

# City Manager's Report

HUNTINGTON BEACH



May 5, 2015

## City Council Recap

At the May 4, 2015, City Council meeting, the Council amended the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan via the following actions:

- Reduced the residential Maximum Amount of New Development (MAND) from 4,500 units to 2,100 units;
- Required a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for all residential and mixed-use (residential/commercial) projects;
- Increased the minimum residential parking requirements with allowances for tandem parking and requirements for a parking management plan to be submitted;
- Increased front yard setbacks to 15-foot minimum for single-story commercial building and 30-foot minimum for all other projects fronting public streets (allow CUP to deviate) and required 10-foot upper story setbacks above third story;
- Required all residential projects to have retail/commercial uses at the street level (allow CUP to deviate);
- Modified development standards for auto dealers;
- Allowed deviation to Edinger Avenue frontage road requirements for commercial projects adding up to 50 percent of existing square footage;
- Allowed assembly uses on the ground level in certain districts with a CUP; and
- Restricted building heights to four-stories maximum

## Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the Zoning Administrator will review the following items:

1. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 15-002 (ONE STORY COMMERCIAL BUILDING)**: To permit the construction of a new 3,250 sq. ft. one-story commercial building on a vacant lot at 8081 Yorktown Avenue, 92646 (north side of Yorktown Ave. east of Beach Blvd.). **City Contact:** Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner
2. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 15-003 (MOD PIZZA ALCOHOL)**: To permit the sale, service and consumption of alcohol (Type 41) within an eating and drinking establishment at 7051 Yorktown Avenue, Unit 103 (NW corner of Main St. & Yorktown Ave.). **City Contact:** Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website:

(<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/zal/ZAAgendas.cfm>). Please contact the Planning Division, at 714-536-5271, with any questions.

### Points of Interest

- GRANT SPOTLIGHT
- EMERGENCY/Tsunami SIRENS
- STEP OUT FOR ACTIVE AGING
- APPROVAL ON LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN
- MARINE MAMMAL FINDING
- CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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### PUBLIC WORKS

#### National Public Works Week

Celebrating  
National Public  
Works Week  
May 17-May 23  
"Community  
Begins Here"

There would be no 'community' without the quality of life Public Works provides. There would be no community to protect, no public to lead or represent. Public Works allows the world as we know it to be. This year's theme "Community Begins Here" speaks to the essential nature of Public Works services in support of everyday quality of life.

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to meet and greet some the dedicated individuals that make up your Public Works Department. Bring the family to enjoy FREE information booths, equipment demonstrations, displays, and prize giveaways.

**Serving with Pride, Since 1909**  
**HUNTINGTON BEACH**  
**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**OPEN HOUSE**

Display at Surf City Nights Street Fair

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015**  
From 5pm to 9pm

Celebrating  
National Public Works Week  
(May 17-24)

**FREE Family Fun  
Equipment  
Giveaways  
Booths  
Exhibits**

- Engineering
- Water Department
- Storm Pumping Stations
- Parks, Trees & Landscape
- Wastewater Maintenance
- Street Maintenance
- Warehouse
- Traffic Control
- Signs & Markings
- Building Maintenance
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Waste Management
- Hazardous Materials
- Water Quality
- Water Conservation

Downtown - between PCH and Olive  
Public Works Display on Olive Avenue

#### Senior Center April Construction Status Report

##### Current Status

- Rough grading completed.
- Trenching and Installation building foundation, erect false work and install rubber.
- Excavated for building foundation, erected false work and installed rubber.

##### Two Month Look Ahead

- Continue installation of utilities under building slab.
- Continue to excavate building foundation, erect false work and install rubber.
- Fabricate structural steel at an offsite facility.
- Fabricate trusses at an offsite facility.
- May through July: Install onsite utilities such as water, electrical, gas, sewer and storm drain.
- June: Pour building slab
- June: Begin wood framing of structure

##### Forecast Completion

Construction is expected to be complete by mid-2016.



