

# City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON  
BEACH

July 10, 2018



## Huntington Beach Ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in Recent WalletHub.com Poll as "Best-Run City in America"

--HB ranks as the **ONLY** California City in the Top 50 out of 150 Cities

--City rated #1 in "Quality of City Services"

The City of Huntington Beach moved up a notch from last year in WalletHub's annual ranking of 150 "Best-Run Cities in America" – ranking HB 14<sup>th</sup> on the list. The next closest California city on the list was Santa Ana, coming in at #53, then San Diego at #62.

To determine the effectiveness of local leadership, WalletHub's analysts compared 150 of the largest U.S. cities based on their operating efficiency. For each city, the analysts constructed a "Quality of City Services" score — comprising 33 key performance indicators grouped into six service categories — that was then measured against the city's total per-capita budget. Huntington Beach scored #1 in "Quality of City Services," and ranked #1 in "Education."

"This national acknowledgement for Huntington Beach being named a 'Best-Run City' is a testament to our hard working city leaders and staff that put our taxpayers first. Running a large city like HB is complex, but having this kind of validation, and HB being the only California city in the top 50, makes us proud to know we are operating efficiently," said City Manager Fred A. Wilson.

Mayor Mike Posey exclaimed, "This is great news for Huntington Beach. Not only have we made the list two years in a row, but we also improved our ranking. We are lucky to live in such a thriving, diverse community where the amenities and services we are offer are unparalleled."

WalletHub is a personal finance website based in Washington, D.C. To see full results of the poll, visit <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-run-cities/22869/>

Planning Commission "Sea Dance" continued to Sept. 11

I-405 Project Update

Fire Dept. Launches Interactive Website for Kids

Library Programs for Kids and Adults

Fair Housing Clinic July 25

New! Tot Yoga

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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



### Shea Homes Provides Upgrades For Existing Public Works Facilities

Model homes of the “Parkside Estates” will be available to view in August/ September of this year. Out of the 111 homes to be constructed, there will be four floor plans to choose from throughout the phased community.

As a private development project, Public Works Construction plays a part in the inspection of the work performed in the public right-of-way, streets, curb, gutters, sidewalks, and signals. This includes any infrastructure facilities that will be operated and maintained by various groups within the Public Works Utility Department, in this case, pump stations and storm drains.

**Sewer Lift Station** – The Shea project will install a new sewer lift station, which will accommodate the flows from the new Shea Homes. This will also absorb the existing flows that are currently being handled by the existing, aging lift station, which will be taken out of service. To date, the wet well, valve vault, and meter vault have been completed. The pumps and piping have been installed and tested. Electrical duct bank installation activities are currently underway. Final testing of the motor control cabinet is in progress at the manufacturer and is scheduled to be delivered this week. Final station electrical, testing and start-up is anticipated later this summer.



### *Major Components of a Sewer Lift Station*

**Storm Drain Pipeline Upgrade** – The storm drain facilities are being upgraded to not only capture the new flows generated from the new Shea Homes project, but will also accommodate the existing flows using in some places a pipeline diameter as large as 120 inches in size. Phased progress of the reinforced concrete box (RCB) beneath the Wintersburg Channel is as follows:

- Phase 1 (north side of channel) is complete.
- Phase 2 RCB concrete has been placed (north side channel crossing). Backfill to the top of RCB will begin this week, with the cofferdam shoring removal to follow.
- Phase 3 (south side of channel) will begin in the next couple of weeks. The RCB box will be completed within the dry season.
- Phase 4 (south side of channel, Slater Pump Station) is complete.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Shea Homes Provides Upgrades For Existing Public Works Facilities (Continued)

**Slater Storm Drain Pump Station Upgrade** – The pumping capacity at the pump station is being increased to handle both the flows generated from the new Shea Homes and existing flows.

The storm drain (RCB) has been completed within the Slater Pump Station and backfilled. Pump Station work will begin late summer / early fall. Slater Pump Station work includes two new cascade pumps inside the existing pump building and two new sump pumps outside that will pump storm water to the on-site natural treatment system.

