

PUBLIC WORKS

FREE Residential Landscape Classes

Are you eager to spruce up your gardens with California friendly or native drought-tolerant plants? Having trouble with your irrigation system and need some advice? Mark your calendars to attend our FREE California Friendly Landscape Workshop series.

Come discover ways to change your landscaping from a water-intensive lawn to beautiful and beneficial plants that are well adapted to our lovely Mediterranean coastal climate. Low water use plants save 43 gallons of water per square foot per year in comparison to turf.



On **Sat., February 22**, the class will cover soils, fertilizers, and what to look for when selecting plants. By drawing on rich California native drought-tolerant plants and California-friendly plant life, we can design and create enchanting gardens that are multi-functional, supportive of the regions biodiversity and adapted to our climate.

On **Sat., March 15**, explore irrigation systems, watering guidelines, and garden maintenance. Learn about the different types of irrigation systems and how they should be installed and operated, as well as general garden maintenance. Classes are at the "Water Conservation Section" of the City's Utilities Division, located at 19001 Huntington Street, H.B, from 9 a.m. to noon. Light refreshments will be provided. To register, log on to: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop--events/ or call (714) 536-5921.

Brookhurst Street/ Indianapolis Sewer Siphon Repair

The intersection of Indianapolis Avenue and Brookhurst Street has been partially closed due to the discovery of 'voids' (air pockets) under the pavement found during routine maintenance of the sewer lines. In order to better understand the situation, the City hired a geotechnical firm to investigate the extent of the voids prior to designing a fix. Once the geotechnical information was reviewed, a plan was prepared for contractors to bid on. City staff proceeded with an emergency procurement by soliciting bids from two qualified contractors. Bids were publicly opened on February 12.

Crews will work Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The intersection will remain partially closed for a period of approximately six weeks and the work should be completed early April. The complete scope and nature of this work cannot be completely defined until the actual work starts the week of the February 24, beginning with the excavation of the

intersection. The work will be to fill the voids and strengthen the ground, as well as replace a damaged sewer line. Motorists will still have access to Indianapolis Ave. and Brookhurst Street in both directions, except left turns.



Save Our Water

On Feb. 11, the Metropolitan Water District declared a Water Supply Alert throughout its 5,200 square mile service area as part of a set of comprehensive actions to address the State's unprecedented dry conditions. Water is essential to our everyday lives. In support of the statewide drought declaration by Governor Brown on Jan. 17, each of us can change our water-use habits. Even small changes could save millions of gallons of water. Here's how you can help (many are

included in our Municipal Code):

What you can do outdoors:

How much you can save:

Water your lawn 1 to 2 days a week instead of 5 days a week	Saves up to 840 gallons per week
Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads and repair promptly	Saves up to 500 gallons per month
Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks	Saves up to 150 gallons each time
Install a smart sprinkler controller that adjusts watering based on weather, soil type, amount of shade and plant type	Saves up to 40 gallons per day
Water your plants in before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m. to reduce evaporation and ineffective watering due to wind	Saves up to 25 gallons each time

**What you can do indoors:
save:**

How much you can

Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes	Saves up to 50 gallons per week
Fix household leaks promptly	Saves up to 20 gallons per day
Spend only 5 minutes in the shower	Saves up to 8 gallons each time
Turn off the water while you brush your teeth	Saves up to 2.5 gallons per minute
Install water saving devices like high-efficiency toilets and clothes washers.	Saves many gallons per day

A great resource for water-saving tips and rebates is: www.bewaterwise.com, which has become a leading destination for water conservation information. Please visit our Huntington Beach Water Conservation page at: www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/ for local events and resources.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DUI Checkpoint Nets Two DUI Arrests - 10 Citations for Unlicensed/Suspended Drivers

The Huntington Beach Police Department conducted a multi-location Sobriety and Drivers License checkpoint on Saturday, February, 2014, from 7:45 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Two checkpoints were set up on arterial roadways and one on a secondary roadway. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public. Sobriety/Drivers License checkpoints help lower DUI-related deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints is the deterrent effect it has on those who might drive drunk and/or drug impaired, unlicensed, or with a suspended/revoked license. Checkpoints help to bring more awareness to motorists and encourage everyone to use sober designated drivers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies.

