

# City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

City Manager's Report for August 11, 2015



## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE



### West Nile Virus Update: Virus is active in Orange County; HB Central Park

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) would like to make residents, in portions of Northeastern Orange County, aware that mosquito and dead bird samples have tested positive for West Nile virus.

In 2014, Orange County reported the highest number of human infections of West Nile virus in the nation with 280, including nine deaths. OCMVCD uses more than 10 years

of sampling data collected during routine monitoring and testing of mosquitoes, dead birds, and human infections to determine areas of greater risk throughout the county.

To date in 2015, OCMVCD confirmed West Nile virus-positive test results from a few cities, including City of Huntington Beach. So far this year, OCMVCD has reported a total of 81 positive mosquito samples and ten dead birds. There are no reported human cases at this time. A total list of all positives can be found at [www.ocvcd.org](http://www.ocvcd.org).

### Mariner's Point Update as of Aug. 5, 2015

Many of you have expressed your concern about Mariner's Point fuel docks in Huntington Harbor. The City was recently made aware that the private operators of the fuel dock are looking to close the fuel dock some time after October 1, 2015. While this is a private facility, the City understands the great importance the fuel dock, Huntington Harbor's only fuel dock, has for the boating community. After meeting with concerned representatives of the boating community, the City immediately reached out to the partnership controlling the fuel dock to explore options to preserve the current fuel dock.

While not a party to any negotiations, it is the City's desire to ensure that a public fuel dock remains open and accessible for the Huntington Harbor boating community and visitors. Based on discussion with Mariner's Point, they are willing to consider written offers for transfer of the fuel docks. The City is working with interested parties to help facilitate this effort. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for the fuel dock, please send to Michael Leifer at [mleifer@ptwww.com](mailto:mleifer@ptwww.com). We will continue to keep you updated as talks progress. Thank you for your consideration and support to keep the public fuel dock open in Huntington Harbor.

#### Points of Interest

- BLESSING OF THE WAVES
- FREE RECYCLING WORKSHOP
- FREE LANDSCAPING CLASS
- SLEEPOVER AT LIBRARY
- HBPD CARNIVAL THIS WEEKEND

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### Interdenominational Event—8th Annual Blessing of the Waves and Paddle Out

Join Mayor Hardy and other community leaders on **Sunday, August 30 at 8:30 a.m. at Pier Plaza** for the 8th Annual Blessing of the Waves — an event for anyone and everyone, all ages and all faiths. Come bless the waves with us as we focus for a moment on the importance of water and the environment in all our lives. Join Mayor Hardy and other community leaders as we celebrate life through music, song and dance. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Paddle-Out will conclude the event with hundreds of surfers taking to the water. The event also launches the city's Compassionate Games held Sept. 11 through 21 – activities designed to make communities safer, kinder, more just, and a better place to live.



Many local and regional special guests will speak, reflect, and pray at the event. Those speaking will be honored with a Special Achievement Award including:

- **Four-time USA Olympic Gold Medalist Jason Lezak.** Jason lit up the 1998 U.S. Nationals winning his first National Title in the 100 Freestyle – and that was only the beginning. Jason went on to win a Gold and Silver Medal at the 2000 Olympic Games.
- **PT Townend.** Peter (PT) Townend was born in Coolangatta, in Queensland, Australia. He ranked as one of the best surfers in the world throughout the 70's and 80's. Apart from surfing, Townend has a rather extensive resume including movie stuntman, contest organizer, writer, publisher, marketer, and coach to future superstars.
- **The Rev. Tim Philips.** The Reverend Tim Philips is Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission, Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Having grown up along the ocean in beach communities like HB and Hawaii, his sensitivity to water is heightened.

