

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

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- ◆ **FREE RAINWATER HARVESTING CLASS**
- ◆ **LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT**
- ◆ **TAX ASSISTANCE FOR 50+ COMMUNITY**

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Huntington Beach Fire Department 2015 Awards and Recognition Ceremony

The Huntington Beach Fire Department held its fifth annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, January 29. This year's ceremony, which was hosted by the Huntington Beach Hyatt Regency, recognized and decorated Fire Department personnel whose actions exemplified the spirit of the Fire and Marine safety service. Audience included Fire Department personnel, family members and friends, other City employees, elected officials and executive team members.

Congratulations!

Meritorious Service

Engineer Justin Fleming
Engineer John Legg
Fire Chief Patrick McIntosh
Engineer Glenn Pavolvsky

Unit Commendation

Firefighter/Paramedic Ray Casillas
Firefighter/Paramedic Luke Jones
Engineer Matt Kubota
Firefighter/Paramedic Ronny Perez
Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Prentiss
Firefighter/Paramedic Keita Sato
Captain Darrin Witt

Life Saving

Engineer Justin Fleming
Ocean Lifeguard Skip Kanemaki
Marine Safety Officer Doug Leach
Ocean Lifeguard Jordan Robinson

Promotions and Appointments

Marine Safety Division Chief Mike Baumgartner
Marine Safety Lieutenant Claude Panis
Marine Safety Officer Doug Leach
Captain Steve Hess
Captain Travis Ponder
Engineer Robert Aldrich
Engineer Darren D'Altorio
Engineer Chad Garrett
Engineer Brian Pyle
Engineer Travis Terich
Firefighter/Paramedic Philip Cheung
Assistant Fire Marshal Joe Morelli
Fire Protection Analyst Steve Eros
Hazardous Material Program Specialist Janice Van Mullem
Administrative Secretary Melissa Papke



Engineer Justin Fleming is being handed a Lifesaving Award from the little girl that he pulled from a hotel pool, while she was unconscious and non-breathing, and resuscitated before the arrival of the Fire Department. Justin was off-duty and happened to witness her near drowning.



American Red Cross



Helping save lives, on and off the job.

Blood Drive



Huntington Beach Police Department

All participants will receive a Battle of the Badges T-shirt, 2 complimentary VIP tickets for the Laugh Factory, 1 free Clippers ticket with a purchase of a \$20 ticket, a discounted ticket offer to an Anaheim Ducks game at the Honda Center & an LA Kings game at the STAPLES Center!

Monday, February 23, 2015

2:00 PM – 8:15 PM

Location: Police Training Room

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or phone at 714 351-9962

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Police

Rolled Sleeves Bandit in Custody

A Newport Beach man was arrested for bank robbery after being identified as the suspect in a series of bank robberies linked to the Rolled Sleeves Bandit. Damian Loren Newhart, 38, of Newport Beach, was taken into custody in Inglewood, California, Thursday evening by officers with the Santa Monica Police Department who were acting on a tip developed through a joint investigation. Following news coverage of the alleged Rolled Sleeves Bandit earlier this week, investigators received multiple tips with information.

Newhart was charged in a federal criminal complaint filed with a robbery that occurred in Santa Monica on January 14, 2015. The complaint further details Newhart's suspected involvement in multiple robberies in other cities.

The joint investigation was conducted by the Santa Monica Police Department; the Huntington Beach Police Department; the Hermosa Beach Police Department; the Manhattan Beach Police Department; the Orange County Sheriff's Department; and the FBI. Newhart was turned over to federal custody this morning. He had an initial appearance before a federal magistrate in United States District Court this afternoon and was remanded to federal custody. A preliminary hearing was set for Friday, February 13.

The Rolled Sleeves Bandit was given the nickname after he was seen by witnesses and in bank surveillance photos with his shirt sleeves rolled up in the initial robberies. During the robberies, the Rolled Sleeves Bandit allegedly advised tellers he was conducting bank business before allegedly threatening a gun and demanding cash. Newhart is suspected of robbing three banks in Huntington Beach between December 2014 and January 2015. Newhart will be prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles.

Additional information about bank robbers currently wanted by the FBI's Los Angeles Division in its seven-county territory can be found at www.labankrobbers.org.

SURF CITY'S GOT TALENT CONTINUES!!! ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT UNTIL THE SEMIFINALS!

Time is running out!!! Surf City Nights is looking for TALENT. Do you have what it takes to be the winner of Surf City's Got Talent? Prizes and recognition awarded for all levels and ages, plus it's free to enter! The competition continues on February 3 and 10 with the semi-finals on February 17 and finals on February 24.

For more information – and to show us what you've got – visit www.surfcitynights.com.



Share Your Input on Housing and Community Needs

The City is seeking input from the community to establish program goals and priorities for the next five years of funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funds are allocated to the City annually and are made available for various housing and community development projects and programs in Huntington Beach.

