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City Council—Special Meeting this Friday, January 23



What: A special City Council meeting has been scheduled to discuss the City's Strategic Plan. In addition, an outline of the City's three-year goals (2012-2015), a S.W.O.T. Analysis, an update of the City Budget and any revisions of the current three-year goals will be addressed.

When: **Friday, January 23, at 8:30 a.m. at Central Library—Talbert Room
7111 Talbert, Huntington Beach**
A light continental breakfast will be available at 8 a.m.

Who: City Council, Mayor Jill Hardy, Elected Officials, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Department Heads will attend this special meeting.

**This meeting is open to the public and community members
are encouraged to attend.**

Share Your Input on Housing and Community Needs

The City is seeking input from the community as part of our efforts to establish program goals and priorities for the next five years of funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Funds are allocated to the City annually and are made available for various housing and community development projects and programs in Huntington Beach.

The survey is available in both English and Spanish and is conveniently accessible online at: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hud/survey/. You can pick up a hard copy at all branch libraries, community centers, and on the Fifth Floor of City Hall.

For more information about the survey and the City's HUD funded programs, please visit the website or call Simone Slifman at (714) 375-5186.

The Downtown Scavenger Hunt is On!

Huntington Beach Downtown is putting the "Hunt" in Huntington Beach with their First Annual Scavenger Hunt throughout the month of January! Download a game card online or stop by one of the 28 participating local downtown businesses. Visit each participating business, solve their fun clue, and receive a sticker. Once you've collected all your stickers, return your completed game form to Mangiamo Gelato. All completed entries will be entered into the grand prize drawing for \$250, plus a chance to win one of more than 100 gift cards from the participating businesses. The hunt continues throughout the month of January so there's still plenty of time to get in on the fun!

For more information and to download game cards, please visit: <http://www.hbdowntown.com/hb-downtown-scamenger-hunt.html>.

FREE Fair Housing Walk-In Counseling

The Fair Housing Foundation, in partnership with the City of Huntington Beach, will provide a free fair housing counseling walk-in clinic at City Hall on Monday, January 26, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the Fifth Floor of City Hall. A counselor will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to meet individually and discuss tenant/landlord disputes and concerns or to answer questions about Fair Housing laws.

Those with immediate questions or in need of immediate assistance are urged to call a counselor Monday through Friday at 800-446-3247.

Community Service

Parks and Recreation

Community Services Department conducted the third and final Community Workshop for completion of a comprehensive city-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan on Thursday, January 15. The next steps in the process will be to compile the information received from the public through the workshops, questionnaires and phone surveys. The completed plan will evaluate the current recreation facilities and opportunities in the City, identify future trends and make recommendations for opportunities to enhance current and future parks and recreation facilities. The Master Plan is being prepared by RJM Design Group and will serve as a key planning tool to improve the park system and enhance the quality of life for residents of the city.

For more information about the Master Plan, please contact the Community Services Department at: 714-536-5434.

Quality of Life for Senior Citizens!

Huntington Beach Senior Services seeks to enhance the quality of life for seniors by promoting independence, dignity, and purpose. Through the use of information, advocacy, and service we are able to accomplish this goal to countless older residents. During the last quarter of the year, from October 1 to December 31 Senior Services care managers have accomplished numerous achievements including the following:

- ◆ Made 337 home visits, held 92 office conferences, and provided information and referrals to over 3,000 callers
- ◆ Medical equipment was lent to 31 residents, free of charge
- ◆ Care managers coordinated with Orange County Adult Protective Service on 19 cases of elder abuse
- ◆ Care managers provided 69 grocery gift cards with the help of Assistance League DreamCatchers
- ◆ Transportation was provided for 6,588 one-way passenger trips at no cost
- ◆ Senior Center hosted daily SeniorServ congregate meal programs
- ◆ Senior Center provided numerous classes and social opportunities for the elder residents, including educational and exercise classes, access to a notary, and brief lawyer consultation and HICAP, at no cost.

All of these services aim to enhance the quality of life for seniors in Huntington Beach —guaranteeing them an excellent city to age in.

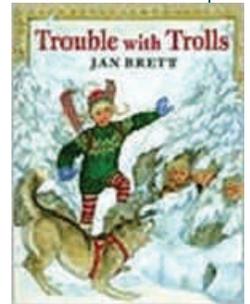
Help Us to Bring Jan Brett to the Library



Calling all City employees, families and library patrons! Please help us bring well known children's author and illustrator Jan Brett to the Huntington Beach Public Library. If you have read to a child in the past 20 years, chances are you have read a Jan Brett book or two!