Other guests and representatives include: Local HB surfing priest - Father Christian Mondor (who celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priesthood last year and recently turned 90 years old), Pastor Sumo, Huntington Beach Jr. Lifeguards, Golden West College Swim Team, HB Marine Safety Division, Visit HB, City of Huntington Beach elected officials and staff, former Mayors of Huntington Beach, all pastors, clergy and rabbi's from the community, and a variety of celebrities will join us in this celebration including USA 8 Time Olympic Swim Coach Mark Schubert and Surf City's own, Dean Torrance of Jan and Dean Fame. The Huntington Beach ukulele group - Rock-A-Laylee – will kick off the event.



Organized by the Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, this is a life celebration and all are invited to participate. The Blessing of the Waves was originally conceived as a Catholic-led event through the Diocese of Orange prior to the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council assuming responsibly in 2013.

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### CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE—SUSTAINABILITY

#### Linking Sustainability and Economic Development Strategies – Sustainable Business Certification Program

Sustainability is a fundamental component of building a strong community, not only in terms of the physical environment, but also for economic prosperity. Although the nexus between sustainability and economic development may not always be apparent, and will certainly vary from place to place, leaders across the county are providing leadership and advancing economic strategies that incorporate environmental stewardship. In addition to a healthier environment for citizens, the benefits of greener economic development include cost savings through effective and efficient use of resources, less reliance on unstable energy sources, and new jobs and economic investment.

The City of Huntington Beach is working on creating criteria for a Sustainable Business Certification program and is seeking input from stakeholders (both residents and business owners). The no-cost program is designed to help businesses take easy, affordable steps to improve their bottom line by reducing energy, water, and waste and to create a more resource-efficient workplace. Going “green” is a good business decision and the City of Huntington Beach wants to help!

If you wish to be included in this stakeholder process, please contact Antonia Graham at [antonia.graham@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:antonia.graham@surfcity-hb.org).

### Sustainable Business Workshop Series Let's Talk Trash

WORKSHOP #3 – RECYCLING BENEFITS  
*Saving Your Business Money!*

Wednesday, August 12  
4 to 6 p.m.

HUNTINGTON BEACH LIBRARY  
Talbert Room



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### PUBLIC WORKS

#### FREE California Friendly Landscape Class

Please join us **on Saturday, August 22**, for a morning class on how to best select your irrigation nozzles, controllers and other equipment. We will discuss optional methods on how to best maintain your gardens and landscape.

The class will be held at the City's Utilities Yard, located at 19001 Huntington Street (at the corner of Garfield Avenue and Huntington Street) from 9 a.m. to noon. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend or a neighbor. Please sign up for the class at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop-events/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop-events/) or call (714) 536-5922.

Did you know that rotating sprinkler nozzles can save you up to 20% on irrigation water usage? The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) is offering rebates of \$4 per rotating nozzle. Visit [www.ocwatersmart.com](http://www.ocwatersmart.com) for more information.



#### NEW FEATURE - Senior Center Webcam Time Lapse Video!!!

A new feature has been added to the New Senior Center webcam page. The page can be located under "Web Spotlights" on the right-hand side on the City's home webpage. Time lapse video can now be viewed by clicking on "Senior Center + Live Webcam" on the City's homepage then "View Time Lapse." The current video shows three months of construction in 45 seconds. Or watch it here:

<http://centcom.siteisight.com/TimeLapse/icon/Icon-May-June-July.mp4>

### COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### Community Services Department Storybook Readings

The HB Community Services Department will be presenting stories and activities for children at the Central Park Library throughout the year. We are planning to dedicate each story time to a different theme: sports, dance, science & more! The first reading of the summer took place on Thursday, July 30. Our Pool Lifeguards read a book regarding Water Safety: Swim, Waddle & Go: Pool Rules to Know. The lifeguards were able to get the children engaged in the story, having them imitate the sounds and actions of the characters. Check the library's website for future dates and get ready to learn through active listening and play.

