

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police and Fire Department Conduct Active Shooter Training

The HBPD and HBFD have joined forces and conducted Active Shooter training during the month of February. They are learning and practicing the latest tactics and protocols in responding to active shooting incidents. These protocols include dealing with suspects, aiding the injured, evacuations and family reunification plans. They are working together to be prepared in the event such a tragedy would occur in Huntington Beach.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park

New to the internet marketplace of Craigslist?

Learn everything you ever wanted to know about Craigslist! Rodgers Seniors' Center is offering a three-hour workshop on February 15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The class will teach you how to make offers, buy items, write and edit ads, attach photos, and most importantly how to protect yourself. Don't miss this opportunity to learn to use one of the most popular shopping websites online. The workshop is fee-based and requires a reservation. Contact the Rodgers Seniors' Center at 1706 Orange Avenue 714-536-9387 for information or to make a reservation.

Valentine's Day Dancing Through the Decades

New food - new bands - new fun! On Friday February 14, the HBCOA will host its monthly dance with live music from Wayne Pulcini, featuring your favorite tunes from Sinatra to Dino. The romance-themed dance will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center at 1706 Orange Avenue in Huntington Beach. So put on your dancing shoes and come join the fun! Both sweethearts and singles are welcome. Tickets are \$5 for HBCOA members and \$7.50 for non-members. For information contact the Rodgers Seniors' Center at 714-536-9387.

Valentine's Celebration

Come and celebrate Valentine's Day this Friday at the Rodgers Seniors' Center with a special themed-lunch from SeniorServ featuring eggplant parmesan and red velvet cake for dessert. Each weekday at the Huntington Beach Senior Café, SeniorServ dishes up a delicious balanced meal formulated by a registered dietician. Enjoy a hassle free hot lunch with friends. Sign up by 11 a.m. - lunch is served at 11:30. There is a fee of \$5 for individuals younger than 60 and a suggested donation of \$3 for those over 60. For information or to pick up a monthly menu, visit the Rodgers Seniors' Center front desk at 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach.

Food Program for Low-Income Seniors

On February 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and the second Friday of every month, low-income, Huntington Beach residents can pick-up USDA commodities, federal-fund purchased food, and donated food at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue. This program is in partnership with Community Action Partnership of Orange County to end

hunger and malnutrition. In order to be eligible, recipients must self-certify that their household income is at or below 150% of federal poverty-level, and will need to provide proof of residency. Depending on availability, this month's commodities include sliced peaches, sliced potatoes, spaghetti and sauce, orange juice, oatmeal, dried beans, rice, and corn. For more information, please call the Rodgers Seniors' Center 714-536-9387.

FIRE

"Teacher of the Year" – Chris Hubbard – also HBFD Seasonal Lifeguard

Chris Hubbard was hired in May 1998 as a Seasonal Lifeguard with the City of Huntington Beach and is currently a Seasonal Ocean Lifeguard III. Chris is also a teacher at Mariner's Elementary School in the Newport/Mesa Unified School District and was recognized as Mariner's Elementary School "Teacher of the Year" at a ceremony on Thursday, February 6, 2014.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Task Force Meeting

The next meeting of the Downtown Task Force will take place on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Main Street Branch Library, located at 525 Main Street. For a copy of the agenda, please visit:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/downtown_task_force.cfm

Free Fair Housing Landlord Workshop – February 19

The Fair Housing Foundation will present a workshop for landlords on Wednesday, February 19 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Talbert Room of the Huntington Beach Central Library. This is an excellent opportunity for landlords to ask questions and learn their rights and responsibilities regarding Fair Housing laws, rental application processes, managing rental property, rent increases, eviction processes, and more. The workshop is free of charge, but an RSVP is required: 800-446-3247, extension 1104. Fair Housing Foundation partners with the City of Huntington Beach to provide counseling and other related services to landlords and tenants throughout the city and are available by telephone five-days per week. For more information, please visit their website at FairHousingFoundation.com.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission

On Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers the following item is scheduled for the Planning Commission public hearing:

1. **ENTITLEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 13-005/ SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 13-003 (PACIFIC CITY HOTEL):** To amend the site plan, floor plans, and elevations for the previously approved hotel development. The project is located on the 3.49 acre portion of the Pacific City mixed use project and is proposed with an eight-story 250 room hotel including spa, pool, and fitness amenities, and a 5,800 sq. ft. restaurant. The project is located at 21002 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (bounded by Pacific Coast Highway,

First Street, Pacific View Avenue, and Huntington Street). Please contact Jill Arabe, Associate Planner, for more information.

