

# City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

Week of February 23, 2016

## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER



### Housing Element Amendment Public Hearing Scheduled for March 7 City Council Meeting

— *Armstrong Nursery has been taken out and will not be on the agenda*

The City Manager's office has received a number of calls and emails regarding the upcoming March 7 City Council meeting regarding the proposed Housing Element Amendment recently reviewed by the Planning Commission.

A public hearing on the Housing Element Amendment will take place on Tuesday, March 7, 2016 at the City Council meeting at 2000 Main Street in Council Chambers at 6 p.m. Of the eight original sites considered for re-zoning in the draft Housing Element Amendment, the **Armstrong Nursery site has been taken out and will not be part of the Housing Element Amendment and will not be on the agenda for consideration by the City Council.**

In regards to public notification for the March 7 meeting, a public hearing notice will be published in the *OC Register* this Thursday, February 25, 2016, and notices will be sent to all property owners and tenants of the sites and all owners and tenants within a 500-foot radius of the sites being considered for re-zoning as part of the Housing Element Amendment. The notice specifies that the Armstrong site has been taken out of the Housing Element Amendment.

Also note, reconsideration of the Beach/Edinger Corridor Specific Plan (BECSP) Amendment **is not scheduled** for public hearing before the City Council.

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

COYOTE REPORTING

FREE OIL DISPOSAL

REC REPORT WINS AWARD

NEW CITY PARK

SEED PROGRAM AT LIBRARY

HAPPY 107TH BIRTHDAY, HB

GARDEN EVENT APRIL 2

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### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## Coyote Incident Reporter

### *Online Reporting Now Available*

The City of Huntington Beach has adopted a Coyote Management Plan. The goal of the plan is to support coexistence with urban coyotes using education, behavior modification, and development of a tiered response to aggressive coyote behavior. To reach this goal, the City has developed three primary strategies: public education, enforcement of laws and regulations prohibiting the feeding of wildlife and appropriate tiered responses to coyote and human interactions. These strategies require active participation on the part of the entire community.

The City of Huntington Beach requests the community complete the on-line form to report the sighting of and/or actions of coyotes. The City will use this information to take the appropriate public safety response according to the Management Plan.

The on-line Coyote Incident Reporter reporting form can be accessed via the City's website ([www.huntingtonbeachca.gov](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov)) by going to the "I Want To" link followed by the "Report" link and then the "Coyote Issue" link. The Coyote Incident Reporter link can also be found under the City's website "Web Spotlights" section.

### **INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

The City website contains comprehensive City Budget information. You can find such the Proposed City Budget, Adopted City Budget, Comprehensive Annual Finance Reports and the Popular Annual Financial Reports.

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/budget\\_information/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/budget_information/)

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 1:30 P.M. in Room B-8 the Zoning Administrator will review the following items:

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 16-005/ COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 16-001 (GUSTAFSON ATTIC REMODEL):** To permit the conversion of an approximately 347 sq. ft. 3rd floor attic space into habitable area and a 30 sq. ft. entryway addition to an existing townhome at 3861 Aruba Circle, 92649 (north side of Aruba Cir., east of Bimini Ln.). Please contact John Ramirez for more information.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 15-060/ COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 15-031 (FABRICANT RESIDENCE):** To permit the demolition of an existing 2,700 sq. ft. single family residence and construct a new two-story, 4,972 sq. ft. single family residence with a 615 sq. ft. attached garage, 560 sq. ft. rooftop deck, at an overall building height of 33 feet, 7 inches at 16777 Bolero Lane, 92649 (west side of Bolero Ln., between Nalu Cir. and S. Finisterre Dr.). Please contact John Ramirez for more information.

**COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 15-033/ ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT NO. 16-002 (RODRIGUEZ ADDITION):** To permit an approximately 970 sq. ft. second story addition with a 39 sq. ft. deck at an existing 2,257 sq. ft. one-story single family dwelling with lot coverage of 53.6% in lieu of the maximum 50% at 16941 Bolero Lane, 92649 (west side of Bolero Ln., south of S. Finisterre Dr.). Please contact Ethan Edwards 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.

