City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

July 11, 2017



Huntington Beach Ranked 15th in Recent WalletHub.com Poll as "Best-Run City in America"

--HB ranks as the only California City in the Top 50 out of 150 Cities
--City rated #1 in "Quality of City Services"

Huntington Beach, CA – The City of Huntington Beach was named in the Top 20 of WalletHub's ranking of 150 cities as the "Best-Run City in America" – ranking 15th on the list. The next closest California city on the list was Santa Ana, coming in at #51.

To determine the effectiveness of local leadership, WalletHub's analysts compared 150 of the largest U.S. cities based on their operating efficiency. For each city, the analysts constructed a "Quality of City Services" score — comprising 33 key performance indicators grouped into six service categories — that was then measured against the city's total per-capita budget. To that end, Huntington Beach scored #1 in "Quality of City Services."

"It is refreshing to see Huntington Beach ranked so high in offering the best quality of life to our residents, businesses and visitors — and it's being noticed nationally," said City Manager Fred A. Wilson. "I'm proud of our city for being ranked as the only California city in the top 50 as a "Best-Run City." Our City Council, as well as staff, always seeks to put our taxpayers first - and it pays off."

To see full results of the poll, visit https://wallethub.com/edu/best-run-

cities/22869/



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COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HUNTINGTON BEACH SENIOR CENTER IN CENTRAL PARK CELEBRATES ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY, SATURDAY, JULY 29!

Celebrating a year of unprecedented success, the Senior Center in Central Park, along with the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, will mark this wonderful milestone with an Anniversary Gala on Saturday, July 29, in the beautiful Parkview Room. The Gala will begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour, sponsored by Hoag, with dinner and dancing at 7 p.m. Individual tickets are on sale for \$125 with special corporate tables available for \$1,200.



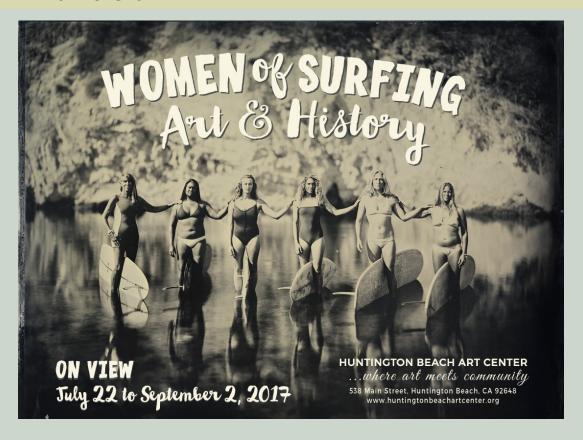
The Anniversary Gala will feature a sumptuous dinner with lively music and danc-

ing for all ages. With beautiful views of Central Park, the evening will feature an outdoor patio bar for those who want to enjoy the sunset. Recognizing the need for additional funding, a total of \$325,000 for programs and services have been generated by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging. Additional assistance is provided by a number of valued partners including Hoag, Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center and the Assistance League of Huntington Beach. With supportive services tailored to ensure healthy living, seniors are finding it easier to age in their community. With an eye towards the future, the HBCOA will continue to lead the fundraising efforts for the Senior Center in Central Park to expand services and create new ways to age in Huntington Beach.

The Senior Center in Central Park continues to offer life enhancing services and recreational classes tailored to the "over 50" population of Huntington Beach. Innovative classes and activities ranging from memoir writing to boxing for seniors continue to attract hundreds of people per day to the center. The popular Tuesday Afternoon at the Movies sponsored by the HBCOA can bring in as many as 250 visitors to see recently released films.

Since opening in July of 2016, more than 12,000 individuals registered for services with the Center. Participation in center classes, lectures or activities increased four-fold with daily attendance reaching 400. Edinger Medical Group, Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, Alzheimer's Orange County and Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian have joined the Huntington Beach Council on Aging in sponsoring the evening. For more information, contact Heather Dodd at 714.374.1517 or email at Heather.Dodd@surfcity-hb.org.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Join us for the opening reception of *Women and Surfing: Art & History*! This exhibition is the second in a series celebrating women in the arts, delving into artworks by national and international artists who have an intimate relationship with the ocean and the sport of surfing. Entertainment will be provided by singer/songwriter Jamisen Jarvis. This free event, with catering and cash bar, opens to the public at 6:30 p.m. on July 22. Call the Art Center (714-374-1650) or visit our website (www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org) for more information. See you there!

