

**Summer
2014**

City News

Huntington Beach

100 Years of Surfing / Surfboards on Parade

This year marks an exciting year of celebration as Huntington Beach celebrates its centennial of surfing with a series of events highlighting this major milestone. With the Huntington Beach Rotary Club's "Surfboards on Parade" and Visit HB's "100 Years of Surfing" events, residents, businesses and visitors alike will ride the wave of special events throughout the year.

A surf art experience, Surfboards on Parade will feature 25 one-of-a-kind surfboards shaped by invited surfboard shapers with the art of invited artists on them. The surfboards will be placed throughout the Huntington Beach community. Wyland created the first board which is on display at Duke's restaurant at the pier. Proceeds from Surfboards on Parade will benefit Hoag Family Cancer Institute to support education for skin cancer education and research, the Rotary Club of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Art Center.

Visit HB celebrates its "100 Years of Surfing" as it marks the centennial event when surfing legend George Freeth got off the train and rode with waves of Huntington Beach on June 20, 1914. More than 20 events are already planned to recognize and celebrate HB's rich and vibrant surf culture. Events will also raise funds for our International Surf Museum.

LOCAL EVENTS SCHEDULE:

The excitement grows as Surfboards are unveiled at The Resorts of Huntington Beach:

May 1 – Opening ceremonies begin on may day/lei day celebrating our community and our cause island style followed by a Surfboard Showcase reception at the Huntington Beach Art Center

May 1 – August 17 – Surfboards on Parade Art Exhibit continues throughout Huntington Beach with Surfboards at sponsor locations

June 21 – International Surfing Dat Events. Southside of pier. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

July 28 – September 20 – Surfboards on Parade Art Exhibit at the Huntington Beach Art Center

August 30 – Green Room Golf Tournament at Sea Cliff Country Club. Proceeds from this tournament benefit the International Surfing Museum in Huntington Beach. 11 a.m. shotgun start.

October 4 – Night of a Million Waves gala, surfboard art auction and awards ceremony at the Waterfront Hilton Beach Resort

For more information on all 100 Years of Surfing events at www.100yearsofsurfinghb.com.



HUNTINGTON BEACH JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS 2014

The summer is a time for the beach and a time for making sure your children are educated about the ocean environment. The Huntington Beach City Junior Lifeguards was created to infuse ocean awareness, physical fitness, discipline and fun into an action packed summer program. Information about the 2014 season is listed below. Should you have further questions look us up on the web at: www.juniorguard.com, or call us at 714-374-1501.

PROGRAM Monday through Friday, June 23 through August 14, 2014
SCHEDULE: Morning Session 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon
 Afternoon Session 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

REQUIREMENTS: Open to boys and girls ages 9 through 17 (as of July 1, 2014). Applicants must possess a basic swimming ability to be able to pass the following prerequisite exams:

- Swim 100 yards in 1 minute & 50 seconds or below (Ages 9-13).
- 9-11 year olds are eligible for the program if they make the time requirement of 1:51-2:00, but they will be enrolled in the P.M. session only, regardless of siblings
- Swim 100 yards in 1 minute and 45 seconds or below for ages 14-17
- Tread water for five minutes
- Swim underwater for approximately 10 yards

TRYOUTS: Cabana Club, 8141 Atlanta Ave., Huntington Beach, 92646 (New Location)

• Saturday	May 03, 2014	8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
• Saturday	May 10, 2014	8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
• Saturday	May 17, 2014	8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
• Sunday	May 18, 2014	8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon



Sister City Association

2014 marks the 30th year of an annual student exchange with local high school students and representatives from Anjo, Japan. The reciprocal exchange takes place during July and August.

A highlight of the spring was the renewal of an annual Sister City sponsored **Japanese Cultural Festival**, which was held in Central Park by the bandstand in March. Japanese food, arts and crafts demonstrations, games for children were enjoyed by many. Entertainment included taiko drum performances, Japanese dancing, selections by the Kolohe Ukulele Club, and adult and youth Japanese martial arts demonstrations.