### Environmental Review

**Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 14-007 (MND)** is available for a 20-day public review and comment period commencing Thursday, February 18, 2016 and ending Wednesday, March 9, 2016. The Draft MND analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with a proposed request by Amcal, to construct a 37-unit apartment building that is 100 percent restricted income units (except for one manager's unit) on an approximately one acre vacant lot. A General Plan Amendment is proposed to amend the land use designation from RM-15 (Residential Medium Density-15 dwelling units per acre [du/ac]) to RH-35 (Residential High Density-35 du/ac). The RH-35 designation would allow a maximum of 34 units on the site. A Zoning Map Amendment is proposed to amend the zoning designation from RM to RH. A Conditional Use Permit is proposed for the development of a four-story, 37 unit apartment building and 68 parking spaces; to develop on a site with a grade differential of 3 feet or greater; to request a density bonus for 3 units; and to request affordable housing incentives for increased building height, deviation from minimum unit sizes, and deviation from minimum upper-story setbacks. A reduction in parking is requested, pursuant to the State of California Density Bonus Law, for 1.0 space for 1-bedroom units, and 2.0 spaces for 2 and 3-bedroom units. The proposed development includes 7,191 sq. ft. of common open space, 3,840 sq. ft. private open space, and a 1,007 sq. ft. community room.

The project location is 18922 Delaware Street, which is located on the east side of Delaware Street, north of Garfield Avenue. A copy of the Draft MND is on file with the Community Development Department and the City Clerk's Office at 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach; the Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach; and on the City's website at: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/environmental-reports/>

Subsequent to the comment period, public hearings will be scheduled before the Huntington Beach Planning Commission and City Council. The first public hearing is tentatively scheduled for May 2016. Any person wishing to comment on the Draft MND may do so by providing written comments to Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, City of Huntington Beach, Community Development Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, prior to Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Free Residential Used Oil & Oil Filter Disposal

The Huntington Beach Fire Department, in coordination with the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), has developed a residential used oil disposal program that gives Orange County residents three convenient and **cost-free** disposal methods:

Call 800-449-7587 to arrange for “curbside” service. Our vendor will arrange collection of your used oil at your doorstep on one of their semi-monthly collection dates.

Drop off used oil at one of the Certified Collection Centers. These centers are local auto parts stores & auto service shops that will accept used oil for free. Businesses participating in the program will have a blue and yellow “Used Oil Collection Center” sign in the window. To find the nearest location, call 800-CLEANUP or log on to CalRecycle’s website at:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/Reports/CenterSearch>

Take used oil to the Orange County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center located at:

Rainbow Disposal

17121 Nichols Street, Gate 6

Hours are 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday (closed on holidays and rainy days)

For facts and figures and more information about the disposal of used oil, please visit:

[City of Huntington Beach, California - Safety Tips - Household Hazardous Waste Disposal](#)

### LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### Fandom Nights for Teens at Central Library

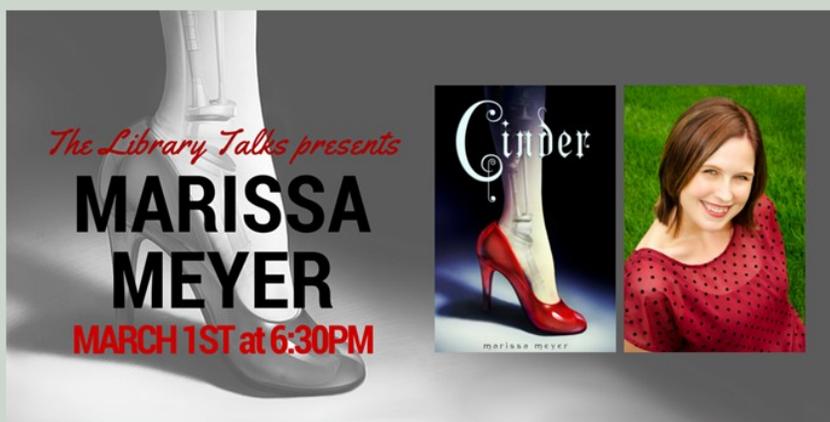
Get together and geek out the first Thursday of the month at Central Library. Each month we'll have a gathering of a different fandom. There will be snacks, activities, screenings, discussions, and trivia. We meet from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Tabby Theater. This month we'll be celebrating an Allegiant pre-party on **Thursday, March 3**. Future fandoms include Doctor Who (April 7) and Anime (May 5). Fandom nights are free for teens in grades sixth to twelfth. No registration is required.

