HBPD Begins to Enforce Parking Changes to RV’s, Unattached Trailers and Oversized Vehicles

On July 7, 2014, City Council approved changes to Chapter 10.44 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code. This chapter pertains to RVs, unattached trailers, and oversized vehicles parked on City streets. The amended code became effective on August 7, 2014. However, the police department will not start enforcing these changes for another 30 days to allow for a grace period and more public notice. These changes were needed to address the inequities of the previous ordinance and better align the ordinance with the California Vehicle Code.

Major changes include:

- RV parking with a permit - reduced from a maximum of 16 days per month and eight consecutive days to a maximum of 12 days per month and three consecutive days.
- Trailers
  - Trailers of any type are now limited to 4 hours on any city street when detached from the towing vehicle.
  - Trailers that remain attached to the towing vehicle and measure more than 25’ in total length will be able to obtain a permit; this includes, but is not limited to: watercraft trailers, utility trailers, motorcycle trailers, and travel trailers.
- Oversized vehicles in the commercial and industrial areas - street parking will be limited to the hours of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The police department recognizes the significance of these changes and the impact it will have on the community. There will be a period of 30 days prior to issuing citations. Written warnings will be issued during this grace period in lieu of parking citations.

Graffiti Removal

The Public Works Department oversees the Graffiti Removal program. The Graffiti Removal program responds to over 2,500 calls for service annually with an average response time of 1-2 business days.

Graffiti Removal staff will remove graffiti that is on City property such as play equipment, restrooms, sidewalks, street signs and City facilities. Additionally, staff will notify private property owners of the existence of graffiti on their property and provide the property owner the opportunity to remove the graffiti. If the property owner provides written consent, staff is able to remove graffiti on private property that is visible from public rights of way. If graffiti is on property that is maintained by an outside agency such as a utility company or school district, staff will notify the appropriate agency of the graffiti.

There are three common methods that Graffiti Removal staff use:

1. **Painting Out** – Used on most buildings and walls.
2. **Water Blasting** – Used on unpainted concrete surfaces such as cinder block walls, curbs, sidewalks.
3. **Chemical Removal** – Used on non-porous surfaces such as metal light poles, street signs and traffic control boxes.

The Graffiti Removal Hotline can be reached at (714) 960-8861. Telephones are answered from 7AM to 5PM from Monday to Thursday and from 7AM to 4PM on Fridays. A voicemail box is available for calls received outside of normal business hours. Requests for Graffiti Removal can also be submitted electronically via Surf City Pipeline at [http://user.govoutreach.com/surfcity/](http://user.govoutreach.com/surfcity/).
Planning and Building Department

Planning Commission

On Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers the Planning Commission will review the following items:

1. **VARIANCE NO. 14-001 – APPEAL (GUPTA RESIDENCE ADDITION):** To permit a 12 ft. rear yard setback in lieu of a minimum 20 ft. setback required for a first story addition to an existing two-story single family residence at 19636 Village Oaks Circle, 92648 (east side of Village Oaks Circle, south of Dewberry Drive). Please contact Tess Nguyen, Associate Planner, for more information.

2. **GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 13-003/ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 14-002 (BRIGHTWATER AND SANDOVER): GPA** – To establish the General Plan land use designation of: 1) RL-7 (Residential Low Density – Max 7 dwelling units per acre) at the terminus of Shelburne Drive and at the terminus of Hampton Lane in Sandover; 2) RL-7-sp (Residential Low Density – Max 7 dwelling units per acre – Specific Plan Overlay) along future Bristol Lane in Brightwater. **ZMA** – To establish RL-CZ (Residential Low Density – Coastal Zone Overlay) near the terminus of Hampton Lane in Sandover. The project is located along Hampton Lane and Shelburne Drive in Sandover and along future Bristol Lane in Brightwater (south of Los Patos Avenue and west of Bolsa Chica Street), 92649. Please contact Ricky Ramos, Senior Planner, for more information.

3. **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 13-003/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT NO. 14-001 (SANDOVER):** To change the zoning designation from RA-CZ (Residential Agriculture – Coastal Zone Overlay) to RL-CZ (Residential Low Density – Coastal Zone Overlay) on the east side of Hampton Lane in Sandover and to amend the City’s Local Coastal Program accordingly. The project is located on the east side of Hampton Lane (south of Los Patos Avenue and west of Bolsa Chica Street), 92649. Please contact Ricky Ramos, Senior Planner, for more information.

4. **TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 17662/CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-010 (BRIGHTWATER AND SANDOVER): TTM** – To subdivide ±3.17 acres of land into seven residential lots. Additionally, to permit a max 3.5 foot high retaining wall topped with a max 6 foot high block wall along Los Patos and along the fire lane at the terminus of Shelburne Drive. The project is located along Hampton Lane and Shelburne Drive in Sandover and along future Bristol Lane in Brightwater (south of Los Patos Avenue and west of Bolsa Chica Street), 92649. Please contact Ricky Ramos, Senior Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City’s website http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/pcl/PCAgendas.cfm). Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.
Map Your Neighborhood Program

On July 29, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers supported EOC Staff Member, Erin Concas, in the City’s pilot presentation of the Map Your Neighborhood program at a residence on Humboldt Island. This program is a neighborhood level disaster readiness training that teaches neighbors to rely on each other and organize following a disaster. In addition to implementing this new program, CERT will be providing personal preparedness training throughout the City.

