

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park
Senior Service Volunteer Drivers Wanted

What would you do if you couldn't drive anymore? In Huntington Beach, Senior Services helps address this need through the award winning *Surf City Seniors on the Go* transportation program where volunteer drivers are a big part of the solution. Volunteer drivers give a senior resident back his or her mobility by transporting them in city vehicles to medical appointments, shopping, classes, and activities. Passengers truly appreciate the service like Don who rides the bus to the senior center daily "*The senior bus is a life saver when a person's drivers license has been take from him.*" and Pearl who "*rides every day and sometimes twice a day. This is so important to me*".



Drivers typically volunteer for one morning or afternoon shift per week from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. or noon to 4 p.m. and are required to attend three safety meetings per year. Interested volunteers may go on a no-obligation ride-a-long with an experienced volunteer. *Requirements include: You must be 18 years or older, have a good driving record and insurance. Drivers must provide a DMV H-6 form and are fingerprinted & background checked.* For more information contact Teri Simonis, Volunteer Services Coordinator 714-374-1544 / tsimonis@surfcity-hb.org.

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Huntington Beach Senior Services volunteers delivered holiday meals to 60 older residents on Christmas. These older adults, who might otherwise be alone on the holiday, enjoyed the short visit and a festive meal prepared and sponsored by Huntington Terrace. In addition to the delicious Turkey meal prepared by Huntington Terrace's Chef Glen Culbertson, volunteers also carried large bags filled with ornaments made by students in the Peterson YMCA Afterschool program and greeting cards handcrafted by Eader Elementary students. MemorialCare Medical Group donated reusable bags for the Volunteers to pack all the bounty. This year a volunteer dressed as Santa Claus deliver the meals and other volunteers sang Christmas carols! Funded by the HBCOA and the Center's Handy Crafters, Holiday Meals are delivered to qualified older adults in Huntington Beach on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Volunteers interested in delivering holiday meals on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014, may contact Teri Simonis, Volunteer Coordinator, 714-374-1544, tsimonis@surfcity-hb.org. This is a wonderful way to introduce volunteering to family and friends.



The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Orange County will be running an educational enrichment class for FAMILIES OF MENTALLY ILL ADULTS beginning Monday, February 3, 2014, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Come and experience the class that moves families from despair and isolation to hope and empowerment and offers education and support for family members of close relatives who are mentally ill. Class members will learn to understand and support their relative while maintaining their own well being. Class members will be taught coping skills such as handling crisis and relapse, and presented information about medications, listening and communication techniques, problem solving, recovery and rehabilitation, and self care in the midst of worry and stress. The class runs for 12 weeks and is free to attend. This program is sponsored by NAMI of Orange County and will be held at the Rodgers Senior Center located at 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. To find out more information and register, call Katie Lenoff at 714-836-4138 or Lynne Thies at 714-299-1405 or visit www.namio.org/Services/Programs/Family-to-Family-Registration.html.

**Guitar Jam Band**

Rock out with Guitar Jam Band! Students will learn basic chords and scales, then utilize those fundamentals to play music as a group. The instructor will "jam" along with students, and teach them how to play pop rock tunes. All skill levels are welcome, as students will help each other learn new material and skills while perfecting the old. This new, interactive class is being offered for youth age 11 to

17 years at the City Gym and Pool. For more class information, please refer to www.HBsands.org or contact the City Gym & Pool at 714-960-8884.

Coed Youth Basketball

Basketball is back! The City of Huntington Beach Coed Youth Basketball League provides participants from third to eighth grade with an exciting, instructional outlet to enjoy sports. The league offers the best of both worlds, combining fun with friendly competition! League play is 11 weeks including evaluations, practice games, 6-league games, and a championship or bowl game. All league games will be played in a beautiful indoor gymnasium at either the City Gym & Pool or Liberty School. Registration is still available in-person at the City Gym & Pool. Call 714-960-8884 for more information or visit www.hbsands.org.



Huntington Beach Youth Sports – making life better in our community!

