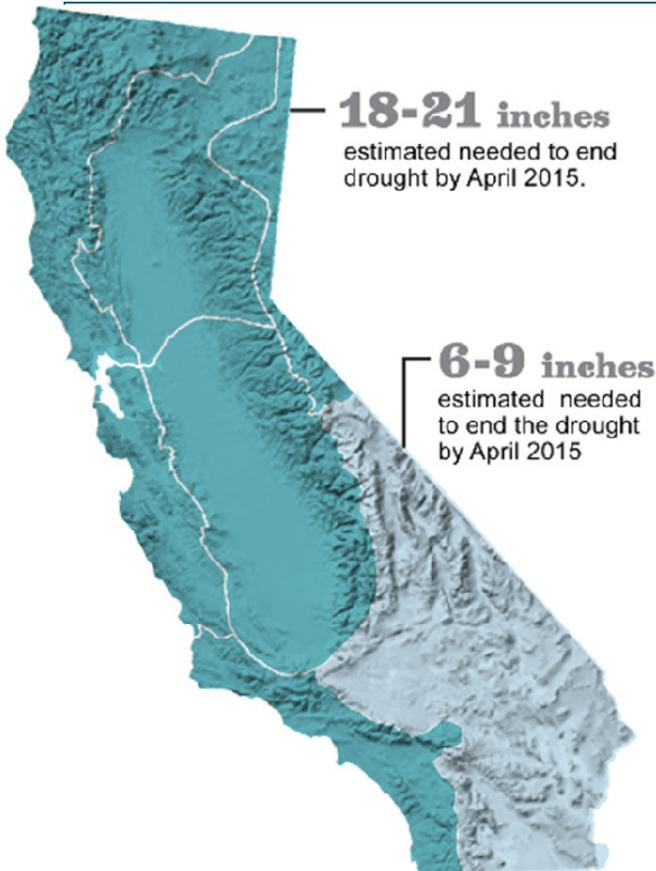
The BFB program is revolutionizing the way communities evaluate their quality of life, sustainability and transportation networks, while allowing them to benchmark their progress toward improving their bicycle-friendliness. With this impressive round, there are now 326 BFBs in all 50 states. The Bronze-level BFB award recognizes the City’s commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies.

Upcoming free landscaping class January 10!

Go to www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater for information on upcoming free landscaping classes, rainwater capturing events, turf removal and other rebates that are available. Residents that purchased and installed their rain barrels, now have their barrels full of water. One inch of rainfall off a 1,000 square foot roof can produce 600 gallons of irrigation water. Your final cost for a rain barrel is only \$10 after the rebate (rebate is limited to four barrels per household).

Don’t miss our next Rainwater Capturing class on Saturday, January 10 from 2 to 4 pm. at the Utilities Yard, 19001 Huntington St. Go to www.rainbarrelsintl.com under the events tab to make your purchase and sign up for the class.





Recent Rains Did Not Cure the Drought

As SoCal welcomed the free water during the recent rains, it wasn't enough to get California out of the drought which has lasted three years. California official say the state would need 150 percent of its normal annual rainfall to recover from the drought. The most important reservoirs are at just 39 to 60 percent of normal water levels. The snowpack in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, one of the most critical sources for year-round water supplies, is also lagging.

We are down 21 inches of rain from our average rainfall and we are now entering the fourth year of drought. Even though some communities in Southern California experienced mudslides, our drought continues. Rural communities in the agricultural Central Valley are feeling the sharpest impacts. Hundreds of wells have gone dry as water tables recede, leaving families to rely on trucked-in water or even water collected for them by Girl Scouts. So let's make every drop count.

How can you help? Check your soil to see if there is enough moisture to skip the next irrigation cycle or two. And don't forget to turn off the sprinklers during the upcoming rains. Any water that is applied to ground that is already saturated will just run off.



Information Services

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

The City web site contains information about the CalRecycle Rubberized Asphalt Project. You can find 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

Community Service



Project Self Sufficiency is currently matching community donors with PSS families for the Holiday Adopt-A-Family Program. If you are interested in adopting a PSS family, please give the office a call at 714-536-5263 or contact single.parent@surfcity-hb.org. If you would like to contribute in another way, PSS currently has a toy drive, a gift card drive for the teens and a bicycle drive. Items must be dropped off at the PSS Office by December 17 in time for the PSS Holiday Party on December 19. We thank you for always supporting our clients throughout the entire year.