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

(<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/pcagenda021114.cfm>). Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

PetSmart Coming to Seacliff Village

A building permit was recently issued for a PetSmart to be located at 19370 Goldenwest St. (formerly Jonathon's Home Décor) at the Seacliff Village Shopping Center (Goldenwest St. and Yorktown Ave.). PetSmart will be 9,500 square foot retail and grooming facility. The Planning and Building Staff worked with the property owner and architect to ensure a smooth efficient permit process.

LIBRARY

Street Beat Children's Program @ the Library

Here's a show that encourages the audience to stamp their feet! Street Beat is performing "Boom Tap" at the Central Library Theater on Saturday, February 22 at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person. Street Beat is a STOMP-inspired, urban percussion group. They use the ordinary and make it extraordinary in an explosive percussion celebration. From paint cans to metal wash tubs, there is nothing they can't turn into a percussion instrument. The audience is treated to some outrageous break dancing and, of course, wild and crazy drumming. This is fun for the entire family. Don't miss out. Tickets can be purchased now at the Central Library Children's Desk. For more information about Street Beat, visit: www.streetbeatassemblies.com.

Authors' Festival Oak View

As part of the Oak View Branch Library Annual Author's Festival, the Friends of the Children's Library presented a special Storytime featuring Cinderella on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. About 80 attendees, children and parents, were delighted by the visit of Cinderella, who narrated stories, sang songs and dance with the children! Children had the opportunity to take a photo with Cinderella! This event was sponsored by the Authors Festival

Committee of the FOTCL - and was funded by a generous grant from the Employees Community Fund (ECF) of Boeing California. Every child who attended received some coloring pages, a small package of crayons and a snack. Children and parents were delighted with this special event and are looking forward to have Cinderella back at Oak View Branch Library sometime soon!



February Art Shows @ the Library

Karen Otsubo will have a retrospective exhibit of her work in the Corner Gallery of the Central Library during the month of February. At the same time, the Huntington Beach Art League holds its annual non-juried show in the Windows Gallery of the Central Library, 7111 Talbert

Ave. This year's show has the theme "Traveling Artists." Both galleries are free and open during regular Library hours. For more information, call Gallery Manager Cheryl Del Toro at 714-531-3663 or visit www.hbartleague.org.

Genealogy BASH and Book Faire

Ever wonder how to trace a family line or fill in a family tree? Come to the Genealogy BASH and Book Faire hosted by the Orange County, California, Genealogical Society on Saturday, March 1 and find out! The event includes expert speakers on 18 different topics, genealogy-related exhibitors such as Legacy Family Tree to answer questions, and free classes for beginners to introduce **new** people to the rewarding pastime of family history research.

The BASH is sure to spark an interest in learning family history for the first time...or all over again. The event runs from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Huntington Beach Library, with speaker sessions starting at 9:15 a.m. Boxed lunches can be reserved with your registration. Advance registration by mail or online is required (even for the free classes). For further information, contact the OCCGS at (714) 536-5549 or visit www.occgcs.com.

Olympic Memories @ the Library

The quadrennial celebration of winter sports visits Sochi, Russia. Revisit some of the more memorable Olympic champions and competitors with these titles at the Library -- check one out today!