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## PUBLIC WORKS

### Free Rainwater Harvesting Class Saturday, May 23 -- \$10 Rain Barrels

Saturday, May 23

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 May 21 at [www.RainBarrelsIntl.com](http://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 Saturday, May 23, from 9 to 10 a.m. followed by the distribution of the rain barrels from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We'll be discussing the installation and maintenance of the barrels. We are located at 19001 Huntington Street at the southwest corner of Huntington Street and Garfield Avenue.

Sign up for the class by registering at [www.RainBarrelsIntl.com](http://www.RainBarrelsIntl.com) or by calling 919-602-6316. Also, please check the City's website at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop-events/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop-events/) for upcoming classes and Water Conservation Rebate offers.

## Free Water-Saving Devices for HB Residents

The Huntington Beach Water Conservation Department is offering all its customers free water saving devices, while supplies last. These water saving devices are simple to install and, while they are small in size, can lead to significant water savings. Together, installing one faucet aerator and one efficient showerhead can result in an average of 9,000 gallons per year in savings.

Residents can pick up water saving starter kit at HB Utilities Facility located at 19001 Huntington Street (corner of Huntington and Garfield).

Each starter kit contains:

- High-efficiency showerhead
- Dual spray swivel aerator for kitchen
- Two bathroom sink faucet aerators
- Leak detection dye tablets for toilets

**\*Any customer picking up free devices is required to bring a copy of their water bill for verification or proof of Huntington Beach residency.**



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## OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### City Receives Approval on Long Range Property Management Plan

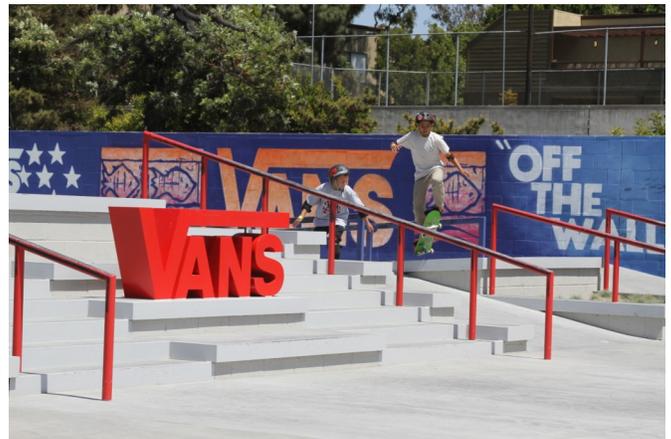
The City is celebrating the long-awaited approval from the State of California on the Long Range Property Management Plan (LRPMP) for properties formerly owned by the now-dissolved Redevelopment Agency. This is a very important achievement in the City's efforts to further economic development in the community after the legislature eliminated Redevelopment just a little over three years ago. At that time, the future of any property formerly owned by the City's former Redevelopment Agency was in question due to a variety of complex legal requirements that had to be met in order for them to be retained.

The City was required to take many steps within the last three years to formulate a plan that the State would approve. Fortunately, Huntington Beach's considerable time and effort to gain the approval to keep these assets has definitely paid off, allowing the City to control the future of locations like the International Surfing Museum, the Vans Skatepark, and the site of the planned Marriott Springhill Suites Hotel.

### The City and Vans Honored for Partnership to Develop Vans Skatepark

Huntington Beach and Vans were recently honored with an Award of Merit for Economic Development Partnerships for development of the Vans Skatepark. The award was presented by the California Association of Local Economic Development during their annual conference on April 22.

The City is proud to share this honor with Vans and certainly agrees that this partnership has been a success from the start, attributed to the innovative combination of a free, privately-operated, world-class public skatepark, with on-site retail and food concession uses.



### Free Workshop on Tax Rules for Running a Business Out of Your Home

The City of Huntington Beach, the IRS, and Orange County SCORE are sponsoring a free workshop on Tuesday, May 26, at the Huntington Beach Central Library to help you learn the critical tax rules you need to know when you run your business out of your home. Hear from the IRS and learn about the office-in-the-home deduction including how to qualify, how to determine business percentage, which types of expenses to include, and how to include them. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. and the workshop takes place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Although the workshop is free, seating is limited so pre-registration is requested.

To register, please send an email with your name and zip code to: [BizDevEvents@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:BizDevEvents@surfcity-hb.org).

