Elected Officials Sworn In Last Night;
New Mayor Barbara Delgleize and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Posey

Congratulations to the following candidates who were elected to serve a four-year term:

♦ Jill Hardy, Council Member
♦ Lyn Semeta, Council Member
♦ Patrick Brenden, Council Member
♦ Robin Estanislau, City Clerk
♦ Alisa Cutchen, City Treasurer

The newly electeds were officially sworn in last night at the December 12 City Council meeting. Barbara Delgleize will serve as Mayor, and Mayor Pro Tem is Mike Posey.

Good luck and best wishes to outgoing Mayor Jim Katapodis and outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Dave Sullivan. Thank you for your service to the City of Huntington Beach.
Spark of Love Toy Drive

The City of Huntington Beach Fire, Police, and Community Services Departments have come together to bring “Spark of Love Toy Drive” to our city. The “Spark of Love Toy Drive” collects toys for underserved children and teens in Southern California. Over the past two decades this program has collected more than nine million toys! If you’d like to participate this holiday season, you can drop off a new, unwrapped toy at any of our fire or police department locations or at the Senior Center in Central Park, City Gym & Pool, Murdy Park, or Edison Community Center. For more information, please contact Erin Burke at the City Gym at 714-960-8884.

Recreation Swim at the City Gym & Pool

The City Gym & Pool’s recreational swimming hours take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. for all ages, and 8 to 8:30 p.m. for adults only. Senior swim hours for adults ages 55 and over are from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Fridays. The charge for all open swim hours is $2 per person. The pool is heated to around 90 degrees, so you can enjoy some exercise even in the winter!

Keep in mind that the City Gym will be closed from December 24-January 9 for the holidays, so get in a swim while you still can! During this time there will be no recreation swim, but it will start back up on a weekly basis after the closure. For more information regarding recreation swim please contact the City Gym at 714-960-8884. Happy Holidays!

Sister City Association Looking for Chaperones

The Sister City Association of Huntington Beach is seeking a chaperone for four student ambassadors to Anjo, Japan. Interested persons who either live or work in or near Huntington Beach are eligible. The chaperone would be expected to attend several orientation sessions and be able to host the Japanese chaperone in his or her home for two weeks, June 29-July 12, 2017. Travel to Japan would be from July 25-August 8, 2017. A stipend is offered to partially offset expenses. For information, please call 846-7685 or Community Services Department at 374-5397. Information: City of Huntington Beach, Government, Boards and Commissions.
Central Park
Monarch Butterflies

As monarch butterflies begin to show up along the California coast for their annual winter rest, called overwintering, Huntington Beach Central Park is beginning to see butterfly activity in the area behind the library in front of the wooden amphitheater.

The Western Monarch population overwinters along the coast in such areas as Pismo Beach, Santa Barbara, Monterey and various other private sites. We are thrilled to see the Monarchs returning to Huntington Central Park. Over the past 20 years, there has been a marked decline in the butterfly population. Experts attribute this to the disappearance of milkweed, the only plant the female butterfly lays her eggs.

In late winter or early spring, female monarchs fly inland, looking for early sprouts of milkweed to deposit their eggs. Dedicated volunteers have made significant efforts in areas of Huntington Central Park and Norma Gibbs Park to increase the planting of milkweed and other pollinating plants to increase the monarch habitat. The appearance of the monarchs in Huntington Central Park is important because by mid-November, most monarchs have settled into their site, coming from as far as Canada to cluster as they enter a diapause state before laying their eggs in the spring.

Thank you to the many dedicated volunteers who are working diligently to preserve and enhance this valuable habitat.

Breakfast With Santa

Christmas cheer was in the air at Murdy Community Center, where families spent their Saturday morning doing crafts and telling Santa Claus himself what they wanted for Christmas. The Lion’s Club donated their time to cooking a pancake breakfast for the event, and families had the opportunity to take pictures with Santa, decorate cookies, and even play in the snow. Other activities included a bounce house, making Christmas tree ornaments, and writing letters to Santa. There was a visit from Miss Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Princesses! Thanks to all the employees of the Community Services Department who worked hard to make this event memorable, and to all the families who attended this festive event.
Huntington Harbour residents may notice some activity on the various Huntington Harbour beaches!!

The City of Huntington Beach and neighboring beach communities, are participating with Orange County Public Works on the Santa Ana River Sand Management Project. The project is designed to remove approximately one million cubic yards of excess sand from the Lower Santa Ana River, which also serves as a flood control channel. Clearing the channel allows excess water to flow naturally between the channel and the ocean and reduces risk of flooding.

In addition to greatly minimizing the risk of flooding for adjacent communities in Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Costa Mesa, the project will carefully screen and prepare the sand for placement on the various beaches. The sand earmarked for Huntington Beach has been screened for placement on various Huntington Harbour beaches. These beaches have not received sand in nearly two decades and are in need of replenishment.