Here are some of the statistics from Saturday's checkpoint:

- 711 Vehicles through the checkpoint
- 700 Vehicles screened for DUI and drivers license
- 8 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 1 DUI- Alcohol impaired suspect arrested
- 1 DUI- Alcohol and medication impaired, suspect arrested
- 1 Warrant arrest for previous DUI
- 9 Citations for driving while unlicensed
- 1 Citation for driving on a suspended license
- 0 Vehicles impounded
- 7 Citations for various Vehicle Code violations

In our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways, the Huntington Beach Police Department will be conducting another Sobriety/Drivers License Checkpoint on April 11, 2014. Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Huntington Beach Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to continue to work together to bring an end to these tragedies. Report Drunk Drivers. Call 911!

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Senior Services – Senior Services is Our Park **Tribute to Huell Howser Mystery Tour**

Think you know all the hidden gems in California? Come and find out on the "Tribute to Huell Howser Mystery Tour." On Wednesday February 26, the Rodgers Seniors Center Travel and Trips program, sponsored by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging, have coordinated a mystery trip full of fun and surprises to some of the featured destinations of Howser's California Gold program. Come along for a special tribute to one of your favorite TV personalities and longtime promoter of California sightseeing. You are sure to be pleasantly surprised. The bus departs from Rodgers Seniors' center at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 4:30 p.m. Hurry and make your reservations today. The trip is fee-based, reservations are

required and space is limited. For information contact Betty Hickey at the Rodgers Seniors' Center front desk at 714-536-9387.

Sounds of Motown Dance Class

Looking for a new activity this spring why not try the Sounds of Motown dance class at Rodgers Seniors' Center. The music will have you getting up and getting down to the classic sounds of Motown. This four-week introductory class will have you moving and grooving to the rhythms that inspired a generation. No experience is necessary. The class begins February 24, and will meet on Monday's from 2 – 3 p.m. at the Rodgers Seniors' Center. It is fee-based and requires registration. For more information or to sign up for the class contact the Rodgers Seniors' Center at 714-536-9387.

Free Hearing Screening

Do you have difficulty understanding your spouse? Do others mention that the TV or radio is too loud? Do you have to ask others to repeat what they say? If you answered yes to one or more of the above questions, it is recommended that you have your hearing checked. On Friday February 21, from 10 – 11:30 a.m., the Clear Choice Hearing Aid Center will be offering FREE hearing screening and FREE cleaning & adjustment of hearing Aids to Huntington Beach Senior Center members and their guests. Clear Choice will greet you and answer all your questions regarding hearing loss, hearing aids, and new technology. Please sign up at the Rodgers Senior Center front desk ahead of time: 714-536-9387.

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

Karate: Tae Kwon Do Classes

Looking to develop coordination, improve balance, and achieve total fitness? Come to the City Gym & Pool and participate in Karate: Tae Kwon Do! Classes are available for both adults and children, and help students develop a strong foundation of discipline and self-confidence. Master Kia emphasizes the importance of the five tenants of Tae Kwon Do: courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-discipline, and indomitable spirit. Knowledge of self defense is only one outcome of the course. Students will develop character traits to succeed in other aspects of life, as well. Registration is still available for Karate: Tae Kwon Do in-person at the City Gym & Pool. Call 714-960-8884 for more information!



OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Task Force Meeting

The next meeting of the Downtown Task Force will take place on Thursday, February 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Street Branch Library, located at 525 Main Street. Agendas and

minutes for Downtown Task Force Meetings can be reviewed at: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/downtown_task_force.cfm

2014-15 CDBG Funding Application Deadline - February 21

Applications for 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant funding must be received in the Office of Business Development are due in the Office of Business Development by Friday, February 21, 2014, at 4 p.m. There are two application types: 1) construction and/or development projects that include eligible public facilities and infrastructure projects, property acquisition, and other eligible renovation projects; and 2) non-construction projects that include eligible public services, fair housing activities, and housing rehabilitation. Applications are available on the Economic Development Department website at: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/ed/cdbg/>. Questions regarding funding eligibility or the CDBG program may be directed to Simone Slifman at: (714) 375-5186 or Simone.Slifman@surfcity-hb.org.

LIBRARY

Discover a New Language @ the Library

February is "Discover Languages Month" - what better time to discover Mango Languages, offering dozens of foreign languages for English speakers to learn in as little as 15 minutes per lesson. There is also an option for ESL students who want to improve their English. Mango uses real-life situations and actual conversations to more effectively teach a new language. What's more, the Mango Languages Library Edition app for Apple or Android makes learning on the go a breeze.

It's fast, easy and effective—and it's free for Huntington Beach Library card holders! Just visit www.hbpl.org, click on the green **Quick Login to Databases tab**, login, then select "Mango Language" to get started. Check out this exciting learning opportunity today!

The Big Library Read program

Huntington Beach Public Library is taking part in the "OverDrive Big Library Read" program. Library card holders are able to borrow and enjoy the cooking eBook "Keys to the Kitchen" by Food Network star Aida Mollenkamp, from now through March 5 by visiting: <http://e.hbpl.org>.

Big Library Read is an international program that gives libraries and library patrons unlimited simultaneous access to a popular title during the program, creating a virtual, global book club. Interested patrons will be able borrow "Keys to the Kitchen" using a valid library card and enjoy on all major computers and devices, including iPhone®, iPad®, Nook®, Android™ phones and tablets, and Kindle® without worrying about wait lists or holds. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees!

Support the Library – Taste of Huntington Beach Tickets are on sale NOW!

The Taste of Huntington Beach is coming to the Sports Complex April 27, from noon to 4 p.m. Enjoy culinary treats from Huntington Beach's finest restaurants, paired with premium wines from California, as well as local craft beers. Wait! There's more! Entertainment by "Party Jones," a silent auction, raffle, and many fabulous vendors - all for the attractive price

of \$55/person for General Admission and \$75/person for VIP tickets. Hurry, sale ends February 28, 2014. Tickets are available at www.tastehb.com and Central Library of HB.

Avoid Late Fees – Get E-mail Alerts from the Library!

The Huntington Beach Library offers courtesy e-mail alerts to notify patrons that their books are due. Cardholders can give staff their e-mail address in person at the Library, or it can be entered online from home. Simply visit www.hbpl.org, click the brown "My Account / Renew" tab and login. The Account Overview screen provides a link called "Profile- Update email address". On the Profile screen, enter the e-mail address and click the "Update" button. For more information or assistance, call the Library at (714) 842-4481.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., in Room B-7 the following items are scheduled for review by the Zoning Administrator:

1. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 13-030 (VERIZON WIRELESS ROOFTOP FACILITY):** To permit the modification of an existing nonconforming wireless communication facility including replacement of three (3) existing panel antennas, installation of two (2) new panel antennas, and six (6) new remote radio units and a junction box located behind an existing parapet wall. The project is located at 200 Main Street (Rooftop), 92648 (Block between Main St. and 3rd St. and Walnut Ave. and Olive Ave.). Please contact Hayden Beckman, Assistant Planner, for more information.
2. **SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 14-001 (PETSMART PET HOTEL):** To permit an ancillary animal boarding use within the interior of an existing pet (retail) store. The project is located at 7600 Edinger Avenue, 92647 (south side of Edinger Ave., west of Sher Ln.). Please contact Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/ZAAgenda021914.pdf>. Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know that a City Parks Locator has been developed for the City website? Individual park web pages have also been produced for all 71 city parks. You can find park location maps, park hours, amenities, descriptions, fun facts, photo galleries and other park information. You can find the parks locator at:

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parks_facilities/parks/