



City Manager's Update

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

December 11, 2019

Bluff Top Project Design Concept Set for Dec. 16 City Council Meeting

During the past few weeks, staff has been reviewing concept details regarding the Bluff Top Trail Project with the Community Services Commission and Design Review Board. As part of that assessment, staff presented several different design concepts for the upgrade of our existing Bluff Top Trail. Of note, given maintenance related considerations, both the Community Services Commission and the Design Review Board both voted to recommend that the City Council approve the lodge pole railing design concept, as illustrated in the above picture.



The ultimate design decision for the improvement project rests with the City Council, and we do plan on bringing the matter forward for review at our December 16 meeting. Of note, given the current grant funding timeline associated with the project, staff will need to submit a preliminary project design package to the State for review in January 2020.

Given that factor, our review with the City Council on December 16 will cover the gamut of upgrade considerations for the Bluff Top Trail, including:

- ◆ Fence design concept
- ◆ Pathway expansion dimensions
- ◆ Landscaping upgrades



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 City Hall will close at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and reopen Thursday, Jan. 2. at 8am. Have a wonderful holiday season!



Oliver Chi
City Manager

City Manager's Update

By Oliver Chi

Housing Element Update

Staff continued to refine the process associated with the proposal to update our current Housing Element. As you might be aware, the public notice advertising this action by the City was posted on November 14, 2019, and the public review / comment period will run through December 13, 2019. Of note, an overview of draft Housing Element update is available online at the website below, and anyone with questions / comments can submit them to Jennifer Villaseñor at jvillasenor@surfcity-hb.org.

<https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/major/major-projects-view.cfm?ID=45>

Key dates related to the current proposed Housing Element update. An overview of the schedule as it currently stands is as follows:

11/14/2019 – 12/13/2019:	30-day public review & comment period:
1/14/2020:	HCD Housing Element compliance notification received
1/14/2019:	Planning Commission consideration of Housing Element update
2/3/2020:	City Council consideration of Housing Element update

Reconsideration of Ellis Housing Project Being Coordinated

Recently, the *Los Angeles Times* ran an article which highlighted the fact that the City will be looking to reconsider the Ellis Housing Project, given that the City is now facing a potential lawsuit over our prior denial of the development. The overall reconsideration of the Ellis Housing Project will likely be taken up by the City Council in the early part of 2020. Additional details related to the overall proposed project can be found online at the following website:

<https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/major/major-projects-view.cfm?ID=72>

