

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**Huntington Beach Art Center**

Calling all artists! The Huntington Beach Art Center is inviting all artists to join us for the annual Centered on the Center exhibition. This is an open call, un-juried show that allows artists to submit up to two pieces for exhibition. Art Center members can drop off their work on Saturday, January 11, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All other artists can drop off that day from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, January 12, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For additional information call the Art Center at 714-374-1650 or visit our website at: [www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org).

**Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park**

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging hosted their annual New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance on Tuesday, December 31, 2013, at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center for 140 older adults and volunteers from 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. The event included live music from Howard & the Night Owls, a hearty buffet dinner, dessert, and beverages. The dancers celebrated with champagne at the "Grand Countdown Toast," the midnight balloon drop, and many took home fabulous door prizes donated by local businesses.

Special thanks to this year's sponsors: Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, Memorial Care Medical Group, AR Mobility, SeaCliff Homecare, Edinger Medical Group, Greater Newport Physicians, and Nurse Next Door homecare services. The Huntington Beach Council on Aging is a non-profit organization that supports programs and services for Huntington Beach Seniors through the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center and the Huntington Beach Senior Outreach.

**LIBRARY**

**Friends of the Library January Author's Event**

Spend the evening with T. Jefferson Parker on Thursday, January 16, at the Central Library. Come for refreshments and book signing at 6:00 p.m.; lecture in the theater begins at 7:00 p.m.

T. Jefferson Parker is the bestselling author of numerous novels. *The Famous and the Dead* completes Parker's six volumes of the Charlie Hood series, bringing together the destinies of three men as they confront Mexican drug cartels, street gangs, and gun-smuggling. All three men are about to meet but will not survive.

Tickets are \$10 per person. If paying by check, please make payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, or drop it off at the Friends Gift Shop. Reservations must be received no later than Monday, January 13. For more information contact the Friends of the Library at (714) 375-8429.

## OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### **Surf City Nights is Back January 7!**

Surf City nights is back with your favorite food, entertainment, and shopping on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. For more information about Surf City Nights, please visit [www.hbdowntown.com](http://www.hbdowntown.com).

### **Downtown Task Force**

The next meeting of the Downtown Task Force will take place on Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Main Street Branch Library, located at 525 Main Street. For more information on the Downtown Task Force, please visit: [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards\\_commissions/downtown\\_task\\_force.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/downtown_task_force.cfm)

## PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### **Design Review Board**

On Thursday, January 9, 2014, at 3:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for the Design Review Board:

1. **DESIGN REVIEW NO. 13-027 (FAIRWIND PUBLIC ART):** To review the design, colors, and materials of a proposed public art element for the Fairwind Residential development (formerly Lamb School site) at 10251 Yorktown Avenue, 92646 (north side of Yorktown Avenue between Brookhurst Street and Ward Street). Please contact Jane James, Planning Manager, for more information.
2. **DESIGN REVIEW 13-025 (OCEANA PUBLIC ART):** To review the design, colors, and materials of a proposed public art installation for the Oceana apartment project at 18151 Beach Boulevard, 92648 (west side of Beach Boulevard, south of Talbert Avenue). Please contact Rosemary Medel, Associate Planner, for more information.
3. **DESIGN REVIEW NO. 11-017 (THE CORAL MIXED USE):** To review the design, colors, and materials of an approximately 56,992 sq. ft., 4-story mixed-use building (commercial and residential) with 2 levels of subterranean parking. The project includes approximately 5,300 sq. ft. of retail/restaurant area with 1,095 sq. ft. of outdoor dining; 14 condominium units; and 54 parking spaces (automated lift parking system for residential) at 602 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (northwest corner of 6th Street and Pacific Coast Highway). Please contact Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website. Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### **Ongoing Investigation of January 2 Shooting**

On January 2, 2014, at approximately 3:23 a.m., the Huntington Beach Police Dispatch Center received a call from a male adult resident indicating he had just been the victim of a shooting inside his home by several unknown assailants. Huntington Beach Police Officers and Firefighter/Paramedics responded and rendered medical aid to the adult victim who was ultimately transported via ambulance to a local hospital for emergency treatment of multiple gunshot wounds. He is currently in critical but stable condition.

