



City Manager's Update

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

November 10, 2019



Huntington Beach Veterans Day Ceremony and Car Show Monday, November 11 at 11am



The City of Huntington Beach, along with the American Legion Post 133, will hold its annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Huntington Beach Pier Plaza tomorrow, Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m. to celebrate the veterans of Huntington Beach, who gave of themselves for their country.

The valor, dedication, and heroism of veterans will be acknowledged and commended. Mayor Erik Peterson will give the City welcome and the Huntington Beach High School band will play. This year's keynote speaker is Captain Jason Sherman, Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, and the American Legion Post 133 Honor Guard will fire a Three Volley Rifle Salute.

Contact Julie Toledo, Community Relations Officer, at (714) 536-5577.

Veterans Day Street Sweeping and Trash Collection Schedule

Street sweeping and trash collection will be on regular schedule for the week of November 11 through 15. There will be no delay due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Reminder: To avoid a missed trash pick-up, set your trash and recycling carts out by 7 a.m. on trash day. Route schedules are subject to change at any time.

If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance Division at 714-960-8861.

Please note that City Hall will be closed Monday, November 11, 2019.

Hot Topics from City Manager
Oliver Chi

Next Planning Commission
Meeting Nov. 12

Free Business Event Nov. 13

Pumpkin Disposal

Public Works Repairs Road-
ways

"Inspired" at the HB Art Center
starts Nov. 16

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Oliver Chi
City Manager

City Manager's Update

City Developing Response to Our CalPERS UAL Pension Crisis; Plan to be Considered at the Nov. 18 Council Meeting

Recently, the City has been engaged in assessing our response to a tremendously challenging fiscal issue facing not just the City of Huntington Beach, but all government entities in California. That issue is the rising costs associated with our pension program through CalPERS.

You have likely heard that the cost of public sector pensions are creating a supremely challenging budgetary and financial environment for municipalities throughout the State. Now the reasons why CalPERS pension costs continue to increase are multi-faceted and complicated, and during the past few weeks, the City has been trying to find ways to simplify the issues so that we can work to develop a uniquely HB-centric response. The hope is to find an approach that balances the need for us to remain fiscally responsible, while also positioning Surf City as an organization that has the financial resources available to invest in our people and our community as we move forward into the future.

To that end, during the past few weeks, we have been working with the City Council and the City's Finance Commission on developing a plan to address the current pension issues impacting us here in Huntington Beach. As part of our analysis, we have identified several important factors related to our pension cost structure. Of note, the most pressing item that we have identified is the fact that the Normal Cost associated with our CalPERS pension program is something we can actually afford. It's the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) cost associated with our pension cost structure that is fueling the current fiscal crisis we're dealing with.

Now what is the UAL? It's the difference between the money that CalPERS currently has on hand to fund retirement benefits for Huntington Beach employees, versus the actual value of the retirement benefits that have been promised to our staff.

For HB, the good news is that CalPERS currently has around \$913.96 million in the bank to pay for our retirement benefits. Unfortunately, the challenge we face is that the value of the retirement benefits that have been promised here in Surf City are estimated to cost around \$1.35 billion. The difference between those two numbers – at more than \$436 million – is the total UAL that the City has to pay CalPERS.

Now the \$436 million isn't due to be paid all at once, and in some ways, the UAL costs that we have here in HB is somewhat akin to a mortgage payment. We owe CalPERS \$436 million in UAL debt, which has to be paid back over a 24-year time period. CalPERS charges us an interest rate of 7% to service that "mortgage" cost. Also of note... the UAL mortgage payment that we have is similar to an adjustable rate mortgage (ARM), and our costs are set to increase significantly every year for the next 10 years.

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AT THE
NOVEMBER 18
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING,
COUNCIL WILL
CONSIDER
REFINANCING
OUR CURRENT
UNFUNDED
PENSION DEBT

When looking at our total annual CalPERS pension payments in totality, and when we compare our annual UAL costs with our base Normal Cost for our retirement program, it becomes clear that the real problem we're facing when we talk about pension expenditures are unfunded liability cost.

To illustrate that point, take a look at our overall pension costs here in HB during FY 2018/19, outlined in the chart below. The three cost components related to our CalPERS bill for the year include the Employer Normal Cost, the Employee Normal Cost, and our UAL Cost. The breakdown of each of those cost components for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2019 is as follows:

**City of Huntington Beach
Pension Cost Areas
FY 2018/19 Actuals**

Data Category	Employer Cost	Employee Cost	UAL Cost	TOTAL
Total Contribution	\$ 13,031,511	\$ 7,603,098	\$ 24,930,996	\$ 45,565,605
Percentage of To-	29%	17%	55%	100%

At \$24.93 million, the UAL cost component made up 55% of our total pension cost bill for FY 2018/19! And that's one of the key issue we need to articulate moving ahead... that the primary driver of pension cost increases are associated with an accelerated UAL payback schedule.

Now if our UAL costs were fixed at FY 2018/19 levels moving ahead, we would be able to manage our financial situation fairly well here in Huntington Beach. However, recall that the challenge we face is that our UAL "mortgage" payment to CalPERS is like an adjustable rate mortgage, and our UAL payment is set to continue increasing violently during the next several years. Consider this...

