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## HBFD Firefighters Swim all Night for Charity

Huntington Beach Firefighters joined teams from the Long Beach Fire Department, Long Beach Lifeguards, and Seal Beach Lifeguards in a team relay swim to raise money for the Children's Cancer Center at Miller Children's Hospital of Long Beach.

Just before 10 p.m. on Friday night, the HBFD relay team, along with the other public safety agency's teams, slipped into the water to begin the relay race from Catalina Island to Long Beach. Seven members of the HBFD swam the relay in darkness from Catalina to Long Beach. In addition, five HBFD team members were on stand-up paddleboards escorting the swimmers, along with a support boat. The teams arrived in Long Beach Saturday morning.

Swimmers were: Tristan Gale, Kane Johnson, Eric McCoy, Dane Morrissey, Kevin Shanahan, Wendy Stiver, Zac Wright



Paddlers: Bill Cerri,  
Bob Farrar, Chad  
Garrett,  
Phil Voci, and Tom Wil-  
son

If you are interested in learning more about the event or want to support their effort with a donation, please visit the web-site at:

<http://www.millerchildrenshospitallb.org/swim>





## **Sign Up For a FREE California Friendly Gardening Class Saturday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**



The primary objective of the Watershed Basics Class is to help participants understand their connection with the urban watershed, demonstrate strategies for reducing potable water consumption, and teach rainwater retention through the creation of beautiful, sustainable, habitat-enhancing landscapes.

Our qualified trainers provide an interactive and fact-filled

overview of how to develop a successful California Friendly Garden using Watershed Wise techniques, and how to make any climate-appropriate plant happy in your garden.



The six topics covered in the class include:

- ◆ Taking A Watershed Approach
- ◆ Building A Healthy Soil Sponge
- ◆ Evaluating and Designing Your Site
- ◆ Selecting The Right Plant In The Right Place
- ◆ Using Rainwater As A Resource
- ◆ Managing Your Irrigation Properly.



**Class presented by G3 Green Gardens Group  
Hosted by the City of Huntington Beach  
Register by calling (714) 536-5921**

***Light refreshments will be provided***



# Public Works



The Shipley Nature Center is offering Huntington Beach residents a spectacular opportunity to purchase one California Native plant and receive one plant free (a limit of 5 free plants). Staff will also be on hand to give helpful advice on planting with natives and to explain the many benefits of promoting a natural habitat. You can also visit the Living Soils Exhibit that helps visitors learn the importance of improving the clay soils with compost and living organisms that will keep your soil healthy. See the Rainwater Harvesting Stream that captures moisture from our local fog and rainwater during the season for a beautiful re-circulating stream. They will also have native wildflower seeds available for purchase. If you could use a California Native Garden book, Shipley will have books for sale. Come visit the Waterwise demonstration gardens!

Join the UCCE Master Gardener Presentations:

- ◆ 10 a.m. – Drought Tolerant Gardens by Jeremy Samson
- ◆ 1 p.m. – Gardening With California Natives by Randy Musser

**HB residents who attend will receive  
a voucher to Buy a Plant - Get One  
of equal or lesser value.**  
(Limit of 5 free plants, limit one voucher per residence)  
Co-sponsored by Huntington Beach Water Conservation Dept.

Parking is available at 17851 Goldenwest Street, Central Park Drive and the  
Library

(714) 842-4772 --- [www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org)

## Residential Structure Fire

Just after 4 p.m. on October 5, Huntington Beach Fire Department units were dispatched to a reported structure fire in the 8400 block of Lomond Drive.

Upon arrival, firefighters found the garage of a residence fully engulfed in flames. Firefighters were able to confine the fire to the garage and prevent any spread.

One resident of the home suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene by paramedics.