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Huntington Beach Summer Swimming Lessons

City of Huntington Beach Summer Swimming Lessons begin Monday, June 22.

- Classes available at the City Gym & Pool, Marina High School Pool and Edison High School Pool
- Programs designed to teach both proper aquatic technique and water safety are available for ages six-months to adult
- All classes taught by American Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructors and supervised by certified Pool Lifeguards
- Recreation Swim at City Gym: Monday and Wednesday, 7 to 8 p.m.  
Marina: Monday through Friday, 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.  
Edison: Monday through Friday, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Register now in person at any community center or online at:

[www.HBsands.org](http://www.HBsands.org)

Swim Lessons  
Monday,  
June 22



### “Step Out for Active Aging”

On Wednesday, May 20, the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center will host the annual “Step Out for Active Aging” walk in support of Older Americans Month. This year’s theme is “Get Into the Act” and what better way to get into the act and get physical than with a scenic coastal walk. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the first 100 participants registered will receive a goody bag and commemorative T-shirt. The event will kick off at 9 a.m. with a casual warm up and stretch session with Marianne Grossman, the instructor of Senior Cardio Fit and Total Body Stretch. The participants will then walk as a group from Rodgers Seniors’ Center to Pacific Coast Highway and up to the pier and then back again. After the walk, join in a cool down drum circle session with Lee Kix.

For more information about the event please call the Rodgers Seniors Center front desk at (714) 536-9387.



## INFORMATION SERVICES

### City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

The City web site contains information about the CalRecycle Rubberized Asphalt Project. The can find out information about the program and which streets in the city will be rehabilitated at:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/public\\_works/rubberized-asphalt-project.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/public_works/rubberized-asphalt-project.cfm)

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Monday, April 20, at approximately 8:30 a.m., the Fire Department responded to a reported fire on Gilford Circle. Upon arrival, fire crews found a single-story residence with heavy smoke coming from the garage. A rapid search of the home confirmed no occupants were inside, but it was discovered that the fire had spread to the attic and was threatening the house next door. The homes on either side were protected by crews specifically assigned to exposure protection. The fire was under control 13 minutes after arrival of the first unit, and the fire was contained to the building of origin. There were no civilian injuries reported, but one firefighter suffered minor injury. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

Structure Fire



## Unique Training Opportunity

The Huntington Beach Fire Department had the unique opportunity to perform hands on training at a vacant Big O Tires building over the course of a few days. Firefighters were able to practice forced entry, ventilation and search, and self rescue techniques in a real building.