- For Fiscal Year 2018/19, our total UAL payment to CalPERS was \$24.93 million.
- By Fiscal Year 2029/30, our annual UAL payment will have increased to \$46.02 million / year.

This constitutes an enormous annual cost increase of \$21.09 million in fixed UAL payment expenses over the next decade. That, in short, is why the City has a pension cost problem. By FY 2029/30, if nothing else changes, we would need to find an additional \$21.09 million / year to cover our UAL mortgage cost... just to maintain the status quo of what we are doing today.

Now to put that \$21.09 million increase in pension payments into proper perspective, consider the following examples we provided to the City Council...

- Eliminating our Library, Community Services, and IT departments would result in \$20.81 million in savings, which isn't enough to cover the UAL cost increase
- Eliminating 25 percent of our entire Police Department operation (91 positions) would achieve \$19.64 million in savings, which wouldn't be enough to cover the UAL cost increase
- Eliminating 40 percent of our entire Fire Department operation (79 positions) would net \$19.62 million in savings, which wouldn't be enough to cover the UAL cost increase

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The scale of the UAL cost increase is so massive that we just can't imagine any way to address the situation through budget cuts alone. Plus, the City has been cutting for the past 10 years, and it's hard to think about where we can find reductions in our organization without seriously impacting our ability to provide municipal services for HB.

On the other end of the equation, when it comes to revenue enhancements, here at the City, we subscribe to a philosophy of doing everything we can to live within our means. So... where does that leave us?

Instead of looking at this issue only through the lens of expenditures / revenues, we have explored with the City Council and the Finance Commission a third option. If the specific issue we're faced with is a UAL cost problem, we have suggested that we look to attack the source of the issue by working to control our UAL expenses.

Remember that our UAL costs are kind of like a mortgage payment (\$436 million loan, 7% interest, 24-year pay-back, adjustable rate mortgage payment). We've been looking at possibly "refinancing" our UAL mortgage in an attempt to level out our costs during the next 24-year period. Because given the current low interest rate environment that we live in, we have a generationally unique opportunity to both fix and lower our payments by refinancing our \$436 million in UAL pension debt – without needing to extend the repayment term – at an interest rate of around three percent.

If we're successful in this effort, the refinancing option could save the City significant money over the 24-year life of the loan, as illustrated in the table.

CalPERS UAL Payment Costs vs. POB Refinancing Costs			
	CalPERS UAL Payment	POB Refinancing	Refinancing Savings
Annual Payment (average)	\$34,787,631	\$26,261,554	\$8,526,077
Total Payments	\$834,903,132	\$630,277,291	\$204,625,841
Total Interest	\$391,784,473	\$192,122,289	\$199,662,184

While I believe that the refinancing plan makes sense, the mechanism through which we are looking to coordinate the transaction is a financial instrument called a Pension Obligation Bond (POB). There are numerous challenges associated with getting a POB approved, and given the size of the POB that we would have to issue (~\$436 million), coupled with the controversial nature of pension-related debt, we have been diligent and thoughtful in further assessing this overall approach to see if we can find consensus on addressing this challenging issue.

To date, it appears that we have, as the City's Finance Commission unanimously recommended that the City Council move forward with the proposed refinancing plan. In addition, the City Council has signaled a desire to continue assessing the option, on the condition that the City put in place policies and procedures to ensure that any cost savings realized are stashed away in a rainy-day fund, and that we institute policies to ensure that we continue to conservatively manage our pension-related programs.

Moving ahead, there are timing related challenges to refinancing through a POB, especially given the nature of geopolitical events occurring around the globe. Those issues could impact our current low-interest environment, and if interest rates rise, there will come a point where refinancing our UAL pension debt won't make sense. Given that factor, on November 18, the City Council will be considering whether or not to move this item forward through a judicial validation process. If there is concurrence amongst our City Council, then Huntington Beach will have the opportunity to formally consider refinancing our UAL pension debt in the first quarter of 2020.

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Despite What You May Read in the News, HB has been One of the Leaders in the State of California when it Comes to Developing New Housing Units

Given the current development context in California, and given the way that our community has been portrayed, we wanted to share some important housing related news. Because if you only read the newspaper headlines regarding housing production in Huntington Beach, one might get the impression that Surf City hasn't allowed a new home to be built in our community in decades!

However, a look at the actual facts and data paints a far different picture. Huntington Beach has not blocked housing development – at all. In fact, our efforts on the housing front – including our regional contribution to the affordable housing effort – have been beyond significant.

In short, Huntington Beach has done more for the affordable housing since 2013 (the current State Regional Housing Needs Assessment – or RHNA – planning cycle) than nearly any other city in our region.

I know that the paragraph above may sound unbelievable, given the media narrative that's been told throughout California. However, facts are facts, and here's the reality of the situation.

Huntington Beach has really worked to meet our goal of 1,353 RHNA units since 2013, and we have zoned for and permitted approximately 900 units. Other cities in the region have been required to do less, and they have done less than we have in Surf City. For example, Newport Beach has zoned for two units since 2013... Costa Mesa has zoned for five units... and Fountain Valley has zoned for 86 units.