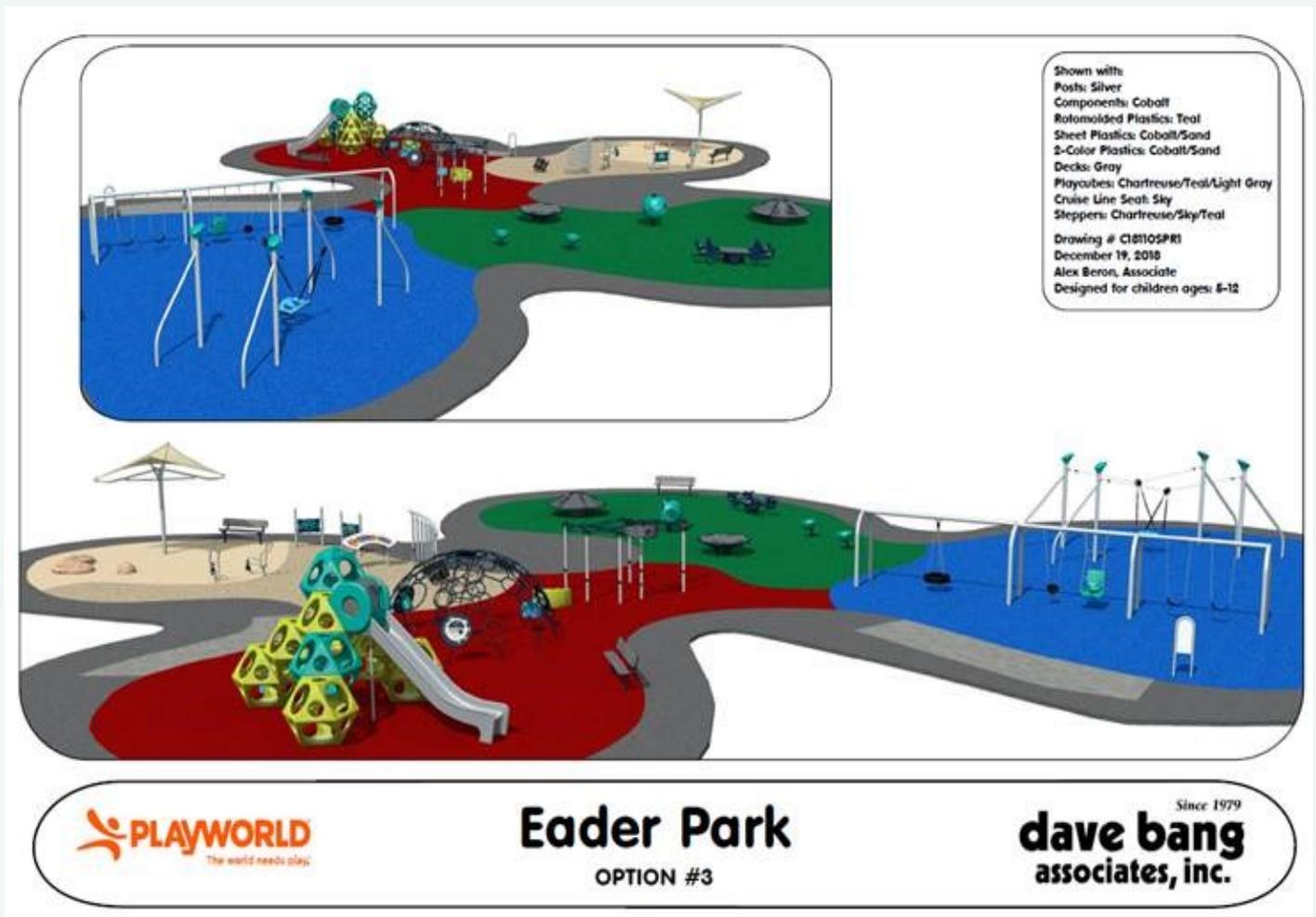
In addition, the recent *LA Times* article can be found online as follows:

<https://www.latimes.com/socal/daily-pilot/news/story/2019-11-26/huntington-beach-to-reconsider-rejected-48-unit-ellis-avenue-housing-project-amid-legal-cloud>

Eader Park in Southeast HB Set for Upgrades

During the past few months, the City has been working to coordinate, develop, and implement significant upgrades at Eader Park located in Southeast Huntington Beach. Located at 9281 Banning Avenue, Eader Park is a 2.68 acre neighborhood open space facility that is situated adjacent to Banning Library.

The park was originally developed in 1970, and has been in-need of some TLC for some time now. Given that factor, funding for the overall park improvement project was included in our FY 2019/20 CIP Budget, and \$315,000 was allocated to upgrade Eader Park. When completed, the improvements will include some awesome features, including interactive play equipment, musical play equipment, and all-inclusive ADA play components.



Fire Department Starts Monthly "News from HQ" Report

The HBFD recently released its first "News From HQ" update report. Of note, we wanted to recognize some important personnel adjustments that have occurred of late in the Fire Department, including:

- ◆ Congratulations to our recently retired Captain John Simpson, who worked his last shift on Nov. 26. Captain Simpson retired after completing 40 years in the fire service! What an accomplishment!
- ◆ I know everyone is looking forward to working with our newly promoted Fire Captains, Chad Garrett and Mark Thornberry!
- ◆ Jacob Worthy was recently hired as our newest Fire Protection Analyst, congrats!
- ◆ We're pleased to welcome Berkely Northrop to the team as our newest HazMat Company Officer!
- ◆ Finally, we recently added five new Fire Department staffers to the HB team! We're looking forward to seeing and reading about all the great things they do to serve HB exceptionally! Our five new team members are...
 - * David Rodriguez, Firefighter
 - * Michael Woodhead, Firefighter
 - * Chase Hauser, Firefighter
 - * Ryan Britz, Firefighter / Paramedic
 - * Jason Arrow, Firefighter / Paramedic

Many thanks to our Fire Department team for putting this terrific information together!