The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

## Come out for Open House!

The Huntington Beach Fire Department Open House is on Saturday, October 11, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fire Station 1, located at 18301 Gothard Street. Come on down for a good time and fun-filled events, including station tours, fire vehicle displays, and Sparky the Fire Dog. Don't forget the live fire and Jaws of Life demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For more information, please call (714) 536-5411.

**See flyer on next page!**

CALL  
714-536-5411  
FOR MORE  
INFO

# HUNTINGTON BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT



## 2014 OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 11 - 10am to 2pm

In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week ([firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org))

### Fire Station 1 - Gothard

18301 Gothard Street

Firefighting demonstrations at

11:00 am & 1:00 pm

*Meet your local firefighters!*

*Tour the fire station!*

*Meet Sparky the Fire Dog!*

*See the fire engines!*



Refreshments courtesy of the Huntington Beach  
Firefighters' Assoc. & Fire Management Assoc.

## Domestic Dispute incident

Monday, October 6, Police Officers responded to a domestic dispute call located on Alabama Street . The caller and home owner had fled the location before calling police. The home owner reported that a roommate at the location had a male acquaintance arrive unannounced, armed with a firearm. The male acquaintance fired the firearm, causing the caller to flee the scene.

Officers arrived and contained the scene. They identified everyone involved and attempted to contact the suspect and female roommate. After hours of attempting to contact the individuals with no success, fearing a potential hostage situation, the HB SWAT team and Crisis Negotiators were called in, with an attempt to contact the suspect and resolve the situation.

After several hours, perimeter SWAT officers observed movement in the residence. Attempts to contact the suspect were unsuccessful. At 9 p.m., the suspect, Adam Murdock, exited the apartment briefly and was quickly taken into custody. The female was found and secured inside unharmed. During the investigation, investigators discovered a bullet hole inside the apartment and recovered a handgun. Murdock was booked for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and other felony charges. The incident concluded at approximately 11:30 p.m.



# Community Services

## Avoiding Senior Scams

Join the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center and the Huntington Beach Police Department on Tuesday, October 14, at 10:30 to 11 a.m. for a free and informative talk about scams that target the older adult population. An officer from the Bunco and Forgery department will be on hand to discuss the current array of senior scams that are active within the community including:

- ◆ Email scams
- ◆ Advanced Fee Schemes
- ◆ Mystery Shopper Scams
- ◆ Grandson / Granddaughter Scams
- ◆ Telephone Scams
- ◆ Utility Scams
- ◆ Elder Fraud (Trusts, Wills, Caretakers)



The officer will provide a presentation with information and tips on how to avoid falling victim to scams, followed by a question and answer session. After the Q&A, please join SeniorServ for lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Senior Café.

For more information about the event, please contact the Rodgers Seniors Center front desk at (714) 536-9387.

## Support Project Self Sufficiency!

Join over 5,000 runners, the Community Services staff, the Project Self Sufficiency staff, and clients for an exhilarating 10K/10 Miler or 5K run/walk on Pacific Coast Highway on October 26.

“Make Your Miles Count” is a way for you to enjoy the run and support Project Self Sufficiency in its 30<sup>th</sup> year. Project Self Sufficiency assists low income, single-parent families in Huntington Beach achieve economic self-sufficiency through education and personal development. Clients receive financial assistance and a host of other resources to assist them on their educational journey. Your donation directly assists these families in achieving their goals.

After registering for the race, click on the “Charity” tab and head to the PSS Fundraising site. Join the PSS/ Parks Make Life Better team and Make Your Miles Count!

To register for the race please visit [www.surfcity10.com](http://www.surfcity10.com). You can join one of our teams: “Project Self Sufficiency Team” or the “Parks Make Life Better Team.”



**FRIENDS of the**  
HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC  
**LIBRARY**

## National Friends of Libraries Week and Friends of the Library Membership Drive!

The Huntington Beach Public Library announces the National Friends of Libraries Week acknowledging both the Library for their continued dedication and commitment. The Library System is fortunate to have such dynamic volunteers work year-round to raise money and community awareness, crucial to maintaining the library's status as an exemplary cultural and educational resource.