When compared against the ~900 units we've permitted, it's hard to understand why there's this perception that Surf City doesn't allow new housing development.

Moreover, and more importantly... outside of zoning updates to allow ~900 units since 2013, we've actually facilitated the production of thousands of new housing units here in the City. Because from 2013 through 2018, Huntington Beach has issued almost 3,000 building permits for new housing units. That's the fourth largest volume of housing production in Orange County, and it makes Huntington Beach a top-10 housing producer when compared against the 197-jurisdictions located in the SCAG region. This fact is based on a comparison our building permit data with the SCAG jurisdictions in the HCD 5th Cycle Annual Progress Report Permit Summary, dated 6/25/19 (<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/index.shtml>).

As the summary chart below illustrates, here in Huntington Beach, we've exceeded our above moderate housing allocation by more than 2,000 units; we've met all of our moderate income RHNA targets; and we've issued permits for 97 very-low and low-income units.

	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	TOTAL
TOTAL UNITS PERMITTED	50	47	274	2,574	2,945
RHNA TARGET	313	220	248	572	1,353

I guess this just goes to show... sometimes, the newspapers don't get it all right!

November 10, 2019

City Council Approves Jamboree Housing Land Acquisition Agreement

At our most recent meeting, the City Council approved a \$3 million land acquisition loan agreement with Jamboree Housing to facilitate their purchase of the site located at 18431 Beach Boulevard. Jamboree Housing hopes to eventually develop a 43-unit permanent supportive senior housing project at the site, and the land acquisition loan agreement provides them with the upfront funding needed to acquire the property in question.

Of note, the property acquisition loan agreement was structured to only fund the acquisition of the property, and it provides that if Jamboree Housing does not secure construction financing / entitlements for the project within 20 months, in that circumstance, Jamboree Housing would have to transfer ownership of the property back to the City. Furthermore, the property acquisition loan agreement would also require that affordability covenants be recorded against the property so that nothing can be built on the site except for affordable permanent supportive housing units.

We are looking forward to working with Jamboree Housing in the months ahead to see if this affordable housing project can be developed further.

Magnolia Tank Farm: Planning Commission Votes 5-2 to Recommend Approval of Entitlements that would Allow the Proposed Project to be Considered; Matter Tentatively Set to Come Before City Council for Review in December

During the past several months, the Planning Commission has been intensely studying the overall Magnolia Tank Farm project, as the current property owner has been looking to secure entitlements / land use approvals that would allow the conversion of the existing 29-acre vacant site (which is currently zoned with a public-semi-public land use designation) into a facility that would allow for the following:

- ◆ A 230,000 square foot lodge / eco-hotel
- ◆ Up to 250 residential units (at a density of 13.2 units / acre)
- ◆ 2.8 acres of open space for wetlands protection
- ◆ 2.8 acres of open space for parks

Of particular note, no actual development is proposed for the Magnolia Tank Farm at this time. Entitlement applications for the construction of any project would require a future Conditional Use Permit, Coastal Development Permit, Tentative Tract Map, and Design Review, if the initial land-use entitlements are granted by the City.

Given that background, on Tuesday, October, 22, after considerable discussion and public input, the Planning Commission voted 5-2 to recommend that the City Council approve the proposed land-use entitlements to facilitate a future project on the site. The Planning Commission staff report outlining additional details related to this matter can be found online at the following link: <https://huntingtonbeach.legistar.com/ViewReport.ashx?M=R&N=TextL5&GID=716&ID=2819&GUID=LATEST&Title=Staff+Report>

In addition, a link to the video of the Planning Commission meeting in question can be found online at the link below: http://huntingtonbeach.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=10&clip_id=1589

Given the passions that this proposed initiative has inspired in individuals from our community both for and against the project, I did want to give special recognition to our outstanding Community Development Department team, who worked incredibly hard to facilitate a supremely thoughtful and professional review of the matter. In particular, special kudos to Jennifer Villaseñor, Jane James, and Ricky Ramos for the leadership that they have provided over the past few years regarding this particular matter.

Moving forward, the Magnolia Tank Farm land-use application is now set to come before the City Council for consideration in December. During the next few weeks, staff will continue to monitor this particular matter closely.

City Manger's Update

West Nile Virus Found in OC and in HB

West Nile Virus has been found in Orange County, and here in Huntington Beach as well. Last week, the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District confirmed the first mosquito samples infected with West Nile virus (WNV) in Surf City, and they've also found evidence of WNV in 15 other cities in Orange County. Given this news, we wanted to remind everyone to take precautions and wear mosquito repellent when outdoors, especially when mosquitoes are most active at dawn or dusk.

Now of particular note, you shouldn't panic, as eight out of 10 people infected with West Nile Virus don't ever develop any symptoms. And for those that do develop symptoms from WNV, nearly all of those individuals are hit with a fever couple with other symptoms such as headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. Most people with this type of WNV disease recover completely, but fatigue and weakness can last for weeks or months. Only about one in 150 people who are infected with WNV develop a severe illness. For more information about this matter, visit the Orange County Vector Control website at: www.ocvector.org.