Fire Chief Interviews Taking Place this Week

Just a quick note to let everyone know that interviews are occurring this week as part of the Fire Chief recruitment process. Based on the candidate screening coordinated by the recruitment firm, we have 7 individuals being assessed. After the initial interview screening is concluded this week, a final listing of 2-3 candidates will be forwarded to me for consideration, and based on where things stand right now, we should be able to identify our next Fire Chief before the end of this month.

Finance Commissioner Charlie Bunten to Resign Jan. 1, 2020

Last week, Finance Commissioner Charlie Bunten submitted his resignation from the Finance Commission, effective January 1, 2020. The resignation letter was submitted to Council Member Delgleize, who appointed Commissioner Bunten. Moving ahead, we'll be working with Council Member Delgleize to identify a new member of the community to serve on the Finance Commission.

New ASCON Response Model

During the past few months, as the City has worked to refine our response to the overall ASCON situation, we have thought through various ways in which we can better support the community in pushing the State and ASCON to live up to their responsibilities to manage the remediation process better.

To that end, in an effort to address resident concerns, Councilmember Peterson initiated the City's hiring of a 3rd Party Technical Advisor to review the work that has been done to date, and to provide an outlet for community members who want to interface with an expert to review their specific areas of concern.

The process to hiring a 3rd Party Technical Advisor was only completed after the City coordinated a Request for Proposals process. Through that effort, we ended up interviewing four firms before finally selecting HDR as the HB's 3rd Party Technical Advisor. HDR has been on board with the City now for several weeks, and have spent that time working with HDR to perform additional research on the ASCON project and gathering data to ensure that we could be effective when we start interfacing with the community.

Recently, HDR and the City met with representatives from the community to begin discussing a communications plan to better interface with the Southeast area of Surf City.

- ◆ Moving forward, HDR will be holding office hours so that residents can interface with the technical advisor in a one-on-one setting to ask questions about the overall situation.
- ◆ We anticipate that these office hours will be held in January or February 2020.
- ◆ As the City gets more engaged in this process in the coming weeks and months, we also expect to find additional ways in which we will be able to work with HDR to mitigate issues associated with ASCON.

If you would like further information on the project, please visit the "Ascon Landfill Site" link on the City's homepage under "Web Spotlights" or visit the webpage directly at www.asconhb.com.

ASCON Update: Water Hydrant Installed on Magnolia Street

Last week, ASCON started working on installing a new hydrant on Magnolia Street. The new hydrant is being installed on the west side of Magnolia Street, roughly midway between ASCON's southern gate on Magnolia Street and Hamilton Avenue.

The hydrant installation also explains why a temporary gap was left in the 16-foot barrier fence surrounding the ASCON facility – the ASCON folks needed a way to bring the water connection line onto their site, and of note, once the new hydrant is installed, the gap in the 16-foot barrier fence will be closed.

Of particular note, City staff have been monitoring the situation, and there will be no excavation, trenching, or ground-intrusive work inside the ASCON site as part of the new hydrant installation. Also, the planned hydrant installation work is expected to take around three-weeks to complete (which puts the project completion date somewhere before the end of the calendar year).

City to Receive \$100K from HOAG for Senior Transportation Programs

We are so excited to be able to share that our Community Services Department was able to secure a \$100K grant from Hoag Memorial Hospital for 2020 to help fund our senior transportation program run out of our Senior Center facility! Of note, kudos to Randy Pesqueira and his team at the Senior Center for securing these funds for the City – we have world-class senior services here in Surf City, and winning these grant funds will help us continue to serve our seniors exceptionally!