The Handy Crafters

The Handy Crafters will offer a beautiful selection of their handmade sweaters, scarves, hats, and baby clothes for sale in the lobby of City Hall on Thursday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All the proceeds from the sale benefit the Huntington Beach Senior Services Holiday Meals program. Qualified Huntington Beach Senior Services clients receive a short visit from a volunteer, a traditional holiday meal and seasonal gifts. These older residents are no longer able to cook for themselves and appreciate the good cheer and dinner. Your purchase of a blanket or scarf will bring warmth to a homebound senior's holiday. The Handy Crafters meet at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Their beautiful work is on display in the lobby at the senior center and can be purchased from the front desk any weekday. A broader selection is available during their Friday meetings. The Handy Crafters also donate baby items to Western Medical Center, baby hats to CHOC, and blankets to the V.A. hospital and to the homeless. Beginners are welcome to join this great group. Materials and instruction are provided.

For more information, call the senior center at 714-536-9387.

Also, see flyer on page 6

Community Service



SENIOR SANTA

& FRIENDS

A lovely way to bring holiday cheer to frail older adults and persons with disabilities in Orange County

As the holiday season approaches, we find ourselves thinking of our family and friends and looking forward to playing "Santa." There are hundreds of older and disabled adults in Orange County who will, for various reasons, be forgotten during this special time of year. With the communities help, the Senior Santa and Friends Program provides holiday gifts and essentials to elderly and disabled clients of the Orange County Social Services and Health Care Agencies. Huntington Beach Senior Services is helping to spread the word and collect gifts again this year. There will be a collection box located in the front office of Seniors Outreach where donations of **new, unwrapped items** are welcome. Some gift ideas are:

Blender
 Crockpot, toaster
 Coffee maker, rice cooker
 Toaster oven, pitcher and filter
 Cordless or large button telephone
 Heater or fan, vacuum cleaner, microwave
 Radio/alarm clock, boom box, CD, CD player, TV
 White cotton socks, slippers, new clothing (men/women, all sizes)
 Jacket, pajamas, underwear, sweat suit, T-shirt, blouse, sweater, pants
 Bath robe, nightgown, housedress, pillow and pillow case, hand-held showerhead
 Bath mat, towels set (wash cloth, hand and bath towel), blanket, sheet set, bed-in-a-bag
 (all sizes) hygiene kit, emergency kit, hand-cranked radio/flashlight, pill organizer (day/week/monthly)
 Pill crusher, Boost, Ensure, or other nutritional supplements, gift card, OCTA bus pass for 60+
 Disabled (one, seven or 30-day), monetary donation and gift cards can be mailed to:

Senior Santa & Friends
 PO Box 22006
 Santa Ana CA 92702-2006
 Local deliveries to:
 HB Seniors Outreach
 1718 Orange Ave
 HB CA 92648

Questions to Senior.Santa@ssaocgov.com 714-825-3111

Fire Department

Traffic Collision / Heavy Rescue

On December 2 at approximately 11:45 p.m. the Fire Department responded to a reported traffic collision on McFadden Avenue. On arrival, firefighters found a victim trapped in a vehicle that was wrapped around the railroad crossing pole on the tracks. Firefighters were able to extricate the driver who was then transported to the hospital.

Library



Special December Storytimes in the Central Library's Children's Department

You will not want to miss these special December storytimes in the Tabby Theater. B.A.R.K. (Beach Animals Reading with Kids) Read-aloud is Wednesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. for special needs adults and children.

Family Evening Pajama Storytime with Miss Barbara is Thursday, December 11 at 7 p.m. Come in your pajamas and enjoy some holiday stories, songs and cookies.

Our annual Hebrew Academy's Chanukah Storytime is at 7 p.m., December 15 in the TabbyTheater also. Reservations are suggested – so please call 714-863-0757 to RSVP!



Happy Chanukah !

Remember – All Storytimes will be on vacation December 22 through January 3.

Support Literacy with AmazonSmile

Cyber Monday is over and the online holiday shopping season is in full swing. This year, let your presents give twice and support the Huntington Beach Library's Adult and Family Literacy Programs with all of your Amazon purchases. Simply go to <http://smile.amazon.com>. When you log in for the first time, Amazon will ask what charity you wish to support. Select *Literacy Volunteers of America Huntington Valley* and begin your shopping. This is a one-time set up that you will not have to do again. Whether you're stuffing stockings with the latest James Patterson or placing Percy Jackson under the tree, Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to the literacy program. You can view which purchases are eligible by looking for the AmazonSmile logo above the "Add to Cart" button. This program is always available so make sure to bookmark AmazonSmile and continue your support of Literacy Services even after the holiday season is over.