THE LATEST UPDATE FROM AES

This past week, AES issued the following update regarding their commissioning and start-up activities at the new power plant.

Dear Neighbor,

AES is happy to report we have successfully completed the first phase of commissioning of the Huntington Beach Energy Project (HBEP). This includes the first start-up of both gas turbines of the new plant and the Steam Blows which are critical to the successful operation of the plant. The Steam Blow Restoration Period is nearing completion and we anticipate the Steam Purity Run phase will begin as early as the week of October 28.

Huntington Beach Energy Project Commissioning Process

We received some concerns from our neighbors regarding noise during the Steam Blow phase.

While every step of the commissioning process results in better plant performance, including noise, we asked our engineers and operators to re-evaluate the remaining commissioning activities to identify additional potential noise-reduction strategies we could employ throughout this temporary work phase. Typically, the loudest noise encountered during building any project incorporating a steam turbine is created by steam blows during the commissioning process, which is now complete.

AES is exploring further temporary measures for controlling some of the noise during the remainder of the commissioning process. However, during the next phases of the HBEP commissioning process our neighbors may experience noise levels above normal for the area. Commissioning activities will occur 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and we expect the noise levels to decrease as we progress through each step of the commissioning process. Noise related to commissioning activities is temporary and not part of normal operations. These temporary conditions are part of a very short but necessary period to bring the systems online. When the new plant is ready for normal operation, AES must conduct noise testing in the community to demonstrate that noise levels will meet our permit requirements.

We are working as safely as possible to quickly complete this process. We want to reiterate that this is temporary. This will not be part of normal operations. Once in operation, the new power plant will be much more efficient, will reduce emissions and environmental impacts and provide for greater electrical reliability than the old boilers built in the 1950s that are being replaced. So please pardon any temporary disturbance while we bring our new plant online.

For more information, please visit us at www.renewaeshuntington.com. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at talk@renewaeshuntington.com or (888) 372-5633. You can also report any concerns at 1-800-CUT SMOG (1-800-288-7664).



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Next Planning Commission Meeting – November 12, 2019

The Planning Commission will hold public hearings on the following items:

3rd Street Commercial Building

A new, four-story commercial building is proposed on a vacant lot located at 321 3rd Street (between Orange Avenue and Olive Avenue). The building proposes ground floor retail and parking with three stories of office above. A subterranean parking garage with a car elevator is also proposed.



Utica Townhomes

A three-unit, three-story townhome project has been submitted at 712 Utica Avenue (south side of Utica, between Florida St. and Beach Blvd.). The applicant is proposing to demolish an existing commercial building and build three for-sale attached townhome residences. The homes will each have four bedrooms and an attached two-car garage.



Zoning Code Update & Park Avenue Rezone

The Planning Commission will also conduct a public hearing on various amendments to the zoning code and hold a study session on the Park Avenue Rezone project. The Planning Commission agenda with details on all of the items, including staff reports and project plans, will be available on the City's website by Thursday, Nov. 7 at the following link: <https://huntingtonbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SURF CITY BUSINESS COMMUNITY**BUSINESS OWNERS, CONTRACTORS, DESIGNERS, ARCHITECTS****JOIN US FOR A FREE EVENT
SEATING IS LIMITED. PARTICIPANTS
MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND.****MORNING SESSION: 9 AM - 11:30 AM**

Join us for the morning session to discuss Disabled Access in relation to your business:

- What accessibility laws apply to businesses?
- What elements of a business must be accessible to the disabled?
- What is the potential liability if a business does not comply?
- What are the most common violations alleged in accessibility lawsuits?
- How can I get my business evaluated?

AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:00 - 3:30 PM

Join us for the afternoon session to discuss the 2019 code changes. A Q&A period will be available to answer questions.

- What are the changes in 2019 to the California Building Code regarding Disabled Access?
- How will they affect my business?

VENUE FOR BOTH SESSIONS:**Huntington Beach Central Library
7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach**

Presented by:
John Caprarelli, R.E., GASp
California Certified Access Specialist
ICC Preferred Education Provider
Building Official
www.accesstoolkit.com



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Hosted by:**The City of Huntington Beach
Building Division****Reserve Your Seat ONLINE by
November 6th at****<https://accesstoolkit.ticketspice.com/surfcity>**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**Let's Make ORANGE the New GREEN!**

Every Autumn, thousands of pumpkins end up in our county landfills. In order to put this rich organic material to a better use, the City of Huntington Beach and Rainbow/Republic Services are promoting **orange** as the new **green** by providing an easy way for residents to compost their holiday pumpkins. From now through December, simply put spent jack-o-lanterns and whole pumpkins from autumn displays into your green cart. Please remove any candles or lights. Pumpkins decorated with paint cannot be composted and should be put in the brown trash cart.



The material from your green cart is used to create compost that is spread on local crops, gardens and lawns. To ensure the best quality compost, please do not put pet waste, plastics, lawn/leaf bags, food, clothing, garden hoses or trash in your green waste cart. If you have a lawn service, remind your gardener that the green cart is only for the trimmings from your lawn, trees, shrubs and other plants.

