

SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- ♦ COMMUNITY MEETING. 7/30
- ♦ WATER CONSERVATION
- ♦ CONTACT CODE ENFORCEMENT
- ♦ GRILLING SAFETY
- ♦ FREE SHUTTLE DURING US OPEN

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Community Meeting with Chief Handy to Address US Open

DATE: Wednesday, July 30, 2014

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: City Library - Downtown, 525 Main Street

The Police Department and City staff will be on hand to discuss the progress of the 2014 US Open of Surfing. We will be answering questions, addressing concerns and soliciting input heading into the final weekend.

Our intent is to hear from our downtown residents and business about what is going well and where we need to make improvements in regard to event. The meeting will be a town hall format. We believe this meeting will help further our goal of hosting a fun, family friendly event that minimizes the adverse impacts on our community.

Hope to see many of you there!



Free Disposal of Bulky Items for Residential Trash Customers

If you are a residential trash customer (who use the three carts) you are eligible for the **10/4 Pick-up Program**. This free program allows residents to schedule special collections of up to **10** bulky items per appointment, **four** times per year. Qualifying items include bags of trash or yard clippings (that will not fit in the trash or yard waste cart), appliances, furniture, and mattresses. Contact Rainbow Disposal at 714-847-3581 to schedule your 10/4 Pickup appointment. Most 10/4 pickups are scheduled for your next regular trash day. Because a special truck is dispatched to collect the items from the curb, please allow a minimum of two business days notice for scheduling. Residents are responsible to get all items to the curb for collection.

If you live in apartments or condos with blue dumpster, you can pay a nominal fee for a special pickup for items that do not fit into the dumpster. Contact Rainbow Disposal for information on the fee and eligible locations.

Water Conservation Booth @ HBPD's National Night Out Tuesday, August 5, 4 to 8 p.m.



Water conservation will be supporting the Huntington Beach Police Department's National Night Out with an information booth. They will host a booth where you can spin the game wheel to win a prize. Stop by the Target located at 9882 Adams Avenue in Huntington Beach to learn about water conservation, free landscaping classes, and the rebates available for the Turf Removal Program, sprinkler nozzles, and smart irrigation controllers.

HB Water Conservation Hotline: (714) 536-5922

The Utilities Division has set up a new "HB Water Conservation Hotline." Use this number to report water waste situations, to find out the current water conservation regulations, ways to conserve water, or information on rebate programs. When reporting water waste, please leave a detailed message stating the address, time of occurrence, and the day of the week. We all must do our part to conserve our most precious resource during this drought emergency. For tips on how to conserve water, please visit our website at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater.

Another way to report water waste is to use the online Surf City Pipeline on the City's website to create a service request. Go to www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services -- Service Request tab. Select "Water Conservation" for the topic.



Public Works News

As California faces one of the most severe droughts on record, KNX 1070 NEWSRADIO will present a comprehensive examination of the region's current water emergency in a day-long series entitled, "Running on Empty: Our Epic Drought," to air on Thursday, July 31 from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. exclusively on KNX 1070 and cbsLA.com.



Free California Friendly Landscaping Class

Please join us **on Saturday, August 9** for a wonderful morning class on how to best select your irrigation nozzles, controllers and other equipment. We will also be discussing the various techniques for maintaining your California Friendly Garden.

Rotating sprinkler nozzles can save you up to 20% on irrigation water usage and the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is offering rebates of \$4 per rotating nozzle purchased (15 minimum). MWDOC also offers \$2 per square foot of turf removed and replaced with California Friendly or native plants and permeable materials. Visit MWDOC's website at www.mwdoc.com/services/incentives for further rebate information.

The Water Conservation Section of the City's Public Works Department will be hosting the event at the City's Utilities Yard, located at 19001 Huntington Street (at the corner of Garfield Avenue and Huntington Street) from 9 a.m. to noon. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend or a neighbor. Please sign up for the class at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop-events/ or call (714) 536-5921.



Turf Removal Program:

\$2 Per Square Foot Rebate

Are you tired of spending weekends mowing your lawn? Well, you're in luck. The Turf Removal Program offers a rebate of \$2 per square foot of turf removed and replaced with California Friendly Plants and permeable materials. Replacing your lawn with artificial turf also qualifies for the program. The rebates are available to residents, HOA's and commercial properties. However, due to limited funding, if you plan on participating we recommend that you complete your application soon.

