

# City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

August 27, 2019



## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Blessing of the Waves at Pier Plaza Sunday, September 8



Blessing of the Waves is an event for anyone and everyone, all ages and all faiths. Come bless the waves with us on **Sunday, September 8 at 8:30 a.m. at Pier Plaza** as we focus for a moment on the importance of water and the environment in all our lives. Join Mayor Erik Peterson and other community leaders as we celebrate life through music and reflection. A paddle-out (Mother Nature

pending) will conclude the event with hundreds of surfers taking to the water. Many local and regional special guests will speak, reflect, and pray at the event.

Other guests and representatives include: Huntington Beach Jr. Lifeguards, Marina HS Surf 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. Crew 54 (the Huntington Beach Lifeguard Band) will play surf tunes during 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 responsibility in 2013.



Patriot Day Ceremony 9/11  
at 6pm at Pier Plaza

Bonetree Distillery Tasting  
Room to Open

Emergency Preparedness

Authors' Lunch, Sept. 12

Arena Soccer Sign-ups

Labor Day Trash Schedule

Library Fun

American Legion Post 133  
Celebrates 100 years

Senior Saturday, Sept. 7

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**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**



*Norma Gibbs*  
*July 8, 1925 to August 25, 2019*  
*Year elected Mayor: 1975*  
*Years served on Council: 4/1970 - 4/1978*

Huntington Beach’s first female council member, as well as first female mayor, Norma Gibbs passed away last weekend. Her legacy lives on in many things we enjoy as a City today including Central Park and Library, and Butterfly Park, as well as championing environmental issues much before it was popular and she did it with dignity and effectiveness. A celebration of life will take place of Saturday, September 21 with more details to come.



**Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony**

Every year Huntington Beach Post 133 holds a 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony at Pier Plaza. Join Post 133, along with Mayor Peterson as they honor the police, fire and marine safety “Officers of the Year.” It will be at Pier Plaza at 6 p.m.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### Zoning Administrator Update

**Bonetree Distillery** was recently approved for a new distillery with a 200 square foot tasting room located at 15557 Graham St., 92649 (west of Graham St., between McFadden Ave. and Research Dr.). The new distillery expects to be open by the end of the year.



**Anytime Fitness** has requested a conditional use permit (CUP No. 19-018) to operate an approximately 6,000 square foot personal enrichment use within the former “The Druggist” tenant space at the shopping center located at 21421 Brookhurst Street, 92646 (Northwest corner Brookhurst Street and Hamilton Avenue). The CUP request is scheduled for the September 4, 2019 Zoning Administrator meeting.

Zoning Administrator meetings occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 PM in Room B8 on the Lower Level of City Hall. Zoning Administrator agendas, including project plans and recommended conditions of approval for each item, is available on the City’s website: <https://huntingtonbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### UNIQUE TIPS FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

September is National Preparedness Month. The Huntington Beach Fire Department encourages everyone to take simple, but important steps, to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities. Here are some easy tips to help get you prepared!

- ◆ Use text messages when the phone system is overloaded and you cannot place a voice call. During a large city event (like our HB Air Show) or disaster, the telephone system may be quickly overloaded. By sending a short text message, the chances of it getting through are much higher because it takes little system usage and will automatically retry to deliver your text message.
- ◆ Complete an emergency contact card and make copies for each member of your family to carry with them. Be sure to include an out-of-town contact on your contact card. It may be easier to reach someone out of town if local phone lines are out of service or overloaded. Visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) for sample emergency contact cards.
- ◆ Have alternate ways to charge phones, such as using solar chargers and extra battery packs.
- ◆ In the event of an earthquake, do not call 911 to report it. Odds are we already know! However, do call 911 if someone's life is in danger, a fire started, or another emergency occurs.
- ◆ The first person who arrives on scene after a disaster may be either you or your neighbor. Take some time to try to start a conversation with your neighbors about disaster preparedness.
- ◆ Sticky notes are your friends or a permanent marker. When you purchase supplies, make a note on them in plain view with the dates of the purchase and the expiration. The note will make it easier to see when you should start using the item and replacing it before it expires.
- ◆ Dogs may be man's best friend, but due to health regulations, most emergency shelters cannot house animals. Find out in advance how to care for your pets and working animals when disaster strikes. During an emergency, pets should be taken to a veterinary office, family member's home, or animal shelter, but never left at home. For more information, visit the Humane Society's disaster preparedness site at [humanesociety.org/disaster\\_preparedness](http://humanesociety.org/disaster_preparedness)
- ◆ The Huntington Beach Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) offers training for disaster situations. CERT prepares you to help yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your community in the event of a disaster. For more information about CERT, visit [huntingtonbeachca.gov/CERT](http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/CERT).
- ◆ RACES is the Huntington Beach Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service. Members of the Huntington Beach Fire Department RACES Program volunteer their time, skills, and equipment to support public safety communications during disasters and emergencies. To learn more about the program, and see if you qualify to be a member, visit [huntingtonbeachca.gov/RACES](http://huntingtonbeachca.gov/RACES).
- ◆ AlertOC has the capacity to send thousands of messages within minutes, and is a vital way to disseminate information pertaining to the health, safety and/or welfare of a community that is affected by a perceived, emerging or imminent emergency event. Sign up for AlertOC at [AlertOC.org](http://AlertOC.org).