For more information about our green waste composting program, please call Public Works Trash and Recycling at 714-375-5010 or email: trashinfo@surfcity-hb.org.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Assessment Method for Rehabilitation of Arterial Roadways

The City of Huntington Beach Public Works Engineering Section uses the Pavement Management Plan, (PMP), to determine which arterials are slated for rehabilitation each fiscal year.

Arterial Rehab (Algonquin/Delaware/Edinger)

Project - Algonquin Street (Warner Avenue – Heil Avenue) and Delaware Streets (Main Street – Ellis Avenue) were paved with 4.5-inches of new pavement after removal of the failed top two-inches of pavement. Edinger Avenue (Bolsa Chica Street – Graham Street) were paved with 5.5-inches of new pavement after the sub-base was stabilized with cement treatment. All three streets have a wearing surface course of fiber-reinforced rubberized asphalt concrete hot mix (ARHM).



Delaware Before

Delaware After



Algonquin Before

Algonquin After

Manholes, monitoring wells, survey monuments, and water valve assemblies were adjusted to grade and traffic loops and striping were replaced to current standards. Improvements also included limited replacement of concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk, and access ramps. The three street segments were last rehabilitated in the early 1990's.

The project is used a sustainable paving material, which utilizes rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) which contains crumb rubber derived from 100% California waste tire rubber. A two-inch layer of RAC uses over 2,000 waste tires per lane mile. The project will divert more than 9,300 waste tires that would otherwise end up in a landfill. Including this project, the use of RAC in the rehabilitation of the City's arterial streets has resulted in the diversion of over 347,000 waste tires.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Alley Rehabilitation (north of Heil Avenue between Graham Street and Springdale Street) – Similar to the Pavement Management Program, this alley was assessed and determined to be in need of rehabilitation. The project's scope-of-work involved the removal and replacement of the existing asphalt concrete pavement and concrete v-gutter, with ancillary work as necessary. The alley work was accomplished in two phases, first starting from Springdale to Clubhouse, then second, Clubhouse to Graham.

Key components associated with alley projects are:

Holding the contractor accountable for pavement compaction and smoothness where existing conditions consist of irregular pavement edges due to block walls, fences, driveway approaches, utility poles and boxes. Concentrated coordination including notifications to businesses and residents for staging trash pickups, alternate parking during alley closures, perimeter relief for street sweeping enforcement and residents with special accommodations.



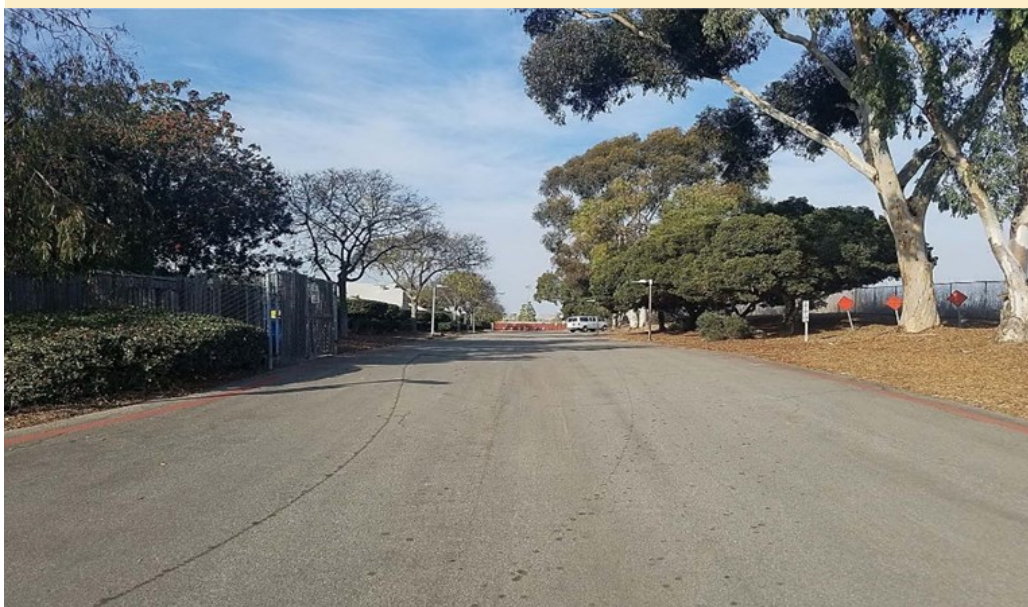
Heil Before (above) and After (below)



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Con't)

The **Ocean View Estates (OVE) Parking Lot Expansion Project** was awarded to MK Construction on May 20, 2019 with a total budget of \$71,687.00. OVE is a City-owned mobile home park comprised of 44 mobile home spaces located at 7051 Ellis Ave. The residents had requested the City to provide additional on-site parking along the easternmost drive aisle.

The project provided an additional 14 on-site parking spaces and re-stripped the existing handicapped parking space to comply with the current code requirements. The scope of work included the relocation of existing parking lot lighting, minor grading work, the construction of asphalt concrete pavement, striping, and signage to permit overnight parking for the park residents. Due to the existing tree root systems adjacent to the new stalls, six eucalyptus trees were removed prior to the grading work and replaced with twelve, 24" box trees after the completion of construction. Construction began on July 15, 2019 and was substantially completed by August 2, 2019. The project was completed on time with a final construction cost of \$66,437.19.