Removal of water intensive turf has a tremendous impact on water savings. California Friendly Gardens use up to 40% less water than turf. Please apply at the Municipal Water District of Orange County's (MWDOC's) website: www.mwdoc.com/services/turf-removal. We are excited to see that many H.B. residents are taking advantage of the \$2 per square foot rebates. For further information, contact the City of Huntington Beach Water Conservation staff at (714) 536-5922.

CERT Community Booth at Sunset Beach Expo!

The Huntington Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) participated at the annual Sunset Beach Preparedness Expo on Saturday, July 19. CERT volunteers spoke with the public about disaster preparedness and provided informational materials from the City of Huntington Beach, AlertOC, PrepareOC and FEMA. Heidi Ross, CERT Secretary said, "The hot topic was tsunami! They wanted to know how to prepare and what to do in the event if one occurred." In addition to CERT, the Orange County Red Cross, Huntington Beach Fire Department (HBFD), and Marine Safety joined in supporting the Expo. HBFD and CERT have supported this event for three years.

CERT Train the Trainer

The Huntington Beach Fire Department hosted 17 public service professionals and 13 volunteers last weekend during a three-day Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) "Train the Trainer" course. The City's Emergency Services Coordinator, Brevyn Mettler, served as the course manager and was supported by instructors from Costa Mesa and Bakersfield. Agencies from all over the state allowed participants to share a diverse blend of experiences and local challenges in support of developing and growing their CERT programs. The course included best-practices for building a CERT program, classroom management and hands-on guidance in teaching fire suppression, cribbing and First Aid. The following jurisdictions were represented: Oxnard Fire Department, Presidio Monterrey Fire Department, California State Military Reserve, Alhambra Fire Department, Placentia Fire Department, Santa Ana USD (JROTC), West County CERT, Huntington Beach CERT, Temple City CERT, Upland CERT, Orange County Superior Courts and the Kern County Fire Department.

Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It is one of the most popular ways to cook food, but can be very hot, causing burn injuries and can be a fire hazard.

Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.



An important safety message about the use of barbecues on balconies, patios or decks in the City of Huntington Beach: The 2013 California Fire Code Sections 308.1.4 and 308.4 restricts the use of open flame cooking devices which includes BBQs. This restriction applies to apartments, condominiums, hotels or similar multi-family occupancies with three or more units.

Fire Department

Grilling Safety Con't..

The code does not allow charcoal burners or other open-flame cooking devices to be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction unless the building, balcony or deck is protected by an automatic sprinkler system. Combustible materials can be defined as anything that will ignite if exposed to open flame such as wood, furniture, paper, etc.

The code further restricts the use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)-type BBQ's to an LPG container not greater than 2.5 lbs water capacity if it is on a combustible balcony or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

For more information on Grilling Safety, please visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at: www.nfpa.org

Planning & Building Department

See a Problem? Contact Code Enforcement!

Residents and other interested parties are encouraged to report suspected violations or eyesores on private property to the Code Enforcement Section. For information regarding various types of code violations please visit "Topics for Code Enforcement/Neighborhood Preservation" on the City's website.

Here are three methods for filing a complaint:

1. You may file a complaint online
2. You can download the Code Enforcement Complaint Form and mail (or deliver) it to the Department of Planning and Building, Code Enforcement Section, City Hall, Third Floor, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, 92648.
3. You can call Code Enforcement at (714) 375-5155 to report a suspected violation or speak to a Code Enforcement personnel.

When filing a complaint, you will be asked to include the following:

- ◆ Location (address) of alleged violation
- ◆ Brief description of the complaint
- ◆ Contact information or you may choose to remain anonymous
- ◆ Whether or not a code enforcement may contact you

After receiving a complaint, a Code Enforcement Officer will investigate the problem (normally within three days). Thank you for helping the City of Huntington Beach be a successful and safe place to live and work!