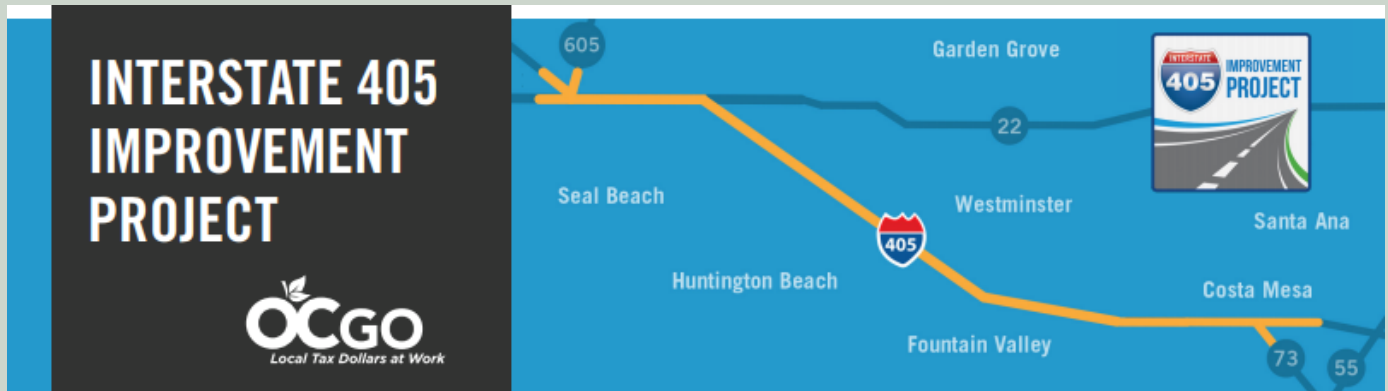


## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### Planning Commission July 10, 2018 Meeting Update

In an effort to address numerous public comments and better prepare for the Huntington Beach Planning Commission meeting, Tri Pointe Homes has requested that the Planning Commission continue the “Sea Dance” residential project to the September 11, meeting.



**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT****I-405 Widening Project**

Efforts are continuing with the I-405 Widening project with efforts in design, right-of-way acquisition and construction all occurring simultaneously for different portions of the work effort. Actual physical construction is starting to become more evident, especially along the mainline of the freeway where widening work and concrete rail installations are occurring in preparation of traffic lane shifts. Very soon, some of the smaller arterial street bridges will be demolished as the bridges are fully removed and reconstructed. On larger arterials, the bridges will be built in two stages, maintaining traffic flow throughout construction.

For Huntington Beach, the first bridge that will be removed is the McFadden bridge. The City officially received a 60-day notice of the bridge work, placing the start of demolition around mid-September. OCTA and Caltrans are continuing to work with property owners to complete a few property acquisition transactions in Huntington Beach. These range from temporary easements for construction, to some relatively small property acquisitions. Information is available to the public through OCTA's public outreach efforts with a project e-mail address, Facebook page, Twitter account and a call-in helpline. All project information can be found on the OCTA project website at [www.octa.net/405improvement](http://www.octa.net/405improvement)

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE LINK ON FIRE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

The Huntington Beach Fire Department encourages you to share fire safety education with your children. Communicate safety plans without fear by encouraging lots of talking, showing and practicing what to do in emergency. Seek out television shows that have their favorite character address fire and earthquake safety. Show them where the smoke detectors are located in your house, and what to do upon activation.



# JUST FOR KIDS

To help learn important safety facts, a new link is available on the city website at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire). A yellow box labeled “JUST FOR KIDS” is located at the bottom of the left side column. Clicking on it will take you to [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org), the official National Fire Prevention Association website for Sparky. This fun and interactive website allows kids to explore and learn about fire safety in a safe and fun environment with games, videos, activities and storybooks. Special resources for parents and educators are available through links located on the upper right corner of the website’s home page.

Learning about fire safety is important for everyone, and this website is a great educational tool that can help keep your family safe.

### RACES FIELD DAY

On Saturday, June 23, Huntington Beach Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) team demonstrated and practiced their emergency radio communications skills in a nation-wide drill called “AARL Field Day”.

The volunteer group set up operation on the bluffs above Dog Beach and began operating at 11 a.m. During Field Day, HAM operators from the US and Canada practiced their emergency communications skills over a 24 hour period with the goal of demonstrating portable and completely independent communications. Many visitors stopped by to observe and see the RACES volunteers at work, and understand the vital radio communication support that RACES provides to the community.

During an emergency, normal lines of communications can fail leaving amateur radio communications as the only means to communicate. As volunteers, RACES members use their personal equipment and skills to provide amateur radio (“HAM”) communication to support the Fire and Police departments in special events and emergencies throughout the year. HAM radio is a technical hobby known around the world, and often used for public service needs. HAM radio operators are ready to supply reliable communications when normal lines fail, and can contact someone across the street, across the globe, or even outer space. For more information about the RACES group, visit [https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/emergency\\_preparedness/races](https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/fire/emergency_preparedness/races).



## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

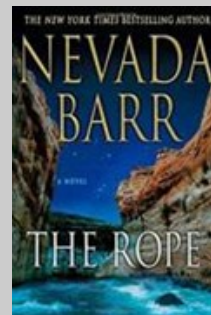
### Summer Fun Abounds at the Branch Libraries

Children interested in becoming a Math Expert are encouraged to join the **Oak View Math Club**, where they will be able to practice math by playing games! This fun new program, which runs from **July 3 to August 9**, is intended for those in first through fourth grade, and will make math both fun and profitable – participants can even win prizes! First and second graders will meet on **Tuesdays from either 3-4 pm or 4-5 pm**, and third and fourth graders will meet on **Thursdays from either 3-4 or 4-5 pm**. Sign up is required and space is limited -- **call the Oak View library at 714 375-5068** to select a time slot.



Speaking of games, adults are invited to try their luck at the first session of the popular Mexican game **Loteria**, on **Thursday, July 19, from 6 to 7 p.m.** Similar to Bingo, Loteria is a traditional game of chance that has been played for over a century and will be a fun night for the whole family! The program will be repeated on Wednesday, August 1, where one's new skills can be put to the final test. The **Oak View Branch Library** is located at 17251 Oak Lane in Huntington Beach.

Coming up on **Thursday, July 19**, is the popular adult **Banning Branch Book Club**. Meet other like-minded readers **at 5:30 pm** for refreshments and then join in on the discussion of this month's pick "The Rope," by Nevada Barr at 5:45 pm. This installment of the popular award-winning park ranger series is a prequel that gathers together the many strings of heroine Anna Pigeon's past, and finally reveals the story that her fans have been asking for. Familiarity with the series is not necessary to enjoy the book or join the discussion. Those interested are encouraged to get their copies of the book now. The **Banning Branch Library** is located at 9281 Banning Avenue in Huntington Beach. For more information, please call 714 375-5005.



## LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Reading Takes Adults Everywhere at your Library!

Central Library is pleased to present numerous and varied events and programs for adults this summer!

Join us for fun and adventure. For every program attended (except for Food Truck Night) you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our themed gift baskets on display at the Reference Desk at Central. For more information and to sign up for the summer reading program for adults visit: [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org). To register for all events, use the Library Calendar: <http://hbpl.libcal.com/calendar/events>

**Hogwarts Adventure (an escape room experience)** — Tuesday, July 10, 7 - 8 p.m. AND Tuesday, July 24, 7 - 8 p.m.; Talbert Room  
Help Harry and his friends solve a new mystery at Hogwarts. You'll have 45 minutes to solve the clues and unlock the prize.

**Chinese Calligraphy Workshop** — Thursday, July 12, 7 - 8:30 p.m.; Talbert Room  
Supplies and light refreshments will be provided.

**International Coffee Tasting** — Saturday, July 14, 10 a.m. - noon; Talbert Room  
A professional barista will guide you in a tasteful exploration of the best joes from a multitude of countries.

**Ready Player Two (an escape room experience)** — Tuesday, July 17, 7 - 8 p.m. AND Tuesday, July 31, 7 - 8 p.m.; Talbert Room  
A scavenger hunt where you'll have 45 minutes to solve the clues and unlock the prize.

**Game of Thrones Trivia Night** — Thursday, July 19, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Talbert Room  
Bring honor to your noble house by correctly answering trivia questions from the books and TV show to win fame, glory, and prizes.

**Publishing Panel** — Saturday, July 21, 2 - 4 p.m., Talbert Room  
Listen to indie and traditionally published authors discuss their path to publication.

**Summer Book Club** — Thursday, July 26, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Talbert Room  
Our summer 2018 book is "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. In the aftermath of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas getting paid to give live readings to audiences hungry for news of the world. Join other readers in a question-led discussion, where free refreshments will be served.

**Travel Hacks: An Open House for Travelers** — Saturday, July 28, 2 - 4:30 p.m., Talbert Room  
This program will focus on travel information, speakers, helpful tips, book displays, Hoopla demo, used travel books for sale by Friends of the Library and much more! Wine and appetizers will be served.

**International Food Truck Night** — Wednesday, August 1, 5- 8 p.m., Central Library Parking Lot  
Travel vicariously through your taste buds as you sample foods from different countries. Food trucks will be parked outside the library to deliver this adventurous culinary experience

**Lotería, A Game of Chance** — Thursday, August 2, 6 - 7 p.m., Talbert Room  
¡Vamos a jugar Lotería! This popular Mexican game of chance is similar to Bingo and has been played for over a century. Try your luck as you learn this traditional game. Fun for the whole family!



