Lifeguard Tryouts this Sunday, March 1

Huntington Beach is hiring approximately 25 responsible men and women to provide first line protection to the City’s beaches. The performance exam will take place at the Lifeguard Headquarters, south of the Pier.

Tryouts will be **Sunday, March 1, at 8 a.m.** at Lifeguard Headquarters located at 103 Pacific Coast Highway, one block from the Pier.

Performance exam consists of three physical events:
- 1000 - yard ocean swim
- 500 – yard ocean swim
- 1,500 – yard run-swim-run

Events are conducted in prevailing conditions around and through the Huntington Beach Pier. Applicants must satisfactorily complete all performance exam events to be eligible for further consideration. Top qualifying candidates will be invited to an oral interview on Sunday, March 1, 2015. Applicants must be 17-years-old by June 1, 2015.

Beginning pay is $15.93 an hour with a five percent increase for EMT certification and five percent increase for passing a bilingual exam.

Applications are available online at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/jobs](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/jobs). For more information, please call 714-536-2581.
City Manager’s Report

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rodgers Seniors’ Center hosted several themed events for Valentine’s Day this year. To kick off the festivities, there was a special luncheon by SeniorServ. More than 100 seniors attended and enjoyed lunch and exchanged valentines. In addition, the HBCOA hosted a Sweetheart Valentine’s dance where approximately 70 seniors danced the night away to the music of Larry Fresch and the Fresch Experience. Seniors Outreach and the Home Delivered Meals program also delivered handmade Valentine’s cards from the students and faculty of S.A. Moffet Elementary to more than 135 homebound seniors. For many of the seniors, their meal delivery volunteer is the only visit they have throughout the week and they were overjoyed to receive the cards and sentiments from the students. Thank you to the students of Moffett Elementary for their hard work and dedication to the seniors of Huntington Beach.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Final Week

After scores of talented contestants, the best of the best have been selected to compete in the semi-finals and finals tonight, February 24. Come cheer your favorite performers to victory! Results will be posted at surfcitynights.com after 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 26. Best of luck to all the finalists.
**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

The Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) will open the final 2014-15 application period from March 9 through April 6, 2015 for businesses interested in applying for a tax credit to stay or grow within our state. This program is offered annually, and each year 25% of the available credits are reserved for small businesses. A minimum of $31.1 million in credits are available in the final round for this program year. Applications are accepted online and there is no fee to apply. Approval is based on a number of factors, including job creation.

More information, including a program overview and all necessary application materials, is available at [http://www.business.ca.gov/Programs/CaliforniaCompetesTaxCredit.aspx](http://www.business.ca.gov/Programs/CaliforniaCompetesTaxCredit.aspx).

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Structure Fire**

On February 23, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Fire Department units were dispatched to a report of large flames seen at a store on Edwards. Upon arrival, firefighters found smoke to the rear of a building in a two unit strip center. Damage was limited to the exterior of a shed and smoke damage inside the store. Prior to Fire Department arrival, the fire was tall enough to make contact with the electrical drop, causing the wires to arc and break. The fire is currently under investigation and there were no injuries reported.

**INFORMATION SERVICES**

Backflow prevention devices eliminate contaminated water from flowing into the Huntington Beach water system. You can now check the compliance status of your Backflow device 24-hours a day online at: [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Backflow_DataWebService/Backflow/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Backflow_DataWebService/Backflow/)
On Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers the Planning Commission will review the following item:

1. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 14-032 (U.S. TACO ALCOHOL)**
   Request: To permit alcohol (beer and wine) at an existing eating and drinking establishment with outdoor dining located at 150 5th Street, Suite 110, 92648 (east side of 5th Street, between Pacific Coast Highway and Walnut Avenue - The Strand) **City Contact:** Ethan Edwards, Associate Planner

2. **NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 14-005/GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 08-009 (HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT UPDATE)**
   Request: ND: To analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the adoption and implementation of the Historic and Cultural Resources Element update. **GPA:** To update the Historic and Cultural Resources Element. **City Contact:** Ricky Ramos, Senior Planner

3. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 15-001 (CHAPTER 233 SIGNS – SIGN CODE UPDATE)**
   Request: To amend Chapter 233 Signs of the Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (HBZSO) adding Non-Commercial temporary sign provisions including location, content, size and permitted zoning districts. **City Contact:** Rosemary Medel, Associate Planner


Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

The City’s sewage lift station on Trinidad Island has reached its design life due to its age and effects from the marine environment. This lift station pumps sewage from Trinidad Island over the bridge and is a part of the City’s sewage conveyance system. This project is expected to start in March and is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year. City staff has held public meetings with the area residents, and they will continue to do so during construction to keep them informed on the progress and impacts caused by the construction.