Some of our favorites include: *The Mitten*, *The Hat*, *Wild Christmas Reindeer*, *Armadillo Rodeo*, *Annie and the Wild Animals*, *Gingerbread Boy* and *The Trouble with Trolls*.

Just go to <http://www.janbrett.com> and follow the instructions for bringing Jan Brett to Huntington Beach. Please share this with all of your friends!



Library Offers Yet Another Educational Resource For Children

The Central Library has recently purchased five new computers for children ages 2-8 years old known as "AWE Early Literacy Stations." These kid-friendly, learning computers have more than 70 programs spanning all subject areas including: math, science, and reading.

It has touch-screen gesturing, including virtual "page" turning — a very popular feature with today's youth. Of the five computers, one is at the Banning branch, three are at the Central Library, and two at the Oakview branch. The two stations at Oakview can be enjoyed in both Spanish and English.



Information Services

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know that the City of Huntington Beach offers a youth sports program for children three years old to eighth grade? View information about this program at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/youth_sports.cfm

City Managers Office

Greening our Infrastructure...and our Community!

When we think of sustainable development, we often think of buildings that earn the designation of LEED or have some noticeable “green” accoutrement like solar panels. But, there are many other ways to make our built environment more sustainable and, while LEED is certainly one of the ways in which to lessen our environmental footprint, there are also ways to “green” our infrastructure. What is infrastructure? Well infrastructure is everywhere, its underneath your house, it’s the roads you drive to and from work on, it carries and treats the water that pours out of your faucet, and it’s the signals that control traffic. It’s above, below, and all around!

Green infrastructure is associated with a variety of environmental, economic, and human health benefits, many of which go hand-in-hand with one another. Green infrastructure is especially important in coastal communities because it can preserve “coastal character,” increase resilience to coastal hazards, reduce urban runoff from entering the ocean, and create healthy landscape that support water recharge and filtration and protection from storm impacts. An increasing number of studies suggest that vegetation and green space – two key components to green infrastructure – can have a positive impact on human health.

There are many ways that you too can incorporate green infrastructure into your own urban landscape. By installing rain gardens in your landscape, planting trees, using rain barrels and cisterns, and using mulch in your yard you can help the City of Huntington Beach “green” our community.

For more information on green infrastructure and all things sustainable, contact Antonia Graham at Antonia.graham@surfcity-hb.org



Building and Planning

Planning Commission

On Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8, the Zoning Administrator will review the following items:

1. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-025 (VERIZON ROOFTOP WIRELESS FACILITY):** To permit a rooftop wireless communication facility on an existing 21-foot high commercial building at a height of 31 feet in lieu of a maximum permitted height of 25 feet. The rooftop wireless communication facility consists of twelve (12) eight-foot high panel antennas divided into three sectors that will be screened by a ten-foot high wall at 19111 Bushard Street, 92646 (west side of Bushard St., between Garfield Ave. and Litchfield Dr.). Please contact Joanna Cortez, Assistant Planner, for more information.
2. **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 14-012 (BUCHBINDER RESIDENCE):** To permit an approximately 572 sq. ft. addition to the first and second floor of an existing single family residence at 16702 Wanderer Lane, 92649 (southeast side of Wanderer Ln., Huntington Harbor). Please contact Joanna Cortez, Assistant Planner, for more information.

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

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

Design Review Board Special Meeting

On Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. in Room B-8, the following item is scheduled for review by the Design Review Board:

1. **DESIGN REVIEW NO. 14-006 (PACIFIC CITY RESIDENTIAL):** To review the design, colors, and materials of revised site plan, floor plans, and elevations of the residential portion of the Pacific City development at 21002 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (17.22 acres bounded by Pacific View Avenue, First Street, Atlanta Avenue, and Huntington Street – Pacific City). 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/PJB/drb1/index.cfm>. Please contact the Planning Division at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.



New Traffic Signal at Springdale and Croupier

As part of a State grant funded Safe Route to School project, a new traffic signal has been installed at the intersection of Springdale Street and Croupier Drive. Work is nearly complete and the traffic signal is expected to become operational later this week. The new traffic signal will better accommodate motor vehicle, bike, and pedestrian traffic entering or crossing Springdale. The grant program focuses on improving non-motorized transportation options for school children as well as improving overall safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.