The survey is available online in both English and Spanish and at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hud/survey/ as well as in hard copy at all branch libraries, community centers, and on the Fifth Floor of City Hall.

For more information about the survey and the City's HUD funded programs, please visit the website or call Simone Slifman at 714- 375-5186.



Public Works

Free Rainwater Harvesting Class on Saturday, February 21 — \$10 Rain Barrels

Huntington Beach Water Conservation is offering a free Rainwater Harvesting Class. Rain barrels are available for \$85, with a \$75 rebate from Municipal Water District of Orange County, so that brings your final cost to just \$10 each! You can purchase up to four (4) barrels per household for the rebate. Purchases must be made in advance by February 18 at www.RainBarrelsIntl.com. A rain barrel hold 58 gallons of water that can be captured and put to use in your garden instead of creating urban runoff. Did you know that you can capture 600 gallons of water from a 1,000 sq. ft roof during a one-inch rainfall?

Join us at the free Rainwater Harvesting class on February 21 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., followed by the distribution of the rain barrels from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We'll discuss the installation and maintenance of the barrels. We are located at 19021 Huntington Street at the southwest corner of Huntington Street and Garfield Avenue. Sign up for the class by registering at www.RainBarrelsIntl.com or by calling 919-602-6316.

Also, please check the City's website at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop-events/ for upcoming classes and Water Conservation Rebate offers. Our last class was a sell-out, so don't miss this great opportunity!

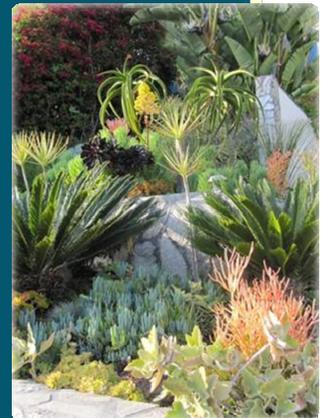
Free California Friendly Landscape Classes:

Does your yard need a makeover? Find out ways to take out your lawn, install California Friendly Plants, and reduce your water usage and maintenance. Why not free up your weekends and help the environment. Rebate programs are available to assist with these costs. The Turf Removal Program offers \$2 per square foot of turf removed and replaced with California Friendly Plants. The online application is available through www.ocwatersmart.com/turf (you will need approval to qualify for the rebate *before* removing your turf). Come join us for a few mornings of enlightenment.

Two free classes are available. On **February 14** the topics are soils, fertilizers, and plants. By drawing on rich California native drought tolerant plant life, we can design and create enchanting gardens that are multi-functional, supportive of the region's biodiversity and adapted to our climate. Learn about our soils and the proper use of fertilizers to grow healthy plants.

Then, on **March 21** we will discuss irrigation systems, watering and garden maintenance. Learn about the different types of irrigation systems, where each should be used and how they are installed and maintained, and general garden maintenance. Classes are held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Huntington Beach Utilities Yard, 19001 Huntington St., Huntington Beach.

Register at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop-events or call 714-536-5922.



Planning Commission

Study Session

On Tuesday, February 10, at 5:15 p.m. in Room B-8 the Planning Commission will review the following items:

1. **NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 14-005/GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 08-009 (HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT UPDATE):** To update the Historic and Cultural Resources Element of the General Plan. **Location:** Citywide **City Contact:** Ricky Ramos
2. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 15-001 (CHAPTER 233 SIGNS – POLITICAL SIGNS):** To amend Chapter 233, Signs, of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance. **Location:** Citywide **City Contact:** Rosemary Medel

Public Hearing

On Tuesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers the Planning Commission will review the following item:

3. **ENTITLEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 14-001/ VARIANCE NO. 14-007 (PACIFIC CITY RESIDENTIAL)** **Request:** To amend the site plan, floor plans, elevations, access points, and parking for a previously approved 516 unit multi-family residential development. The residential development consists of the 17.23 acre portion of the Pacific City mixed use development which was originally approved in 2004 but never constructed. The revised plans also include a variance request to provide 1,167 parking spaces in lieu of a minimum required of 1,326 parking spaces. The applicant is requesting that the Planning Commission interpret the parking requirements of the Downtown Specific Plan. **Location:** 21002 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (bounded by Pacific View Avenue, First Street, Atlanta Aveue and Huntington Street) **City Contact:** Jill Arabe

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.

Community Service

Income Tax Assistance

It's the beginning of a new year which means that tax time is just around the corner and April 15 will be here quicker than you know it. Beginning February 3, AARP will offer free Income Tax assistance at the Rodgers Seniors' Center for older adults who are over 50. Appointments are available every Tuesday and Thursday, from February 3 through April 14, between noon and 4:30 p.m. The services are free, but reservations are required. Appointments fill fast so don't delay and miss out on this great opportunity.