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**Free Tenants Rights Workshop**

A free Tenants Rights Workshop will be offered on Wednesday, January 15 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Talbert Room of the Huntington Beach Central Library. The workshop will cover topics including fair housing laws, eviction process, security deposits, repairs, rent increases, renting at a foreclosed property, and other questions that attendees may have. The workshop is presented by the Fair Housing Foundation, which currently provides fair housing counseling services to the City of Huntington Beach and is available for telephone consultation five days per week and once per month for walk-in counseling at City Hall. Although the workshop is free, an RSVP is required

to attend. To RSVP, please call (800) 447-3247, extension 1104. For more information about the Fair Housing Foundation, visit their website at www.fairhousingfoundation.com.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Friends of the Library January Author's Event

Spend the evening with T. Jefferson Parker on Thursday, January 16 at the Central Library. Come for refreshments and book signing at 6:00 p.m.; lecture in the theater begins at 7:00 p.m.

T. Jefferson Parker is the bestselling author of numerous novels. *The Famous and the Dead* completes Parker's six volumes of the Charlie Hood series, bringing together the destinies of three men as they confront Mexican drug cartels, street gangs, and gun-smuggling. All three men are about to meet, but will not survive.

Tickets are \$10 per person. If paying by check, please make payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, or drop it off at the Friends Gift Shop. For more information contact the Friends of the Library at (714) 375-8429.

Authors Festival at the Central Library

The 26th Annual Authors Festival hosted by the Friends of the Children's Library will be held on Tuesday, January 28 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Central Library. Come meet a variety of authors and illustrators of children's books. Books will be available for sale and autographing. An award ceremony for the winners of the "Imagine Something Different" writing and illustrating contest will be held during the event. Preschool through third grade winners will receive their awards at 3:45 p.m. in the Tabby Theater. Fourth through eighth grade winners will meet at the Tabby Theater at 4:30 p.m. The winning entries will be displayed during the event and through the month of February in the Children's Department.

Dog Gone It @ the Library

Dogs are more than man's best friend. With the success of *Marley & Me*, a pack of books have since shown that dogs are also unique traveling companions, loving teachers, and at times life savers. Here are five recent titles that will make readers sit up and take notice – check them out today!

- *A Dog Walks Into A Nursing Home: Lessons In The Good Life From An Unlikely Teacher* by Sue Halpern.
- *Comet's Tale: How The Dog I Rescued Saved My Life* by Steven D. Wolf with Lynette Padwa.
- *Dogtripping: 25 Rescues, 11 Volunteers, And 3 RVs On Our Canine Cross-Country Adventure* by David Rosenfelt.
- *The Possibility Dogs: What A Handful of "Unadoptables" Taught Me About Service, Hope And Healing* by Susannah Charleson.
- *Wallace: The Underdog Who Conquered A Sport, Saved A Marriage, and Championed Pit Bulls--One Flying Disc At A Time*, by Jim Gorant.

Happy Holidays at the Oak View branch library

- **Homework Club Holiday Event:** In December, students from the Oak View Homework Club Program attended a special holiday event filled with fun crafts, music, light refreshments,

goodies bags and presents. Thanks to the generous donations of the Calderon family, each of the 75 children received a Christmas gift. The Robotics Team of Servite/Connelly & Rosary High Schools put together goodie bags filled with candies, small prizes, etc. and distributed them at this fun event. Volunteers and parents donated light refreshments. Mrs. Campos, a very dedicated Homework Club volunteer, brightened up the event with her guitar and some holiday music.

- **Special Holiday Storytime & Crafts:** On Saturday, December 21, 2013, about 88 children enjoyed a special Holiday Storytime & Crafts Session with Miss Tammie. Girl Scout Troop 1896 donated gifts for children attending this event. Crafts, music and the visit of Santa were some highlights of this children's program.

HBReads honored by OC Department of Education

Huntington Beach Reads One Book (HBReads), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting diversity through reading, has won the Orange County Department of Education's "Outstanding Contributions to Education Award".

In a ceremony Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the department offices in Costa Mesa, HBReads founder and Chairman Fred Provencher and board members accepted the award, presented by Al Mijares, County Superintendent of Schools and members of the department's board of education.

HBReads is dedicated to encouraging readers in Huntington Beach and surrounding communities – adults, students and families – to learn about the diversity of people, cultures and to discuss new perspectives. It introduces them to authors and sponsors a variety of programs that share the art, music, food and experiences of the story.