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Fin-Tastic Fun

Mermaid Nikki paid a surprise visit to Marina High School Pool on Friday, June 30! She swam with the students taking morning swimming lessons, and helped give extra incentive for timid students to enter the water. She was asked by one swimmer if "she was stolen from the ocean or volunteered to come," which solidified that the little swimmers truly believed she was a fin-tastic sea creature. She used that information to develop strong bonds with the swimmers, and told them to learn as much as they could in their lessons so they could come visit her at the beach this summer. Mermaid Nikki will be returning to Marina and Edison High Schools throughout the summer.

In addition, the City Gym & Pool is offering a fun, new aquatic exercise class this summer... Huntington Beach Mermaid Swim Club! Shed your day persona by slipping into your mermaid tails and slimming your waist away with other mermaids. Play and fantasy makes the class fun and mystical. You can bring your own mermaid tail, or can rent or purchase one from the

instructor. The class is offered on Tuesdays from 2-2:30 p.m. from June-August. Mermaids ages 7 years through adult are welcome. Call the City Gym & Pool at 714-960-8884 for more information.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Oak View Branch Offers Coloring and Crafts for Teens and Adults

Teens and adults of all ages and abilities are invited to the Oak View Branch brary for the **Coloring for Relaxation** program on **Friday, July 14, from 3 to 4:30 p.m**. The library will provide coloring sheets and tools, light refreshments, and relaxing music. Come discover the stress and anxiety-relieving properties of coloring in a fun environment.



The next week, on **Friday, July 21, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.**, the public can learn how to make beautiful floral paper creations at a special **Paper Flowers Workshop**. All materials are provided by the library. Come solo or bring friends to this fun and creative afternoon at the **Oak View Branch Library**, located at 17251 Oak Lane in Huntington Beach. For more information, please call (714)375-5068.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Tree Pruning Magic at the Central Library



As part of our summer events for adults, the Central Library is pleased to present a free class on the magic of tree pruning. Presented by a certified arborist and master gardener, this workshop will cover how to prune your trees at home for health and beauty. **Tree Pruning Magic** will be held Tuesday, July 18, at 6 p.m. in the Talbert Room at the Central Library. The event is free, but registration is required. To register, please visit the events calendar at HBPL.org.

Summer Fun in the Children's Library!

Children of every age will always have something to do at the library during summer vacation. No matter what their interest, the library has it covered!

Kids between the ages of 8 to 12 can learn the basics of robotic programming at the **Finch Robot Workshops** held on **Tuesday, July 11 and July 18 at 3 p.m. in the Talbert Room**.

For budding engineers aged 4 to 12, kids can make their own buildings and other creations at the Lego Fun session, taking place on Wednesday, July 12, from 3:30 to 5 pm in the Tabby Theater.

Music lovers can attend the Rock and Roll Reading Pajama Storytime with Mr. Brian on Thursday, July 13, at 7 p.m. in the Tabby, and those more inclined towards cinema are invited to the two Friday Film Festival movies showing in the Tabby Theater at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 14 (featuring Moana) and July 21 (Zootopia).

As part of this summer's Harry Potter Celebration, there will be a free screening of **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone at 6 p.m. in the Tabby Theater**. Seating is first come, first served.



Finally, children ages 3 to 5 and their parents can come to the **Ipad (Digital) Storytime on Monday, July 24, at 3:30 p.m. in the Tabby Theater** and listen to stories and songs while using Ipads! Older children are also welcome to attend, and Ipads are provided for use during storytime. For more information on these and other upcoming events in the **Children's Department of the Huntington Beach library**, visit our website at http://hbpl.libguides.com/kids/home or call 714 375-5107.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Orange County Edinger Bridge Construction Project

The County of Orange is under construction of the New Edinger Avenue Bridge Project at the west side of Edinger Ave. You may have received emails or phone calls with concerns of the traffic in the construction zone. The County has a temporary traffic signal during the entire construction project that can cause delays during times of heavy use. They are working to adjust the signal and provide flag control during peak weekends.