Training at Big O Tires



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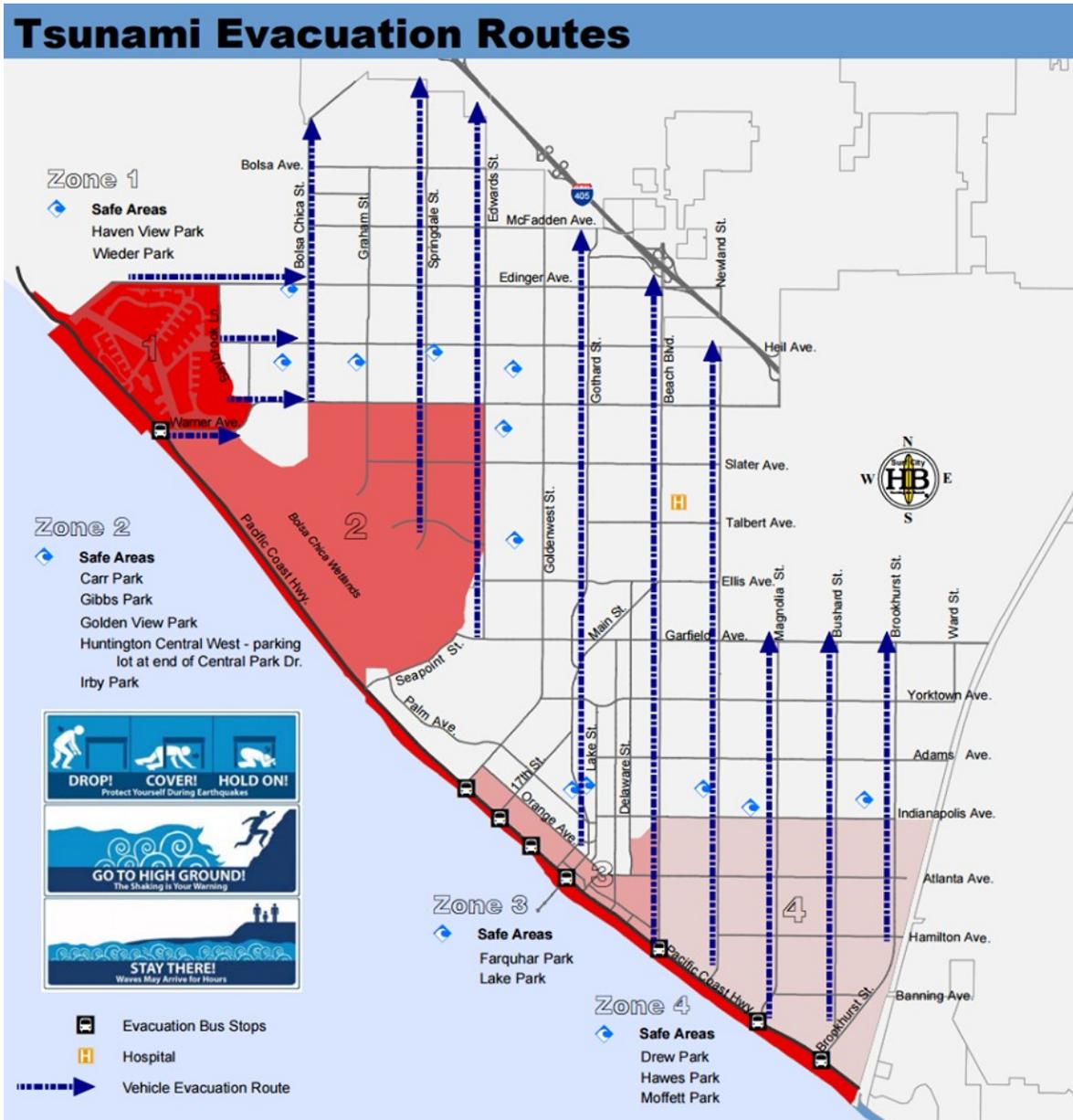
# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Emergency/Tsunami Sirens - First Friday of Each Month

On the first Friday of each month at noon, sirens will be tested in various locations of Huntington Beach. If you hear the sirens, and it is not the first Friday of the month, tune in to 107.9 KWVE.

For more information about emergency preparedness, go to <http://bit.ly/TsunamiPrep>

FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH



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## 2015 Volunteer Appreciation Event

On April 17, the Central Library hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Event to acknowledge those who have dedicated their time and talents in making the Huntington Beach Library System a valuable community resource. The library is proud to say it had more than 300 volunteers donate their time during 2015, contributing over 57,000 hours. This year's theme was *Volunteers are Central to Our Success, Celebrating 40 Years of Growth!* The Library staff planned a fun day and had over 130 volunteers attend.

### RECAP OF VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Volunteer support groups recognized included:

- Friends of the Library,
- Friends of the Children's Library
- Library Patrons Foundation,
- O.C. CA Genealogical Society
- Literacy Volunteers of America, Huntington Beach.



Each year the library recognizes volunteers who stand out and go above and beyond with the Distinguished Award. The Distinguished Award for the service year of 2014 recipients were Jennie Austin from Homework, Charlie Basmajian from Banning Branch, Lois Heidner from Genealogy, Dolores McGuire from Friends of the Library, Dan Page from Friends of the Children's Library, Nan Paik from Main Street Library and Billie Slutsky from Family Literacy.

Thank you to all volunteers who help make this library an excellent community resource.

## Cinderella Ballet Comes to Central Library

Huntington Beach Public Library, Children's Department and the Friends of the Children's Library present: Cinderella. Four performances of this classic tale will be performed by Ballet Etudes at the HBPL theater on May 19 & 20. Performance times are 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the Children's Desk of the HBPL. For more information call 714-375-5107.