A newly minted sister city relationship was established in 2013 with Manly, Australia, home of the surfing contest Australia Open, as Huntington Beach hosts the U.S. Open. Dignitaries from Huntington Beach traveled (at their own expense) to Manly in February to share in the festivities of the Australia Open.

GRILLING SAFETY

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It is one of the most popular ways to cook food, but can be very hot, causing burn injuries and can be a fire hazard.

FACTS

- Fire departments respond to an average of 7,900 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues each year.
- Thirty-three percent of home grill structure fires start on an exterior balcony or unenclosed porch.

SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Shipleigh Nature Center

Open 9 am to 4 pm on Second Saturdays

Besides the regular hours of 9 am to 1 pm, Shipleigh will now be open on the Second Saturday of each month until 4 pm. Educational programs for kids and families will be held on these Saturdays. Check website for details.

Composting Seminars

Mark your calendars for 9:30 am on May 10th or June 21st to learn all about Traditional Composting and Vermicomposting (worm composting). See how to turn kitchen scraps and backyard cuttings into "black gold" for your garden. Registration is \$10 per attendee. Register online at www.shipleighnature.org. HB residents get a \$50 voucher toward the purchase of either type of composting bin, available on day of seminar.



Cool Summer Nights

Shipleigh Nature Center again invites all nature lovers to Thursday evenings during July and August from 4 pm to 8 pm. Short talks on native plants, raptors and critters along with the astronomers will be returning featured evenings. Enjoy a stroll in the habitats to observe the evening activities of local wildlife.

See www.shipleighnature.org for all event details. 17851 Goldenwest St. 714-842-4772. Open Monday – Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm and on the second Saturday of the month from 9 am - 4 pm.

Public Works Department

Preventing ocean pollution keeps beach goers healthy and protects the environment. Here are a few things the City of Huntington Beach is doing to protect residents, visitors and the environment:

- Street sweeping over 30,000 miles of curb and gutter has prevented over 3,000 tons of trash and debris every year from getting into the storm drain
- 11 areas where annually more than 250 million gallons of polluted urban runoff is diverted to the sewer system for treatment instead of flowing out to the ocean
- Last year over 48 tons of trash and debris was removed from the storm drains
- City hosted beach cleanup events the third week of every month
- Residents can help too! You can wash your car on the lawn, pick up after your pet and fix leaking vehicles. Simple actions make a difference. Visit www.OCWatersheds.com for more information on what you can do to help protect our beaches and environment.

Huntington Beach Community Garden

Spring brings a delicious bounty of organic fruits and vegetables to the Huntington Beach Community Garden.

A beautiful community treasure, the Huntington Beach Community Garden, produces more than 1000 lbs. annually of donated organic fruits and vegetables for local non-profits; delivered by Harvest Brigade committee volunteers.

Welcome Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops! Learn about the importance of organic gardening. Three Eagle Scout Leadership Projects are slated for spring implementation, including:

1. Two Barn Owl Boxes – Invitation to Barn Owl families to make HBCG their home;
2. Gravel in plot walkways – Improve drainage and reduce weeds;
3. California Native Plant Beautification – Impressive 85 foot stretch of natives along the north fence.



Visit www.huntingtonbeachcommunitygarden.com for information on upcoming events, volunteering, plot availability and membership. 'Like' us on Facebook. To find the HBCG, take a short walk from the parking lot at the SE corner of Atlanta and Brookhurst, head east towards the Santa Ana River. The address is 10134 Atlanta Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92646.



Huntington Beach Police Traffic Unit: We Are Here For Your Safety

by Sergeant David Dereszynski

Safety First! What does “Safety First” mean to you? For the sake of the pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists around you, we hope it is a top priority. There has been an average of 11 traffic collision related deaths per year in the City of Huntington Beach over the past five years. In that same time period, police have responded to an average of 2625 traffic collisions annually. Nearly 52% of the time people were injured in these collisions.