#### Virtual Author Talk with Marissa Meyer at Central Library

Huntington Beach Central Library is proud to welcome a live streaming visit by bestselling author Marissa Meyer on **Tuesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Talbert Room.

Marissa Meyer is the author of the wildly popular YA series, "The Lunar Chronicles," which retell the stories of familiar fairy tale characters in a futuristic world inhabited by cyborgs and aliens.

Marissa will join us via a live video chat for a conversation about her series and what she has planned next. She will answer audience questions live during her broadcast.



#### Huntington Beach Public Library Central Branch Offers Seed Lending Program

The Huntington Beach Public Library is partnering with Garden Pool to offer a seed lending program. The Seed Library is stored in a hand-crafted card catalog on the second floor of the Central Library. Any Huntington Beach Public Library card holder can check out up to three seed packets per month, plant, and donate seeds back to the Seed Library at the end of the growing season.

Seed Libraries provide the public with access to free seeds for their garden to grow nutritious food. The library will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on **Saturday, March 19, at 2:30 p.m.** at the Central Branch and home of the new Seed Library.

The Seed Library will focus on edible plants that are well suited for the Southern California climate and terrain. There will be future free classes at the Library on seed starting, seed saving and how to cook from your garden.

The Seed Library is run entirely on volunteers. To volunteer or to learn more about Garden Pool, visit: [GardenPool.org/volunteer](http://GardenPool.org/volunteer) or call (480)532-5821. To learn more about the Huntington Beach Public Library, visit: [HBPL.org](http://HBPL.org) or call (714) 842-4481.

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### COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### Award Winning "Rec Report" on HBTV-3



'Rec Report' is a monthly news segment that was developed to help create a more expansive awareness of the programs, events and services presented by the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department. Each month our hosts, Scott Getman and Molly Uemura, venture out into the community to report on how Parks Make Life Better in Huntington Beach.

We are excited to announce that 'Rec Report' has been named a recipient of the Award of Excellence in Marketing & Communications from the California Parks & Recreation Society! Our hosts and producer will be honored at an Awards Banquet in March with other state-wide award winners. Check out the videos for yourself to see what makes our program AWARD WINNING! Links to each months' videos are available on the Community Services Department homepage.



#### Grand Opening of New Park at Fairwind



On Saturday, February 20, Mayor Jim Katapodis and Council Member Jill Hardy helped cut the ribbon and celebrate the opening of the new park at Fairwind. This brand-new park is situated on the former Lamb School Site and is a beautiful addition to the City of Huntington Beach park system.

Sponsored by Tri Pointe Homes, the developer of the park and new residential tract, the "Meet your Neighbor Block Party" and ribbon cutting was great opportunity for the residents to mix and mingle with Council Members, Community Services Commissioners, City Staff and with their new neighbors. The event was complete with food, activities, and FUN! Yes, parks really do make life better in Huntington Beach!

#### Huntington Beach Art Center Receives Grants

The Art Center has been generously awarded several grants for special projects in 2016. We are delighted to announce that we have received a \$10,000 grant from the NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) to produce an exhibition of skulls and bones that will include special projects related to the Day of the Dead celebration. This project received additional funding from the Kenneth Lester Foundation. Both the Theresa Plunkett Foundation and the Huntington Beach Women's Club have donated generously to the Partners in Art, educational tours program for local third graders. In all, over \$20,000 has been generated in grant support for education and exhibition programs.

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**DOCUMENTARY “SAVING THE BOLSA CHICA WETLANDS” CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Amigos de Bolsa Chica is proud to invite educators, environmentalists, scientists and SoCal residents to attend the film premiere for “Saving the Bolsa Chica Wetlands,” an inspiring short documentary about this nonprofit organization’s 40-year endeavor to save, restore and protect a very special ecosystem, which we can now call the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.