For preparedness questions specifically for the City of Huntington Beach, contact Brevyn Mettler, Emergency Services Coordinator, Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office at 714-374-1565 and [bmettler@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:bmettler@surfcity-hb.org)  
[HuntingtonBeachca.gov/PrepareHB](http://HuntingtonBeachca.gov/PrepareHB) [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) [ShakeOut.org](http://ShakeOut.org)

## OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### Mission Critical Composites Business Visit



This morning, Councilmembers Mike Posey, Barbara Delgleize, Kim Carr, as well as staff from OBD, visited Mission Critical Composites (MCC). Established in 2012, MCC is a manufacturing company that creates composites made out of fiberglass and carbon-based materials. Their primary areas of focus is commercial deep exploration and military defense, with major clients such as Boeing, Space X, and the government of India. Their current 65,000-square-foot facility employs a total of 70 and is looking to potentially grow up to 100 by next year. Their high employee retention rate can be attributed to the collaborative culture philosophy and focus on the local community that the company adheres to, including company BBQs and hiring locally. More information on MCC can be found by visiting: [www.missioncriticalcomposites.com](http://www.missioncriticalcomposites.com).

## INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know you that you can view previous City Mayors on the City website?  
You can find the link to this page from the main City Council page located under the  
Government navigation tab.

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected\\_officials/mayors\\_historical/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/mayors_historical/)

**LIBRARY SERVICES**



**Kaira Rouda**



**Hollie Overton**



**Laurie Stevens**

**Authors' Luncheon | Sep 12th, 2019**  
**HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA**

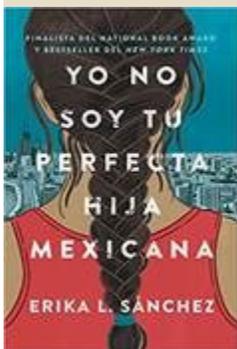
Join us for our September Authors' Luncheon, held on Thursday, September 12, at noon. As summer fades and fall beckons, this month's luncheon offers a menu of chilling plots from a trio of best-selling mystery writers.

Orange County local Kaira Rouda will discuss her latest release "The Favorite Daughter," a psychological thriller set in an Orange County gated community. Joining her is Hollie Overton, a television writer and producer as well as the author of "The Runaway," which details the search for a teenage runaway through the LA underworld. Rounding out our distinguished line-up is Laurie Stevens, the author of the Gabriel McRay suspense novels featuring an LA Sheriff's detective.

Tickets are available at <https://www.fotlhb.com/reservations.html>. Price for Friends of the Library members is \$25; non-members pay \$30.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

### Oak View Branch Library



The first meeting for the popular **Oak View Book Club**, featuring the bestselling novel by Erika Sanchez, “*Yo No Soy Tu Perfecta Hija Mexicana*,” will take place on **Tuesday, August 27, at 4:30 p.m.** and will continue each week until September 17. Both teens and adults are welcome to join “**El Club del Libro en Español**” and read and discuss this award-winning novel with other book-lovers at the Oak View Library.