The ultimate goal of traffic law enforcement is to reduce traffic collisions. We use education and enforcement techniques which are based on accident data, enforcement activity records, traffic volume, and traffic conditions. Based on statistics, our top factors leading to collisions involve pedestrians, right-of-way violations, red light and sign violations, and unsafe speed. Here are some tips to help you be safer.

Pedestrian Safety: If you must cross the street, only do so at a legal crosswalk. This may be a painted crosswalk or where two streets meet at a 90 degree angle and the sidewalk would continue to the other side. Drivers must yield to pedestrians who are in the roadway and who are close enough to be an immediate hazard. Pedestrians should diligently look before entering a roadway, even if in a crosswalk, to make sure drivers see them. Even if a pedestrian is in the right, the vehicle always survives a collision, the pedestrian does not.

Right-of-way: Drivers lawfully in an intersection must yield to oncoming traffic. Just because the light is turning yellow or is red before you have made your left turn, you do not need to turn until it is safe to do so. Never assume what approaching drivers are going to do. Drivers may change their minds. Turning left in front of an oncoming vehicle is illegal and may cause a collision leading to injuries. Let the vehicles pass or make sure they stop before starting your turn.

Lights and Signs: Pay attention to the phasing of the lights and signs near intersections. In general, a yellow light is indicating that the green phase is ending or a red phase is going to be shown immediately. It does not mean to speed up in order to make the light. When in doubt, safely slow down and come to a stop. Waiting for the next green light is only a few seconds away.

Speed: For every mile an hour in which speed is increased, the forces increase exponentially. This results in a significantly higher risk of injury or death. Protect yourself and your loved ones and don't place them in a bad situation. Slow down!

We also believe there are certain safety measures that are not used, or are used improperly, which contribute to injuries or death during collisions. These include wearing your seatbelt and wearing it properly, wearing a DOT approved helmet when riding motorcycles and wearing a bicycle helmet. Distracted driving is also a leading contributing factor of collisions.

Seatbelt Safety: In California, wearing a seatbelt is required. A driver is required to properly wear the seatbelt that was installed by the vehicles manufacturer. It should be noted that wearing the shoulder portion of the safety belt underneath the armpit is illegal and can result in a citation. Wearing a seatbelt incorrectly can actually increase the risk of injury.

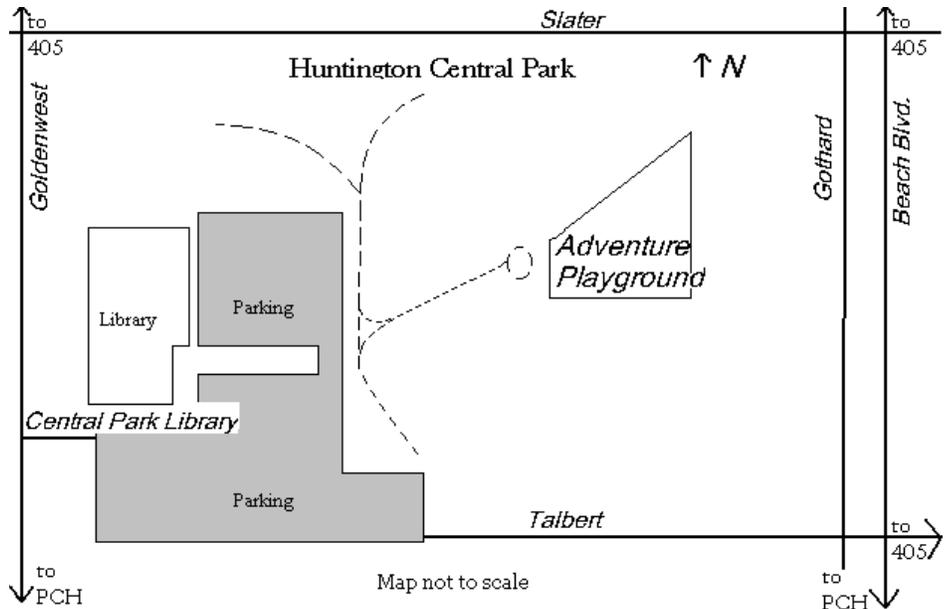
Helmet Safety: If you are a passenger or a rider on a motorcycle, you are required to wear a DOT approved helmet. The characteristics which make a motorcycle helmet legal are a thick inner foam liner (1" thick), metal rivets and buckle for the chin strap, DOT sticker, and manufacturers label inside. If these items are missing, the helmet is most likely unsafe and illegal. Anyone under the age of 18 is required to wear an approved safety helmet when riding a bicycle, skateboard, roller blades, scooter, or any other device propelled by human power. While it is not required for adults, it is strongly suggested they wear safety equipment when doing these same activities.