During the week of October 19-25, the "Friends" group is holding a membership drive to attract new members and active volunteers. Come visit the information table at the Central Library to sign-up during this week and receive a free tote bag.

Already a member ? Sign-up a friend or family member and still receive a free tote bag!

## Children's Library to Offer Halloween Themed Pajama Storytime

Join Miss Barbara and the Children's Library for a truly unique Storytime to officially kick-off the Fall and Halloween season! The ever-popular "Family Evening Storytime" is special for several reasons: it's held after dinner, children can wear their pajamas, and there are yummy treats afterwards, just to name a few!

Thursday, October 9, at 7 p.m., children are invited to come dressed in their Halloween costumes (or pajamas) for a half-hour of spooky stories, songs, and puppets. This event will take place in the Tabby Theater at the Central Library. Teddy bears and children of all ages are welcome!

After the presentation, refreshments will be available, graciously provided by the National Charity League.

Put on your jammies and join us!



## Superheroes on 5th Street

Did you ever think your favorite superhero might visit Surf City? There's only one way to find out. Visit The Strand every Tuesday during the month of October to enjoy a visit from a variety of Caped Crusaders. Superheroes will arrive to greet the crowd between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on 5<sup>th</sup> Street during Surf City Nights .

Come down for lots of fun and have your photo taken with your favorite superhero!

For more information, visit [www.surfcitynights.com](http://www.surfcitynights.com).



## Seeking residents: Citizens Participation Advisory Board

The City of Huntington Beach is seeking residents to serve on the Citizens Participation Advisory Board (CPAB). CPAB assesses the needs of low- and moderate-income households, and evaluates and prioritizes funding for the Community Development Block Grant program to the City Council. CPAB holds monthly meetings, generally on the first Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. at City Hall, Room B-8.

Please visit: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards\\_commissions/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/).

For questions regarding CPAB, please call Simone Slifman, Project Manager in the Office of Business Development at (714) 375-5186.

## Miss Huntington Beach Scholarship Pageant 2014-2015

A big congratulations to Claire Margaret Epting, the winner of Miss Huntington Beach 2014-15. Claire, 18, attends Orange County School of Arts where she is working towards her career as a working actor and educator. She plans on attending a four-year college where she will major in Theatre and minor in Literature.



Claire spends much of her free time volunteering for various charities and projects, including the Wetlands and Wildlife Center and Friends of Bolsa Chica Clean-up.

Miss Huntington Beach has been a tradition in Huntington Beach for over 100 years, celebrating the young woman of Huntington Beach. This year's theme, "Honoring Tradition," showcases the importance of the pageant and the role it plays in developing the community's future leaders.

Congratulations to Jena who placed first runner up and Alexis! Great job ladies!

## LIVE ELECTION NIGHT TELEVISION COVERAGE ON TAP FOR HUNTINGTON BEACH!

PCTA-produced coverage set for Tuesday, November 4, from 9:00 pm-midnight

Residents of Huntington Beach can watch live, local television coverage of the 2014 Election on Tuesday, November 4, from 9 pm to midnight on Channel 3.

Produced by the Public Cable Television Authority (PCTA), the exclusive coverage will include in-depth looks at the races that matter to local residents: City Council, Assembly, and Senate, as well as local measures, school board contests, and more.

