

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- ◆ MAYOR'S CHALLENGE
- ◆ NEW HBPD OFFICERS
- ◆ CHAMBER ECONOMIC CONFERENCE
- ◆ NEW BUSINESSES COMING TO HB

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City Manager's Report

APRIL 1, 2014

City Joins Nationwide Mayor's Water Wise Challenge

3rd National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, April 1 – 30

Mayor Harper is joining mayors across the country in asking residents to make a commitment to conserve water and cut pollution by taking part in a national contest aimed at drastically slashing water and energy use across the nation — and in return residents can win a new Toyota Prius Plug-In, water saving fixtures, and hundreds of other prizes.

The Wyland Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation, April 1- 30, is a non-profit national community service campaign to see which leaders can best inspire their residents to make a series of informative through easy-to-use online pledges to reduce water and energy usage.

"As 2013 was one of the driest years on record and with our state's emergency drought situation, it is ever more important to not waste water and take extra measures to conserve," said Mayor Harper. "I know Huntington Beach residents can enthusiastically get behind this effort to do their part to conserve water."

Mayor Harper is encouraging Huntington Beach residents to conserve water, save energy, and reduce pollution on behalf of Huntington Beach at www.mywaterpledge.com/national throughout the month of April.

To participate, residents enter online at mywaterpledge.com, then make a series of online pledges to conserve water on behalf of Huntington Beach. Cities with the highest percentage of residents who take the challenge in their population category are entered into drawings for hundreds of eco-friendly prizes, including home improvement gift cards, home irrigation equipment, and a Grand Prize Toyota Prius Plug-In. The challenge also features additional resources for residents to take their commitment of conservation even further, from regional water and energy resource issues to cost-saving tips at home.



Huntington Beach Police Join Crackdown on Texting and Handheld Cell Use Behind the Wheel

As part of **April's *Distracted Driving Awareness Month*** campaign, the Huntington Beach Police Department will be joining with over 200 other local law enforcement agencies and the California Highway Patrol in a month-long "zero tolerance" enforcement and education campaign to curb those texting or operating hand-held cell phones while driving. Officers will be on alert throughout the month for those who break the cell phone laws and place themselves and others in danger. Special high visibility enforcement operations to cite cell phone violators will take place on **April 3rd, 8th, 17th, and 22nd.**



The increased enforcement and education aims to persuade drivers to recognize the dangers of distracted driving and reduce the number of people impacted by this perilous behavior. The *"It's Not Worth It!"* theme emphasizes that a phone call or text isn't worth a hefty fine or a collision. The current minimum ticket cost is \$161, with subsequent tickets costing at least \$281. Last year, Huntington Beach Police Department officer's issued over 2,860 citations to motorists who were talking or texting while driving. These violations are a contributing factor to traffic collisions and have resulted in injuries and deaths in the past. Drivers who use hand-held devices are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves. In addition, studies show that texting while driving can delay a driver's reaction time just as severely as having a blood alcohol content of a legally drunk driver. According to research, sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. Even a three second glance at freeway speeds means a driver has traveled the distance of a football field.

Research shows that there is no difference in the risks between hands-free and hand-held cell phone conversations, both of which can result in "inattention blindness" which occurs when the brain isn't seeing what is clearly visible because the drivers' focus is on the phone conversation and not on the road. When over one-third of your brain's functioning that should be on your driving moves over to cell phone talking, you can become a cell phone "zombie."

New HBPD Officers Sworn In

Congratulations to our new officers that were sworn in April 1. Joining the force are **Grant Hasselbach, James Martin (lateral) and Daniel Chichester, Jonathan Cobb, Mark Gillham, Steven Tennant (academy grads).** Also sworn in were Detention Officers **Nicole Shogren and Christina Tolmasoff.**



Police Department News

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On Sunday March 30 at 1:45 a.m., officers responded to the area of Main Street and Walnut Street regarding a fight between three females. Officers arrived quickly and discovered a large fight involving multiple suspects. When the officers attempted to break up the fight suspect Alvarez stabbed one male victim in the face with a broken bottle. Alvarez was immediately taken into custody by officers. Officers located another male stabbing victim in the area and the Huntington Beach Fire Department Paramedics responded and transported the victims to a local hospital. Both remain hospitalized in stable condition. A possible third male victim was located in a San Diego area hospital later that morning and was treated and released.