City crews are busy preparing the beaches to receive this material, and we expect this activity to span over the next several weeks.
Applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding will be available starting December 19, with a submission deadline of February 10, 2017 at 4 p.m. CDBG funding is provided to the City by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on an annual basis for eligible projects and programs that specifically benefit low and moderate income residents in the City of Huntington Beach. Applications and submission requirements are available at: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/business/economic-development/cdbg/

Attention Small Business Owners: The SBA Wants YOU!
The Small Business Administration (SBA) is accepting applications for National Small Business Week Awards, celebrating the importance of small businesses nationwide and their presence in the national economy. Applicants have until January 10, 2017, at noon to submit an award application, and all winners will be announced in May 2017 during Small Business Week. There are many categories to choose from for businesses, including awards for exporters and those participating in federal procurements. Interested in how to prepare a winning award nomination application? Here’s how to get started:

- Applications and eligibility criteria is available online at https://www.sba.gov/nsbw/awards
- Read the SBA’s very helpful blog article with tips for successful applications: https://www.sba.gov/blogs/how-submit-winning-national-small-business-week-award-nomination.
- Sylvia Gutierrez in the Santa Ana field office of the SBA is available to receive nomination applications directly, and may be reached at sylvia.gutierrez@sba.gov.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know you can now share and bookmark city website pages with popular social media sites such as Facebook, Google Plus and Twitter? When you are viewing a City’s web page that you would like to share or bookmark, click on one of the social media icons in the upper right part of the web page.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/beach_info/
Planning Commission

On Tuesday, December 13, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, the Planning Commission will hold a meeting to review the following items:

**ENTITLEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 15-002 (PEGASUS SCHOOL):** To amend Condition of Approval No. 5.B of Entitlement Plan Amendment No. 01-001 to allow an increase of student enrollment from 565 to 595 (30 additional students) at the Pegasus School located at 19692 Lexington Lane (east side of Lexington Ln., between Shalom Dr. and Shangri La Dr.). Please contact Joanna Cortez for more information.

**ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 16-001/ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 16-003/LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT NO. 16-001/NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 16-001 (SUNSET BEACH BEACHFRONT FLOOD REQUIREMENTS):** A request for the following: **ZMA:** To delete the current FP3 (Floodplain Overlay) zoning designation on all beachfront properties and the beach in Sunset Beach which, among other things, will eliminate a current requirement for new homes to be built on a pilings or caissons foundation. **ZTA:** To amend the Sunset Beach Specific Plan (SBSP) by deleting the requirement for new homes on beachfront properties to be constructed on pilings or caissons in accord with the 1985 County of Orange Coastal Flood Plain Development Study. The current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood insurance rate map is proposed to be used instead as the basis for new construction. **LCPA:** To amend the City’s Local Coastal Program in accordance with ZMA No. 16-001 and ZTA No. 16-003. **ND:** To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. The project applies to the Sunset Beach beachfront properties and the beach (151 parcels and the beach bounded by Anderson Street to the north, Warner Avenue to the south, the Pacific Ocean to the west, and South Pacific Avenue to the east). Please contact Ricky Ramos for more information.

Christmas and New Year’s Holidays Affect Street Sweeping/Trash Pick Up

Streets will be swept according to the regular sweeping schedule Monday, December 19 through Friday, December 23. Street sweeping is cancelled the weeks of December 26 through December 30 and January 2 through January 6. There are no make-up days for cancelled street sweeping days. Normal sweep schedules will resume on Monday, January 9.

In observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays, there will be no trash collection on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. Trash collection will be delayed by one day each week.

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

Christmas Tree and Cardboard Recycling

December 27 – January 13

Rainbow Environmental Services is offering free post-holiday recycling of live Christmas trees and cardboard cartons. Rainbow will pick up Christmas trees and any flattened cardboard cartons that are placed next to the trees from December 27 through January 13, 2017.

To recycle your tree and cardboard:

- Remove all ornaments, hooks, light strings, tinsel, and stand
- Place the tree next to your carts on your trash day
- Trees over 6 foot should be cut in half
- Flatten cardboard and place next to trees
- Do not block access to the carts

The automated trucks are not collecting trees, so please do not block access to the carts and do not put your Christmas tree in your carts.

Multi-family, condo and townhome residents with commercial service (blue dumpster) 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.

After January 13, trees can be picked up by scheduling a 10/4 Pick-up. To schedule a pick-up call Rainbow Environmental Services at 714-847-3581.
Cloud Library comes to HBPL

On December 20, the Huntington Beach Public Library will stop offering eBooks through Overdrive. We will instead offer eBooks through the Cloud Library, formerly known as the 3M Cloud Library.