Assistance League Operation School Bell Success!

Last week, City representatives had the privilege of helping the Assistance League with their Operation School Bell program, through which underprivileged Surf City families were provided with a voucher credit to purchase school supplies and clothes at Target! Many thanks to Diane Dwyer and the entire team at the Assistance League Huntington Beach for their efforts to serve our community!



Surf Museum Plan Being Developed; RFP Process to Procure Services of a Museum Operator Being Developed

During the past few weeks, staff has been talking with numerous individuals associated with the Surf Museum as we look for a pathway forward to address this particular issue. Given the issues at hand, after discussions with VHB, community members, and representatives from the surfing community, the City will be developing an overall RFP to procure the services of a new museum operator. We'll be working to develop that process throughout the month of December, and we expect to be able to issue the RFP in late December 2019 / early January 2020.

New eBook Policy Impacts Libraries

Last week, Macmillan Publishing caused quite the stir within the library community when they changed their policy for library purchases of eBooks. Based on their new practices, MacMillan will only allow a library system to purchase one copy of a new eBook title at release, which will limit the ability for library systems to provide access to the public who prefer consuming content via an eBook method.

In response to that decision by Macmillan, the library directors for the Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Public Libraries wrote an opinion piece that was published in the LA Times, and we wanted to share that article with our team. See link to story here: <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2019-12-03/macmillan-publishing-limited-library-access-ebooks>

Norovirus Outbreak at Huntington Terrace Care Facility

This past week, our terrific all-risk Fire Department identified that a norovirus outbreak existed at the Huntington Terrace Care Facility (located at 18800 Florida). The Orange County Health Department confirmed that the issue was indeed norovirus. The only reason we identified the outbreak was because our Fire Department crews responded to the Huntington Terrace Care Facility multiple times during the past few weeks, all for patients suffering with symptoms associated with the highly contagious norovirus disease.

Of note, on our Huntington Beach team, are aware of five Fire Department employees that responded to the facility who became ill following the potential exposure (including four of our ambulance operators and one firefighter / paramedic)

This norovirus is not airborne, and people typically are no longer infectious two days after symptoms resolve. Symptoms include nausea or vomiting, and additional information regarding norovirus can be found online at the links below.

<http://www.ocgov.com/gov/health/phs/about/dcepi/epi/disease/noro.asp>

<https://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/index.html>

HB Swift Water Team Rescue Featured on KTLA

This past week, our marine safety officers and USAR team from the Fire Department responded to a swift water rescue situation, and they performed exceptionally well! How well, you ask? So well in fact that KTLA featured the rescue situation on their broadcast! Many thanks to our team for an exceptional job... and you can see the news clip that features our HB team in action by clicking the link below!

<https://ktla.com/2019/12/04/firefighters-rescue-man-from-flooded-area-in-huntington-beach-during-powerful-storm/>

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Holidays Trash and Street Sweeping Collection Schedule

Christmas Day and New Year's Day

In observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays, there will be no trash collection on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1. Trash collection will be delayed by one day each week Wednesday through Friday.

Holiday Trash Schedule					
Regular Collection Day	Mon 12/23	Tues 12/24	Wed 12/25	Thu 12/26	Fri 12/27
	Mon 12/30	Tues 12/31	Wed 1/1	Thu 1/2	Fri 1/3
Holiday Schedule	Unaffected	Unaffected	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Street Sweeping

Streets will be swept according to the regular sweeping schedule Monday and Tuesday the weeks of Christmas and New Year. In observance of the holidays, there will be no scheduled Street Sweeping and no ticketing Wednesday through Friday during the holiday weeks. Regularly scheduled Street Sweeping and ticketing will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

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

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Holiday Schedule	Unaffected	Unaffected	No Sweep	No Sweep	No Sweep