During the investigation it was determined that an argument between three females escalated into a physical fight. Witnesses reported the altercation began over an argument between the female victim, who was wearing an Angel's jersey, and the 2 female suspects making statements about the Dodgers. During this fight the male stabbing victims, who are unrelated to the subjects fighting, apparently attempted to help the female and were attacked by the two female suspect's friends. All three male stabbing victims are Marines that attempted to aid the female who was being assaulted.

The Huntington Beach Police Department arrested the listed suspects that night and they were booked into the city jail. Four were released after being interviewed by detectives pending further investigation. **Alvarez** and **Robledo** were booked on the listed charges.

More charges maybe pending for all the listed suspects:

- ◆ Manuel Alexis ALVAREZ – 23 year old male from Downey – 245(a) 1 PC – Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Booked)
- ◆ Victoria ROBLEDO – 20 year old female from Norwalk – 245(a) 1 PC – Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Booked)
- ◆ Paul Santino FORNO – 22 year old male from Whittier – 245(a) 1 PC – released pending further investigation
- ◆ Daniel MAGADAN – 24 year old male from Whittier – 245(a) 1 PC – released pending further investigation
- ◆ Erik Alexander Gomez CHAVEZ – 27 year old male from Norwalk – 245(a) 1 PC – released pending further investigation
- ◆ Jessica PEREZ – 22 year old female from Downey – 245(a) 1 PC – Released pending further investigation

Anyone who may have information regarding this incident or has cell phone video is asked to call the Huntington Beach Police Tip Line at (714) 375-5066. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS (855-847-6627). You can also contact Orange County Crime Stoppers by texting to phone number 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S) from a cell phone. All text messages should begin with the letters "OCCS".

Message from the Mayor Matthew M. Harper

The incident that happened this weekend in Downtown Huntington Beach is unacceptable. Multiple arrests have already been made and the Huntington Beach Police Department continues the investigation to make sure the perpetrators are brought to justice. While Huntington Beach is one of the safest cities of our size, this incident is a reminder that we continue to have challenges. These challenges are similar to other beach cities in the United States where the shoreline is attractive to so many.

I share everyone's concerns. I grew up here in Huntington Beach and went to Huntington Beach High School with my wife. We are outraged by this and any other violent crime in our city. We have hired additional police officers, including six new police officers this morning, April 1, bringing 26 new officers to town within the past four months. In addition, we have implemented changes and other strategies that will be discussed by the council upon receiving a pending report from our Downtown Task Force. We encourage our residents and businesses to be a part of the discussion as this comes to our agenda. There are a lot of ideas on how we can improve and it is important that we hear from all points of view as we work toward solutions.

Fire Department News

After Quake Windshield Surveys

The Fire Department performed windshield surveys (systematic observations) to inspect for damage related to the magnitude 5.1 earthquake on Friday, March 28 at approximately 9:00 p.m. As part of the Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement, Huntington Beach sent one fire engine to the City of Fullerton to assist.

Commercial Structure Fire

On Saturday, March 29, at approximately 12:30 p.m., the Fire Department was dispatched to a reported fire alarm at the Waterfront Hilton Resort. Upon arrival, firefighters found patrons evacuating down the stairways and, later, observed light smoke emitting from the Elevator Control Room. The electrical motor of one of the elevators was burned with no active fire detected. Once the electrical power was shut off, the fire self-extinguished.

Mass Casualty Incident (MCI)

On Sunday, March 30 at approximately 6:30 a.m., the Fire Department responded to a call for a traffic collision at Adams and Newland. Upon arrival, two vehicles were found in the intersection with extensive damage. Both patients were successfully extricated from the vehicles and transported to nearby Trauma Centers.