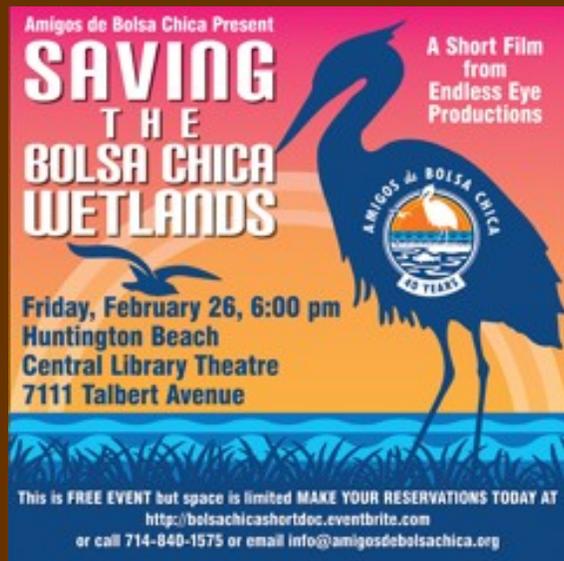
The film premiere will take place **Friday, February 26**, at the Huntington Beach Central Library. Doors open at 6 p.m. and there will be a Q&A with the film producers and a wine & cheese reception with live music immediately after the screening. The event is **FREE**, but space is limited so please RSVP and watch the film trailer at <http://bolsachicashortdoc.eventbrite.com>

Saving the Bolsa Chica Wetlands is a co-production of Amigos de Bolsa Chica and award winning filmmakers Rita Baghdadi and Jeremiah Hammerling from Endless Eye Production Co.

The story of the Amigos de Bolsa Chica is as rich as the land itself.

In 1976, a group of mothers, teachers, engineers, scientists and students banded together with a mission to protect 2,000 acres in Huntington Beach from being developed. What they didn't know is they would spend the next forty years of their lives fighting to restore Bolsa Chica, one of the largest preserved coastal wetlands in North America. Today, with just 10% of California's coastal wetlands remaining, the Amigos look back at how, despite many obstacles, a group of ordinary citizens succeeded in carrying out an extraordinary mission. This inspiring true story raises a fundamental question - do we save nature, or does nature save us?

Saving the Bolsa Chica Wetlands is an opportunity to reflect upon the power of environmental advocacy through the portrait of real-life heroes: ordinary citizens who, through altruism, hard work and determination, have accomplished something extraordinary. It is also an invitation for the local community to become more involved in the continuous effort to maintain and protect Bolsa Chica and all the life it harbors.



## CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

### From Village to Town to a Great City – Happy 107<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Huntington Beach

*By Jerry Person, City Historian*

As a new century of 1900 evolved and the newly formed County of Orange found itself with a growing population, coastal villages with names like Bolsa, Fairview, Bay City, Smeltzer, Springdale, Talbert, Westminster and Wintersburg began appearing. These, along with a beach town called Pacific City (1901 – 1903), comprised the western part of the county.

Henry Huntington who owned the Pacific Electric streetcar lines that ran throughout Los Angeles County was approached by several prominent citizens of Pacific City to run his streetcars along the coast to Newport Beach and to put a station at Main Street of Pacific City.

If he would, the town folks would honor him by changing the name of the City to “Huntington Beach” as the residents of Huntington Park in Los Angeles County would do a year later.

When the first of many streetcars arrived packed with people on July 4, 1904, the residents were ready for them with a parade, and a free barbecue set up at the corner of Fifth Street and Walnut Avenue. Some brave visitors rode the roof of the streetcar next to the 400-volts that powered the cars.

It was estimated that more than 50,000 people saw the parade that day. It also proved that people would come and spend their day, and their money, in the unincorporated town of Huntington Beach.

A town hall meeting was called of residents, business owners and organizations in January 1909 to discuss the idea of incorporation, the pros and cons were talked about and the incentives of a stable tax base, costs of city services, what ordinances would be needed, and what should be the legal city limits of the city.

In February 1909, a vote was taken with 94 residents voting for incorporation and just two folks against. On February 17, 1909, we became a City with Mayor Ed Manning, a population of 915, and a city limits of just over three-square miles.

One hundred years later in 2009, the City went all out to celebrate with a full year of fun events as a way to remember and thank those 94 residents for voting for us to be Huntington Beach —a place that is known worldwide as a fun place to come and visit, just as those 50,000 visitors had done so long ago.