**Before****After**

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Thanks to everyone who attended our first “Worthy Park Before Dark” fall festival! We had a great turnout with over 50 families and special appearances from our very own HBPD K9 unit, Huntington Beach Fire Department, and Marine Safety. Activities included a pumpkin patch, carving station, haunted maze, bounce house, and tons of games and activities with plenty of candy! Haole Boys Shave Ice was serving up a cool treat for a hot day, and Green Tomato Grill supplied loads of pink lemonade! We can’t wait for next year!



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

THANK YOU TO OUR SURF CITY ARTS FEST SPONSORS



The Huntington Beach Art Center would like to say THANKS!

The Huntington Beach Art Center would like to thank all the wonderful guests who attended Surf City Arts Fest. It was a beautiful day filled with entertainment, fun kid's projects, and dozens of fine art vendors sharing their work with the community. We are grateful to the Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation, Artist Council, the HBAC staff, volunteers, and guests for supporting exhibitions and educational programming at the Art Center.

We would especially like to thank this year's sponsors, silent auction donors, and new and renewed business partners. HBAC is so grateful to those who have chosen to share their support of the arts. We invite one and all to come see what we have in store at HBAC, and to continue to engage in community art events!

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



The Huntington Beach Art Center Presents

INSPIRED

The 6th Artist Council Exhibition

November 16- December 14, 2019

Members and Patrons Preview: Sat., Nov. 16 | 5:30- 6:30 p.m.

Public Opening Reception: Sat., Nov. 16 | 6:30- 9 p.m.

Art for Lunch + Exhibition Talk: Thurs., Nov. 21 | 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Film Night at the Art Center: Thurs., Dec. 5 | 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

Join us Saturday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. for the public opening reception of *Inspired*: the 6th Annual Artist Council exhibition! The juried exhibition features over 150 works from artists working in a variety of mediums. Participation is an exclusive benefit to HBAC Artist Council Members. **The Artist Council of the Huntington Beach Art Center is an organization of artists who produce, encourage, and promote visual arts throughout the local community and beyond.** Visit www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org or call the Art Center (714) 374-1650 for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Meet on Beach—Free Family Fun!

On Sunday, November 17, we invite you to **Meet on Beach** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Huntington Beach Municipal Parking Lot – Beach Blvd. & PCH, Huntington Beach.

Meet on Beach (Boulevard) for a day filled with free fun for the whole family and experience seven Orange County cities like never before. From the hills of La Habra, down to the ocean at Huntington Beach, enjoy 1.5 miles of open streets, bike and pedestrian friendly activities, live performances, food, giveaways and much more at seven pop-up sites along or nearby Beach Boulevard.

Meet on Beach culminates in Huntington Beach. Join us for a family-friendly lively festival complete with local food, live music and entertainment by the **Ramsey Brothers Band**, a BMX demonstration by **Robert Castillo's BMX Freestyle**, a bicycle rodeo by the **Huntington Beach Police Department**, an endurance course, photo ops along the coastal views, food trucks, and more!

For more information about this event, go to www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/meetonbeach.



Meet on Beach—Sunday, November 17!

CITY MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT***GREEN Cleaning Service Business Workshop —
A Great Success!***

On October 25, the City co-hosted an interactive, hands-on workshop on Green Cleaning Service Business in partnership with a local non-profit organization, CIELO. The workshop included a guest speaker, Salome, the owner of Salome Solis Cleaning Services, who shared why she decided to transition to more green cleaning practices and what it was like going through the certification process. The Salome Solis Cleaning Services was one of the first certified Sustainable Businesses in Huntington Beach and a former client of CIELO.



The workshop participants were able to learn about the benefits of the HB Sustainable Business Certification Program, as well as long-term health and environment impacts of non-toxic, green cleaning products and practices.

Through the hands-on portion of the workshop, the audience was able to test out green cleaning products and create their own cleaning products by using only two inexpensive, eco-friendly ingredients. Participants were also able to network and share their business tips among one another.

For more information about the Sustainable Business Certification Program, please contact the City Manager's Office at 714-536-5579 or visit the City website at <https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/business/sustainable-business-certification-program/>.



OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Consolidated Plan Public Meetings

The City is currently updating its Consolidated Plan as part of the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) requirement, and one of the requirements is to obtain feedback and input from the Huntington Beach community. **The Consolidated Plan gets updated every five years and it's the leading document for community needs in Huntington Beach for programs and services that are funded annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).**

On December 5, the City will be hosting three separate meetings at City Hall as part of the community intake process:

- ◆ Service Providers—11 am, Room B-8
- ◆ Homeless & Housing—3 pm, Room B-8
- ◆ Citizen Participation Advisory Board & General Public—6 pm, Room B-8

Questions regarding these meetings or the process may be directed to Robert Ramirez, Economic Development Project Manager, at (714) 375-5186 or Robert.ramirez@surfcity-hb.org.