Residents Participate in City's First Tsunami Walk

The City of Huntington Beach, in conjunction with National Tsunami Preparedness Week, participated in testing the city's ability to communicate with residents in the tsunami inundation zone. More than 50 residents living within the tsunami evacuation zone participated in the first ever Tsunami Walk – a drill that stresses simplicity and fun. Residents met at Harbour View Park and walked a mile to Wieder Park - a designated safe zone - where additional tsunami education material was distributed.



For more information on emergency services please visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/prepareHB or call the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office at 714-536-5979.

Public Works Department News



\$10 Rain Barrels

Rain barrels are available for \$85, and with a \$75 rebate from the Municipal Water District of Orange County, your final cost is only \$10 each! Up to four (4) barrels per household qualify for the rebates. **Purchases must be made by April 10 at www.RainBarrelsIntl.com.** Rebate funding is limited, so this may be your last chance to take advantage of a great opportunity!

The rain barrels hold 58 gallons of water that can be captured and put to use in your garden instead of creating urban runoff. Did you know that you can capture 600 gallons of water from a 1,000 sq. ft roof during a 1 inch rainfall?

Join us at the **free Rainwater Harvesting class on April 12 from 3 to 4 p.m.** followed by barrel distribution from 4 to 5 p.m. At the class we will be discussing the installation and maintenance of the rain barrels. Sign up for the class by contacting Rain Barrels International at (919) 602-6316.

We are located at 19001 Huntington Street at the southwest corner of Huntington Street and Garfield Avenue. Order soon, before rebate funding runs out! Also, please check the City's website at www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater for upcoming classes and other rebate offers.

Tapping Team Results

Congratulations to the Public Works Utilities Division tapping team of Jesse Calderon, Rich Glover, Tony Velez, and Nate Baldwin for placing second at the 2014 AWWA CA/NV pipe tapping competition held in Anaheim. The team had a run of one minute 26 seconds while LADWP came in first with a time of one minute 16 seconds. The team competed against the City of Anaheim, City of Santa Ana, Yorba Linda Water District, City of Brentwood, Laguna Beach Water District, City of Long Beach and two teams from LADWP. AWWA allows the top two teams to compete in the nationals since the section represents the state of California and Nevada.



Office of Business Development

New Businesses Heading our Way!



Huntington Beach continues to attract outstanding retail and restaurant tenants to enhance the variety of available businesses in our community, and there are definitely a few exciting new additions. In just a few weeks, **Ritter's Steam Kettle Cooking** will open its doors at The Strand, bringing its unique and tasty variety of authentic New Orleans cuisine to the Downtown. Also on its way is **Boudin Bakery**, home of the original San Francisco Sourdough, serving a tempting menu of soups, salads and, of course, bread! Boudin Bakery will be located on Beach Boulevard at Main and Ellis, joining Freebirds, Five Guys Burger and Fries, Waba Grill and Panda Express at that location. The City is also excited to welcome **Living Spaces Furniture** opening this fall, filling the 100,000-plus square foot space vacated by Expo Design Center at Goldenwest and Edinger. Speaking of vacated spaces, you won't have to look at the abandoned construction site on Beach Boulevard across from the hospital for too much longer, as plans are underway to eventually transform that site into the first Orange County location for **Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers**, a popular casual dining restaurant in many other areas of the country as well as in Central California. These businesses have chosen our community for our business-friendly atmosphere and outstanding customer base, and we look forward to welcoming them – and many more – to Huntington Beach!

April 16 Chamber Conference

“Huntington Beach Rising – Success through Collaboration”

The 27th Annual Chamber of Commerce Economic Conference is scheduled for **April 16, 2014, from 7:30 a.m. to noon** at Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach.

