

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park



The Surf City Strikers

HB Senior Center to Host Intergenerational Wii Bowling Match

The Surf City Strikers at Rodgers Seniors' Center will face a new challenger to their winning Wii Bowling tradition on Friday, January 24. At 3:30 p.m., the Strikers will host local Cub Scout Pack 435 in an intergenerational bowling matchup. The first grade students from Hawes Elementary School are beginning on their path through scouting as Tiger Cubs.

Wii Bowling is one of many active aging opportunities offered at the Michael E. Rodgers

Seniors' Center and all are welcome to join free of cost. Practice is every Wednesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The group frequently travels to other senior centers and living facilities for friendly challenges. The walls of the Rodgers Game Room are adorned with trophies, stretching from wall to wall, and the "Wall of Fame" highlighting several Surf City Strikers who have achieved a perfect "300" game. Although the Tiger Cubs are in for a challenge, their patches and belt loop awards will ensure a bout backed with sharing stories and friendly competition.

Book and Author Talk

California is known as the Golden State but have you ever wondered why? Find out why Rodgers Seniors' Center at 1706 Orange Avenue on Friday, January 24 at 10:30 a.m. The Pulitzer Prize nominated author Craig MacDonald will speak about his latest book "Gold Rush Glimpses – True Tales with a Twist," highlighting how the Gold rush days are still with us today in our language, clothes, food, drink, diversity, businesses, and spirit. Craig, a member of Phi Alpha Theta- the national history society, is the author of 18 books on the American west and a speaker at national conventions and universities. He will autograph his latest book after the talk. Arrive early to reserve a spot for lunch with SeniorServ. There is no cost or reservations required to attend the talk. For more information call the Rodgers Senior Center at 714-536-9387.



Yogatation

Come and experience a new way to relieve stress and find emotional balance from within. Yogatation is a practice developed by David Phears designed to increase physical flexibility while relaxing the mind. Phears used his years of experience in the various forms of yoga to create a program that empowers

participants to create a shift in their state of being. This blend of yoga and meditation is open to all skill levels. Classes are held indoors at the City Gym and Pool. Registration is still available in-person at any community center. Contact the City Gym at 714-960-8884 for more information!

FIRE

Colby Fire in Glendora

On January 16 at approximately 8:30 a.m., the Huntington Beach Fire Department was called to join the response to the Colby Fire in Glendora. Huntington Beach teamed up with fire engines from Newport Beach, Fullerton, Costa Mesa, and Anaheim to form a Strike Team which is comprised of 5 fire engines and a Chief Officer as the Strike Team leader..

Strike Team 1421A responded to San Gabriel Canyon Road and Ranch Road in the City of Azusa and became part of the Azusa Structure Protection Group. The fire engines from were placed at the head of the approaching fire and were assigned to protect a highly valued water treatment plant, a residential development, and an avocado farm.

At approximately 1:00 p.m., the winds subsided which gave the firefighting crews the ability to initiate an offense attack on the fire. Strike Team 1421A joined members from Cal Fire and provided structure protection

Strike Team 1421A was reassigned at 11:00 p.m. to the Rainbow Riding Stables located further up San Gabriel Canyon. The objectives were to protect the office buildings and paddocks from the fire that was backing down the mountain ridge.

At 7:00 a.m. on January 17, water dropping helicopters began working the mountain ridge and Strike Team 1421A was relieved of their assignment and was released from the incident by noon.

Traffic Collision – Multi Casualty Incident

On Thursday, January 16 at approximately 10:30 a.m., firefighters were dispatched to a traffic collision involving two vehicles on Nichols Lane.

Patient triage was conducted on three victims with one being extricated by firefighters. All three patients were transported to local trauma centers.

Heavy Rescue Call – Fallen Tree

On January 18 at approximately 10:30 a.m., firefighters responded to a call at the City Sports Complex for people trapped under a fallen tree. Firefighters first on scene reported that there were no trapped victims, but triaged five people complaining of minor injuries. One patient was transported to the hospital and the others were released at the scene.

The HB Public Works and Community Services Departments quickly responded to assess the situation. HB Police Officers were on scene and in the process of documenting the incident with photographs.