For those not familiar with the book, Ms. Sanchez’ novel tells the story of Julia, who is looking forward to going off to college and leaving her family behind. Luckily her sister Olga is going to stay home and be that “perfect Mexican daughter.” But when Olga unexpectedly passes away, Julia is forced to return to pick up the pieces of her broken family. Registration is required, either in person at the branch or by calling (714) 375-5068. The Oak View Branch Library is located at 17251 Oak Lane in Huntington Beach.



### Banning Branch Library

There’s still a few days left to finish reading this month’s book club pick, “*The Orchid Thief : A True Story of Beauty and Obsession*,” by American journalist Susan Orlean. On **Thursday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m.**, join other bibliophiles and explore the wonder of nature through this first-hand account of Orlean's investigation of the 1994 poaching arrest of John Laroche, a man who was determined to clone the endangered orchid *Polyrrhiza lindenii*. Orlean’s tale will take readers on the same tour Laroche led her on – a fascinating ride including unforgettable hikes through southern Florida swamps and the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve, followed by his subsequent arrest with the local Seminoles who helped him.

This modern classic revisits the strange world of flower-selling subculture that was eventually turned into the film *Adaptation*. Open to all adults ages 18 and up. Refreshments will be served at 5:30, followed by a discussion of the book at 5:45 p.m. The Banning Branch Library is located at 9281 Banning Avenue and can be reached by calling (714) 375-5005.



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Labor Day Holiday Affects Trash Collection and Street Sweeping

#### Trash Collection

Due to the observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 2, trash collection and street sweeping will be on holiday schedule. Trash will not be collected on Monday, September 2. 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 9.



#### Street Sweeping

There will be no street sweeping Monday, September 2, through Friday, September 6. 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. Streets that are not swept due to the holiday are not rescheduled.

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

### Where to Recycle Beverage Containers in Huntington Beach

RePlanet, California's largest operator of beverage container recycling redemption centers, recently made headlines when it shut down all of its locations and ceased operating. This has left some consumers wondering where and how to recycle their beverage containers. Huntington Beach residents can always use their blue container to recycle bottles and cans at the curb via Rainbow/Republic Services. Residents who want to redeem their beverage containers for cash also have the option to redeem containers in the local area.

Check with your neighborhood supermarket or convenience store – some participating stores will redeem containers right at the checkout. There is currently one drop-off redemption center located in Huntington Beach, Beachside Recycling at 8601 Edison Way. For hours and information go to [www.beachsiderecycling.com](http://www.beachsiderecycling.com). You can also find additional redemption center locations at <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/RecyclingCenters/>.



For more information about California's beverage container recycling program, visit the CalRecycle website at <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Consumers>. Recycling centers are independently owned and operated and are not affiliated with or endorsed by the City of Huntington Beach.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**



**I-405 Freeway Improvement Update**

Significant progress has been made in many areas on the I-405 Freeway improvement project. Project design is over 80 percent complete, with many future design phases complete and waiting for existing construction to complete to allow the next phases to occur. A key milestone approaching is the completion of the first bridge reconstruction (Slater Avenue in Fountain Valley).

The McFadden bridge work began about the same time as the Slater Avenue bridge. The original schedule anticipated a 12-month completion. However, several factors have resulted in the bridge being delayed extending the overall construction period to 19 months, with a scheduled opening date in the summer of 2020. OCTA has been working closely with the contractor to keep area residents and businesses apprised of the change in the completion date and has scheduled a neighborhood meeting at the Driftwood Mobile Park community on September 3.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Did you know that HBPD responds to over 3,500 false alarm calls a year? That is almost 8 alarms each day! On average, a false alarm utilizes 20 minutes of time per responding officer. HBPD resources are valuable and unfortunately, false alarm calls take officers away from real emergencies affecting all citizens. For that reason, HBPD is pleased to announce our partnership with PMAM Corporation in the administration of our Alarm permit and false alarm program. Alarm Permit renewal fees and any incurred fines can now be paid on line in addition to mail or in person. Please review the flyer below – which will also be in water billing correspondence – and stay tuned for more alarm information.