Speakers will include Dr. Stephen D. Christensen, Concordia University School of Business; Lucy Dunn, President & CEO of Orange County Business Council, a City update by Ken Domer and panels on “Making the Connection – Why Commerce in Huntington Beach Matters and Workforce Development – How to Sustain the Rise of Huntington Beach. For additional information contact <http://www.hbchamber.com>



HUNTINGTON BEACH
Chamber of Commerce

The Sport of Pickleball

Huntington Beach is happy to welcome the sport of Pickleball as a fun and exciting new recreational activity to the city. Pickleball is a family sport that is great for all ages and levels from beginning to advanced. It is a mix of Tennis, Badminton and ping pong that is low impact and a great way to get moving. Come and join in the fun to promote the growth and development of this exciting sport. The community services Department has designated times to play at Worthy Park on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. On Saturday a



court is reserved to give an introductory lesson to beginners on the basic skills and rules. Nets and equipment are available for check out at the city Gym & Pool. For more information or assistance getting started please contact USAPA Ambassador and HB Senior Services Volunteer Diana Abruscato at (714) 315-0922 dtabruscato@gmail.com.

Parks Make Life Better! Photo Contest

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department enthusiastically invites you to participate in the “Parks Make Life Better!” Photo Contest (and a chance to win a City beach parking pass)! The Huntington Beach Community Services Department has embraced the state-wide “Parks Make Life Better!” campaign, which aims to remind us of all the amazing benefits that Community Services provides, and invites you to participate too! We encourage you to share these stories with us!

Join us in celebrating the “Parks Make Life Better!” movement by submitting a photograph of you and/or family in one of four photo categories:

- ◆ Open Space and Passive Recreation
- ◆ City of Huntington Beach Community Services Recreation Classes
- ◆ Community Gatherings
- ◆ City of Huntington Beach Adult and Youth Sports Programs

Photo Submissions will be accepted between **March 1st – May 31st** and must include a signed Huntington Beach photo release waiver (available at www.HBsands.org). Email PMLB@surfcity-hb.org with your photo submission or for more info. We look forward to seeing how Community Services in Huntington Beach makes your life better!

Community Services News

Fusion School

The Huntington Beach Senior Services Department embraces many opportunities to promote intergenerational interactions within the community. In keeping with this goal, Fusion School volunteers at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center for a morning of decorating, conversation and serving on the first Friday of each month. Students accompanied by their teachers and adult chaperones help decorate the center's common room with seasonal decor and provide conversation and musical entertainment to those attending lunch. After decorating, they volunteer with the SeniorServ lunch program, helping to serve the food and visiting with the seniors. The students bring so much joy and energy to the lunch while learning the intrinsic value of service and appreciation for older adults. Everybody enjoys their visits and the center always looks festive.



Computer Classes at Rodgers Seniors' Center

Computer literacy for seniors is the goal of the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center computer program. Experienced Computer instructors offer a broad range of PC computer classes designed for adults several days a week, including some Saturdays and evenings.

The center has a well functioning computer classroom with 12 computers and an overhead projector to enhance the

hands-on instruction. The instructors are mature and patient. The mission is to help seniors enjoy the advantages and vast resources of the internet and utilize the communication possibilities with family and friends.

Classes include: beginner, intermediate, organizing the computer, word processing, spreadsheets, E-mailing, Facebook, buying (with ebay, Craigslist, Amazon and other vendors) and a

class on Ipad is offered. There is even a P.C. Buddy club where ideas are shared and problem solving is offered in an informal group setting. All classes are listed in the Huntington Beach Sands Magazine which publishes quarterly. The center staff is eager to help everyone. For more information, call the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center @ 714/536-9387, or visit www.hbsands.org.



Library Services Department

Friends of the Library Reagan Library Field Trip April 8



As a Presidential Library administered by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Reagan Library, under the authority of the Presidential Records Act, is the repository of presidential records for President Reagan's administration. The Library's holdings include over 60 million pages of documents, over 1.6 million photographs, a half million feet of motion picture film, tens of thousands of audio and video tape, and over 40,000 artifacts.