Library News

Central Library to Host Free Children's Concert August 2

To celebrate the end of another successful Summer Reading Program, Clint Perry and the Boo Hoo Crew will be playing outside at the Central Park Bandstand for all reading program participants and their families on Saturday, August 2 at 10:30 am. Every child in attendance will be given a raffle ticket for a chance to win a giant stuffed Rocket dog, as well as other fun prizes. Raffle drawings will take place before and after the concert. Regular story times on that Saturday have been cancelled to give people an opportunity to enjoy this special event.

Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket and picnic basket. Also, CDs of the band will be available for purchase and autographing after the concert. Special thanks go to the children's library support group, the Friends of the Children's Library, whose generosity has made this program possible. Visit the Boo Hoo Crew's website at <http://www.boohoocrew.com/video.html> to see and hear them perform.

End of Summer Reading Movie @ the Central Library – Just for Teens!

August 1 marks the end of this year's Summer Reading Program. As a treat, just for our teen patrons, we will be having a screening of *Mortal Instruments: City of Bones* (PG-13) based on the young adult urban fantasy series written by popular teen author, Cassandra Clare. The event will take place on Saturday, August 2 at 2 p.m. in the Tabby Theater at the Central Library. (Snacks included!) We are asking teens to RSVP by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cityofbones> to let us know that they are coming. Seating may be limited!



ENJOY FREE WEEKEND SHUTTLE SERVICE DURING US OPEN OF SURFING!

Free shuttle service to the 2014 Vans US Open of Surfing continues on August 2-3, with additional service this weekend from the Huntington Beach Civic Center. Shuttle passengers enjoy free parking at each location too! We welcome everyone on board to enjoy the event, but to ensure space is available for all passengers, no alcohol, coolers, chairs, beach umbrellas, surfboards, or pets (except service animals) are permitted on board. For more information, please visit: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking.

Dates	Route #	Origin/Destination	Operating Hours/Frequency	Last Departure from Downtown
Aug 2-3	Route 1	Huntington Beach High School (1905 Main Street) to Main/Orange	10:00 AM to 10:00 PM; departs approx. every 30 min at :15 and :45	9:45 PM
Aug 2-3	Route 2	Edison High School (21400 Magnolia Street) to Main/Orange	10:00 AM to 10:00 PM; departs approx. every 30 min on the hour and half hour	9:45 PM
Aug 2-3	Route 3	Huntington Beach Civic Center (2000 Main Street) to Main/Orange	10:00 AM to 7:00 PM; departs every 30 min. on the hour and half hour	6:45 PM

LIVING SPACES IS HIRING!!!

Huntington Beach is excited to welcome Living Spaces Furniture to our community. They are actively seeking employees for their future store, which will be located at 6912 Edinger Avenue, on the southwest corner of Edinger Avenue and Goldenwest Street. Those interested in learning more about employment with Living Spaces may call (424) 903-4105 or visit their website at www.livingspaces.com/employment for an application

FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOPS AND COUNSELING

On Monday, August 4 the Fair Housing Foundation will be at Huntington Beach City Hall offering free walk-in housing from 3 to 5 p.m. on the Fifth Floor. This is an opportunity for landlords or tenants to meet privately with a housing counselor to discuss any rental housing issues, tenant/landlord disputes, or questions about Fair Housing laws. No appointment is necessary and the service is provided on a first-come, first served basis. A Landlord Workshop will be presented on Monday, August 11 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Talbert Room of the Huntington Beach Central Library, located at 7111 Talbert Avenue. The workshop will assist landlords with questions regarding Fair Housing laws, rental application processes, managing rental property, housing discrimination, rent increases, eviction process, occupancy standards, and foreclosure information. The workshop is free, but an RSVP is requested. To RSVP or to reach a Fair Housing Foundation counselor Monday through Friday, please call (800) 446-3247. More information can also be found online at www.fairhousingfoundation.com.

Community Service

Free Paper Shredding Event

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging and the Orange County Association of Realtors will be hosting a FREE paper shredding event at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center on Saturday, August 2. Stop on by between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to have any records, files or personal information securely shredded and to ensure that your identity is being kept safe. You can bring up to five banker boxes or grocery bags of paper to be shredded. For more information about the event please contact Rodgers Seniors' Center at 714-536-9387.