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Christmas Tree and Cardboard Recycling

Rainbow/Republic Services is offering free post-holiday recycling of live Christmas trees and cardboard cartons. Republic will pick up Christmas trees and flattened cardboard cartons from December 26 through January 12, 2020. After January 12, tree pickups must be scheduled for bulky pickup with Republic Services at 714-847-3581



To recycle trees and cardboard:

- ◆ Remove all ornaments, hooks, light strings, tinsel and stand.
- ◆ Place tree **next to** your carts on your trash day.
- ◆ Do not block access to the carts and do not put your Christmas tree in your carts.
- ◆ There is a six-foot maximum height for trees – please cut taller trees into sections.
- ◆ Flatten cardboard and place next to trees.
- ◆ **Artificial trees and flocked trees CANNOT be recycled. Carefully cut into smaller pieces for your trash container, or call for a bulk item pickup.**

Multi-family, condo, and townhome residents with shared dumpsters should place trees to the side of the dumpsters, not in front or on top of the dumpster. Check with your property manager or HOA for other restrictions.

For further information, please contact Public Works Trash and Recycling at 714-375-5010 or Republic Services at 714-847-3581.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



SANDBAGS

FREE

to Huntington Beach & Sunset Beach Residents

Identification May Be Required – Bring ID/Driver License & current utility bill.

City of Huntington Beach Corporate Yard

17371 Gothard Street

West side of Gothard Street, between Warner & Slater Avenues

8:00AM-3:30PM Monday-Friday

Two additional locations are available for your convenience:

Edison Community Center

21377 Magnolia Street

Warner Fire Station

3831 Warner Avenue

Questions? Contact Public Works at (714) 960-8861.

-  Bags are for residents only – no businesses, please.
-  There is a limit of 20 bags per household.
-  The City provides the sand and sandbags. Bring a shovel and be prepared to fill your own sandbags. Resident is responsible for lawfully disposing of sand and sandbags after use.
-  Elderly and disabled residents may call the HB Fire Department CERT Message Line at (714) 536-5974 to arrange for free sandbag delivery.
-  For information on flood preparedness, call the Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office at (714) 374-1565.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Tips for Making Your Holidays Less Wasteful

The Holidays are a wonderful time when many of us gather with family and friends to celebrate, but many traditional holiday celebrations can also be very wasteful. Try to incorporate some of the following tips into your holiday plans this year to reduce waste and to maximize recycling and reuse.

When Entertaining

- ◆ Avoid plastic and other disposable tableware. Use metal, glass and ceramic as much as possible – wash and reuse.
- ◆ If you don't have enough reusable serve ware, try renting. Check online for local party rental companies.
- ◆ Share leftovers with your guests. If possible, encourage family and friends to bring their own container from home.
- ◆ If you are using a caterer, ask if they can donate any leftover food to a local food bank.
- ◆ Set up separate labeled containers for recyclables and trash. Don't bag your recyclables. Keep them loose and free of food and liquid residue.
- ◆ Avoid plastic water bottles. Set up a pitcher or dispenser and let guests fill their own reusable glass.

For Holiday Gifting

- ◆ Avoid foil, plastic coated, and cellophane wrapping paper because these are not recyclable.
- ◆ Fold or reroll and save wrapping paper to reuse whenever possible.
- ◆ Instead of curly plastic ribbon, use cloth ribbon or raffia to tie gifts and save to reuse.
- ◆ Avoid sticker tags or sticky bows on your gift bags – tie a tag and ribbon to the handle instead so the bag can be reused.
- ◆ After the gifts are opened, take the plastic windows, zip ties, foam blocks, and other fasteners out of cardboard packaging. Flatten and recycle the cardboard and put the rest into the trash.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



2019 SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE

Yes, it's that time of year again...the Spark of Love Toy drive. The Spark of Love program benefits local charity and non-profit groups in our local communities that provide toys to kids and teens who may otherwise not fully enjoy the magic of the holidays.

