

HUNTINGTON BEACH GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: Southern California coast, 18 miles southeast of the nearest seaport terminal at Long Beach, 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles and 90 miles northwest of San Diego.

AREA: Land: 28 square miles; Water: 26 square miles.

CLIMATE: A Mediterranean climate that is sunny and warm.

POPULATION: 187,370 (according to 1990 U.S. Census).

GOVERNMENT: Incorporated Feb. 17, 1909 with a population of 915. Huntington Beach is a Charter City, administered by a Council/Administrator government.

EDUCATION: 35 elementary schools and four high schools. Golden West College and near by Orange Coast College, University of California Irvine, State Universities at Long Beach and Fullerton.

CHURCHES: Churches represent all leading denominations.

LIBRARY: A world class Central Library located in the 300-acre Central Park. The City also has four branch libraries.

CULTURE: Variety of cultural opportunities throughout Orange County. Huntington Beach Art Center, 350-seat community theater, and the Huntington Beach School District's School of Performing Arts.

RECREATION: 56 parks and 8 1/2 miles of beaches in the city and a wide variety of recreational activities in the county area.

CIVIC CENTER: The city has a modern Civic Center and hosts a state of the art police facility.

TRANSPORTATION: Easy freeway access to L.A. International Airport, John Wayne Orange County Airport, Long Beach Airport, bus service and rail freight service.

UTILITIES: Southern California Edison Company, The Gas Company, Municipal Water Department, General Telephone of California, and Time-Warner Cable TV company.

INDUSTRY: Space systems, public utility, petroleum, manufacturing, data and computer research, precision instruments.

NEWSPAPERS: The Orange County Register, Los Angeles Times, The Local News, The Wave, and the Huntington Beach Independent.

RADIO: KWIZ, Orange County (Santa Ana); KEZY, Orange County (Anaheim).

TELEVISION: HBTB-3 (Municipal Government Channel), KOCE-TV (Golden West College), Los Angeles and Orange County Commercial stations.

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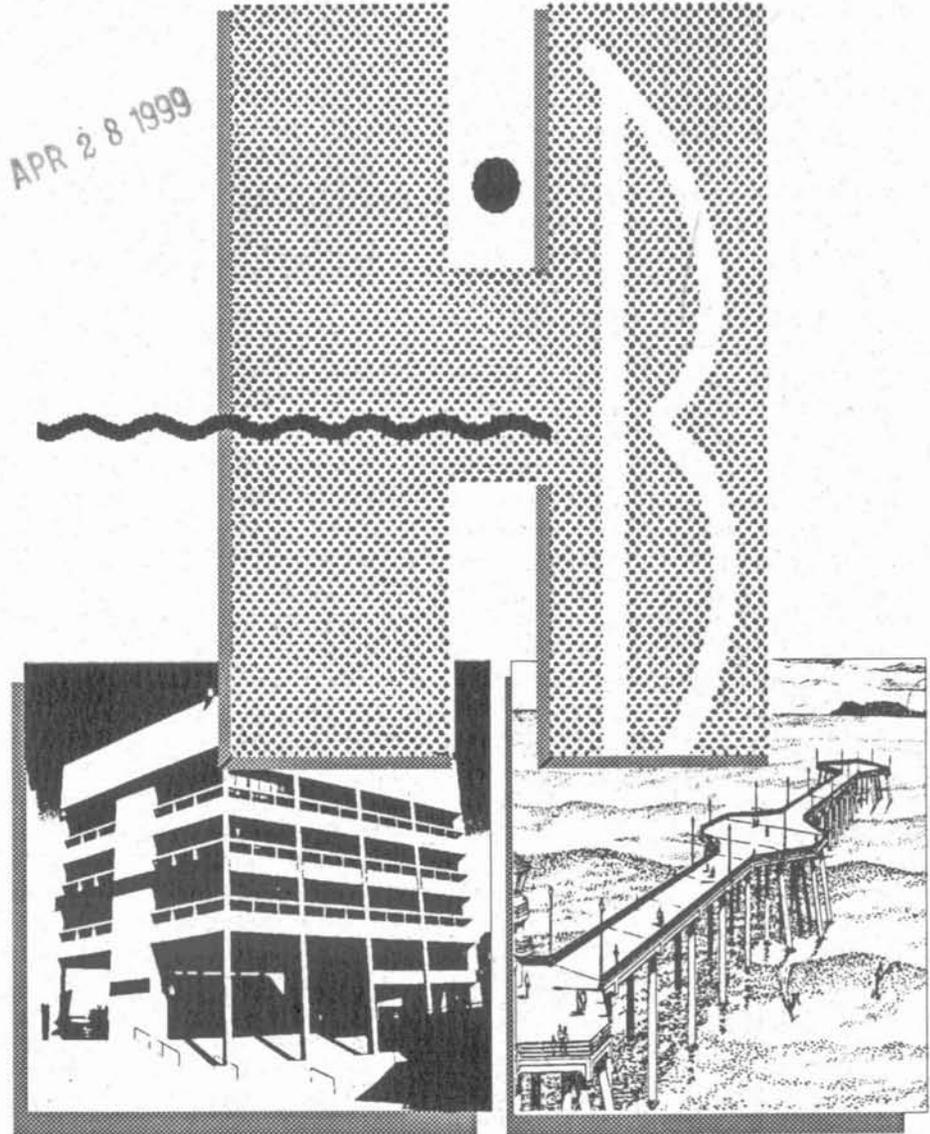
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CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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Huntington Beach, CA 92648

WELCOME TO HUNTINGTON BEACH

Huntington Beach is more than the coastal jewel of Southern California. The city is a great place to live, work and play.

