

# In The Works- Huntington Beach Public Works

## Holiday Closure Info for Trash, Sweeping, and Tree Disposal

### Trash Collection

Trash will be collected per regular schedule on Christmas Eve, Monday Dec. 24 and on New Year's Eve, Monday Dec. 31. There will be no trash collection on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, so trash collection from Tuesday through

Friday each holiday week will be delayed one day. Residents on Tuesday's route should place their trash for collection on Wednesday, and so on for the entire week. Friday's route will be collected on Saturday.

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### Street Sweeping

Street sweeping is cancelled from Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1 due to the Christmas and New Year holidays and the City Hall holiday closure. From January 2nd through January 4<sup>th</sup> street sweeping will be on holiday routing due to the holiday trash schedule. Neighborhoods

that are impacted by trash carts at the curb will not be swept. Neighborhoods that can be efficiently swept will be swept per regular schedule. Example: where trash is collected from a rear alley. No street sweeping tickets are issued during the Christmas/New Year holidays. The regular street sweeping schedule

with parking enforcement will resume on January 7. Routes cancelled due to holiday scheduling are not made up.

If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance division at 714-960-8861.

### Post Holiday Christmas Tree and Cardboard Recycling

Rainbow Environmental Services is offering free post-holiday recycling of non-artificial Christmas trees and cardboard cartons. Rainbow will pick up Christmas trees and any flattened cardboard cartons that are placed next to the trees from December 31, 2012 through January 11, 2013.

To recycle your tree, simply remove all ornaments, hooks, light strings, tinsel,

and stand, and place it next to your carts on your trash day. Flatten cardboard and place next to trees. The automated trucks are not collecting trees, so please do not block access to the carts and **do not** put your Christmas tree in your carts. Larger trees should be cut to six-foot maximum. Multi-family, condo and townhome residents with commercial service (blue dumpster) should place trees to the side of the dumpsters, not in

front or on top of the dumpster. Check with your property manager or HOA for other restrictions.

After January 11, tree pickups will have to be scheduled as a 10/4 Pickup arranged directly through Rainbow Environmental. For further information, please contact Public Works Trash and Recycling at 714-375-5010 or Rainbow Environmental Services at 714-847-3581.

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**Did You Know?**

The City has approximately 65,000 trees? Huntington Beach has been a Tree City for over 10 years!

## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal and Inner-Coastal Cleanup

On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Public Works and Community Services Departments teamed up to co-host two cleanup sites in conjunction with other municipalities and agencies across the state as part of the annual Coastal and Inner-Coastal Cleanup event. Initiated by the California Coastal Commission in 1985, this is the 28<sup>th</sup> such event. It occurs every third Saturday in September and is an opportunity for the community to demonstrate its desire for clean water and healthy marine life by coming together as

neighbors, friends, and communities to remove trash from the local environment. Over the years, the event has grown from 2,500 volunteers at the inaugural event to over 80,000 volunteers participating in the 2012 event.

This year, the City partnered with the County of Orange to host an inner-coastal site (Barlett Park) in addition to the traditional coastal cleanup site at the beach adjacent to the pier. The event was a

success as 96 volunteers braved temperatures that soared up to 95 degrees to collect 1,300 lbs of trash at the Barlett Park site and 257 volunteers at the beach site collected over 1,000 lbs of trash and debris that would have otherwise washed into the ocean.



## Utilities Division Water Distribution Wins Tapping Contest

Congratulations to the Public Works Utilities Division tapping team of Tony Velez, Jesse Calderon, Rich Glover and Dean Sunter (pictured left to right) for successfully defending their championship status by winning the 2012 tapping competition at the Orange County Water Association's Exhibition and Operator Competition. The team took first place by defeating the City of Long Beach, Yorba Linda Water District, and Irvine Ranch Water District with a time of 1 minute and 43 seconds.

"Hot tapping" involves making a connection to a pressurized water pipe using a

hand operated tapping machine. Teams are required to tap the pipe and connect it to copper tubing leading to a spigot. Penalty seconds are assessed for leaks.



### **Greg Peters Receives Mayor's Award**

Equipment Operator Greg Peters started working for the City as a part time employee. He was hired full time on October 30 1989 and worked his

way through the ranks to Equipment Operator, his current position for 23 years.