Beginning this year, all toys collected in the city of Huntington Beach will be distributed only in the Huntington Beach community. The earlier in the season you donate, the more impact your donation will have. You can drop new, non-gift wrapped toys and sports equipment at any one of the following locations during normal business hours:

- Any of the City's eight fire stations
- City Hall (main lobby near the elevators)
- Police Department (main lobby)
- Marine Safety Headquarters (PCH at 1st Street)
- Central Park Library
- Main Street Branch Library
- Senior Center in Central Park
- Edison Community Center
- Murdy Community Center

Monetary donations (including gift cards) are not accepted at any of the drop-off locations. If you'd like to make a monetary donation or have any questions, please contact Ruben Solorzano of the Huntington Beach Fire Department at 714-536-5411.



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 January 21, 2020. Team registration costs are \$400 per eight-week season plus referee fees of \$20 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. 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 January 13, 2020.



Softball Registration



Registration for the Winter 2020 Adult Softball leagues is now underway. The registration deadline is January 6, 2020. Senior Men's leagues are offered on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights; Senior Coed leagues are offered on Tuesday nights; Senior Women's leagues are offered on Monday and Thursday nights; Men's leagues are offered on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; Coed leagues are offered on Sunday afternoons and evenings and Wednesday nights. The leagues will start play January 21, 2020 and will concluded in April.

Registration packets are available online: https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/recreation_culture/softball.cfm.

For more details or information, please contact the Community Services office at 714-536-5230.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Final Exhibition of the Decade! The Huntington Beach Art Center Presents

INSPIRED

The 6th Artist Council Exhibition

November 16- December 14, 2019

The Sixth Annual Artist Council Exhibition: Inspired closes out the year (and this decade) at The Huntington Beach Art Center. The juried exhibition features over 150 works from artists working in a variety of mediums. Participation is an exclusive benefit to HBAC Artist Council Members. **The Artist Council of the Huntington Beach Art Center is an organization of artists who produce, encourage, and promote visual arts throughout the local community and beyond.** We are so proud of this group of artists and the work that they have accomplished this year. It is a show you do not want to miss! Visit www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org or call the Art Center (714) 374-1650 for more information.

Centered on the Center

January 25–February 29, 2020

Public Opening Reception: Sat, Jan. 25 | 6–9pm

The Huntington Beach Art Center presents one of the largest community exhibitions of the year in January 2020. For over 20 years *Centered on the Center* has promoted the Art Center's mission of developing an awareness, understanding, and appreciation for the arts.

This annual open-call, non-juried, salon-style group exhibition features approximately 200 artists and over 400 works in a variety of mediums. Local, regional, and national artists are invited to participate. Original artwork will be accepted until the galleries are filled. Submissions are limited to two pieces per artist. **Download the full prospectus from our website for complete rules, regulations, and limitations.**

CALL FOR ARTISTS!

Fees: \$20 for one piece | \$30 for two pieces

ELIGIBILITY

Participation is open to any living artist 18 years of age and older. All entries must be original works of art completed in the last two years (2018 – present). Work submitted may not have been displayed at the Huntington Beach Art Center in any prior exhibition.

Important Dates to Remember:

Artist Drop-Off of Artwork: January 4 – 6

Saturday, January 4

Artist Council Members: 10am – 1pm

All Artists: 2pm – 4pm

Sunday, January 5

All Artists: 10am – 2pm

Monday, January 6

All Artists: 10am – 2pm

Art Center Closure

Just a quick reminder, the Huntington Beach Art Center will close for the holidays from December 20- January 2. During this time, check our website www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org for more information regarding next year's programming. If you have further questions leave a message at (714) 374-1650 or by email artcenter-staff@surfcity-hb.org and staff will respond as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for another great year and have a wonderful holiday season!

CITY MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT

**Congratulations to
Four Certified Sustainable GREEN Businesses in HB!**

The City of Huntington Beach welcomes four local businesses to its **SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**, a part of the California Green Business Network.