**Important Notice**  
**City of Huntington Beach Alarm**

In an effort to reduce false alarms within the City of Huntington Beach, the city updated its alarm ordinance and partnered with PMAM Corporation to implement and administer the Alarm Program and provide educational training for our citizens. PMAM is a national company with expertise in this area, and will be responsible for our alarm registration, false alarm billing features and share in providing excellent customer service. The goal of the Alarm Program is to reduce the number of false alarm activations requiring a response by the Police Department, which will free up police resources. A website has been established to assist the City of Huntington Beach citizens at [www.famspermit.com/huntingtonbeach](http://www.famspermit.com/huntingtonbeach). The citizens can accomplish the following via the web-site:

- Register and pay for alarm permits
- Pay renewal invoices, false alarm fines etc.
- Update their contact and alarm information
- View City's Alarm Ordinance
- Learn about how to reduce false alarms

Alternatively, citizens can mail-in their registrations and payments to:

**City of Huntington Beach Alarm Program**  
**P.O. Box 142915**  
**Irving, TX 75014**

The City's Ordinance requires all residential and commercial locations to register their alarm system and pay an annual fee listed below.

The annual renewal fee is:

- **Residential location** : **\$41.00**
- **Commercial locations** : **\$41.00**
- **Senior/Low Income/Disabled\*** : **\$20.50**

**\*documentation required**

Failure to register you alarm systems with the City of Huntington Beach Alarm Program will result in additional penalties.

Please visit the website at [www.famspermit.com/huntingtonbeach](http://www.famspermit.com/huntingtonbeach) or contact PM AM at **1-888-509-9397 between Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM Central** for questions related to your account or the City's Alarm Ordinance.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### **ADULT ARENA SOCCER SIGN-UPS**

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department offers year-round adult arena soccer leagues at the award winning Central Park Sports Complex. Games will be played on artificial sports turf under the lights beginning the week of September 16.

Team registration costs are \$400 per eight week season plus referee fees (\$20.00) per game paid directly to the official by each team. League play will be 6 v 6 including the goalie. Men's leagues are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (Rec 28 plus) with Coed leagues being offered on Tuesday and Friday. All teams must have uniforms with numbers. Registration packets are available online at [https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation\\_culture/adult-arena-soccer.cfm](https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/adult-arena-soccer.cfm).

For league information or to be placed on the individual players list, please call (714) 536-5486. The deadline to turn in team registration to City Hall is September 9.



# PHOTO CONTEST



Use Your  
Smart Phone or  
Camera to Capture  
That Special  
Moment!

## Show off your hidden talent to your friends & peers!

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging is excited to announce the second digital photo contest. Any amateur photographer that is a member of the HBCOA, age 18 and over is welcome to participate in this new event. Come and capture what inspires you at the Senior Center in Central Park.

### The process is as simple as 1-2-3!

1. Capture any images of an activity, event or social gathering that takes place at the Senior Center, including outdoor events or activities on the grounds.
2. Once you have captured your favorite image you can upload your submission to the HBCOA website [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org) along with your \$10 participation fee. *There is a tutorial slide show on the website which demonstrates the submission process.*
3. Sit back and wait for the results.

Submissions will be accepted online from May 22nd until September 15th, 2019. The photographs will be judged by a panel of local professional artists and local photo enthusiasts who will narrow the entries down to the top 25 images. From there the community will get to vote on their top ten peoples choice awards. All the winners will be displayed at the Senior Center in Central Park photo gallery adjacent to the game room. There will be an awards reception for all contest participants on Thursday, September 26th to showcase the category winners and top place finishers. **Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place finishers as well as to the first, second and third place for "peoples choice finishers"**. Winners will be contacted before the awards reception. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to view the contest entries on the HBCOA website at: [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org) and cast their votes. For all official rules and contest guidelines please visit the HBCOA website or the Senior Center front desk for more information.



# Saturday, September 7th Senior Saturday Beach YOGA & WALK

## Where

**Event:** Pier Plaza

**Walk:** Meet under the pier

**Yoga:** Near the 6th street keyhole on north side of the pier

Walk @ 8:15a  
Yoga @ 9:45a



## FREE Beach Yoga & Walk

Join us at Pier Plaza for the annual Senior Saturday event, which takes place on **September 7th**. This year we wanted to add some physical activity to the event, so we invited one of our yoga teachers as well as our Wednesday Walking group!