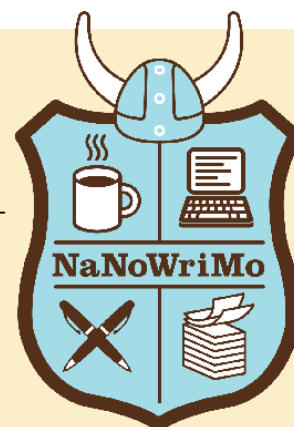
INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know you that you can view previous City Mayors on the City website?
You can find the link to this page from the main City Council page located under the Government navigation tab.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/mayors_historical/

LIBRARY SERVICES**Events for Adults at Central Library****NaNoWriMo Write-In**

It's National Novel Writing Month! Have you ever wanted to write a novel, but had difficulty finding the time, motivation, or inspiration? Join us for a weekly Write-In every Tuesday in November at 6:30 pm. Come to 1 session or all! Participants will sit down for two hours of dedicated writing time in this group writing workshop. Register online at www.hbpl.org.



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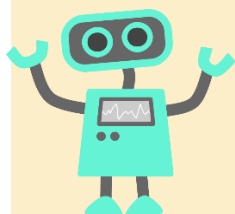
**Veterans Resource Center Monthly Workshop**

As a part of our ongoing efforts to serve the veterans of our City, the Huntington Beach Public Library is offering a monthly workshop focusing on issues relevant to the needs of those who have served. This month, Luis Camoy of WFG Services, will be presenting a workshop on proper protection of your financial portfolio. This financial planning

presentation is specifically geared toward veterans and their families. This event will take place on Thursday, November 14, at 6 p.m. in the Talbert Room at Central Library.

Children's Department**Ballet Etudes *Nutcracker* Tickets are on sale now!**

Ballet Etudes will be performing the *Nutcracker* on December 17 and 18 in the Central Library Theater. This annual holiday production will have two performances each day at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person, and are available in the Children's Dept. of the Central Library. Hurry and get your tickets early as this event will sell out!

**Beginner Coding Class for students ages 10-13**

This beginner coding class is designed to teach students the basics in coding. Each week builds on skills learned the previous session. Classes are Nov. 10 and 17, and Dec. 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. in the Maddy Room. Class size is limited and registration is required. Instruction provided by Stem Up 4 Youth HBHS students. A limited number of laptops are available, and may have to be shared. If you have your own laptop please bring it. To register: <https://hbpl.libcal.com/calendar/events>

LIBRARY SERVICES

Main Street Branch

The Main Street Library is very pleased to host the Huntington Beach Historic Resources Board for their **Opening Reception of the Historic Photography Exhibit on Thursday, November 14 from 6 to 8pm**. These photographs, which are on permanent display at the Main Street branch, were compiled by Mr. Richardson Gray as his gift to the city. Starting with the city's first library on Main Street and



Walnut Avenue in 1909, this visual celebration of Huntington Beach includes photos of historic city leaders, glimpses of life on downtown Main Street, and wraps up with an exploration of the popular sport that brought about the moniker "Surf City." Light refreshments will be served. The Main Street library is located at 525 Main Street and can be reached by calling (714) 375-5071.



Banning Branch

The **Banning Branch Library Book Club** will meet on **Thursday, November 14 at 5:30 pm** to discuss this month's book pick, The Old Man and the Sea. All adults ages 18 and up are invited to explore this 1952 Ernest Hemingway classic which helped earn the author the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954. After enjoying refreshments, leader Miss Andrea will take members new and old on a wild ride with Santiago, an old Cuban fisherman, and his relentless, agonizing battle with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream of Cuba. The Banning Branch library is located at 9281 Banning Avenue and can be reached by calling (714) 375-5005.



Oak View Branch



Children and their families are invited to the next **Family Pajama Storytime** coming up on **Wednesday, November 13 at 6 p.m.** Join Miss Kari for an evening hour of stories, music and crafts – all with a Thanksgiving turkey theme! Kids (and their parents, too!) are encouraged to wear their pajamas to this family-friendly event!

Then, on **Thursday, November 14 at 12:30 p.m.**, adults of all ages and artistic abilities are invited to the monthly **Coloring for Relaxation** session. Since stress and anxiety relief are not reserved for adults alone, teens are also invited to bring friends or come solo to this opportunity for creativity and well-being. All materials, such as coloring sheets and tools, will be provided, as well as some relaxing music.

The Oak View Branch Library is located at 17251 Oak Lane and can be reached by calling (714) 375-5068.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

California Brush Fires Update

On October 24, 2019, Huntington Beach Fire Department firefighters responded on mutual aid requests to assist in protecting communities affected by the Kincade, Tick, and Getty Fires. At one point, there were 18 members of the Huntington Beach Fire Department who were working to protect lives and property at the devastating brush fires in Northern and Southern California:



- ♦ One HBFD engine and two HBFD battalion chiefs joined an Office of Emergency Services strike team to respond to the Tick Fire in Los Angeles County to actively fight fires and provide structure protection. These personnel were then reassigned to the Kincade Fire in Sonoma County.
- ♦ One HBFD engine and one HBFD battalion chief joined a strike team with local agencies to respond to the Tick Fire and then were reassigned to the Kincade Fire. These personnel are also assigned to fight fires and provide structure protection.
- ♦ Two HB paramedics are assigned to the Kincade Fire to provide emergency medical services for personnel working the incident.
- ♦ A four-person REMS (rapid extraction module support) team of HB firefighters is assigned to the Getty fire in Los Angeles.
- ♦ A radio operator for incident communications is assigned to the Getty Fire in Los Angeles County.