The County Contact information concerning this project:

Phone 714-245-4500 (OC Construction at OC Public Works)

E-mail <u>ProjectInfo@ocpw.ocgov.com</u>

Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/ocpublicworks</u>
Twitter <u>www.twitter.com/ocpublicworks</u>

Project Website www.ocroad.com/projects/edinger avenue bridge project

OC Public Works http://www.ocpublicworks.com/

Edinger Avenue Widening Project

The Edinger Avenue Widening Project will extend a right-turn lane eastbound on Edinger at the Beach Blvd. intersection. The project is in the final stages of construction and will be completed this month. The project should reduce vehicle congestion of and provide an increased capacity for the right turn onto Beach Blvd.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Need a Passport?? You know where to go!! Business is booming ... take a look at the numbers:

- As of June 30, our agents have processed 4,728 passport applications this year, resulting in \$118,200 deposited into the City's General Fund. On top of that, we earned \$48,349 in passport photo revenue
- Since February 2000, passport acceptance services have brought in over \$2.25 million dollars

Tell your friends and neighbors about this important and profitable service provided to our community.



CITY MANAGER



Get Ready for the Annual Vans US Open of Surfing July 29 — August 6!

Mayor Barbara Delgleize and Specific Events Supervisor Chris Cole put the first stake in the ground to get ready for the annual Vans US Open of Surfing! Pictured with them are just some of the behind the scenes HB and event staff that make it happen! Left to right: Marine Safety Chief Michael Baumgartner, Beach Operations Supervisor Scott Smith, Fire Protection Analyst Steve Eros, Matt Nuzum with IMG and Building Manager Mark Carnahan. See you at the Open July 29 through August 6!

INFORMATION SERVICES

The City website contains comprehensive City Budget information. You can find such the Proposed City Budget, Adopted City Budget, Comprehensive Annual Finance Reports and the Popular Annual Financial Reports.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/budget information/

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

HB Restaurants Among the Tops Countywide

The June 26 edition of the *Orange County Business Journal* highlights the top 38 OC-based restaurant chains — four are based in Huntington Beach, and 21 have at least one or more of their locations based in Surf City. An especially notable addition to the list is HB-based Slapfish, which initially began as a food truck before expanding into a brick-and-mortar location at Newland Center, at 19696 Beach Boulevard. Slapfish generated a reported \$12.9 million in 2016 sales throughout its various restaurant endeavors, which also includes locations in five other OC cities, representing a growth of 39% in revenues and 26% in the number of employees.



Also making the top 38 is longtime favorite BJ's Restaurants, which retains its number two position on the list; Stacked: Food Well Built, which, after only a short time, has already made its way from 37th to 34th on the list despite having only one OC location

right here in HB; and Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar, which moved up from 21st to an impressive 16th.





FREE Housing Counseling for Tenants and Landlords Monday, July 24

The Fair Housing Foundation will hold a monthly walk-in clinic at City Hall on Monday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to noon on the Fifth Floor Office of Business Development. A counselor will be available on a first-come, first served basis to discuss any rental housing issues, tenant/landlord disputes and to ask questions about Fair Housing Laws. No appointment or RSVP is necessary. The City partners with the Fair Housing Foundation to provide services to the community related to fair housing issues and is also available by phone Monday through Friday at (800) 446-3247 or on a walk-in basis at their offices in Anaheim and Long Beach. More information is available at www.fhfca.org.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission

Today, Tuesday, July 11, at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers the Planning Commission will hold a Study Session to review the following items:

LATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 13-008 (ROFAEL MARINA AND CARETAKER FACILITY): CUP: 1) To construct a boat marina consisting of a 66 ft. community dock area, a floating pedestrian ramp, and public access to the water; and 2) To construct a two-story building with a 508 sq. ft. marina office and public restroom on the first floor, a one-bedroom 565 sq. ft. caretaker's unit with a 249 sq. ft. balcony on the second floor, and a 441 sq. ft. two-car garage and five surface parking spaces on a 6,179 sq. ft. vacant lot. CDP: To "approve in concept" the proposed development within the coastal zone. MND: To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. The project is located at 16926 Park Avenue, 92649 (terminus of Park Avenue, east of Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Harbour). Please contact Tess Nguyen for more information.