Investigating officers observed indicators of on-going criminal activity inside the residence. At this time we do not believe this is a random occurrence. Multiple suspects are believed to be involved in the incident. Investigators are questioning a witness who was present during the incident.

Because we are in the very early stages of the investigation, we are not releasing any further details. As more information becomes appropriate for release we will update this press release.

Anyone who may have information regarding this incident is asked to call the Huntington Beach Police Tip Line 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".

### **DUI Checkpoint Statistics**

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety and Drivers License checkpoint on Friday, December 27, 2013, from 7:05 p.m. to 2:20 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

Over the past year, there have been seven alcohol-related collisions on Main Street. These resulted in three injuries to the vehicles occupants. There have also been 42 citations issued to drivers on Main Street for being unlicensed or driving on a suspended/revoked license. Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoints help lower DUI related deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effect it has on those who might drive drunk and/or drug impaired, unlicensed, or with a suspended/revoked license.

Checkpoints help to bring awareness to motorists and encourage everyone to use sober designated drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies.

Here are some of our statistics from Saturday's checkpoint:

- 678 Vehicles through the checkpoint,
- 646 Vehicles screened and given a pamphlet with information about DUI,

- 6 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered, 3 DUI- Alcohol impaired suspects arrested,
- 6 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle while unlicensed,
- 0 Vehicles impounded,
- 4 Citations issued for other Vehicle Code violations.

Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on January 11, 2014, in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Huntington Beach Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies.

If you see a Drunk Driver – Call 9-1-1.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### **Post Holiday Christmas Tree and Cardboard Recycling**

Rainbow Environmental Services is offering free post-holiday recycling of non-artificial Christmas trees and cardboard cartons. Rainbow will pick up Christmas trees and any flattened cardboard cartons that are placed next to the trees from January 2 through January 15, 2013.

To recycle your tree, simply remove all ornaments, hooks, light strings, tinsel, and stand, and place it **next to** your carts on your trash day. Flatten cardboard and place next to trees. The automated trucks are not collecting trees, so please do not block access to the carts and **do not** put your Christmas tree in your carts. Larger trees should be cut to six-feet maximum. Multi-family, condo and townhome residents with commercial service (blue dumpster) should place trees to the side of the dumpsters, not in front or on top of the dumpster. Check with your property manager or HOA for other restrictions.

After January 15, tree pickups will have to be scheduled as a 10/4 Pickup arranged directly through Rainbow Environmental. For further information, please contact Public Works Trash and Recycling at 714-375-5010 or Rainbow Environmental Services at 714-847-3581.

### **California Friendly Landscape Workshops**

Are you eager to spruce up your gardens with California Friendly Landscapes? If so, come join us at the City's Public Works Utilities Yard on Saturday, January 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This first of three free workshops will provide information on landscape design using California Friendly and native drought tolerant plants. There are many reasons to consider a shift in landscaping practices, from the use of water intensive lawns to beautiful and beneficial plants that require less water and are well adapted to our lovely Mediterranean coastal climate. The class will provide very useful information to assist you in your garden design, plant selection, and plant placement.

The second workshop, focusing on soils, fertilizers and plants, will be held on February 22 and the third workshop, focusing on irrigation systems, watering, and garden maintenance, will be held on March 15. Seating is limited, so please call (714) 536-5921 to reserve your space. We are located at 19001 Huntington Street (corner of Garfield Avenue and Huntington Street). Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

## INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know that residents can report suspected violations or eyesores on private property to the Code Enforcement Division from the City website online at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/forms-applications/code-enforcement-complaint.cfm>

## FIRE

### Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

#### Safety Tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- For best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home and when one sounds, they all sound.
- Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization – dual sensor alarms) are recommended.
- Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling.
- Smoke alarms should be installed away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance.
- Batteries in smoke detectors should be changed every six months when you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace battery immediately.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use ten-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are ten years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Alarms that are hard-wired (and include battery backup) must be installed by a qualified electrician.
- Smoke alarms that include a recordable voice announcement, in addition to the usual alarm sound, may be helpful in waking children through the use of a familiar voice.

- Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These alarms use strobe lights. Vibration equipment can be added to these alarms.

**FACTS**

- Roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

Don't forget...

All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.

For more information, please visit [www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education).