***READING MAKES LIFE BETTER!***



**PUBLIC WORKS**

# Saturday September 19, 2015

## Annual Coastal & Inner-Coastal Cleanup Day

**Come join us! We have 2 locations this year!**

- ❖ on the Beach north of the Pier  
(free parking at 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street lots until 1:00 p.m.)  
9 a.m. to noon
- ❖ at Bartlett Park, 8099 Adams Ave.  
at Beach Blvd., behind Mother's Market in the Newland Center  
9 a.m. to 11:30

**Bring Your Own:** bucket or reusable bag and gloves.  
Help us make this a trash free event!

## LIBRARY SERVICES

### FOURTH Annual Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover at Central Library

Have you ever wondered what children's toys do at night? Find out at Central Library's Fourth Annual Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Children are asked to drop off their toys at the Children's Desk on Friday, August 14. Cost is \$4 per toy. The toys will spend the night in the library.

On Saturday, August 15, there will be a special story time at 10 a.m. in the Tabby Theater. There will be a slideshow featuring the toys that slept over and children will be able to see all the mischief and adventures their toys had. The photos of the toys will also be available for viewing on the library's website, [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org), and the library's Facebook page after the event.



### Oldest Library Card Contest Winner

The winner of the Oldest Library Card contest has been announced. Lyn Bacon moved to Huntington Beach with her husband Bob in June of 1969. "One of the very first things we did when we moved here was to visit the library and get a library card," she explained, making her card 46 years old. She and her husband appreciated being able to check out books for free to read to their children. They have regularly used the Huntington Beach Library system ever since. Lyn enjoys mysteries, especially by her favorite authors John Sandford, Robert B. Parker, and John D. McDonald. Lyn received a Barnes and Noble gift card and book bag.

The Oldest Library Card contest was held as a part of the library's ongoing 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Central Library celebrations. The Huntington Beach Public Library would like to congratulate Lyn Bacon and thank all of the patrons who entered the contest!

### Special Storytimes to be Held in August at an HBPL Branch Near You

This week, in lieu of the regular 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. storytimes, the Helen Murphy and Banning branch libraries will be welcoming "Elsa," the beloved princess of Frozen fame for two storytime sessions each **on Tuesday, August 11 at Helen Murphy and Thursday, August 13 at Banning**. Sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library, these free storytime events are funded by a generous grant from Boeing California. Since Elsa's storytimes will be held outside at each branch, attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs to sit on. There will be fun giveaways and goodies for everyone!



The Oak View library will host two fun events on **Wednesday, August 19**. First, Frozen's Princess Elsa will make a special appearance at 4:30 pm for an indoor storytime, and afterward, each child will get fun coloring pages and crayons to take home. Also that day, children will have an opportunity to find out what their stuffed animals did overnight in the library at the "Stuffed Animals' Library Pajama Party." Between 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., children can drop off their favorite toy at the Oak View branch, leave it overnight, and then come dressed in their favorite pajamas the same time the next day to pick it up on Thursday, August 20. Fun photos showing what their stuffed animals did during their pajama party will be displayed at the Oak View library beginning on Wednesday, August 26.

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## CITY CLERKS OFFICE

Have you ever wanted to be a host home for visitors from one of our Sister Cities? A delegate of 11 adults will be traveling to Huntington Beach from Sister City Anjo Japan and the HB Sister Cities Association is looking for residents who would like to host one or two visitors for three nights. The dates are September 11, 12 and 13. Host home responsibilities include lodging, breakfast, and transportation to and from a HB location such as City Hall or the Central Library. The delegates then board a bus and are gone all day. The host does not need to accompany the visitor on the day trip. Speaking from the viewpoint of a few hosting experiences, this is fun, rewarding and easy. If interested, please call Carmen Erber, President of the HB Sister City Association, at 714-846-7685.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act

Last Thursday, August 6, marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The 1965 Voting Rights Act outlawed legal barriers that were being used to prevent many people from exercising their right to vote; race and color of American citizens were to no longer serve as obstacles to voting.

Today, evidence of inclusion efforts for voter registration in the City of Huntington Beach can be seen in the recognition of five languages on voting materials. These languages are: English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese.