Grace Cleaners (on Beach Blvd & Knoxville Ave)	McGowan Consulting, LLC	Geosyntec Consultants- Huntington Beach	H2Go Express Car Wash
			

This program helps local businesses integrate sustainable green business practices that lead to energy cost savings as well as a healthier and cleaner environment. **By becoming certified, your business will:**

Get Noticed

Receive FREE marketing and promotional support that will get your business noticed. Your Business will appear in the expansive [California Green Business Network directory](#) as well as in their [social media](#), [e-newsletters](#), in the press, and their ["Shop Green" app](#) that will be widely used by local consumers and business owners.

According to a recent survey of California Green Businesses, 42% reported an increase in business since receiving their recognition.

Be Supported

Be one-step ahead of new laws and regulations affecting your business. Certification includes **FREE** on-site green technical assistance and resources.

Join Us Today!

Be part of a growing business community that is conserving California's valuable resources and protecting the environment. Become certified today and join a network of over 4,000 prominent and highly respected businesses across California.

To register or for any questions, please contact Grace Yoon-Taylor at 714-536-5579 or Grace.Yoon-Taylor@surfcity-hb.org.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Consolidated Plan Update

The City hosted three meetings last week with Western Economic Services to obtain feedback and input from the Huntington Beach community. The Consolidated Plan, which must be updated every five years, is the guiding document for community needs in Huntington Beach for programs and services that are funded annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All three meetings were well attended and great input was obtained from the community.

This initial phase of the surveying will continue through the end February, followed by comprehensive report in March. In addition to the online survey via social media, physical surveys will be distributed this week to local library and community centers. If you haven't already, you can take the online survey by visiting: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HuntingtonBeach_HCDSurvey.



Fair Housing Walk-in Clinic—Oak View

The Fair Housing Foundation will be holding a Walk-In Clinic for housing issues at the Family Resource Center (FRC) from **5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020**. This service is free and open to the public. Fair Housing Foundation will have a housing counselor present to counsel residents one-on-one with housing issues or questions. This can include landlord/tenant disputes, lease agreements, discrimination, repairs, evictions, security deposits, disability modifications, rent increases, occupancy issues, etc. The walk-in clinic is typically held at City Hall; however, it will be held in the Oak View community periodically beginning in 2020.

The Fair Housing Foundation services the residents of the city of Huntington Beach. We are contracted by the city of Huntington Beach and receive funds through the Community Development Block Grants. We educate the public about Fair Housing rights and responsibilities through workshops, trainings, and community events. FHF provides mediation and counseling services through our housing assistance hotline 1-800-446-FAIR and walk-in clinics. We also investigate issues of discrimination related to housing. For more information, call 1-800-446-FAIR.

INFORMATION SERVICES

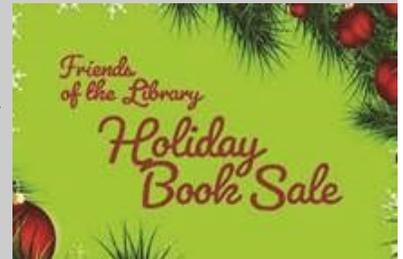
Did you know that residents can report suspected violations or eyesores on private property to the Code Enforcement Division from the City website online at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/forms-applications/code-enforcement-complaint.cfm>

LIBRARY SERVICES

Main Street Branch Library

The holidays have officially begun at the Main Street Library! There are two wonderful opportunities available to both give and receive at the **Main Street Library Holiday Book Sale!** This popular annual event will continue on **through Saturday, December 21**, during all branch open hours (**Tuesday to Thursday 9 a.m.—6 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 9 a.m. -5 p.m.**). Savvy deal-hunters are invited to purchase some very reasonably priced books in close-to or excellent condition that will make the perfect holiday gifts for friends and family. Branch liaisons from The Friends of the Library have expertly culled and set aside the best donations for this festive book extravaganza!



