Labor Day Holiday affects Street Sweeping and Trash Collection schedules

Due to the observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 1, trash collection and street sweeping will be on holiday schedule. Trash will not be collected on Monday, September 1. All residents should place trash for collection on the day after their regular route day. For example, residents on Monday’s route should place their trash for collection on Tuesday, Tuesday’s route on Wednesday, and so on for the entire week. Friday’s route will be collected on Saturday. The regular collection schedule resumes on Monday, September 8.

There will be no street sweeping on Monday, September 1 (first Monday route). Streets that are not swept due to holidays are not rescheduled. Due to the holiday trash collection schedule, trash carts are at the curb one day later than usual, which conflicts with scheduled sweeping days in many neighborhoods. Residents should place trash carts at the curb per the holiday schedule. Neighborhoods that can be efficiently swept will be swept per regular schedule. Example: where trash is collected from a rear alley. Neighborhoods that are impacted by trash carts at the curb will not be swept.

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

The City of Huntington Beach Planning Commission meeting of, August 26, 2014, has been cancelled. The next tentatively scheduled meeting is September 9, 2014, at 5:15 p.m.

Thinking about buying or leasing commercial property in HB?

The Building Division offers a service to prospective buyers and tenants of existing commercial and industrial buildings called a “Code Compliance Report.” Staff will research record documents and plans and conduct a field inspection to determine in advance if there are any violations that will adversely impact the sale or lease of a building or tenant space. This service alleviates problems that could occur when illegal construction (i.e. tenant improvements, additions, offices, mezzanines, electrical work, etc.) is not detected until a lease has been signed or a sale has been completed. Prospective buyers or tenants can proceed with their significant investment assured that the building is in compliance with city building regulations.

For more information and cost for a “Code Compliance Report,” please contact the Building Division counter at 714-536-5241.
“Do the Zydeco!”

Come and learn to “Do the Zydeco,” the infectious, accordion driven two-step found in the dance halls and honky-tonks of the prairies and bayous of southwest Louisiana. Basic moves include footwork, open and closed dance position, hand-toss and rock-step. Lessons will also include history of the genre, dance floor etiquette and more. No Partner! No Problem!

Zydeco Basic 2 Step will be offered on Wednesdays at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors’ Center from September 10–October 1. Class meets from 7pm–8pm and there is a $49 registration fee. Sign up online or in person at the front desk at Rodgers Senior Center.

For more information or to sign up call the Senior Center at 714-536-9387
Imagine not being able to read your prescription label, a restaurant menu or your child’s report card. Basic Literacy is often taken for granted. Adult literacy skills in the United States and around the world persist as a challenge and a call to action. According to Proliteracy, 14% of adults in the United States read below a fifth grade level. That translates to approximately 34.9 MILLION people in our communities who lack strong literacy skills. Additionally, newcomers to the U.S. must learn to speak, read and write English proficiently in order to join the workforce, help their children, and function in our society.

Literacy Volunteers-Huntington Beach Library was established in 1984 and was one of the original recipients of California State Library Literacy Services funding. Our programs have helped thousands of adults over the years to improve basic literacy skills. The ability to read and write lead to better jobs, citizenship, GEDs, post-secondary education attainment, better ability to help with homework and read with children, improved communication with teachers and doctors - just to name a few accomplishments. Literacy services are offered at both Central Library and Oak View Branch. As California Library Literacy Services celebrates its 30th anniversary of providing adult literacy services through public libraries across California so does Literacy Volunteers-HBPL.

Huntington Beach has an incredible tradition of volunteerism. It is through our dedicated corps of literacy volunteers that the program can reach so many adults in one-to-one and small group tutoring. Volunteers support Literacy Volunteers-HBPL in MANY ways: through our Board of Directors, fundraising events, workplace literacy, student support and conversation groups, storytimes, computer literacy and daily operations. We are truly fortunate to offer services in a library and city that value and support literacy for all its citizenry.
Stuffed Animals Sleepover

The third annual Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Central Library was a great success. Thirty-seven adventurous toys stayed over night in the library and spent their evening listening to a storytime, using the computers, posing for pictures and having snacks.

To see all their night time antics go to: www.flickr.com/hbpl or our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/#!/hblibrary/posts/10152206094251822

The following morning the children came to pick them up and attended a special storytime featuring a slideshow of their toys’ sleepover activities. This special storytime had over 143 children and parents in attendance.

The toys will have to wait until next summer to enjoy another sleepover at the Library!

STORYTIME TAKES A VACATION AT HUNTINGTON BEACH LIBRARY!!