For reservations and information on what you should bring to your appointment contact the Rodgers Seniors' Center at 714- 536-9387.

Pee Wee & Junior Basketball

Basketball is back! The City of Huntington Beach Pee Wee (3-5 years) & Junior (6-8 years) programs provide participants with an exciting, instructional outlet to enjoy sports. They offer the best of both worlds, combining fun & socialization with exercise. The first three weeks will consist of game-based drills followed by three weeks of supervised scrimmages. Programs begin on February 7 and continue every Saturday until March 14. Pee Wee Basketball is still available at Murdy Community Center, and Junior Basketball has limited availability at City Gym, Murdy Community Center & Edison Community Center.

Contact the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884 for more information.



City Manager

The Business Case for Life Cycle Assessment

As environmental awareness increases, industries and businesses are assessing how their activities affect the environment. The environmental performance of products and processes has become a key issue, which is why some companies are investigating ways to minimize their effects on the environment. One such tool is called Life Cycle Assessment (LCA).

LCA is a buzz term pertaining to sustainability that you may be reading about or hearing about in business publications, in the news, and when you are talking to other business owners. **But what exactly is LCA?** LCA is a process used to evaluate the energy, material, and environmental implications of a material, product or system across its lifespan from “cradle to grave.” A clear benefit is **cost savings** by reducing the negative environmental impact of a product or process. **Increased efficiency leads to cost savings by reducing the quantities of materials, water, and energy bought as well as savings on rejected materials and disposal costs.**

LCA can also serve as a communication tool between companies and consumers. Patagonia, for example, launched its “footprint chronicles” in 2008 to trace the journey of some of its products as they make their way from raw materials like cotton to the consumer and then to the landfill or back to Patagonia to be recycled into new products. This provided a channel for the company to openly communicate its successes, challenges and ongoing efforts.

Read more about Patagonia and other companies that utilize LCA visit:

<http://www.sustainableminds.com/industry-blog/patagonia-good-model-post-consumer-era-manufacturing-company>

For more information on LCA and how to make your business more financially and environmentally sustainable, please contact Antonia Graham at Antonia.graham@surfcity-hb.org.



Library Branch Survey is Now Online



During the month of February the Huntington Beach Public Library is seeking community input on how local residents use and would like to use their neighborhood branch libraries. The survey asks residents to share their view on branch services, how and when they use the branches, and what other types of services they would like to see offered. The Library is committed to creating a vision for our neighborhood libraries that is responsive to community needs, and would appreciate participation in this short online survey that can be found on the Library's homepage at www.hbpl.org.

Print copies of the survey may also be found at library branch locations throughout the city. The data collected will be instrumental in helping the library develop resources and services that compliment the community's goals.

Oak View Branch Library Hosts Children's Author and Illustrator

On Tuesday January 27, the Friends of the Children's Library and the Oak View branch library welcomed 2012 Tejas Star Book Award winner Laura Lacamara as part of their annual Authors Festival celebration. The accomplished artist read two of her books, "Dalia's Wondrous Hair" and "The Runaway Piggy," (the Latino version of "The Gingerbread Man") to an eager crowd. In addition, she drew illustrations that explained how she thought up the story for her book "Dalia's Wondrous Hair," about a girl who's hair grew straight up in the air like a palm tree. After the presentation, eight of her books, plus the "draw and tell" of her creative process, were raffled off to the lucky attendees.



Library



Language Learning on the Go

Osiyo. Cześć. Chào. Avast. Now you can say “Hello” in Cherokee, Polish, Vietnamese and Pirate, four of the languages available through Mango Languages, a free resource from your library. With over 60 languages for English speakers and 17 English as a Second Language courses, you can become a true omniglot. Mango uses simple conversational phrases to promote language mastery in a way that’s fun and effective. Movies, pronunciation comparisons and quick lessons maximize your learning potential. There are even specialized courses for learners interested in topics like wine and cheese in French or Spanish text talk.

Mango isn’t only on your computer. Using your iOS or Android device, you can download the Mango Languages app. Just search for the Mango Languages app in either the Apple App Store or Google Play and sign in with your Mango account. If you don’t have an account yet, you can search for the Huntington Beach Library and log in with your library card to get started. Plus, if you start using the app before March 31, our library could win a prize package!

To access Mango through the library, just go to our website at www.hbpl.org and click on “Research Databases.” Choose “Login from Home” and enter your library card number and PIN (last four digits of your phone number). Mango Languages will be an option on the left.

Information Services

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know that the City of Huntington Beach offers a youth sports program for children three-years-old to eighth grade? View information about this program at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/youth_sports.cfm

19th Annual Surf City USA Marathon Recap!

What a turn out! Another successful event with runners and walkers from more than 1,000 cities and 24 countries. Nearly 20,000 participants representing all 50 states enjoyed the beautiful weather and scenery as they ran and walked in the half or full marathon!



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City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
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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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