The walking group will meet **underneath the pier between 8:15a-8:30am**, and the walk will be between 30-45 minutes long along the paved boardwalk.

As for yoga, we are planning to meet near the 6th street keyhole, which is the stretch of sand **between the north side pier volleyball nets and the apartments on the boardwalk**.

Bring your yoga mat or towel and meet us on the sand between 9:30-9:45am! The class itself will **start at roughly 9:45am**, right after the opening announcements for the Senior Saturday event.

SHUTTLE BUSES AVAILABLE FROM THE SENIOR CENTER



If you have questions contact the Wellness Pavilion at 714.374.1578

# **BLESSING OF THE WAVES**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

**8:30 AM - HB PIER PLAZA**

**STAR STUDDED PROGRAM  
SURF, ROCK N ROLL & FAITH COMMUNITY  
LEGENDS & LEADERS**



**GREATER HUNTINGTON BEACH INTERFAITH COUNCIL**

# American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133

## *Celebrating 100 Years*

Come enjoy the 100-year anniversary of the American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 and our exhibit, Eras of the American Legion: The Huntington Beach Experience

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**When:** Saturday, Sept. 21st, 2019, 10 am - 3 pm

**Where:** Rodgers Center, 1706 Orange Ave.  
Huntington Beach, CA

**Honorees:** • William Kettler (WW II)  
• Fran Ritchey (WW II)

**What Else:** Free admission and parking, enjoy refreshments, food and kid zone!

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**Exhibition Overview:**

Eras of the American Legion: The Huntington Beach Experience explores the lives of legionnaires and the relationship the American legion in Huntington Beach has had over the last 100 years.

For more information, contact Robert McClish at 562-201-0239 or email [huntingtonbeachpost133@gmail.com](mailto:huntingtonbeachpost133@gmail.com). Website, <http://hbpost133.com/>



**November 8, 2019**

**6:30pm - 10:00pm**

*An elegant evening in support  
of HBPL Literacy Volunteers.*

*Wine, hors d'oeuvres, silent  
auction, and student testimonials.*

*Best selling author, Lisa See,  
book signing and keynote speaker.*

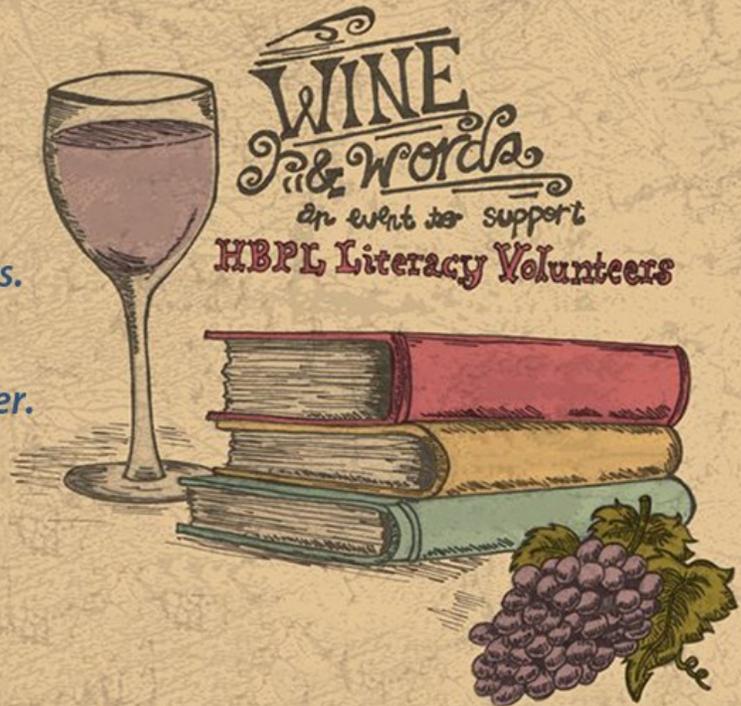
*Register now at:*

*[www.hbwineandwords.com](http://www.hbwineandwords.com)*

*Early ticket price \$60 each;  
increases to \$70 on October 28.*

**Seacliff Country Club**

**6501 Palm Ave. Huntington Beach CA 92648**



**City Hall Directory**



City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 374-1600
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5202
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Business Development	(714) 536-5582
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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