Another way give is by donating to the **Spark of Love Toy Drive**, happening now at the Main Street Library. Donations of new, non-gift-wrapped toys and sports equipment can be dropped off in the big box located just inside the front entrance. Right before Christmas, all donations will be collected and distributed to local charities solely in the Huntington Beach community! This is truly a worthwhile way to ensure that children and teens in our own neighborhoods can fully enjoy the magic of the holidays. The Main Street Branch is located at 525 Main Street in downtown Huntington Beach and can be reached by calling (714) 375-5071.



Oak View Branch Library

Fun for those of all ages awaits at the Oak View Library. First off, children and their families are welcome to the monthly **Family Pajama Storytime**, taking place on **Wed, December 11**. Join Ms. Kari at **6 p.m.** for an evening hour of fun featuring music, songs, fingerplays, flannel board stories, and a craft all with a yummy Gingerbread Person theme. Kids (and their parents, too) are invited to wear pajamas!



The next day, adults ages 18 and up are invited to a **Coloring for Adults** session on **Thursday, December 12, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.** All materials needed will be supplied by the library, including coloring sheets and tools (such as markers and crayon pencils), as well as some relaxing music and refreshments. This is the perfect way to de-stress from the busy holiday season by spending an hour coloring at the Library.

On **Tuesday, December 17, at 2 p.m.** children of all ages are encouraged to attend the **Christmas Arts and Crafts** session with Grandma Elaine. Come get into the holiday spirit by making some festive crafty creations where all of the materials ever needed will be supplied! Finally, all those children who have participated in the Oak View Homework Club during the year are in for a real treat with their own **Homework Club Winter Party!** Meet at the Oak View branch on **Thursday, December 19, at 3 p.m.** for all kinds of fun and holiday surprises! There will be music, seasonal refreshments, and a holiday craft activity. Attendees can join fellow homework buddies to celebrate a school year of achievement! The Oak View Branch is located at 17251 Oak Lane and can be reached by calling (714) 375-5068.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2018, the Huntington Beach Police Department received 126 thefts from motor vehicles and 28 package theft reports in the month of December.

With the holidays around the corner, this is a friendly reminder to always remove your valuables from your car and to be vigilant of your surroundings.

HOLIDAY SAFETY SHOPPING TIPS

In 2018 the Huntington Beach Police Department received 126 thefts from motor vehicles and 28 package theft reports in the month of December. Make your safety a priority and follow these tips.



1

DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS IN YOUR CAR

To avoid theft from motor vehicle do not leave your shopping bags in your car. Also do not cover your items with sheets etc. thinking that thieves will not know that they are presents and remember to lock your car.



2

DON'T SHOP ALONE

If possible shop with a friend or someone instead of shopping alone. This a way for each person to look after each other.



3

PACKAGE DELIVERY

If possible have your packages delivered to your work. If this is not an option, require signature before dropping off packages, ask a neighbor if they can pick up your package or use an Amazon drop off location near you.



4

DON'T CARRY LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and don't carry it all in one place. Pay for your purchases with a check or credit card when possible.



5

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Be aware of your surroundings and for anything that looks suspicious. Make eye contact with people so they know that you have noticed them.



6

DON'T LEAVE PURSE ON SHOPPING CART

Do not leave your purse or wallet unattended in a shopping cart, it can take seconds for someone to reach in and steal your money/credit card. Always carry your purse over your shoulder.





Pawliday

OC Animal Care • 1630 Victory Road • Tustin • 92782

Saturday, December 21st

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(Visiting hours end at 4:30 p.m.)

***FREE Adoptions!**

*(not including microchip, licensing fee, leash or carrier.
Discount will not apply to animals with prior reservation
deposits or to puppies 6 months of age and under.)



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20TH

ANNIVERSARY
2001 - 2020



9:00am

11:00am

Pancake Breakfast | Costume Contest

@ Zack's Pier Plaza

Splash @ High Noon

Wednesday, January 1st, New Year's Day!

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