- ❖ *The Winter Olympics: An Insider's Guide To The Legends, The Lore, And The Game: Vancouver Edition* by Ron C. Judd.
- ❖ *The Boys of Winter: The Untold Story Of A Coach, A Dream, And The 1980 U.S. Olympic Hockey Team* by Wayne Coffey; foreword by Jim Craig.
- ❖ *Bode: Go Fast, Be Good, Have Fun* by Bode Miller with Jack McEnany.
- ❖ *Zero Regrets: Be Greater Than Yesterday* by Apolo Anton Ohno with Alan Abrahamson.
- ❖ *Full Circle: An Autobiography* by Dan Jansen with Jack McCallum.
- ❖ *The Long Program: Skating Toward Life's Victories* by Peggy Fleming with Peter Kaminsky.
- ❖ *A Skating Life* by Dorothy Hamill with Deborah Amelon.
- ❖ *Landing It: My Life On and Off the Ice* by Scott Hamilton with Lorenzo Benet.
- ❖ *My Sergei: A Love Story* by Ekaterina Gordeeva with E.M. Swift.

PUBLIC WORKS

Beach Bluff Wall Repair Completed

Replacement of a portion of retaining wall along the beach bluff area near 18th Street was recently completed. Approximately 100 lineal feet of retaining wall was replaced after a portion of the wall failed, likely due to corrosion of the internal rebar, after years of exposure to the marine environment.



Once the failure was discovered, City crews fenced off the area as a safety precaution. This allowed City staff time to analyze different options for replacement of the wall that were cost effective, could withstand the marine environment, and had minor impacts to the area. Based on this criteria, a retaining system utilizing concrete blocks, plastic geogrid, and fiberglass pins was selected. This method allowed for a quick construction process, making it cost effective and the materials used will resist the corrosive nature of the marine environment. In addition, the blocks also allow for plant establishment to drape down, softening the appearance of the wall, as well as serve as graffiti deterrent. The final product met all established criteria and will likely serve as a template for any future replacements.

The Drought of 2014

With the current drought conditions that we are experiencing throughout California, Governor Brown has asked that everyone voluntarily reduce their water use by 20%. Currently the snow pack levels in the Sierras are only at 12% of their normal levels and California's largest reservoirs, Shasta and Oroville, are only at 54% of their historical-average levels. We all need to do our part to help conserve our water.

In the City of Huntington Beach, we pump 70% of our water from our City wells and import 30 percent of our water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Over the past 20 years, the Metropolitan Water District has invested more than \$5 billion building reservoirs and water delivery infrastructure, as well as implementing other water storage programs. One example is Diamond Valley Lake in Hemet, which is a lifeline for Southern California in times of drought. The lake can hold enough water to meet the area's emergency and drought needs for six months and is an important component of the plan to provide a reliable supply of water to the 18 million people in Southern California.

We continue to encourage residents and businesses to use water as efficiently as possible year-round. Leaking toilets, faucets, and pipes waste water and money so making repairs when they occur is a water-saving measure saving up to 20 gallons per day. The Metropolitan Water District still offers rebates of \$50 for the high-efficiency toilets (HET) that operate on 1.28 gallons per flush (gpf), using up to 20 percent less water than standard 1.6 gpf toilets. By replacing old, inefficient toilets, the average family can reduce water used for toilets by 20 to 60 percent (depending on the model that's installed)—that's nearly 13,000 gallons of water savings for your home every year! For a list of rebates, please check MWDOC's website at www.mwdoc.com/services/incentives.

Water-saving tips to help you be more efficient can be found at www.mwdoc.com/wue. For a great interactive tool to see how much water you are using at home, go to www.home-water-works.org/calculator. This tool will give you a report to see how much water you are using in comparison to an average home of comparable size in your area. It will also give some helpful ways in which to help you save water.

Free Rainwater Harvesting Class a Great Success

On Sat. Feb. 8, the Water Conservation Section of the City's Utilities Division hosted a free rainwater harvesting class, where 160 rain barrels were sold. The rain barrels were sold at a



discounted price of \$85, but with a \$75 rebate from MWD, the final cost was only \$10. Each barrel holds 58 gallons of water that can be captured and put to use in your garden instead of creating urban runoff. Due to the popular response, we will likely host another class in April, so please check the City's website at: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater for upcoming classes and offers.

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/