## OFFICE of BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### FAÇADE REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Are you a commercial property owner interested in sprucing up your property in order to attract and retain quality tenants? If so, the City's new Façade Rehabilitation Program might be for you. The program provides both grants and low-interest revolving loans for a variety of exterior improvements, including paint and signage, landscaping/hardscaping, safety enhancements, ADA compliance, doors and windows, siding and plaster application, and more. Priorities for funding are for projects in need of complying with City codes and/or design guidelines, and for those which are leveraged with significant property owner investment.

To review more information and to download an application, please visit our website:

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/ed/facade-rehabilitation-program/.](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/ed/facade-rehabilitation-program/)

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### POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Huntington Beach Police Department has been working with the Coast to Coast Foundation to address the homeless issue in Huntington Beach and provide help and resources to those in need. A carnival benefitting this cause will be held this weekend in Huntington Beach.

Bring the entire family out for the Surf City Cares Carnival and enjoy traditional carnival rides, games, and food. This year features a new ride company with new games!

Tickets will be available on site for all rides, games, and food, but you can purchase presale discounted tickets. Presale tickets: \$20 for 40 tickets, or \$30 for 40 tickets at the carnival.

All proceeds benefit Beach Cities Interfaith Services and the Coast to Coast Foundation in their efforts to help Huntington Beach's homeless and veterans.



### INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know you can now share and bookmark city website pages with popular social media sites such as Facebook, Google Plus and Twitter? When you are viewing a City web page that you would like to share or bookmark, click on one of the social media icons in the upper right part of the web page.

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/beach\\_info/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/beach_info/)

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### OES Strike Team - Rocky Fire

On Thursday, July 30, at approximately 5 a.m., Fire Department personnel were dispatched, as part of a State OES Strike Team, to Lake County (Northeast of Santa Rosa) for the Rocky Fire. The Rocky Fire started on July 29 and has grown to more than 69,000 acres.

The OES Engine is a state-owned fire engine that the department staffs as part of the State of California, Governor's Office of Emergency Services Mutual Aid Program. The City receives reimbursement for costs through the California Fire Assistance Agreement.

### Residential Structure Fire

On Monday, August 3, at approximately 4:15 p.m., Fire Department units responded to Halawa Drive for a reported structure fire. On arrival, firefighters found heavy smoke and fire coming from the front of a single story home. The fire was quickly knocked down and firefighters helped the resident remove some clothing and personal property from their room, and the Red Cross arrived to assist with temporary housing. There were no injuries reported.