Incorporated in 1909, Huntington Beach remained a sleepy seaside town until the oil boom in the 1920's.

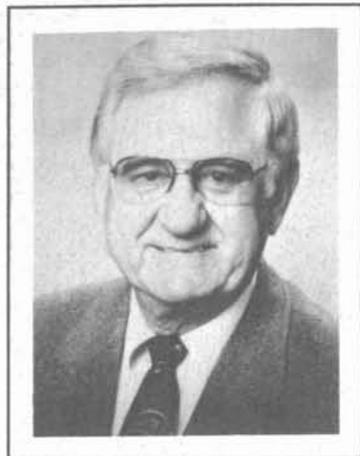
During the 1960's Huntington Beach became identified as Surf City when the popular Jan and Dean song "Surf City" climbed the musical charts, bringing the fantasy of the beach life-style to national attention. Today with the city hosting the International Surfing Museum, professional surfing contests and some of the best year-round recreational surfing it continues to hold the title of Surf City, U.S.A.

The beauty of Huntington Beach is not limited only to its' beaches; the city also has several fine expansive parks, equestrian trails and recreation facilities. The city boasts five acres of park space per 1,000 residents - which exceeds the standard recommended by the National Parks and Recreation Association.

A variety of cultural opportunities exist within Huntington Beach, including the Huntington Beach Art Center, 350-seat local theater located in the Central Library and Resource Center and the Huntington Beach School District's School of Performing Arts.

Huntington Beach was selected by California Business Magazine, in 1993, as the best big city to do business in the state.

Citing the openness of city officials with business owners, free seminars and one-on-one business counseling at the



Mayor Peter Green

Huntington Beach Small Business Assistance Center, the city ranked top among 55 cities with populations over 100,000.

The city also ranks among the safest cities in the nation that have populations over 100,000; one of the lowest in unemployment, and has the longest municipal pier in the United States.

Huntington Beach was also ranked as the top city for children in Southern California by the Zero Population Growth group. The study showed that there are many factors that reduce the amount of stress of Huntington Beach children: classroom spending per pupil is above the state average, largest children's library in the state and second largest in the nation, designated bike routes on 75% of all city streets. The city is proud of its reputation as a great place for children.

The city has grown quite a bit since its beginnings in 1909. Today, though with a population of 187,370 and a growing commercial and industrial base, Huntington Beach still maintains itself as a great city to live, work and play.

CITY COUNCIL

Peter Green, Mayor
Dave Garofalo, Mayor Pro Tem

COUNCILMEMBERS

Ralph Bauer
Tom Harman

Dave Sullivan

Shirley Dettloff
Pam Julien

Ray Silver, City Administrator

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Elected:

City AttorneyGail Hutton
City ClerkConnie Brockway
City TreasurerShari L. Freidenrich

Appointed:

Assistant City Administrator.....Melanie Fallon
Deputy City Administrator, PIO/IGR.....Richard Barnard
Director of Administrative Services John Reekstin
Director of PlanningHoward Zelefsky
Director of Building and Safety.....Ross Cramner
Director of Community Services Ron Hagan
Director of Economic DevelopmentDavid Biggs
Fire ChiefMichael P. Doider
Police ChiefRon Lowenberg
Director of Public WorksRobert Beardley

In the interest of a more democratic government, the city invites your presence at Huntington Beach City Council and Planning Commission meetings.

CITY COUNCIL: First and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m., Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Civic Center Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street.

Both meetings are broadcast "live" on HBTV-3.

To assist the council in forming policy, the Planning Commission, Community Services Commission, Library Board, Design Review Board, Personnel Board, Allied Arts Board, Historic Resources Board, Finance Board and other specialized boards and commissions make recommendations to the council on matters within those fields.

City Administrator carries out the council's plans and orders by coordinating the work of all the city's departments, applies council policies, expends authorized funds and recommends to the city council.

City Clerk is the council's recording secretary and prepares the council agenda. Residents wishing to bring specific matters to the attention of the council may contact the clerk's office at least two weeks in advance.

Citizens are invited to express opinions on matters coming before the city council during scheduled and advertised public hearings. In addition, every agenda includes a time for oral communications during which citizens may bring matters to the attention of the council or comment on agenda items which are not public hearings.