Additional historic photos can be found on the city's website: <http://records.surfcity-hb.org/public/default.aspx>



*First HB Mayor Edmund Manning (age 26) and his wife,  
Carrie V. Preston (age 20)*

## CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



### GOOD NEWS!

The City of Huntington Beach City Clerk's Office has received 2016 certification for each of its nine passport agents. Joan, Robin, Patty, Gloria, Pat, Eleanor, Dyanne, Virginia and Donna are all available to help you with your passport needs. The atmosphere in the City Clerk's Office is friendly and comfortable, so please avail yourself of a passport in the near future and let us know what you think.

The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Service is on a first-come, first-served basis, we do not take appointments.

Don't put off that glorious international vacation one minute longer. Come visit us at the passport desk in the Huntington Beach City Clerk's office and get your key (passport) to adventure. (And as a bonus, your execution fee of \$25 stays in the city's general fund to enhance your HB quality of life!) Photos also available for \$10.

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### More New Businesses Open at Pacific City

Pacific City continues to see new businesses opening their doors each week, with locals and tourists alike stopping in to visit one of their new favorite restaurants or boutiques, as well as discovering new ones to try. Some of the most recent new additions are Sephora, The Wearhouse Boutique, Old Crow Smokehouse and Ways and Means Oyster House, and Ways and Means at Home, a culinary shop adjacent to the restaurant. There is so much more to come between Spring and Summer, including Francesca's, The Bungalow, 20 Lounge, Tankfarm & Co, and the dozens of unique eateries of Lot 579. To see more of what's happening at Pacific City, visit [www.gopacificcity.com](http://www.gopacificcity.com)



### FREE HOUSING COUNSELING FOR TENANTS AND LANDLORDS FEBRUARY 29

The Fair Housing Foundation will hold a monthly walk-in clinic at City Hall on Monday, February 29, from 10 a.m. to noon, on the fifth floor of City Hall in the Office of Business Development. A counselor will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to discuss any rental housing issues, tenant/landlord disputes and to answer questions about Fair Housing Laws. No appointment or RSVP is necessary. The City partners with the Fair Housing Foundation to provide services to the community related to fair housing issues and is also available by phone Monday through Friday at (800) 446-3247 or on a walk-in basis at their offices in Santa Ana and Long Beach. More information is available at [www.fhfca.org](http://www.fhfca.org).



# Can Your Garden Survive the Drought?

**Help Your Garden Survive The Drought!  
Saturday April 2 • 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**The Home Depot Huntington Beach  
7100 Warner Ave.  
Huntington Beach, CA**

Learn about drought tolerant plants. Save money on beautiful, California-friendly flowers, trees and shrubs, and water-efficient devices.

**visit [ocgardenfriendly.org](http://ocgardenfriendly.org)**



**Overwatering is Out!  
Save Water. Save Money. Eliminate Runoff.**



## Week of February 23, 2016

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### February

- ◆ 2/26—**Saving Bolsa Chica Wetlands Movie**, 6pm, Central Library. Free. Register at <http://bolsachicashortdoc.eventbrite.com>

2/29— **Free Housing Counseling for Tenants and Landlords**. HB City Hall, 5th Floor. 10am to noon. [www.fhfca.org](http://www.fhfca.org).

#### March

- ◆ 3/12—**3/One Fun Run 5K**. <http://www.active.com/huntington-beach-ca/running/races/3-1-marines-5k-fun-run-walk-2015>
- ◆ 3/19-20— **Beachcruiser Meet Car Show** <http://www.huntingtonbeachevents.com/annual/beachcruiser-meet.html>
- ◆ 3/20 — **Cherry Blossom Festival**, Central Park 11am to 4pm <http://www.hbjapanesefestival.com/>
- ◆ 3/26 — **Easter Hunt (City/Kiwanis)**, Central Park, 9am to 2pm [http://www.hbkiwanis.org/family\\_fun\\_day.php](http://www.hbkiwanis.org/family_fun_day.php)
- ◆ 3/27 — **Sunrise Easter Service at the Pier**

#### April

- ◆ 4/1-4/2 — **Ragnar Race**, <https://www.ragnarrelay.com/race/southerncalifornia>
- ◆ 4/2—**Help Your Garden Survive the Drought**. Home Depot on Warner, 8am to noon. [www.ocgardenfriendly.org](http://www.ocgardenfriendly.org)
- ◆ 4/ 9 — **So Cal Corgi Beach Day** <https://www.facebook.com/SoCalCorgiBeachDay/>

### 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
Community Development	(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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