Distracted Driving: Holding your cellular phone up to your mouth while it's on speakerphone is illegal. If a phone is being used, it needs to be in a “hands free” manner. That means no hands are used to communicate on the device. This also means no texting, checking your email, reading a text message, updating your social media sites, or surfing the internet. Eating food or applying makeup while driving could also be a distracting behavior which may lead to collisions.

For questions, contact the HBPD Traffic Front Desk: Mon.-Thur. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2000 Main St. or call (714) 536-5663

Huntington Beach Adventure Playground

In Huntington Central Park east of the Library



Fun for kids of all ages:

- Raft around the pond
- Balance across the rope bridge
- Build with hammers & saws
- Splash down the mud slide

- Open June 16 through August 15.
- Hours: Monday through Saturday 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Closed Sundays.
- Suggested age is 5-12, but we don't turn anyone away due to age. Children under 10 are required to have parent or guardian supervision in the building area.
- Families or groups of less than 10 children do not need to make reservations.
- Groups of 10 or more and birthday parties must make reservations. To ensure there will be room, make reservations early in the season. Due to space limitations, tables can only be reserved for Saturday birthday parties and only one table per party.

- To make reservations early call Huntington Beach Community Services **714-536-5486**
- Starting June 16 – For Reservations -- please call Adventure Playground: **714-842-7442**
- **Everybody must be wearing closed-toe tennis shoes (sneakers) or stronger covering the entire foot.**

Children wearing water shoes, jelly shoes, or sandals will not be permitted to play.

- We appreciate wood donations: 2x4, 4x4, plywood, pallets, or any wood that the kids can use to build tree-house structures. We can also use a few more hammers and saws. Donations are tax deductible.
- Bring your own lunch. We also sell a variety of candy and soda for a small fee.
- The kids will get dirty. We have a shower and a changing area, so bring extra clothes, a bag, and a towel.
- Beach chairs or blankets are recommended for adults who want to watch, but we encourage their participation.
- 2014 Fees: \$3 per child. All adults are free.

Beach Information

City Beach: Encompassing 3.5 miles from Beach Boulevard to the west city limits, the city boasts one of the world's finest beaches. The beachfront includes the municipal pier, food and rental concessions, restrooms, showers, volleyball nets, fire rings, and a 2,200 space beach parking lot plus additional parking on Pacific Coast Highway and adjacent streets. New buildings on the municipal pier, a new Visitors Kiosk at Pier Plaza, and new restrooms along Blufftop Park north of the Pier will enhance beach visits for both residents and visitors. Lifeguard service is provided during daylight hours 365 days a year. The number and location of lifeguards on duty varies depending on season, weather and surf conditions. Please note posted signage for information. Curfew is 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and is strictly enforced. Beach Headquarters: 103 Pacific Coast Highway. Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Phone: 714-536-5281 Emergencies: call 911.



For information on Municipal Beach Parking Pass, Main Promenade Parking Structure, Day Use Parking, Pier Plaza Parking, and Sunset Vista RV Park, please visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov or call 714-536-5281.

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