

City Manager's Report

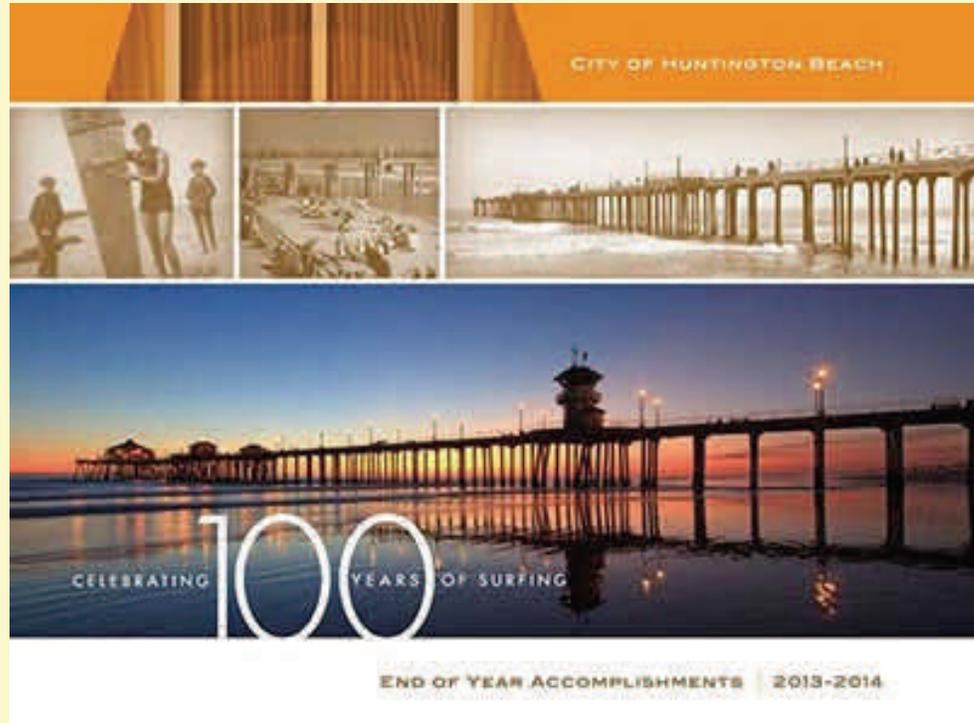
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ POLICE: BUILDING TIES WITH THE DEAF COMMUNITY
- ◆ SMOKE ALARMS
- ◆ FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY EVENT
- ◆ WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Police	2
Planning and Building	3
Information Services	3
Library	4
Public Works	5
City Manager	6
City Attorney	7
Business Development	8
Fire Department	8

City's 2013-2014 End of the Year Report Available Online



As we venture into a new year, the City Manager's Office has produced the City's 2013-2014 End of Year Accomplishments Report, which highlights each department with their positive achievements. We are excited to reflect on what a productive year we've had and we look forward to what the next year will bring.

In order to save paper and support the City's efforts toward sustainability, the document is attached below for reading or downloading. See more at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/annual-report-2014/>

Special Note: In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday's January 19 City council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20 at 6 p.m.



Huntington Beach Police Officer Builds Ties with Deaf Community

Huntington Beach Officer Mark Van Meter was new on patrol when his first “man down” call came over the radio. The man had suffered a possible heart attack while in the shower. “I’m thinking I’m going to be doing chest compressions and working to save this man’s life,” said Van Meter, recalling the 2002 incident.

He ran up the stairs following after now-retired Officer Ed Kennedy. Van Meter expected to walk into chaos when he entered that apartment and instead was met with silence. “I walked in and saw Officer Kennedy there signing with a woman,” Van Meter said.

Turns out, the deaf woman had found her husband dead in the shower several hours earlier but was afraid to report the death to police, Van Meter said. “She dreaded the process of dealing with somebody who didn’t know her

language. After the call, Van Meter asked Kennedy what the woman said. “He told me she was immediately put at ease because he knew her language,” Van Meter said.

In 2010, Van Meter, a motor officer and former Navy SEAL, enrolled in American Sign Language classes. The classes began as a way to get a pay bump since bilingual officers are paid five percent more than their single-language counterparts. However, it quickly turned into a passion.