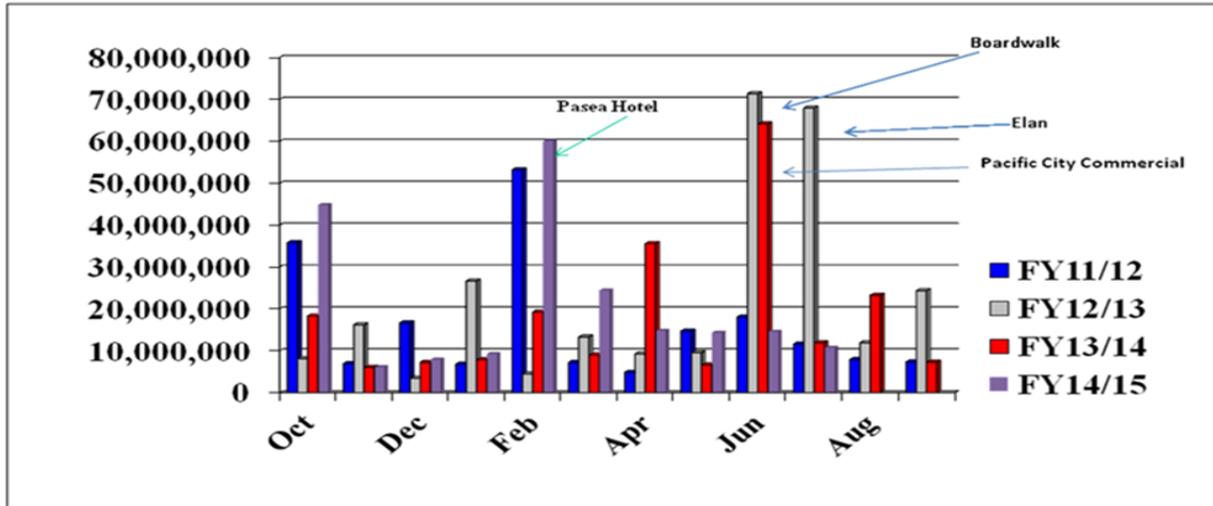
## Tsunami/Rip Current Kiosk

In cooperation with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Marine Safety, and Beach Maintenance, we were able to install another kiosk on the beach to better educate our beach visitors on rip current safety, and what to do in the event of a tsunami warning. Through a grant, NOAA was able to duplicate the kiosk at Pier Plaza, which allowed us to place one at the beach entrance near the Hilton Bridge. At a cost of \$2,000, the signs are graffiti and weather resistant. In the future, we hope to place more kiosks in key locations on the beach. Special thanks to Alex Tardy from NOAA, for the work he put into this and for helping to strengthen our partnership.



**PLANNING & BUILDING**

**Construction Valuation (\$)**  
Residential, Commercial & Industrial



Total construction valuation for fiscal year-to-date 2014-15 is \$206,688,416, up 11% when compared to \$185,852,673 at the same time last year. The increase was driven by strong gains in the single family home market segment (Truewind and Fairwind tracts). Additionally, new residential construction for the year to date is \$72,698,351, nearly double last year's valuation of \$36,369,731. We have not seen this type of activity in the new single family home segment since 2013. Activity at the Planning and Building Counters has seen a steady increase over the summer months. Permit activity has increased 15% for the same time period. Walk-in customers to planning and building counters are up 18% over last year. The permit counter saw it's all time high of 2,152 customers. All these indicators point to a very steady summer construction season.

**Zoning Administrator**

On Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the Zoning Administrator will review the following items:

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 15-018 (STARBUCKS ALCOHOL – CONTINUED FROM THE AUGUST 5, 2015 MEETING):**

To permit the sales, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer and wine - ABC Type 41 License) at an existing 1,799 sq. ft. eating and drinking establishment with a 484 sq. ft. outdoor dining area at 16470 Pacific Coast Highway, 92649 (north side of PCH, west of Admiralty Drive – Peter's Landing). Please contact Joanna Cortez, Assistant Planner, for more information.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 15-017 (CEFALIA DUPLEX):**

To permit the construction of an approximately 7,300 sq. ft., three-story duplex with an overall building height of 32 ft. at 17061 Sandra Lee Ln., 92649 (west side of Sandra Lee Lane, south of Warner Avenue). Please contact Jill Arabe, Associate Planner, for more information.

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

- 8/12— **Recycling, Let's Talk Trash-Solid Waste and Recycling**, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Contact Antonia Graham at 714-536-5537
- 8/13— **Art for Lunch** at the Art Center, 11:30 a.m. to 1pm
- 8/22— **Irrigation Systems, Watering and Garden Maintenance**, 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call 714-536-5922
- 8/30— **Blessing of the Waves**, Pier Plaza, 8:30 a.m. 714.536.5577

**THURSDAY  
AUG. 20TH  
6PM-9PM**

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HB**

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AT SURFING MUSEUM (5TH/OLIVE)

### SEPTEMBER

- 9/9— **HBPD Citizens Academy** through Nov. 18. [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/pd/employment\\_opportunity/CitizensAcademy.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/pd/employment_opportunity/CitizensAcademy.cfm)
- 9/12— **27th Annual Senior Expo at Pier Plaza**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.—FREE. (714) 536-9387.
- 9/19— **Coastal Clean Up Day** (see page 6)
- 9/24— **Green Forum & Expo at City Hall**, 10:30am to 3pm; Forum at Shorebreak 5:30 to 8pm [www.hbchamber.com](http://www.hbchamber.com)

**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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