# **PUBLISHING WORKSHOP**

**SATURDAY, JULY 21ST**

**2P - 4P TALBERT ROOM**

**CENTRAL LIBRARY**

**Are you interested in getting your book published? Please join our trio of published authors as they discuss their publishing journey!**

**Jill Amadio**

author of Tosca Trevant  
mysteries, memoir and ghostwriter

**Christine Hoag**

journalist and fiction author

**Jeffrey Kohanek**

author of the Runes of Issalia series

**Workshop is free but registration required.**

**Please register through our events calendar:**

**<https://hbpl.libcal.com/>**







## *International Coffee Tasting*

Saturday, July 14 10:00 am - noon  
Central Library Talbert Room

Peet's Coffee Experts will be here to teach us all about coffee from from tree to bean and then sample coffees from various countries.

Win coffee and coupons to use at Peet's!

Don't forget to pick up a raffle ticket to enter to win one of our beautiful Summer Reading baskets on display at the Reference Desk!

Register for this program on our event calendar at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org).



### **Huntington Beach Public Library**

Central Library  
7111 Talbert Avenue  
Huntington Beach, California 92648 | 714.842.4481  
[www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org)



## Game of Thrones Trivia Night

Lords and Ladies! You are cordially invited to test your Game of Thrones knowledge at House Huntington Beach Public Library.

Bring honor to your noble house by correctly answering trivia questions from the books and TV Show to win fame and glory throughout the 7 Kingdoms, a seat on the Iron Throne, and prizes.

**Date:** Thursday, 19 July 2018

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Where:** Talbert Room at Central Library

**Register at [HBPL.org](http://HBPL.org) under the 'Events/News' tab**



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## OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### Summer Brokers Briefing

The next Brokers Briefing will be taking place Wednesday, July 18, at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall. The format for this upcoming meeting will be a workshop where the topic of discussion will be the recently adopted research and technology zone as part of the General Plan update. The specific locations that will be discussed include the Northwest Industrial Area (760 acres) and the Gothard Corridor (422 acres).

This special meeting is for **commercial brokers only** and is part of a broader effort by consultants RRM Design and City Staff to gather input and feedback from various community stakeholders to help inform the new zoning designation. For further information regarding this and other sessions, contact Hayden Beckman, Senior Planner, Project Manager, (714) 536-5561.

### Fair Housing Walk-in Clinic

The Fair Housing Foundation will be holding a Walk-In Clinic for housing issues at the Oak View Family Resource Center at 17261 Oak Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25. This service is free and open to the public. Fair Housing Foundation will have a housing counselor present to counsel residents one-on-one with housing issues or questions. This can include landlord/tenant disputes, lease agreements, discrimination, repairs, evictions, security deposits, disability modifications, rent increases, occupancy issues, etc.

## INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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>



## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### *Water Works*

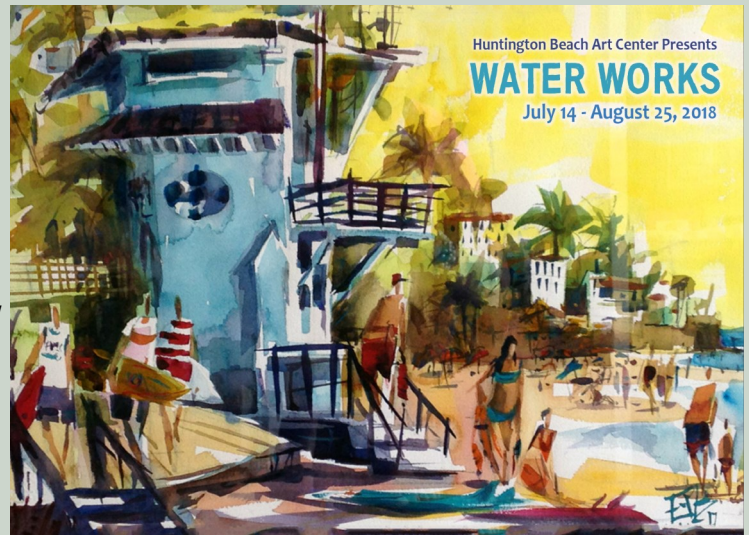
**Public Opening Reception: July 14, 2018 | 6:30 – 9 pm**

*Image Credit: Eileen McCullough*

Join us for the opening reception of *Water Works*!