Trip Schedule

- 9:30 AM - bus leaves library (lower level at theater entrance)
- 11:30 AM - Arrive at Library, Simi Valley
- 12 noon - Lunch in Air Force One Pavilion
- 1:00 PM - 2 hour tour of facilities/Air Force One
- 5:30 pm - arrive back at library

\$85 per person

Mail to: FOTL Field Trip, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Or deliver to Friends Gift Shop (714-375-8429)

Prepaid reservations must be received by Tuesday, April 1.

5K Walk/Run and Kids Fun Run

Literacy Volunteers is holding their second annual 5K & Kids Fun Run on **Sunday, April 27**. The event will be held in HB Central Park, and includes a newly designed course! The day's activities will start at 8:00 a.m. with the 5K Walk/Run, followed by a Kids Fun Run. Early bird registration is just \$30 through April 15; Kids Fun Run entry is \$5.00. Entry fees include a t-shirt for adults and a medal for the kids' fun run. Stay for after-race snacks and festivities, including a book sale for literacy and story time with Librarian Debra Garcia, accompanied on guitar by Kevin Moran.

Go to the [5K Walk/Run/Read](#) website and register today at the early-bird registration price! Contact Literacy Services for more information, (714) 375-5102. All proceeds benefit Literacy Services @ the Library.

Library Services Department

Spring Programs at the Library

The Children's Library is having two very special events this April, courtesy of the wonderful Friends of the Children's Library. On **April 16**, we will welcome the ever-popular "Wild Wonders" for a live show featuring six different animals from various parts of the world. It's an interactive program so kids may get the chance to pet some of the animals! The show is at 10:30 a.m. in the Tabby Theater and tickets are \$4 per person at the Children's Desk. Space is limited — advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended.

Then, in celebration of Earth Day, we are in for a real treat with "Birdsong and the Eco Wonders." Birdsong is a singer and educator passionate about restoring the earth for future generations. She will join us on **April 22** at 4 p.m. Both of these events take place at the Central Library. www.wildwonders.org

For those who visit the library branches, be sure to check out the special display of seasonal books. The librarians have selected both fiction and non-fiction books for children of all ages. For the month of April, it's Easter, bunnies and duckling books. Also, don't forget to look for books on Spring!



Information Services Department

Did you know that you can purchase an Annual Beach Parking Pass that allows parking at the City beach? To find a link to this page, click on the Residents tab and then Parking Information:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/parking_pass.cfm

Planning & Building Department

Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at 1:30 PM in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for review by the Zoning Administrator:

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 13-012 (NAKO RESIDENCE): To increase the overall height of the existing residence from 12 ft. to 20 ft. by removing the existing flat roof and replacing it with a 5:12 pitch roof. The project is located at 16602 Channel Lane, 92649 (East side of Channel Lane between Admiralty Drive and Devon Circle). Please contact Kristi Rojas, Contract Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website (<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/zal/ZAAgendas.cfm>). Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

City News

Did you know the city is on Facebook?
To get daily news feeds and information, like us at:

www.Facebook.com/huntingtonbeachcity



April 2014

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Schedule of Events

- ◆ All month— Mayor’s Water Challenge Campaign
- ◆ All month— Distracted Driving Awareness Month Campaign
- ◆ 4/8 — Reagan Library Trip
- ◆ 4/12—Free Rainwater Harvesting Class
- ◆ 4/16— Chamber of Commerce Economic Conference
- ◆ 4/16 — Wild Wonders at the Library
- ◆ 4/22—Earth Day Celebration at the Library
- ◆ 4/26 — Compassionate Day of Community Service
- ◆ 4/27— Library 5K Fun Run

City Hall Directory

City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 536-1612
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5575
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Office of Business Development	(714) 536-5542
Finance	(714) 536-5630
Business Licenses	(714) 536-5267
Fire Department	(714) 536-5411
Human Resources	(714) 536-5492
Information Services	(714) 536-5515
Library	(714) 842-4481
Planning & Building	(714) 536-5271
Code Enforcement	(714) 375-5155
Police Department	(714) 960-8811
Public Works	(714) 536-5431

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