

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Your Marriage Proposal Story Could Make You a Winner!

Did your marriage proposal take place on the world-famous Huntington Beach Pier? In honor of Valentine's Day, the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District is searching for couples who became engaged on the Pier, who would like to share their story in the hope of winning a free night at the Waterfront Hilton Hotel and dinner for two at Sandy's. But hurry – the contest ends February 7 so get online and tell your story today! For more information, and to enter the contest, please visit www.hbdowntown.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

The Art Center welcomed over 258 artists to the annual Centered on the Center exhibition as they dropped off work they had created during the last two years. There will be 443 works of art displayed at the opening reception on Saturday February 1, 2014. The exhibition will run through March 22. The public is invited to join us to celebrate the community of artists at the opening reception from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Call 714-374-1650 for details.

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park
Income Tax Assistance

It's the beginning of a new year, which means that tax time is just around the corner. Beginning February 4, AARP will be offering free Income Tax assistance at the Rodgers Seniors' Center for adults who are 50+. Appointments are available every Tuesday, starting February 4 through April 8 between noon and 4:30 p.m. The services are free, however, reservations are required. Appointments fill fast so don't delay and miss out on this great opportunity. For reservations and information on what you should bring to your appointment contact the Rodgers Seniors' Center at 714-536-9387.

FIRE

Tsunami Preparation

On March 27, 1964, a magnitude 9.2 earthquake struck the coast of Alaska that lasted nearly three minutes and took 130 lives. As a result of the earthquake, a massive tsunami struck Alaska and the west coast and caused damage to the Huntington Harbour. Walt Sawyer, a Huntington Beach City Lifeguard at the time, stated in an interview for the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan, "When the surges would come in, they would tear the boats away from their moorings. Then when the surges would go out, they would take the boats through the bridge at Pacific Coast Highway...The high tides were carrying the boats into the weapons station."

More recently, as a result of the 2011 Tohoku (Japan) Earthquake, multiple west coast harbors received damage and Huntington Harbour had significant tidal surges that could have been detrimental had it happened at high tide.

This year, the City will continue its efforts to focus on tsunami preparedness and planning. The City began this process with an Emergency Operations Center exercise in September 2013, completed the third TsunamiReady certification renewal with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and will participate in the multi-state and federal exercise in March 2014.

In an effort to continue to educate the public on tsunamis, the City worked with the NOAA and Chapman University to design and install a permanent information sign at the base of the pier. The sign provides vital information on the City's evacuation plan, what to do in case of a tsunami and life saving tips on surviving rip currents. Huntington Beach is one of two cities in Southern California that received funding for such as sign.

Arson Fire

On January 21, the Huntington Beach Fire Department units responded to reports of smoke in the area of the Target shopping center on Adams near Brookhurst. Upon arrival, firefighters found an exterior fire burning up against the store. The fire included combustibles that had been placed in a shopping cart, pushed up against the building and ignited. The fire caused heat and smoke damage to the exterior, but did not spread into the building. The fire is currently under investigation.

Beach Rescues

Over the holiday weekend, large surf led to an increase in beach rescues. As a comparison, Marine Safety personnel have performed the following rescues in January:

January 2012	1 rescue
January 2013	2 rescues
January 2014	33 rescues (just from the holiday weekend)

Included in the 33 rescues were four swimmers pulled from a severe rip current in Sunset Beach and two swimmers were rescued out of the water by Marine Safety personnel who arrived on a personal water craft.

As the warm weather and drought continues, we will certainly see a continued high volume of visitors to our beaches during normally slower times.

Structure Fire

On Saturday, January 25 at approximately 4:15 p.m., the Huntington Beach Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire on Shenlyn Drive. Upon arrival, firefighters reported a single-story, single-family home with smoke coming from the rear and residents outside. Fire personnel entered the structure and found a small kitchen fire that started on the stovetop and extended to the kitchen cabinets. Firefighters were able to contain the fire before it spread to any other rooms. Fire damage was isolated to the kitchen with minor smoke damage in the dining room.

[LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT](#)

Ebooks @ the Library

Got a new Kindle, Nook, or iPad as a gift over the holidays? Library e-books can be checked-out for free for a three week period with a Huntington Beach Library card. Just visit the Library's electronic materials website e.hbpl.org to get started. Help screens give clear "how to" instructions for every type of device.

Still need extra help? Library cardholders can meet with a library staff member at the Central Library for one-on-one guidance. Assistance is available on Fridays **by appointment only** by visiting www.hbpl.org, clicking on the Events Calendar link in the middle of the page, then searching for the keyword "geek" to make an appointment. **Appointments must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.** For more information, please call 714-842-4481.

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Want to know what's going on at the Library? There are multiple ways to keep up with the latest Library news and information – check the Library website at www.hbpl.org, and the online calendar of events posted under "Events / News". The Library also uses today's popular social media sites - Facebook www.facebook.com/hbplibrary, Twitter twitter.com/hbpl and Pinterest pinterest.com/hbpl. Check it out today!

[PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT](#)

Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for review by the Zoning Administrator:

1. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 13-031/ COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-020/ VARIANCE NO. 13-014 (MAKAR RESIDENTIAL ADDITION- CONTINUED FROM THE JANUARY 15, 2014, MEETING):** To permit an approximately 1,758 sq. ft. three-story expansion of floor area with an increase of square footage greater than 10% and an addition of height greater than 10% with 55% lot coverage in lieu of maximum 50% lot coverage to an existing, two-story legal nonconforming structure. 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.
2. **TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 13-169 (WILLIAMS CONDOS):** To permit the subdivision of a 10,131 sq. ft. parcel proposed for the development of two residential units for condominium purposes. The project is located at 727 Williams Drive, 92648 (north side of Williams Drive, west of Beach Boulevard). Please contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, for more information.
3. **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-019 (NODLAND-HASKETT ADDITION):** To permit the construction of an approximately 2,580 sq. ft. second floor addition to an existing 2,795 sq. ft. one-story single family residence for a total square footage of

approximately 5,375 sq. ft. The project is located at 3301 Easter Circle, 92649 (north side of Easter Circle, east of Channel Lane). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.

4. **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-015/ VARIANCE NO. 13-009 (OCSD SLUDGE DEWATERING AND ODOR CONTROL FACILITIES REPLACEMENT PROJECT)**: To permit the demolition of existing Plant 2 sludge dewatering and odor control system and construction of a new two-story approximately 13,000 sq. ft. building footprint sludge dewatering and odor control system, associated power distribution center, and utilities with a maximum building height of up to approximately 51 feet in lieu of the maximum permitted height of 40 feet to the roof peak and 44 feet to the top of the parapet. The project is located at 22212 Brookhurst Street, 92646 (east side of Brookhurst Street, and north of Pacific Coast Highway). Please contact Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner, for more information.
5. **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-022 (OCSD FINAL EFFLUENT SAMPLER BUILDING REPLACEMENT AND AREA UPGRADES PROJECT)**: To permit the demolition of two existing trailers (Final Sampler and Ocean Monitoring) and a masonry-block storage building and construction of a new Final Effluent Sampler Building; rehabilitation of the inland portion of the 120-inch short ocean outfall; and site improvements including drainage correction, paving replacement, improved landscaping along the easterly property line, replacement of a 2-inch high-pressure air supply to Surge Tower No. 1, and the replacement of a 4-inch and a 6-inch natural gas supply lines. The project is located at 22212 Brookhurst Street, 92646 (east side of Brookhurst Street, and north of Pacific Coast Highway). Please contact Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner, for more information.
6. **COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-016 (KAVOIAN ADDITION)**: To permit an approximately 812 sq. ft. first and second floor addition, 267 sq. ft. balcony and remodel to an existing 2,155 sq. ft. two-story townhome. The project is located at 16122 Bonaire Circle, 92649 (southern terminus of Bonaire). Please contact Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda will be available on the City's website on Thursday, January 30, 2014. Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

"DUI Crackdown" Produces Results

On January 24, 2014, the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) took action to stop drunk drivers leaving the downtown area. HBPD officers were on the look-out for people drinking and driving under the influence of alcohol as they left the bars and took to the streets. HBPD officers patrolled the area and initiated car stops of drivers appearing to be under the influence. Officers conducted 47 vehicle stops, 15 field sobriety tests, and made five DUI arrests.

Research shows that high visibility DUI enforcement operations dissuade people from drinking and driving thus decreasing the number of alcohol-related car accidents. The Huntington Beach Police Department takes driving under the influence seriously and has increased its presence in the downtown area in order to reduce alcohol related problems and keep Huntington Beach streets safe.

The Huntington Beach Police Department DUI Patrol supports the citywide DUI prevention effort in collaboration with Operation Safe HB – an initiative led by the Orange County non-profit organization, Community Services Programs, Inc. (CSP) – Project PATH. Operation Safe HB has also employed a media campaign in and around Huntington Beach to notify the public about the crackdown. Media posters on buses, in bars downtown and on cable television announce, “DUI Crackdown in Huntington Beach.”

Operation Safe HB and the Huntington Beach Police Department encourage all motorists to help make the community safer by driving sober and calling 9-1-1 to report drunk drivers.

PUBLIC WORKS

California Drought Update

On January 17 Governor Brown declared a drought emergency in the state of California amidst declining reservoir levels and historically low amounts of rainfall. Orange County water providers are concerned about the continuing dry conditions throughout the State and are closely monitoring water supplies, but at this time, local residents and businesses face no immediate danger of supply interruptions. However, this is a serious situation statewide, and we ask that everyone assess their current water usage and make simple changes to ensure our water supplies are being used as efficiently as possible.