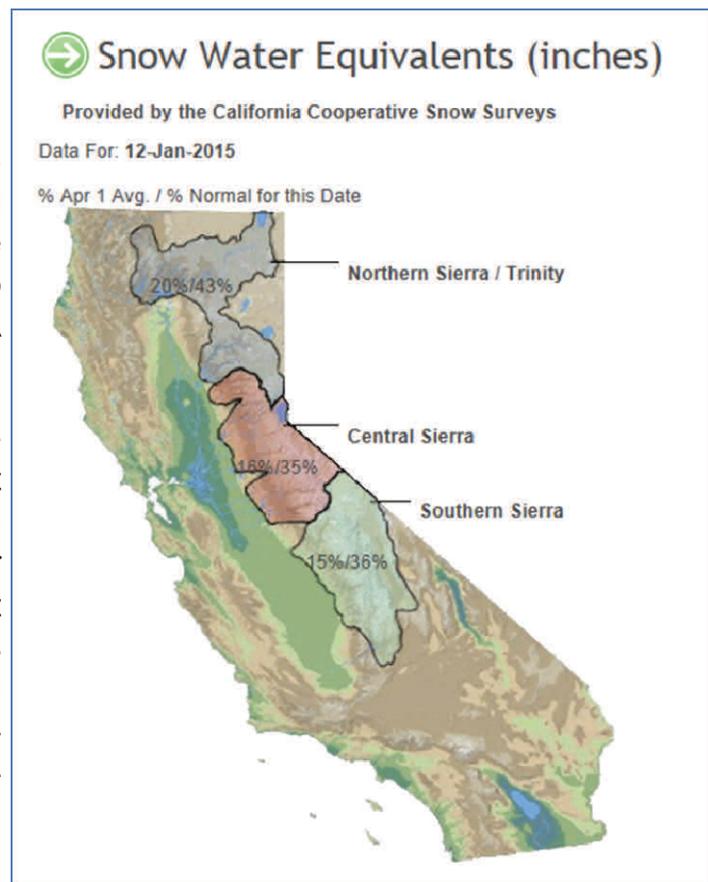
How Much Did The Recent Rains Help With The California Drought?

We would still need near-record amounts of rainfall this year to pull California out of the drought. According to the analysis made by NASA, it is estimated that the state would need nearly 11 trillion gallons of water to fill its rain deficit – a process that could take years. A few storms won't be nearly enough.

California usually receives most of its rain between December and February, during massive storms that dump snow in the mountains. That snowpack then melts in the spring and summer to supply water elsewhere. So the type of precipitation matters almost as much as the amount. If winter precipitation falls as rain instead of snow, it may not go as far toward alleviating drought as the precipitation totals would otherwise suggest. In many areas of the state, the snowpack is just 50% of normal.

A few normal storms won't end the drought. California will need an extraordinary amount of rain this year. And if that doesn't happen, the drought is likely to linger through the summer.

Please visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater for information on rebates and upcoming events.



Public Works

Free California Friendly Landscape Classes



Does your yard need a makeover? Find out ways to take out your lawn, install California Friendly Plants, and reduce your water usage and maintenance. Why not free up your weekends and help the environment? There are many reasons to consider a shift in landscaping practices from water intensive lawns, often requiring pesticides and synthetic fertilizers, to beautiful and beneficial plants well adapted to our lovely Mediterranean coastal climate.

The City offers a three-part series of free classes:

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| January 24 : | Landscape Design |
| February 14: | Soils, Fertilizers, and Plants |
| March 21: | Irrigation Systems, Watering and Garden Maintenance. |

Classes are held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Huntington Beach Utilities Yard, 19001 Huntington St., Huntington Beach.

Register at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop-events or call 714- 536-5922.

Fire

Structure Fire

On Friday, January 16, at approximately 2:30 a.m., the Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at an apartment building on Amazon Avenue. Upon arrival firefighters found smoke coming from the unit which had suffered a flash fire in the kitchen. There were no reported injuries and the fire is under investigation.

Police

January 26, 2015
9:00-11:00 AM
Sit Stay Café
 328 11th St. Suite E
 Huntington Beach

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS & POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE & CONVERSATION!

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

Info: Lieutenant Brian Seitz (714) 536-5412 BSeitz@hbpd.org www.facebook.com/HuntingtonBeachPolice

Huntington Beach Police Department

City Hall Directory

City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 536-1600
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5202
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Business Development	(714) 536-5542
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
Planning & Building	(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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