Van Meter is the only officer at Huntington Beach PD who is ASL proficient and one of just a handful in Orange County with that designation. Van Meter also teaches a course at the Orange County Sheriff’s Department Academy. In addition, Van Meter said he has plans to also visit Huntington Beach High School and wants to meet the students at Irvine’s University High School which houses the Orange County Department of Education’s Regional Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program.

Planning and Building

Design Review Board

On Thursday, January 8, 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. 13-018 (BONANNI 10-UNIT DEVELOPMENT)**: To review the design, colors, and materials of a 14,135 sq. ft. townhome project consisting of 10 units within three buildings on a 0.64 acre lot located at 7262 Garfield Avenue, 92648 (southeast corner of Garfield Avenue and Gothard Street). Please contact Ethan Edwards, 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/dr1/index.cfm>). Please contact the Planning Division at (714) 536-5271 with any questions.

Information Services

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know the City website has a very large selection of streaming videos? You can watch a variety of videos such as HBTv3 Live, archived videos of Surf City Highlights, Cityworks, City Attractions, City Events and videos about the City departments. You can find a link to this page from the City site homepage or under the Residents navigation tab.

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/videos>

Friends of the Library January Authors' Event

The Friends of the Library invite you to attend the Authors' event on Friday, January 23 when they present Anne Cleeland and Terry Shames.



Anne Cleeland's series follows the perilous exploits of two Scotland Yard detectives. Chief Inspector Michael Acton is a British lord turned cop. He chooses plucky Irish redhead Kathleen Doyle as his partner because "she always knows when someone is lying." Together they track down London's elusive killers.

Anne has a degree in English from UCLA, in Law from Pepperdine, and is a member of the California State Bar. She also sponsors workshops on the art/mechanics of fiction writing/publishing and can be reached at www.annecleeland.com.

The Craddock series, written by Terry Shames, is centered on world-weary, grizzle-eyed lawman Craddock and the townspeople of the small Texas town of Jarrett Creek, who begin to wonder what's happening to their close knit community when a series of murders occur. Craddock steps in as police chief for the current chief—who also doubles as the town drunk.

Terry has earned her MA in Creative Writing from San Francisco State University, has published short stories, and was co-editor for San Francisco's *Fiction Monthly*.



Luncheon and lecture tickets cost \$20 per person. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon begins at noon. Book sales and author signing will follow. Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or deliver to Friends Gift Shop. Reservation forms and checks payable to FOTL must be received no later than Monday, January 19.

Literacy's heartfelt thanks for generous donations!

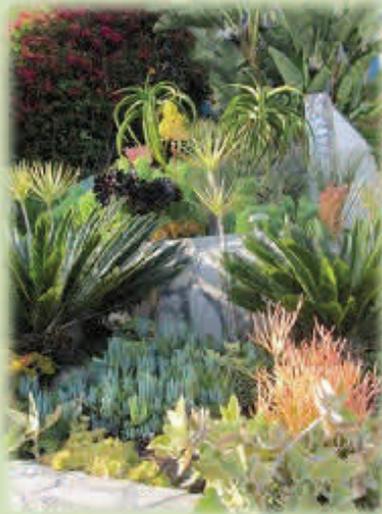
As the old year ends and we forge ahead into a new one, it is nice to look back and give thanks to those who were so generous to Literacy Services @ the library this past year! We would like to thank Disney for its \$5,000 donation to the program. Disney's generous donation enabled the purchase of Playaway® all-in-one audiobook learning systems for both the adult literacy and family literacy sites.

Thank you VIZIO, Inc. in Irvine who donated a 37" TV to the Adult Literacy's Computer Lab at Central Library. The large screen has been especially helpful in computer classes, as it has made teaching the classes easier and more efficient for both teachers and learners alike.

Newport American Legion Auxiliary's Education Chairman, Becky Mauger, donated 30 bilingual English/Spanish dictionaries and 50 student dictionaries to the Family Literacy Program and Oak View Branch Library. These dictionaries will be given to learners who need them in the New Year!

We are so lucky to be supported by these organizations!

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. Rebate programs are available to assist with these costs. The Turf Removal Program offers \$2 per square foot of turf removed and replaced with California Friendly Plants. The online application is available through www.ocwatersmart.com/turf (you will need approval to qualify for the rebate *before* removing your turf). Come join us for a few mornings of enlightenment.

This is a 3-part series of classes. On **January 24** the topic is landscape design. There are many reasons to consider a shift in landscaping practices, from the water intensive lawns, often requiring pesticides and synthetic fertilizers, to beautiful and beneficial plants well adapted to our lovely Mediterranean coastal climate.