We are making this move to improve the eBook experience and make it more convenient for our customers. The Cloud Library’s interface is easier for eBook readers and eAudiobook listeners. Consolidating our resources with one main vendor will allow the library to develop a larger, more robust eBook collection.

For our current Overdrive users, you will be able to access any eBook holds you have in Overdrive through the month of December. We ask you to immediately stop placing any further holds on items in Overdrive as they will not transfer over to the new service.

More information will be available on our website: www.hbpl.org

Lynda.com now available at HBPL

Lynda.com is an online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, technology, and creative skills. You can now access their full library of training videos for free with your Huntington Beach Public Library card! Find more information on the library’s homepage: www.hbpl.org

Holiday Events at Oak View Library

Grandma Elaine will offer a Special Children’s Crafts Session to celebrate the holidays on Tuesday, December 13, at 2 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome to have fun with crafts during this holiday season!

Oak View Homework Club Program is wrapping up this calendar year with a holiday event on Thursday, December 15, at 3 p.m. Children enrolled in the Oak View Homework Club are welcome to join this event.

For more information on either program, please call (714)375-5068
Children’s Library to Host Fun Events During Winter Break

The Central Library Children’s Department will be full of activity during the storytime vacation between December 19-30. To start things off, there will be a free performance for all ages by the HB Singers Company on Friday, December 16, at 3:30 p.m. in the Central Library’s Tabby Theater. Enjoy this group of local performing girls sharing joy through music & dance!

Next, on Tuesday, December 20, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., there will be a free Holiday Magic Show featuring the comedy and magic of Hayden Allcorn of the JRW Group Entertainment.

For those movie buffs, the children’s library will host three free holiday screening events on December 21, 22 and 23, starting at 10 a.m. Finally, last-minute elves from Santa’s workshop can make holiday ornaments and cards between 2 and 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 22. All of these free events take place in the Tabby Theater at the Central Library and are welcome to children of all ages on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on these and upcoming events through the end of December, please visit the library’s website at www.hbpl.org, click on Kids Stuff, then Calendar/Events or call 714 375-5107.
CHRISTMAS TOY ROUNDUP

The Huntington Beach Police Department’s Mounted Enforcement Unit is collecting toys for the children at Orangewood Children’s Home. These children are often abused and neglected and to make matters worse, will be away from families during the holiday. Many officers have responded to these calls for service which at times require us to remove these children from their homes. This may be the only interaction these children will have with police. This is a time where we can make a positive impact on these children.

Officers will be collecting unwrapped toys for children between 2 and 18 years old at the Target Store located at 9882 Adams Avenue on Saturday, December 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring an unwrapped gift and meet the horses and officers. An additional drop box will be located at the Huntington Beach Police Department front lobby located at 2000 Main Street. Some items that would be appreciated are: pajamas, hygiene products, curling irons, electronics, ear buds, and make-up.
Huntington Beach Police Department

Mounted Unit Supports Orangewood Children’s Home

Christmas Toy Roundup!

Saturday December 17th, 2016
9 o’clock am until 1 o’clock pm
Target
9882 Adams Avenue, Huntington Beach
Christmas Trees Safety

- Fresh trees are less likely to catch fire, so look for a tree with vibrant green needles that are hard to pluck and don’t break easily from its branches. The tree shouldn’t be shedding its needles readily.

- Always place your tree away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights, and keep the tree base filled with water to avoid a dry out.

- Make sure all your indoor and outdoor Christmas lights have been tested in a lab by the UL or ETL/ITSNA for safety, and throw out any damaged lights.

- Any lights you use outdoors must be labeled suitable for exterior placement, and be sure to plug them into a ground-fault circuit interrupter-protected receptacle.

- Keep all your holiday candles away from your Christmas tree, surrounding furniture, and décor.

- Bedtime means lights off! - Don’t forget to turn your Christmas tree lights off each night.

- When your tree begins to drop its needles, it’s time to say goodbye to your evergreen foliage until next year.
Week of December 13, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

◆ 12/16 - 12/19 and 12/22 - 12/23 — Annual Cruise of Lights www.cruiseoflights.org

◆ 12/18 — HBPD Blood Drive, 1 to 8pm, Police Training Room, 2000 Main Street. www.RedCrossBlood.org

◆ 12/19—Fair Housing Clinic, City Hall, 5th Floor. 10am to noon. www.fhfca.org.

January 2017

◆ 1/1—Annual Surf City Splash, Registration: 9 to 11am; Costume contest 11:15 to 11:45am; Splash at NOON www.hbsurfcitysplash.com

2017 Surf City Splash
New Year’s Day

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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  
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Code Enforcement (714) 375-5155  
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Graffiti Removal (714) 960-8861

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