The City has 28 sewage lift stations and is rebuilding or rehabilitating these facilities at a rate of approximately one lift station per year. The City is investing in new infrastructure to protect the community and the environmental quality of our City for future generations.
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has begun a Capital Preventative Maintenance (CAPM) Project on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) from Goldenwest Street to Warner Avenue in the City of Huntington Beach. Funding for this $4.57 million project is provided by the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). Construction is expected to take place through May 2015. The schedule may change due to weather conditions and bird nesting near the project area.

PROJECT ELEMENTS

- Replace existing pavement with new rubberized asphalt concrete on the lanes and shoulders on PCH, from Goldenwest Street to Warner Avenue.
- Upgrade the roadside signs.
- Build new ADA access ramps at various locations.
- Replace and update existing metal beam guard rails.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Use of rubberized asphalt concrete within the project area may help reduce highway noise, is more durable than traditional road paving materials, and is environmentally-friendly.
- Access ramps located within the project area will be upgraded to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Construction hours are scheduled Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., outside of peak travel times.
- No construction will take place during holidays and weekends.
- Pacific Coast Highway will remain open at all times, however, there will be single lane closures on each side of the highway in the immediate area where work is occurring.
- Bicyclists will have access through the construction areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Beginning Monday, March 2, the Central Library will offer a M.I.T. Scratch computer coding class for kids 10 years and older. With Scratch coding, kids can program their own interactive stories, games, and animations. Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively.

The Scratch group will meet the first and third Monday of each month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Maddy Room. Class is limited to 20 students, so pre-registration is encouraged. Sign up is available in the Children's Department of the Central Library.

The Magic of Eli

The Friends of the Children's Library are getting ready for "March Madness" with an outrageous magic show on Saturday, March 14, at 11 a.m., located in the Tabby Theater. Come see "THE MAGIC OF ELI."

Eli Tanenbaum is a stellar teenaged magician who offers shows filled with magic, personality, and comedy. During the summer of 2009, he won first place in the close-up competition at Tannen's Magic Camp, an academy for teen magicians. He is a member of the Junior Society at Hollywood's world-famous Magic Castle, where he holds the distinction of having been one of the youngest performers to appear there.

Tickets are on sale now at the Children's Desk. Cash, check, and credit cards are accepted. Because ticket sales are considered donations to the Children's Library, no refunds will be issued. This money goes to buy new children's books and supplies. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Children's Library.
February 24, 2015

POLICE DEPARTMENT

With the recent rise in temperatures, more people are visiting the beaches — and thieves are noticing. They often target cars parked along the numbered streets, PCH and the beach parking lots. Here are a few tips to keep your belongings safe:

- Use a waterproof case that can be worn to carry keys, credit cards, drivers license, money, etc.
- Don’t leave backpacks or bags unattended on the beach
- Keep belongings out of view in your car
- Use a bike lock

Nothing is guaranteed, but you can take preventative measures. These are just a few tips to address the more common crimes seen.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Children playing with fire cause hundreds of deaths and injuries each year. Preschoolers and kindergartners are most likely to start these fires, typically by playing with matches and lighters.

If you suspect your child is intentionally setting fires or unusually fascinated with fire, get help. Contact the Huntington Beach Fire Department at 714-536-5411.

For more information, please visit the National Fire Protection Association at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).
The Special Olympics World Games Classic Golf Tournament will be held at the Marbella Country Club in San Juan Capistrano on March 9. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start commencing at 10 a.m. A putting contest will be held at 9:30 a.m., and a dinner program at 4 p.m. Food and beverages will be served at the holes! Come out and support the 2015 Special Olympics World Games!

For information regarding Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley as host towns for the 2015 Special Olympic World Games, visit http://www.la2015.org/host-town/huntington-beach and visit our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Host-Town-Huntington-Beach/692918620798849

3/One Run

The 3/One Run is a family-friendly event with a relatively easy course, against the backdrop of the beautiful Huntington Beach coastline. Your participation in this event will help the 3/One Foundation fund all the programs, projects, and activities we undertake each year in support of our city’s adopted battalion. All race participants and the general public are invited to enjoy a fantastic pancake breakfast, served up by the HB Firefighters! We’re making it even better this year and well worth the $5 per person cost! Registration is officially open on Active.

Or visit the Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/HBMEA43ONE

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