On **February 14** the topics are soils, fertilizers, and plants. By drawing on rich California native drought tolerant plant life, we can design and create enchanting gardens that are multi-functional, supportive of the region's biodiversity and adapted to our climate. Learn about our soils and the proper use of fertilizers to grow healthy plants.

Lastly, on **March 21** we will discuss irrigation systems, watering and garden maintenance. Learn about the different types of irrigation systems; where each should be used and how they are installed and maintained, and general 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.





What is Sustainability – The Birth of a Concept

We live today in an age of *sustainababble*, a profusion of uses of the word sustainable to mean anything from environmentally better to cool. But, what does sustainability really mean? How can we become more sustainable so that we will have clean water, clean air, natural resources, and open space for our children and their children? What does sustainability mean to you?

Today the term *sustainable* typically lends itself to the corporate behavior called *greenwashing*. Phrases like sustainable design, sustainable cars, and even sustainable dentists and dry cleaners, litter the media. In 2012, the United Kingdom even declared that they would hold the first “sustainable Olympics!”

In his first message to Congress in 1901, President Theodore Roosevelt stated, “what we do will affect not only the present but future generations.” One hundred fourteen years later, these words still ring true. Among the many ways that sustainability has been defined, the simplest and most fundamental is the ability to sustain or the capacity to endure.

This segment of the Weekly Report will feature topics related to becoming more sustainable in your home, your business, and in your daily life. Check back each week and you too can learn to be more sustainable.

For information or any questions, please contact Antonia Graham at 714-536-5537 or email at Antonia.Graham@surfcity.com

City Attorney

City's Motion Granted—Local Medical Marijuana Dispensary Prohibited

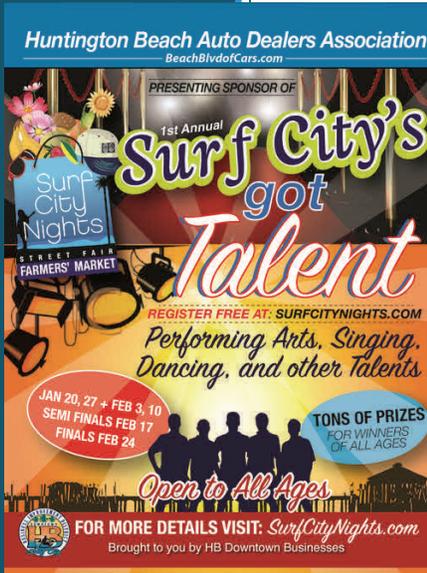
On December 11, 2014, the Orange County Superior Court granted the City's motion for a preliminary injunction, prohibiting the operation of a medical marijuana dispensary located at 17511 Griffin Lane. On December 12, the Court signed an order enjoining the operation the medical marijuana at this location, requiring the doors to be closed immediately and ceasing all operations.

In June, 2013 the City received numerous complaints of a possible medical marijuana dispensary. Code Enforcement confirmed that the property had a fully operational dispensary, operating without a required business license. Upon repeated inspections, the dispensary continued to operate, failing to apply for a business license or seek zoning approval. The business operators were issued numerous civil citations for their continuous violations, exceeding \$100,000.

Consequently, the City filed suit in Superior Court for preliminary and permanent injunctions.

For further information or any questions please contact the City Attorney's Office at 714-374-5555

Office of Economic Development



ARE YOU SURF CITY'S NEXT BIG THING?

Time is running out!!! Make sure you sign up for Surf City's Got Talent. The search is on. Surf City Nights is looking for TALENT. Do you have what it takes to be the winner of Surf City's Got Talent? Prizes and recognition awarded for all levels and ages.

Surf City Nights, voted most popular street fair in Southern California, is a weekly street fair in beautiful downtown Huntington Beach. This event occurs each Tuesday night from 5-9pm and is home to the Annual Surf City's Got Talent Contest starting January 20, 2015. Please see flyer below for more information and program dates. This is a free talent contest open to the general public of all ages. Help us spread the word by forwarding this email to all your friends and families. For more information and to sign up, visit us online at www.surfcitynights.com.

Fire Department

Smoke Alarms at Home

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY 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.



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

Fred A. Wilson, City Manager

www.huntingtonbeachca.gov