Greg has made a substantial contribution to the City over the years and has held acting positions of Lead-worker and Crew-leader in the tree maintenance operations program. As an Arborist Greg has designed and implemented

numerous planting and special projects with highly successful results.

Greg enjoys spending time with his wife and coaches his two daughters in soccer and softball. Greg is an Edison High school graduate, where he played volleyball and football, and is still active playing slow-pitch softball in the Huntington Beach recreation league. He enjoys camping, golfing and off road sports with his family and friends.



### **Sandbags Offered to Huntington Beach Residents**

Local citizens can receive up to 20 sandbags from the City of Huntington Beach Corporate Yard at 17371 Gothard St. The sandbags are available during storms and when significant rainfall is in our forecast. The hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. These hours may be extended in the event of a major storm.

Sandbags are for the personal use of Huntington Beach residents only. Contractors and businesses can purchase sand and bags at most building supply centers and home im-

provement stores. Residents should be prepared to show a form of personal identification, like a driver's license or photo I.D card, and a current utility bill or similar proof of HB residency. Citizens are asked to bring their own shovel and fill their own bags, unless they are physically unable.

The elderly and disabled may call the Huntington Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) message line, 714-536-5974, to have sandbags delivered by volunteers. The City does not col-

lect bags after the rainy season. It is the responsibility of the resident to lawfully dispose of the sand and the bag when no longer needed.

The Yard is located at 17371 Gothard St. between Warner and Slater Avenues. For more information, please call Public Works Maintenance at 714-960-8861. For all information or questions on flood preparedness, call the Huntington Beach Fire Department Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office.

#### **2102 Christmas and New Year Holiday Trash Collection Schedule**

<u><b>2102 Christmas and New Year Holiday Trash Collection Schedule</b></u>					
<b>Regular Collection Day</b>	Monday 12/24	Tuesday 12/25	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Monday 12/31	Wednesday 1/1			
<b>Holiday Collection</b>	Unaffected	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

## Who to call:

For issues with my water/trash bill or to set up service  
Water Billing at (714) 536-5919

To request a tree to be trimmed Parks, Trees, Landscape  
Division at (714) 536-5480

To request a Public Works Inspection for curb/gutter, line/  
grade, final Engineering Desk at (714) 536-5431 (All  
inspections require 48-hour notice)

To report graffiti City Yard (714) 960-8861

To get a permit to park my RV on the street Police Depart-  
ment at (714) 536-5665

For a building inspection, Flood Zone info or a Building  
Permit Building Department at (714) 536-5271

If my streetlight is out SCE at (800) 655-4555

For Beach Parking Passes, to reserve a park, or register for  
a City activity or class Community Services at (714) 536-  
5486

To file a claim against the City, for records information, or  
passport information City Clerk at (714) 536-5227

For a Business License call (714) 536-5267

## Other Information & Agencies

When is street sweeping? Go to <http://hbmaps.surfcity-hb.org/viewer.htm>

The Social Security Office is in Fountain Valley at 17075  
Newhope Street, Suite B (714) 966-2466 [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

County offices for Birth/Death Certificates, Marriage Li-  
censes, and other County services are located in Santa Ana  
on Civic Center Drive (714) 834-5400 [www.oc.ca.gov](http://www.oc.ca.gov)

Animal Control (714) 935-6848 [www.ocpetinfo.com](http://www.ocpetinfo.com)

Rainbow Disposal (714) 847-3581

Orange County Sanitation District (714) 962-4211

Vector Control (714) 971-2421

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## Promotions & Certifications

Congratulations to recurrent employee Ronnie Ruiz on passing the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Grade I Collection System Maintenance technical exam. Ronnie works in the Utility Division's Wastewater Section and is a valuable addition to the Sewer Lateral Program. Great job!

Dorien Mc Elroy, Wastewater Supervisor, passed the CWEA Grade IV Collection System Maintenance technical exam. She plans on enrolling in an on-line correspondence course this winter to gain certification in Storm Drain Management.

Congratulations to Senior Construction Inspector Ronald Brunell for passing the APWA Certified Public Infrastructure Inspector (CPII) exam.

**Congratulations!**