Fire Escape Planning

Plan Ahead. If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

Safety Tips

- Draw a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your home (you can download *How to Make a Fire Escape Plan* at www.nfpa.org/homeescape to get started).
- The plan should indicate all windows and doors that can be used to get outside if the smoke alarm sounds
- All members of the household should walk through the home to identify two ways out of each room (usually a door and a window).
- Practice the plan with everyone in your home at least twice a year using different ways out, at night and during the day.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet
- Make sure:
 - o there are working smoke alarms in all required locations throughout the home; there's at least one on every level of the home, inside all bedrooms and outside each sleeping area.
 - o all doors and windows leading outside are clear, free of clutter and can be opened easily. Security bars should have a quick-release device so they can be used to get outside in case of a fire.
 - o house number can be clearly seen from the street
 - o all household members know how to get low and go under smoke in case escaping through smoke is necessary

If the smoke alarm sounds

- Feel the knob and door before opening a door
- Close doors behind you as you leave
- If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke
- GET OUT AND STAY OUT - Never go back inside for people or pets
- Meet at the designated meeting location
- Call 9-1-1 from outside your home

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know you can now share and bookmark city website pages with popular social media sites such as Facebook, Google Plus and Twitter? When you are viewing a City web page that you would like to share or bookmark, click on one of the social media icons in the upper right part of the web page: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/beach_info/

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Homework Help @ the Library

The Huntington Beach Central library offers a FREE homework club tutoring session every Monday and Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the school year. Children meet downstairs in the Maddy Room and are assigned to one of our volunteer tutors. Parents and children who are new to Homework Club can register at the start of any Homework Club with the Homework Club coordinator. Please have children bring their homework and/or assignments with them. Interested in being a homework club tutor? Please contact Barbara Richardson at richardb@hbpl.org for more information. Tutors need to commit to volunteering at least once a week during the program.

Literacy Services Fundraiser

On Saturday, February 22, Literacy Services will host its second annual "Wine & Words," a wine tasting event in support of the library literacy program. There will be a variety of wine tastings from literacy's local partner ONEHOPE; light appetizers will be provided. Participants will have an opportunity to buy raffle tickets, bid on silent auction baskets, and purchase wine to take home - buy one case, get one free! The grand prize of 4 Disneyland Park Hopper passes was donated by Disney and can be won only by attending Wine & Words and purchasing a raffle ticket.

Early bird price until February 8 is \$30. Go to hbwineandwords.com for more information and to register, or call the Literacy office at (714) 375-5102. Come out for this fun event and support the library's Literacy Services!

Top Titles of 2013

Booklist magazine, the American Library Association's review journal, has announced its "Top of the List" winners for 2013. The winning titles were chosen from the annual Editors' Choice selections as the best books and media of 2013—meaning these top titles are considered **the best** of the best! These top winners are available from the Huntington Beach Library—check one out today:

- **Adult Fiction** – *The Woman Who Lost Her Soul* by Bob Shacochis
- **Adult Nonfiction** – *Zealot: The Life And Times Of Jesus Of Nazareth* by Reza Aslan
- **Audiobook** – *The Boys In The Boat: Nine Americans And Their Epic Quest For Gold At The 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown; read by Edward Herrmann

Change Someone's Life – Become a Literacy Tutor!

Huntington Beach Adult Literacy Services will hold a New Tutor Orientation on Thursday, January 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Central Library. Literacy Services relies on community volunteers to help others improve their basic communication skills in reading, writing, and speaking. After successfully completing the orientation and four training sessions, tutors are matched with adult learners for one-on-one weekly tutoring sessions. A one-year commitment is requested. Register for the Orientation at www.hbpl.org/literacy_programs, click the "Become a Literacy Tutor" link and choose the "Adult Literacy Registration Form" or call the Literacy Office at (714) 375-5102.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**Downtown Task Force Meeting**

The next meeting of the Downtown Task Force will take place on Thursday, January 23, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. 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

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT**Planning Commission**

On Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers the following items are scheduled for the Planning Commission public hearing:

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 implementation of the proposed Overlay District on 10 existing senior mobilehome parks; 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.

PUBLIC WORKS**Bike Facility Grant Awarded by OCTA**

On January 13, 2014, the Orange County Transportation Authority approved project grants for 11 agencies in Orange County, including one project for the City of Huntington Beach. The Huntington Beach project is a proposal to develop a bicycle boulevard in the existing street area of Utica Avenue from Beach Boulevard to Main Street. The grant application was prepared by staff in the Department of Public Works and selected from the newly approved Bicycle Master Plan. Grant funds of \$682,000 were approved by the OCTA Board for the project in their action.

Bike Boulevards are a relatively new concept to southern California, with very few in operation and none currently in place in Orange County. The concept behind a Bike Boulevard is to essentially create a street environment that emphasizes bicycle use and provides preferential operations for cyclists. Utica Avenue was selected as a potential Bike Boulevard due to its character as a relatively slow speed street that connects to many active bicycle destinations including Huntington Beach High School, Smith and Dwyer schools, City

Hall and major shopping areas on Beach Boulevard and off Main Street. The City expects the project to be incorporated into our Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Capital Improvement Program. Key features of the project include the construction of an exclusive bicycle connection near Alabama Street and a new traffic signal at the intersection of Lake Street and Utica Avenue to facilitate both bicycle and pedestrian crossings.