## Creative Writing "Funshop"

Looking for kids in third to eighth grade who like to write! Join us Saturday, May 30, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for a Creative Writing Workshop designed to help young writers breathe more life into their own stories by exploring the elements of characterization. Learn to create heroes your readers will love, and villains they will love to hate! Space is limited so hurry to the Children's Department to reserve your spot. Tickets are \$5 per person. This special event is sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library and Sand Scribes.

For more information call the Children's Dept. of the HBPL library 714-375-5107.

## CITY MANAGERS OFFICE



### Grant Committee

In February, the City Manager's Department created a Grant Committee comprised of representatives from each City Department. This committee researches grant programs, tracks and manages existing grants, discusses grant management techniques and best practices, and works collaboratively to seek grant opportunities that meet the City's strategic goals and complement existing projects or programs. This month the Committee is spotlighting the work of the Police Department through their DUI grant.

### This Month's Grant Spotlight

On October 1, 2014, the Huntington Beach Police Department was awarded a \$435,226 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program of special enforcements and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic related deaths and injuries. The Huntington Beach Police Department will use the funding as part of the City's ongoing commitment to keep our roadways safe and improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education.

The Huntington Beach Police Department has had a long-standing relationship with the California Office of Traffic Safety and we believe strongly in maintaining a safe environment for all pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists who travel on our roadways. For the last year, we have been implementing new educational and enforcement techniques aimed at reducing law violations and addressing behaviors and attitudes that contribute to our collisions. Alcohol continues to be a significant common denominator in many of our serious and fatal collisions. We have taken progressive steps and developed new programs, many of which are shared on social media, to end these tragic events.

Activities that the grant will fund include:

- One fulltime DUI officer added to the Traffic Unit
- DUI/Drivers License checkpoints
- DUI saturation patrols
- Educational presentations
- Motorcycle safety enforcement
- Distracted driving enforcement
- Pedestrian and bicycle enforcement
- Seat belt and child safety seat enforcement
- Speed, red light, and stop sign enforcement
- Warrant service operations targeting multiple DUI offenders
- Compilation of DUI "Hot Sheets," identifying worst-of-the-worst DUI offenders
- Specialized DUI and drugged driving training such as Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/9– **Annual HB Host Lions Club Pre-Mother’s Day Pancake Breakfast**, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information contact Steve at 714-904-9566
- 5/9—**Rocket Launch Day, Huntington Beach Boeing**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Register online at: [discoverycube.org/rocketlaunch](http://discoverycube.org/rocketlaunch)
- 5/15, 5/16, 5/17– **23rd Annual Duck-A-Thon “Under the Big Top”**, Please visit [www.duckathon.org](http://www.duckathon.org) for a complete list of times and events.
- 5/17—**Fab 5 Bowling Tournament**, 1 p.m. For more information call 714-963-7888.
- 5/19—**Public Works Open House**, Celebrating National Public Works Week (5/17 through 5/24), 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information contact the Huntington Beach Public Works Department at 714-536-5431
- 5/20—**“Step Out for Active Aging Walk”**, 9 a.m. For more information call Rodgers Seniors Center at 714-536-9387
- 5/20—**Historic Rededication Ceremony of the Queen’s Rose Garden**, 2:30 p.m. At City Hall with the Sand Dollars of Huntington Beach and Miss Huntington Beach Claire Epting and her court. Reception to follow at City Hall.
- 6/14 — **Wags N Wine**, 1 to 5 p.m. at the Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel. [Www.wagsnwine.com](http://Www.wagsnwine.com)
- 6/20—SAVE THE DATE: **Guinness Book of World Records “Most People Riding a Surfboard at Once” on the “Worlds Largest Surfboard!”** For more information visit [www.surfcityusa.com](http://www.surfcityusa.com)
- 6/30—**3rd Annual Eco Challenge Poster Contest**, Contest running now through June 30. For more information visit [ocEcoChallenge.com/batkid](http://ocEcoChallenge.com/batkid)

CITY EVENTS:  
May/June

**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



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