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 17-001 (NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA): To amend the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance to prohibit commercial/recreational sales and deliveries of non-medical marijuana as well as adopt regulations regarding non-medical marijuana cultivation within the City. Please contact Tess Nguyen for more information.

<u>PLAN UPDATE</u>: To update the comprehensive General Plan. Please contact Jennifer Villasenor for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website at http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/agendas/ Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



On Friday, June 30, Fire Department units responded to a report of smoke coming from one of the underground electrical vaults in the area of Slater and Gothard. After arrival, it was determined that a nearby high voltage power pole was on fire. HBFD crews secured and isolated the area, notified Edison, and mitigated the incident with Edison personnel. Slater was closed from Gothard to Nichols to allow crews to work and keep people and traffic out due to high voltage safety concerns. Power was interrupted while Edison worked to repair the line. No injuries were reported and Edison crews remained on scene until the power was restored.

This incident is a good reminder that whenever there is an emergency associated with high voltage power lines, please stay back and call 9-1-1. Do not approach or stand below high voltage power lines.

On Monday, July 2, Fire Department units were dispatched to a medical aid for a patient with a hand caught in heavy machinery. Due to the possible complexity of the incident a ladder truck with specialized rescue tools was requested to assist. Upon arrival responding units ensured the machinery was disabled and devised a plan to safely remove the victims hand from a sprocket and chain. Paramedics treated the patient while the rescue effort ensued. Ultimately hydraulic power tools were used to cut a chain and free the victim's hand. The patient was transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Temperatures have been soaring here in Huntington Beach, and we want to remind you of some basic heat safety tips, especially for children, the elderly, and pets.

Infants and young children are particularly sensitive to the effects of extreme heat, and heatstroke is the leading cause of non-crash related fatalities in children under the age of 14. You should never leave your child unattended in a vehicle, even if you think you will be gone for a short period of time.

In just a matter of minutes, vehicles can go from a safe temperature to an unsafe temperature, and children overheat up to five times faster than adults. If the outside temperature is in the low 80s, the temperature inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in only 10 minutes, even with the windows rolled down two inches. This information is also applicable to pets. Not only should you never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle, it is also illegal to leave or confine an animal in any unattended vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat, lack of adequate ventilations, or lack of food or water that would cause the animal to suffer.

You should also check on the elderly, sick, and disabled who do not have air conditioning during times of extreme heat. Provide them with plenty of water to stay hydrated, and take them to a cool location such as the library or a shopping mall if possible.

Signs of heat related injury include:

- Red, hot, and moist or dry skin
- No sweating
- A strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse
- A throbbing headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Being grouchy or acting strangely

Remember to look before you lock, drink lots of water during times of extreme heat, and check on those who are unable to care for themselves. Enjoy a safe and cool summer!

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COMPLIMENTARY HUNTINGTON BEACH TRANSPORTATION

Stops throughout Huntington Beach on the new City and Coastal Loops

Additional service for Fourth of July and US Open of Surfing weekends

FOR THE SHUTTLE SCHEDULE AND LIVE GPS TRACKING VISIT

SURFCITYUSASHUTTLE.COM



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2017

- ♦ July 29 to August 6—**US Open of Surfing** www.vansusopenofsurfing.com
- ♦ July 29 Senior Center in Central Park Gala, 6pm. \$125 www.hbcoa.org

August 2017

- August 9 HB Day at the OC Fair. Flag raising ceremony at 12:30pm at the Hanger. www.ocfair.com for ticket info
- ◆ August 25—**HB Night at Angels Stadium**. \$22 www.hbchamber.org

City Hall Directory

City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 374-1600
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
Community Development	(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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