The Daily Care Call Program

Each weekday, trained Senior Services volunteers make interactive Daily Care Calls to homebound seniors in the community who benefit from daily contact. The Daily Care Call program under the supervision of the Care Management Team is run through Seniors Outreach. The purpose of the program is to provide daily verbal support and connection with those who are in need. Some participants may just want a quick daily assessment call while others may want to spend a few minutes visiting. "You can tell when the volunteers call, they are smiling," says Aaron a participant in the program. Seniors who are interested in enrolling in the Care Call program may call 714-960-2478 and ask to speak to the Care Manager of the Day.



FALL 2014 ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

The registration deadline for the Fall 2014 Adult Softball leagues is August 8, 2014. Late registration will be accepted if space is available. Senior Men's

leagues are offered on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights; Senior Coed leagues are offered on Tuesday nights; Senior Women's leagues are offered on Monday and Thursday nights; Men's leagues are offered on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; Coed leagues are offered on Sunday afternoons and evenings and Wednesday nights. The leagues will start play August 18, and will conclude in late October or early November. Registration packets are available on the City Adult Softball web page.

For more details or information, please contact the Community Services office at 714-536-5230.

Community Service

Don't miss our *Free Shred-It Day!*



**Dispose of your old transaction folders, personal documents,
and financial records without fear of identity theft.**

Saturday, August 2, 2014 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



**Huntington Beach Senior Center
1718 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach**

Sponsored by the OCAR Green Committee

Limit: Five (5) banker boxes or paper grocery bags filled with junk mail and/or personal papers.

Materials that can be placed in shredding container: Any paper, any color, any paper with paper clips, rubber bands, staples, and file folders of any color. Materials that cannot be placed in shredding container: Wet trash, aluminum cans, food products, plastic bags, cardboard boxes, newspapers, magazines, hazardous materials, medical waste, CDs, video or cassette tapes, hard drives, or x-rays.



Information Services

Did you know??

You can purchase an Annual Beach Parking Pass that allows parking at the City beach?

Visit http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/parking_pass.cfm, click on the Residents tab and then Parking Information.



City News

City of Huntington Beach Wins Lawsuit Brought by Sepulveda Construction Inc.

Huntington Beach, Calif. – The City of Huntington Beach received a unanimous jury verdict in its favor last week, defending a \$750,000 lawsuit brought by Sepulveda Construction Inc. on the Ranger Lift Station project.

Sepulveda ran into huge overruns on the project due to poor bidding, unqualified staffing and poor construction practices. The City hired the firm Gibbs Giden Locher Turner Senet and Wittbrodt LLP with partner Marion Hack as lead trial attorney and associate John Conrad as second chair. The trial team for the City successfully defended the entire case proving that the soils report was accurate and that Sepulveda had failed in its contractual obligations. The jury deliberated for two hours to reach its unanimous verdict on this month long trial. Due to the complete victory, the City now can seek expert fees and costs and potentially attorney fees.

In 2011, Sepulveda Construction Inc. was the low bidder for the new \$1 million Adams/Ranger Sewer Lift Station which was needed to replace the old lift station on Adams Avenue near the Santa Ana River. The construction of the new sewer lift station required a 25-foot deep excavation in high groundwater conditions. In addition, this sewer lift station collects sewage from the surrounding neighborhoods and businesses and pumps it to the Orange County Sanitation District for treatment. After the project was over in 2012, Sepulveda filed a lawsuit in Orange County Superior Court seeking over \$750,000 in damages claiming the City had provided a deficient soils report on the project and directed work in the field.

The case represents a type of case that requires specialized legal counsel. The infrequency, but complexity, of construction defect cases requires a level of expertise that is uncommon in a municipal law practice. City Attorney Jennifer McGrath has worked with the law firm of Gibbs Giden Locher Turner Senet and Wittbrodt LLP for over a decade and has been nothing but pleased with their representation of the City of Huntington Beach.

City News

Special City Council Meeting July 28, 2014– RECAP

At yesterday's special meeting City Council meeting, members approved a charter amendment ballot measure that would allow future City Councils to establish regulation of real property in mobile/manufactured home parks. The council voted 4-3, with Mayor Matthew Harper and council members Joe Carchio and Dave Sullivan dissenting. Voters will vote on this in the November election.



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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