This year the selected book is Lessons from Little Rock, written by Dr. Terrence Roberts, one of the "Little Rock Nine" students who broke the segregation barrier at Little Rock's Central High School in 1957. Each year the group selects one book to be read and discussed at the same time by the entire community. HBReads is endorsed by the HB City Council, the Human Relations Task Force and the Huntington Beach Library Board of Trustees and its corporate sponsors include the Kiwanis International of Huntington Beach and Boeing Corporation. Address: 419 Main St., Ste. 38, Huntington Beach, Calif. Phone: (714) 497-3237. Website: www.hbread.org.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission

On Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for the Planning Commission Study Session:

1. **DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 13-001/ ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 13-002/ ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NOS. 13-001 AND 13-002 (SENIOR RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR MOBILEHOME PARKS):** To add Chapter 228 SR Senior Residential Overlay District to the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance to establish criteria for 10 existing mobilehome parks to be primarily occupied by seniors 55 years of age and older; analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with adoption of the proposed Senior Residential Overlay District zoning ordinance; and to apply the Senior Residential Overlay designation (-SR) to 10 existing senior mobilehome parks in

the City. The ordinance will apply citywide. Please contact Rosemary Medel, Associate Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website. Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for review by the Zoning Administrator:

1. **SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 13-002/ VARIANCE NO. 13-006/ TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 13-112 (MARRIOTT SPRINGHILL SUITES HOTEL – CONTINUED FROM THE DECEMBER 18, 2013, MEETING):** To consolidate 10 lots into one lot to permit the development of a four-story 126-room hotel on a 1.89-acre site within the Town Center Boulevard Segment of the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan. Several variances to development standards for building placement, location of parking, landscaping, and driveway width are also proposed. The project is located at 7872 Edinger Avenue, 92647 (southeast corner of Edinger Avenue and Parkside Lane. Please contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, for more information.
2. **SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 13-004/ VARIANCE NO. 13-011 (CHASE BANK):** To demolish an existing 8,284 sq. ft. retail building (Pier One Imports) and construct a new 4,460 sq. ft. bank (Chase) and allow additional parking along the Ellis Avenue side of the property in lieu of no side surface parking lots allowed. The project is located at 18501 Main Street, 92648 (southwest corner of Main Street and Ellis Avenue). Please contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, for more information.
3. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 13-032 (EL PORTON RESTAURANT ON-SITE ALCOHOL SALES):** To permit the on-site sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages within an existing, vacant, approximately 1,620 sq. ft. eating and drinking establishment. The project is located at 8863 Adams Avenue, 92646 (northwest corner of Adams Avenue and Magnolia Street). Please contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, for more information.
4. **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-021 (BRIGHTWATER CONSTRUCTION TRAILERS):** To permit three construction office trailers and several storage bins on the subject property during build-out of the adjacent Brightwater Residential Project. The trailers and storage bins would be relocated from the Brightwater Project site and are anticipated to be placed on the subject property until July 2016. The project is located at 17202 Bolsa Chica, 92649 (southeast corner of Bolsa Chica Street and Los Patos Avenue). Please contact Jennifer Villasenor, Senior Planner, for more information.
5. **TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 08-118/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 13-019/ VARIANCE NO. 13-016 (YORK HB ASSOCIATES SUBDIVISION):** To subdivide a 1.25 acre parcel into three parcels for residential development; permit development on a site with a grade differential greater than three (3) feet between the high point and the low point; to permit the construction of retaining walls greater than two feet high; and permit accessory structures to project beyond the front building line of the principal structures of each parcel. The project is located at 7501 Yorktown Avenue, 92648 (north side of

Yorktown Avenue, east of Lake Street). Please contact Hayden Beckman, Assistant Planner, for more information.

6. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 13-031/ COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-020/ VARIANCE NO. 13-014/ DESIGN REVIEW NO. 13-021 (MAKAR RESIDENTIAL ADDITION)**: To permit an approximately 1,758 sq. ft. three story addition (a greater than 10% expansion) to an existing, two-story legal nonconforming structure; a greater than 10% increase in height; and a variance for 55% lot coverage in lieu of the maximum 50% lot coverage allowed. The project is located at 123 8th Street, 92648, (north side of 8th Street, east of Pacific Coast Highway). Please contact Hayden Beckman, Assistant Planner, for more information.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

DUI Checkpoint Nets DUI Arrest and 9 Citations for Unlicensed/Suspended Drivers

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a Sobriety and Drivers License checkpoint on Saturday, January 11, 2014, from 7:30 p.m. to 2:20 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

Over the past year, there have been 34 alcohol related collisions on Beach Blvd. These resulted in 30 injuries to the vehicles occupants. There have also been 286 citations issued to drivers on Beach for being unlicensed or driving on a suspended/revoked license. Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoints help lower DUI related deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effect it has on those who might drive drunk and/or drug impaired, unlicensed, or with a suspended/revoked license. Checkpoints help to bring more awareness to motorists and encourage everyone to use sober designated drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies.

Here are some of our statistics from Saturday's checkpoint:

- 2,134 Vehicles through the checkpoint
- 1,294 Vehicles screened and given a pamphlet with information about DUI
- 5 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 1 DUI- Alcohol impaired suspects arrested
- 8 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle while unlicensed
- 1 Driver cited for driving on a suspended license
- 1 Vehicle impounded
- 6 Citations issued for other Vehicle Code violations

Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on February 15, 2014, in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways. Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Huntington Beach Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. Report Drunk Drivers. Call 911!

PUBLIC WORKS

Post Holiday Christmas Tree and Cardboard Recycling

Rainbow Environmental Services is offering free post-holiday recycling of non-artificial Christmas trees and cardboard cartons. Rainbow will pick up Christmas trees and any flattened cardboard cartons that are placed next to the trees from January 2 through January 15, 2014.

To recycle your tree, simply remove all ornaments, hooks, light strings, tinsel, and stand, and place it **next to** your carts on your trash day. Flatten cardboard and place next to trees. The automated trucks are not collecting trees so please do not block access to the carts and **do not** put your Christmas tree in your carts. Larger trees should be cut to six-foot maximum. Multi-family, condo, and townhome residents with commercial service (blue dumpster) should place trees to the side of the dumpsters, not in front or on top of the dumpster. Check with your property manager or HOA for other restrictions.

After January 15, tree pickups will have to be scheduled as a 10/4 Pickup arranged directly through Rainbow Environmental. For further information, please contact Public Works Trash and Recycling at 714-375-5010 or Rainbow Environmental Services at 714-847-3581.

California Friendly Landscape Workshops

Are you eager to spruce up your gardens with California Friendly Landscapes? If so, come join us at the City's Public Works Utilities Yard on Saturday, January 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This first of three free workshops will provide information on landscape design using California Friendly and native drought tolerant plants. There are many reasons to consider a shift in landscaping practices, from the use of water intensive lawns to beautiful and beneficial plants that require less water and are well adapted to our lovely Mediterranean coastal climate. The class will provide very useful information to assist you in your garden design, plant selection and plant placement.

The second workshop, focusing on soils, fertilizers and plants will be held on February 22 and the third workshop focusing on irrigation systems, watering and garden maintenance will be held on March 15. Seating is limited so please call (714) 536-5921 to reserve your space. We are located at 19001 Huntington Street (corner of Garfield Avenue and Huntington Street). Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

FIRE

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Safety Tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- For best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home and when one sounds, they all sound.
- Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms to provide enough protection.

- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization – dual sensor alarms) are recommended.
- Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling.
- Smoke alarms should be installed away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance.
- Batteries in smoke detectors should be changed every six months when you change your clocks to and from Daylight Savings Time. If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace battery immediately.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use ten year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are ten years old or sooner if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Be sure the smoke alarm has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Alarms that are hard-wired (and include battery backup) must be installed by a qualified electrician.
- Smoke alarms that include a recordable voice announcement, in addition to the usual alarm sound, may be helpful in waking children through the use of a familiar voice.
- Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These alarms use strobe lights. Vibration equipment can be added to these alarms.

FACTS

- Roughly two thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

Don't forget...

All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.

For more information, please visit www.nfpa.org/education.

INFORMATION SERVICES

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