The Map Your Neighborhood program was created by the State of Washington Emergency Management Department and recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. CERT volunteers will follow this neighborhood to measure the success of the program over the next several years.

For more information, please visit http://www.emd.wa.gov.

CERT and RACES Volunteers

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) provided valuable volunteer services at the first aid tent to support the Huntington Beach Fire Department (HBFD) during the Fourth of July activities and the US Open. These volunteers play an important role by helping treat minor injuries such as lacerations, blisters, splinters, etc. and allow the fire safety crews to respond to other urgent emergencies.

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) volunteers participated with the Health and Welfare Net and provided communication and coordination services to the Fourth of July parade committee. This important service provides significant benefits to the committee members.
On August 6, the Huntington Beach Fire Department and nine other fire engines from cities in Orange County responded to the Lodge Complex wilderness fire in Mendocino County. The fire is currently burning in heavy timber at a slow rate of speed. Firefighters are challenged with steep terrain and difficult access. The fire continues to grow with 10,700 acres burned and 58 structures threatened. The firefighters have been assisting hand crews in developing containment lines, back fire operation support, and implementing fire hose lines. This response is under the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement which provides for fire resources to be deployed on a state-wide basis.
26th Annual Senior Saturday Community Festival Showcases Products and Services for Seniors and Families

On Saturday, September 6, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Huntington Beach Council on Aging will hold its annual Senior Saturday Community Festival at the beautiful Pier Plaza in downtown Huntington Beach. 

Senior Saturday is the largest Senior Expo in Orange County that is free to the public.

Approximately 80 sponsor booths will provide valuable information on products and services specifically geared to a growing community of baby boomers, older adults and their families. This is an excellent opportunity for Boomers, seniors and their families to spend a Saturday by the Pier while gathering pertinent information amid a festive atmosphere.

In addition to the sponsor booths, there will be a $2 breakfast, $2 lunch, giveaways, health screenings, and free entertainment throughout the event.

“It was very helpful, it gave me an opportunity to win a TV, they have raffles here, we enjoy coming down and it’s a nice day. The information is very useful, we go through it when we go home - my wife and I always come down here every year,” stated Senior Saturday visitor Bob Rivas.

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging is a non-profit corporation that supports programs and services for Huntington Beach Seniors through the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center and the Seniors Outreach Center.

Bring your family and friends for a fun filled morning and afternoon!

For more information, please call the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center at (714) 536-9387.
CHILDREN’S LIBRARY INVITES TOYS TO A SLUMBER PARTY AT THE LIBRARY!

The Huntington Beach Library Children’s Department and the Friends of the Children’s Library are pleased to present the 3rd Annual “Great Stuffed Animal Library Sleepover” on August 15-16, 2014. Children are encouraged to drop off their toy on Friday August 15 between 9:30 am and 4:30 pm at the children’s desk in the Central Library and to fill out a nametag for themselves and their toy. After leaving the toy at the library overnight, children can come the next morning, August 16 at 10:00 am for a special slide-show storytime in the Tabby Theater to see what their stuffed animals did during the sleepover! Toys can be picked up after storytime at the children’s desk. Tickets are $4 per toy.

For more information call (714) 375-5107.

Moon Garden Art Exhibition @ the Library

Artist Sun Chil Sun You displays his unique acrylic artwork on plates and canvas in the Corner Gallery of the Central Library during the month of August. The Corner Gallery is free and open during regular Library hours. The Library is at 7111 Talbert Ave. For more information call Corner Gallery Manager Paul Scott at 714-625-9295 or visit www.hbartleague.org
Surf City has been selected as a flagship location for a new business that has been creating quite a buzz nationwide, even before its doors were officially open! Now open in downtown at The Strand, in a prime location on 5th Street, U.S. Taco is the first high-end fast casual restaurant developed by Taco Bell, and features a menu quite unlike your average Taco Bell. You won’t find nachos, gorditas, or burritos here, just specialty tacos featuring themed ingredients outside of the norm of the usual cheese-tortilla-meat variety, as well as fries and shakes. U.S. Taco is billing its fare as “The Best of America in a Taco,” and we hope you will agree!

News outlets from around the country have featured US Taco as an exciting new adventure for the fast-food company and foodies are watching! They are also proud to donate a portion of their net profits to the Best Day Foundation, an organization that helps kids with special needs build confidence and self-esteem through safe, fun-filled adventures and activities, including surfing. To take a look at the menu and learn more about this tasty new restaurant in town, stop by 150 5th Street for a bite or visit their website at http://ustacos.com.
City News

Filing Period for City Council Elections Extended

The process of nomination for the November 4, 2014 City General Election which opened July 14 for four (4) seats on the City Council has been extended through Wednesday, August 13 at 5 p.m. for non-incumbent filers.

Information Services

Did you know that residents can report suspected violations or eyesores on private property to the Code Enforcement Division from the City website online at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/forms-applications/code-enforcement-complaint.cfm
### 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) 536-5502
- 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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