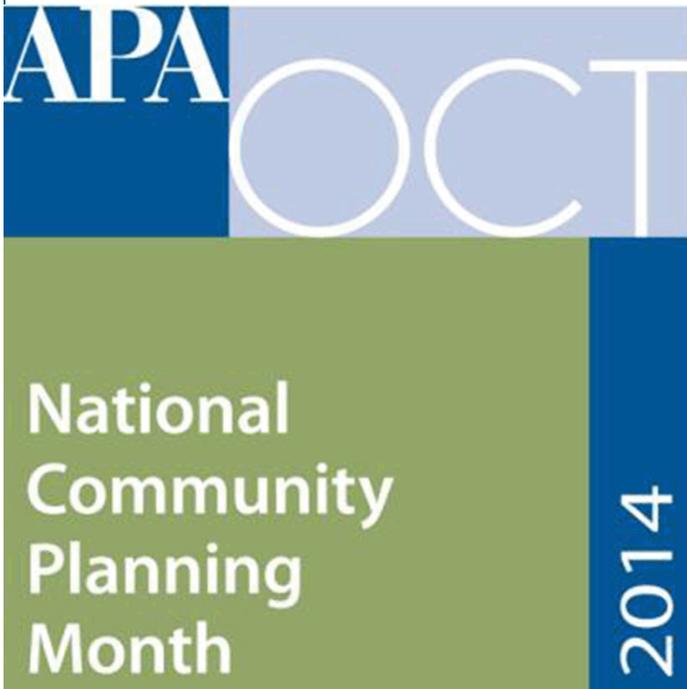
In addition to in-studio interviews, analysis, and up-to-the-minute results, PCTA will be broadcasting live from various election night gatherings, bringing you interviews with many of the candidates.

PCTA's live election night coverage and other exclusive local programming can be seen on Time Warner Cable and Verizon FiOS Channel 3.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

That residents can report suspected violations or eyesores on private property to the Code Enforcement Division from the City website? You can report Code Enforcement violation online at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/forms-applications/code-enforcement-complaint.cfm>



## National Community Planning Month

The American Planning Association (APA) is kicking off 2014 National Community Planning Month, with activities to raise the visibility of the important role of planners and planning in communities across the United States. For the first time, the City of Huntington Beach will be participating in this national event!

The City's theme for the 2014 National Community Planning Month is "*Great Places in Huntington Beach!*" - highlighting residents, business owners, and visitors' favorite places in Huntington Beach.

Between October 7 and October 27, the Planning and Building Department invites community members to submit photos and art representing their favorite "place" in Huntington Beach. Planning and Building staff will select the best representations to be displayed at City Hall in the Planning and Building Department. Winners will also be recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting.

To highlight the importance of planning in the community, Planning Division staff will be offering guided tours of City Hall for community members and residents seeking to understand how each of the development services departments serve the community and give them a friendly face/contact at City Hall. Come meet the hard-working professional staff that make Huntington Beach the best place to live, work, and play.

Tours will be offered October 27– 30 at 8 am and 4 pm.

For more information or to schedule a tour, visit <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/announcements/announcement.cfm?id=740#sthash.0wGm30kP.dpuf>



# City Attorney's Office

## Office of the City Attorney Presents 2013/14 Annual Report



The Office of the City Attorney presented their 2013/14 Annual Report to City Council, City Officers, City departments, employees, residents and community members to City Council on Monday, October 6.

Highlights include several successful Litigation Division cases won in court and key Advisory Division projects that illustrate the distinguished legal expertise of one of the finest and most comprehensive municipal law offices in the State of California.

The City Attorney 2013/14 Annual Report is full of successful court case wins, key project specific facts, and informative charts depicting the numerous clients they serve. The City Attorney's Office, Litigation Division, is delighted to announce nearly 60% of 2014 litigation cases were resolved without payment of any monies. In addition, the City Attorney's Office successfully defended the City and two outstanding police officers in a federal civil rights/wrongful death jury trial involving a police shooting. The Advisory Division assisted in negotiating a new franchise agreement with Paramount Petroleum that will bring the City over \$600,000.00 in revenue the first year.

"Our in-house litigation Division has the qualifications and experience to handle nearly every lawsuit brought against the City and its employees, saving the City substantial money in not having to retain costly outside counsel," said Neal Moore, Senior Deputy City Attorney

For Further information, please contact City Attorney Jennifer McGrath at (714) 536-5555

## 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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