While Orange County is presently in a good position in terms of its water supplies, we continue to encourage residents and businesses to use water as efficiently as possible year-round. Residents have done a great job of being water efficient inside their homes, but there are still water savings potential outside the home, where nearly 50% to 70% of our water use occurs.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of rebates of \$75 to install smart timer irrigation controllers that provide landscaping the appropriate amount of water and reduce over-watering. Rotating sprinkler nozzles use less water and rebates provide \$4 for each sprinkler head replaced. The turf removal program offers \$1 a square foot when turf is replaced with California Friendly plants or artificial turf. Repairing leaks inside and outside the home saves our water resources.

Governor Brown has asked that everyone reduce their water usage by 20%. 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, 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 your size in your area and it will give some helpful ways in which to help you save water.

Rain Water Harvesting Class

The City is offering a free Rainwater Harvesting Class on February 8. The class is from 9 to 10 a.m. and the pickup time for pre-ordered rain barrels will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The 55 gallon rain barrels are available for \$85 and rebates of \$75 are offered by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). Purchases must be made by February 6 at www.RainBarrelsIntl.com under the Events tab – City of Huntington Beach.

Topics of discussion:

- Rainwater Harvesting
- Benefits of a Rain Barrel
- Installation of a Rain Barrel
- Sustainable Gardening
- Water Conservation Techniques

To register for the class, please call Rain Barrel International at (919) 602-6316 (no purchase necessary). The class will be hosted by the Public Works Utilities Division, located at 19001 Huntington Street, at the intersection of Garfield Avenue and Huntington Street.

Partial Intersection Closure at Indianapolis Avenue and Brookhurst Street

The intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Brookhurst Street has been partially closed due to the discovery of “voids” (air pockets) under the pavement. During routine maintenance of a sanitary sewer, crews discovered gravel in the line that indicated that the line was broken and material surrounding the pipe was entering the line. Upon further investigation, it was determined that voids had developed under the pavement and the ability of the pavement to safely support vehicles might be compromised. Work has begun to fill the voids and strengthen the ground, as well as replace a damaged sewer line. Crews will be working Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The intersection will remain partially closed for a period of three to four weeks until the work can be completed. Motorists will still have access to Indianapolis Ave. and Brookhurst Street in both directions, except left turns. Delays should be expected.

City Beach Parking Lot Rehabilitation

This \$450,000 project is located is the City Beach parking lot between the Hyatt Regency Hotel pedestrian bridge and Beach Boulevard. The pavement was last slurry-sealed in 2001; rehabilitation of this parking lot is warranted. The project consists of grinding out all failed parking lot asphalt, reconstructing the parking lot, and adjusting OCSD sewer manholes, city sewer manholes, monitoring well covers, water valve covers and water meter boxes to grade. The project also includes installation of bollards, wheel stops in some locations, and new thermoplastic striping. The project will use fiber reinforced asphalt concrete (FRAC), wherein fibers are added to the asphalt concrete at the batch plant prior to delivery to the job site. A two-inch section of FRAC is equivalent in strength to a three-inch section of conventional asphalt concrete (AC). The increased cost for FRAC was offset by the 30% reduction in the required conventional asphalt design thickness. This resulted in an estimated cost savings of approximately \$80,000 for this project.

Construction will begin on February 4, 2014, (after the Surf City Marathon) and conclude by March 5, 2014, (before the Hyatt Regency Hotel event). The walkway from the Hyatt

Regency Hotel Pedestrian Bridge to the beach front will be open at all times for pedestrian access during construction. A six-foot high screen fence will be constructed around the construction perimeter to hide the construction as much as possible.

Surf City USA Marathon Street Closures

On Sunday, February 2, the City of Huntington Beach will host the annual Surf City USA Marathon. The race will primarily use Pacific Coast Highway, Seapoint Street and Edwards Street. Beginning early morning (starting at 1 a.m.), streets on and near the route will begin to be closed with some limited local access provided in some areas. The streets mainly affected by the race include:

- Pacific Coast Highway: From Warner Avenue to Beach Boulevard
- All of Seapoint Street
- Goldenwest Street: From Palm Avenue to Pacific Coast Highway
- Garfield Avenue: From Edwards Street to Seapoint Street
- Edwards Street: From Garfield Avenue to just south of Slater Avenue

Detours and limited local access routes will be provided throughout the closure areas. However, significant congestion should be expected along the main routes of PCH, Beach Boulevard, and Warner Avenue. All streets are expected to be completely open by 2 p.m. For additional details and maps, please visit: www.runsurfcity.com.

The FULL Marathon begins at 6:30 a.m. and the Half Marathon begins at 7:45 a.m. All races will start on Pacific Coast Highway at Huntington Street in front of the Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel. The finish line is on PCH about 300 yards north of the start.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know you can register on the City website for free residential landscaping classes? The class descriptions and online registration are in the Water Conservation section of the website at: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/index.cfm#landscaping>