The statewide mutual aid system coordinates resources from various jurisdictions in California when the local agency is quickly overwhelmed. This mutual aid is voluntary between local jurisdictions and the State under the terms of the *California Disaster and Civil Defense Master Mutual Aid Agreement*, as provided for in the *California Emergency Services Act*.

The Huntington Beach Fire Department was selected as one of the agencies to staff a fire engine for the Office of Emergency Services (OES). This green fire engine is staffed by HBFD personnel and travels throughout the state to help with disasters and major emergencies. The experiences gained during the OES deployments allow personnel to bring back knowledge and expertise about serious emergencies for our own community.

Huntington Beach firefighters are still deployed at this time. However, our community remains safe as Huntington Beach fire stations are covered by recalling off-duty firefighters. We can take comfort in knowing that if a large disaster strikes our own community, there are resources available to help us in our time of need.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Tip-A-Cop

Congratulations to the 2019 Tip-A-Cop team lead by Sgt. Brad Smith, who raised \$11,400 during this year's event! With an added contribution of \$10,000 from a grant initiated by Kohl's, the HBPD was able to raise more than \$21,000 for Special Olympics! Thank you to our entire community for your support, and for coming out to help us raise money for these deserving athletes!



"Movember" is Here!

Now that we have entered the month of November, you know what that means...Movember! For those of you who might not know what this is, it means our officers will be looking a lot more hairy over the next few months as they throw their razors aside for a month for a good cause. Many of them will be growing mustaches, goatees or beards during the month of November to help raise awareness for prostate cancer.

The rules are pretty simple – to grow a mustache officers must donate \$25, \$50 for a goatee, and \$100 for a beard. Each participant will be allowed to grow their facial hair after providing proof of a donation to pcf.org. So let the scruffiness begin, and help us support men's health awareness!

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



On Thursday, October 31, the City Clerk's Office hosted this year's Halloween Pancake Breakfast. *Zombie Party* was the theme, and City zombies (employees) enjoyed pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and gourmet coffee. Lucky zombies were recipients of raffle prizes donated by local businesses, and many zombies competed in contests for best costume, best gravestone, and best department dance to Michael Jackson's *"Thriller."*



Special thanks goes out to the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association (POA), Management Employees' Organization (MEO), Municipal Employees' Association (MEA), and members of the Executive Team for their generous donations to help fund the event. In addition, the City was grateful for the service provided by volunteers from Mariner's Church who did all the cooking and serving of food and coffee, and the Public Works and Information Services Departments for helping set up and break down the event.



Last but certainly not least, the City Clerk's Office recognizes and thanks students from the Huntington Beach High School APA program (pictured) who arrived at City Hall at 6 a.m. to create City Clerk zombies ... these ladies rocked!





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November 17, 2019

10 a.m.–2p.m.

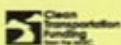
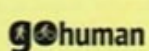
Pacific Coast Highway & Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach, CA 92646



Join us at the beach for a day of family fun featuring:

- » a live performance by the **Ramsey Brothers Band**,
- » a BMX performance by **BMX Freestyle Shows**,
- » a bicycle rodeo by the **HB Police Department**,
- » an endurance challenge course,
- » local food trucks,
- » and more!

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MAYOR'S BALL™

November 23, 2019

SAVE THE DATE

Inaugural Huntington Beach Mayor's Ball

Celebrating the 110th Birthday of the City of Huntington Beach

Acknowledging Hon. **Mayor Erik Peterson**

Charity Event for:

- **American Legion - Post 133**
Celebrating Their 100th Birthday
- **Sand Dollars of Huntington Beach**
and the Miss HB Scholarship Program
Celebrating over 100 Miss HB Recipients

Be the first to reserve a seat by
completing the online form at:

hbmayorsball.org



Guided Do-it-Yourself disassembly, troubleshooting and repair.
Open it up. See how it worked. Hopefully fix it.

Fix Your Broken Stuff!!

Saturday, November 16, 1:00-3:00pm

HB Central Library – Maddy Room
7111 Talbert Ave, Huntington Beach, CA

This is a **FREE** family-friendly event

(Children age 6 and up are welcome when accompanied by responsible adult)

BRING:

1. your broken or non-working electronics, small appliances, toys, bikes, clothing, etc. (carry-in only – no stoves, refrigerators, washing machines or other oversize items)
2. accessories, parts, and tools you already own that might be helpful (e.g. phillips head screwdriver, small pliers, new parts)
3. any knowledge or advance research you've done on the issue
4. boxes, bags and/or small containers to organize (and carry away) parts.

Questions? Contact trashinfo@surfcity-hb.org or (714) 375-5010



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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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