Storytimes at the Central Library and all branches will be on “vacation” from August 25 to September 8, 2014. This gives both storytellers and storytime attendees a short break during the transition from summer vacation into the new school year. The regular storytime schedule will resume at the Central Library, Oak View branch and the Murphy branch on Tuesday, September 9, the Main Street branch on Wednesday, September 10, and the Banning branch on Thursday, September 11. Please join us in September for the return of the storytimes!
Book Shack Pops Up at Pier Plaza

On Thursday, August 21, the Library’s new “Book Shack” set up shop at Pier Plaza. Staff brought along a large selection of books for beachgoers to take with them onto the sand, along with laptops and tablets to do live demonstrations of the library’s free ebook, audiobook, and digital magazine collections. Miss Brenda came by with books and puppets to do storytime at the beach!

Dozens of people stopped to browse and pick out a free beach read, and a few even snapped selfies with the brightly-colored, beach-shack-themed trailer. A schedule of upcoming Book Shack appearances will be coming soon. More information on when the Book Shack will pop up next can be found on the Library webpage, Facebook page, or by ‘following’ the Book Shack on Twitter (@hbplbookshack). The Book Shack was supported through a grant from the US Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.
Huntington Beach Public Financing Authority receives AAA Rating!

Fitch Rating Agency has awarded our Senior Center bond rating with a AA+ rating! Way to go!

More importantly, Fitch has rated Huntington Beach’s overall underlying City general obligation rating as AAA! That is incredibly great news that puts Huntington Beach in an elite group of cities, not only in California, but in the entire country.

Typically, the rating agencies will issue two ratings, one for the City’s general credit as a whole, and another for the specific bond issue. The AAA is HB’s overall City credit rating from Fitch.

This action signals Wall Street’s belief that we are doing all of the right things and have created a solid path towards fiscal sustainability in HB.

Key Rating Drivers:
- Strong Tax Base and Socioeconomic Characteristics
- Strong Financial Operations
- Moderate Debt Burden
- Long-term Liability Reduction
- Asset Essentiality
Business Development

SHOP SURF CITY’S FARMERS MARKETS AND PIER PLAZA ART-A-FAIRE!

Surf City’s ideal year-round weather makes it an excellent location in which to enjoy the three farmer’s markets happening each week. Here’s where to find a great selection of fruits, vegetables and other unique food items in our community:

- Tuesdays: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Certified Farmers Market on Main Street during Surf City Nights
- Fridays: Noon to Dusk - Certified Farmers Market at Pier Plaza
- Saturdays: 9 a.m. -2 p.m. - Farmers Market and other foods and family activities at Peter’s Landing Marina on Pacific Coast Highway between Anderson and 24th Street

Plus, every Friday throughout the year, enjoy browsing and shopping for handmade arts, crafts, jewelry and more at the Pier Plaza Art-a-Faire from noon to dusk!

For more information about this event, please visit hbartaffaire.com.

Fire Department News

Drowning Incident

On August 22, at a hotel in Huntington Beach, an off duty firefighter and his family were enjoying the day at the pool with his out of town guests. His attention was caught by the sight of a very young child below the surface of the water. There were more than 150 people in the immediate area who were unaware of the situation. The child received mouth to mouth rescue breathing from the off duty firefighter and started to recover just before the arrival of the Fire Department. The child was transported to the hospital.

This is a reminder to all that we must be diligent to “watch the water” whenever we are near a pool or other bodies of water because children indeed “drown without a sound.” Even though a child may be using floatation devices, adult supervision should always be present and attentive.
Huntington Beach Search and Rescue is hosting its annual open house and we invite you to attend. Huntington Beach Search and Rescue is a non-profit volunteer organization which allows young adults to experience the world of firefighting, police work, and marine safety to find out if public safety is their calling. It also provides a constructive environment to give to the local community. Guest food truck appearances by Kogi and Mangiamo Gelato will start at 7:15 p.m.

Date: August 28th 2014
Time: 6:30 p.m. Ceremony inside Training Center
Location: 18381 Gothard St. Huntington Beach, 92648 (Behind Gothard Fire Station)
WARNING: Orange County is currently experiencing a high level of West Nile virus infections.

Follow these recommendations to protect you and your family:

- Dump or drain any standing water
- Repair window and door screens
- Apply repellent when outdoors
- Avoid spending time outdoors at dawn or dusk
- Report mosquitoes, dead birds, abandoned swimming pools, ponds, and fountains

www.ocvcd.org 714-971-2421
Compassionate Games 2014, Survival of the Kindest: Sept. 11 to 21, 2014

A compassionate Huntington Beach is a city that recognizes the benefits of compassionate action. This is achieved by encouraging city leadership and community organizations who are working together to foster compassionate and caring actions.

The purpose of the Compassion Games is to make everyone aware of how easy it is to put a little compassion in the lives of another and improve the community we share. The Games are designed to make our communities safer, kinder, more just, and better places to live. No matter where you are, you can perform a Random Act of Kindness or become a Secret Agent of Compassion and receive a secret mission for each of the 11 days. To sign up, visit www.compassionatehb.com or Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/HBCompassion. For more information contact via email: r.revpeggyp@verizon.net or connie.boardman@surfcity-hb.org.

Information Services

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
## 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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