Building and Planning

Planning Commission

On Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers the Planning Commission will review the the following item:

1. **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 14-004/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 12-011/ COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 12-007 (OCEANSIDE PROPERTIES MIXED USE BUILDING)** **Applicant:** Jeff Bergsma, Team Design **Property Owner:** Oceanside Properties LLC **Request: MND:** To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the project. **CUP/CDP:** To partially demolish existing historical buildings, rehabilitate and relocate historic storefront facades, construct a three-story mixed use building consisting of retail, office, and three residential units, and participate in the parking in-lieu fee program to offset the commercial parking spaces not provided onsite. **Location:** 122-124 Main St., 92648 (east side of Main Street, between Pacific Coast Highway and Walnut Avenue) **City Contact:** Jill Arabe, 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.

Office of Business Development

NOMINATE YOUR BUSINESS FOR A 2015 SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

Are you a small business owner with an amazing story to tell? If so, submit your nomination today for the US Small Business Administration's 2015 National Small Business Week Awards. For more than 50 years, SBA has recognized the outstanding achievements of America's small businesses and entrepreneurs for their contributions in their local communities, and to our nation's economy. Winners will be announced during National Small Business Week in May 2015.

National Small Business Week award categories include:

- ◆ Small Business Person of the Year
- ◆ Small Business Exporter of the Year
- ◆ Phoenix Award for Small Business Disaster Recovery
- ◆ Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery
- ◆ Federal Procurement Award- Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year Award
- ◆ Federal Procurement Award- Small Business Subcontractor of the Year Award
- ◆ Federal Procurement Award- Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence
- ◆ 8(a) Graduate of the Year Award
- ◆ Small Business Development Center Excellence and Innovation Award
- ◆ Veterans Business Outreach Center Excellence in Service Award
- ◆ Women's Business Center of Excellence Award

To obtain more information or to apply, please visit: <http://awards.sba.gov>. Nominations can also be sent directly to SBA District Offices. To apply via the local SBA District office, please contact Sylvia Gutierrez at (714) 560-7454 or via email to sylvia.gutierrez@sba.gov. All nominations must be submitted online, postmarked or hand delivered to the SBA no later than 3 p.m. ET on January 5, 2015.

Best of luck to our local participating businesses!

Enchanted Surf City Nights Princess Party

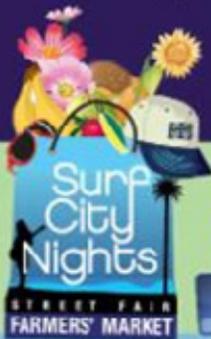
DEC 9th
5pm-8pm
Main St. & Olive

FREE
EVENT



Dress in your favorite princess costume and participate in the Free Princess Party

- 6 Princesses available for photo ops
- Singing and dancing show
- Bring this ad for special Princess Gift



ORANGE COUNTY'S LARGEST WEEKLY STREET FAIR & FARMERS' MARKET
SURFCITYNIGHTS.COM



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Hosted by the Huntington Beach Downtown
Business Improvement District

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- » Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- » Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- » Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- » Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- » Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- » Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- » Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- » Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- » Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! **One** of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical failures.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly **one in every five** of the fires.



Your Source for SAFETY Information
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Name or Organization Here

Contact Information Here

HUNTINGTON HARBOUR PHILHARMONIC COMMITTEE
PRESENTS THE 52nd ANNUAL

CRUISE OF LIGHTS[®]

DECEMBER 17 - 23, 2014

Join us on a 45 minute narrated boat tour through the sparkling waterways of Huntington Harbour. Experience “the most spectacular holiday light show on water” and see thousands of lights on boats, decks, docks and homes, plus incredible animation. Bring the entire family and enjoy the Cruise of Lights[®], a beloved annual tradition.

CRUISE HOURS:

5:30PM | 6:30PM | 7:30PM | 8:30PM

Shuttles to the cruise leave from the
Huntington Harbour Mall parking lot
16889 Algonquin Street, Huntington Beach

TICKET PRICES:

\$17.00 Adults
\$15.00 Adults (Special Value Night on 12/18)
\$10.00 Children (2-12 only)
Children under 2 are free

You can also join us on Twitter and Facebook at [Cruise of Lights](#)



714.840.7542 | CruiseofLights.org

Benefiting the nationally recognized Youth Programs of the Philharmonic Society of Orange County

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



Fred A. Wilson, City Manager

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