This is the second installment of HBAC's contemporary series: "The Power of Pigment: A Celebration of Color." *Water Works* is a juried exhibition showcasing the talents of local and regional artists who work in transparent, water-soluble media. Prizes are awarded in several categories including the Lois Barth Award of Excellence in Art – Best in Show! Exhibition jurors are Eileen McCullough and Chris Sullivan, teachers and master artists in the medium of watercolor. Call the Art Center (714-374-1650) or visit our website

([www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org)) for more information. See you there!



### **NEW! TOT YOGA**



Edison Community Center adds new TOT yoga in June, "Kids Froggy Yoga" and "Mommy and Me Froggy Yoga." This is a great environment for fun and bonding with your little one and gives them a leg up on motor skills, balance and strength. Classes are held Thursday mornings in the studio at the Edison Community Center. You can register at any Center or on line at [www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org).

#### **Mommy and me Froggy Yoga and Play**

10:30 – 11:15am      6/28-8/30

#### **Kids Froggy Yoga and Play**

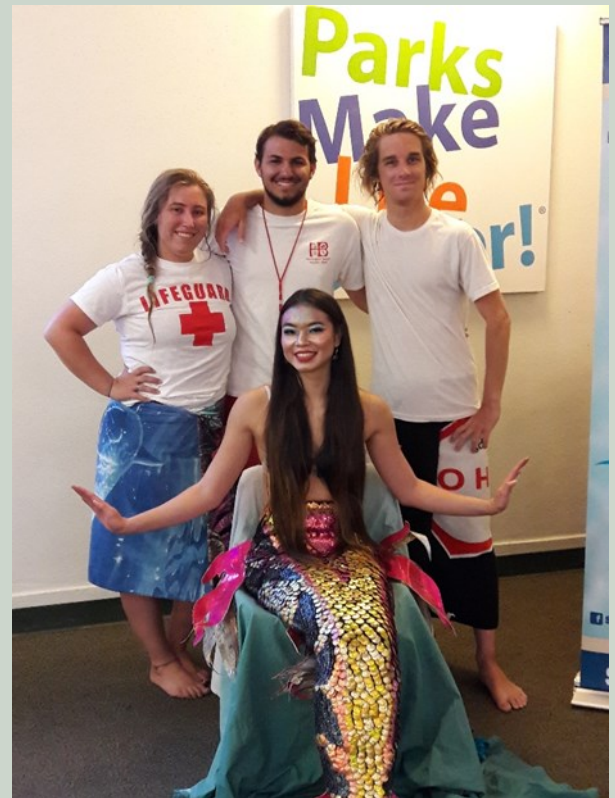
9:30 – 10:15am      6/28-8/30



## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

For the first time, City Gym and Pool participated in the “World’s Largest Swim Lesson” held on June 21. This event is a promotional event designed to build awareness and generate local and national press attention about the vital importance of teaching kids to swim to help prevent drowning.

Swim instructors were able to provide free 30-minute swimming lessons to all participants. It was a great way to kick off summer and bring more awareness to the importance of water safety. We also had a surprise visit from a mermaid from Swim Brayv — a nonprofit organization whose goal is to end childhood drowning by working together.



## CITY MANAGER DEPARTMENT

### DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN RECEIVE A \$70,000 FINE FOR THROWING OUT AN OLD MERCURY THERMOSTAT?

According to California State law, it is illegal to dispose of mercury thermostats with your regular trash. Avoid this penalty by bringing in mercury thermostats to your local collection site (found at [www.thermostat-recycle.org/zipsearch](http://www.thermostat-recycle.org/zipsearch)) where mercury thermostats will be safely collected and properly disposed of. You'll get rewarded for doing the right thing, avoid the \$70,000 penalty, and keep your family safe by recycling mercury. Click [here](#) to find out more and see if you qualify for a [\\$5 rebate](#).



**POLICE DEPARTMENT****BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT ARREST**

On Friday, July 6, at about 10:45 a.m., a very observant officer was in the area of Main and Yorktown when he saw a subject fitting the description of a bank robber who had recently struck twice in our city. The officer began to follow the subject while he was driving in an unmarked vehicle. He then put the information out over the radio just as our dispatchers received a call of a bank robbery that had just occurred at the Chase bank located at 19461 Main.

Officers, with the help of HB-1, were quickly on scene and contacted the subject after he tried to flee. He was found to have evidence of the robbery in his possession and he was subsequently arrested.

The subject was identified as Randy Seitzinger, age 62, of Huntington Beach. This is the third Huntington Beach bank robbery the suspect has been linked to in the past three months. Luckily, no one was injured during any of these incidents and we look forward to the case being filed with the Orange County District Attorney's Office.





### City Hall Directory

City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 374-1600
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5202
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Business Development	(714) 536-5582
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
Community Development	(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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