City Manager’s Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

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ASCON Update: Facebook Live Set for TOMORROW—Thursday, Feb. 27 at 6:30pm

To help address and answer top Ascon questions, the City will host a Facebook Live social media event on Thursday, February 27, at 6:30pm with its third-party Technical Advisor, HDR. To view, go to the City’s Facebook page: City of Huntington Beach Public Information Office or @huntingtonbeachcity.

During the past several months, the City has worked to refine and improve our response to the overall Ascon situation. Most recently, the City engaged the services of an unbiased and independent third-party Technical Advisor, HDR, to provide the City and our community with technical support so that all of us can better understand the science, regulations, environmental policies, and related issues/concerns associated with the cleanup work at Ascon.

HDR was hired after a competitive review process, and has spent the past few months reviewing and analyzing the literature and testing data related to the Ascon site. As HDR has gotten familiar with the issues at hand, we have started to work on developing a better communications plan to share what we know with the community, and to address specific questions/issues that the community has raised regarding Ascon.

We hope that you tune in this Thursday on Facebook to listen in to the discussion. If you have any questions, please call 714.536.5577. To sign up for direct ASCON updates, visit www.asconhb.com
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Short Term Rental Online Survey – Available Now

A Short Term Rental (STR) is a home, or portion of a home, rented by paying guests for short stays up to 30 days. STRs are not currently allowed in Huntington Beach. The purpose of this survey is to help the City gain better insight on how the community feels about potentially allowing short-term rentals in Huntington Beach and what the major concerns and considerations are in developing a local ordinance from the perspective of community members and local stakeholders.

The City encourages you to take the survey and share the link with neighbors, friends, and relatives. The results of this survey will be presented at a future City Council Study Session.

Participation in this survey is voluntary. Limit one submittal per respondent. The survey will be available online from until March 13, 2020. Survey link: https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/t0ChGb

Costa Mesa’s Coronavirus Quarantine Site Update

As you might have heard, US District Judge Josephine Staton granted the temporary restraining order sought by the City of Costa Mesa to prevent State and Federal agencies from using the Fairview Developmental Center as a location to house and quarantine people infected with the coronavirus.

On Monday, February 24, Mayor Lyn Semeta and City Attorney Michael Gates attended the hearing before Judge Staton where she decided to continue the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) that is currently in place and to reconvene Monday, March 2 at 2 pm. The TRO is an injunction against the State and Federal government from relocating folks who are infected or may be infected from Travis Air Force Base to the Fairview Development Center. As the overall issue develops, we will continue to keep you informed.

See story link below:
Take the Bluff Top Park Rail Survey!

We need to hear from you! Based on recent City Council direction, staff has been working to compile more information on an anodized aluminum guard rail design for the Bluff Top Park improvement project, and comparing that information against the possible use of a wood rail lodge pole design. What design do you prefer?

The Proposed Bluff Top Park Trail Improvements would extend from 9th Street to just South of Seapoint Street. The proposed fencing/railing options are, Wooden Split-Rail Fencing or Aluminum Railing. Please share your valuable opinion by participating in a brief survey. Survey available through March 11.

Survey: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b2a3ef0547ea49dba12575abd0d3d21d
“CLEAN TEAM” Provides Enhanced Upkeep of Park and Facilities

Recently, our Public Works team completed efforts to establish a “Clean Team” program to provide enhanced power washing and trash removal for our park play equipment, picnic shelters, and other hardscape areas in our public park spaces. At the staff level, we’re really excited about the program, as we do believe the initiative will make a noticeable impact on improving the quality of life for our community.

Here’s an overview of how the current Clean Team program will work:

- The Clean Team consists of a contractor that we’ve engaged to provide regular, consistent power washing/trash removal of all of our parks, on-top of our regular maintenance activity efforts.

- The contractor will work five days per week during regular business hours, and every single park will be cleaned at least once on a month.

- In addition to the once monthly cleaning process, we have also identified 10 parks that will be cleaned every week:
  - Edison Park
  - Huntington Central Park West
  - Green Park
  - **Lamb Park (at right)**
  - Lake Park
  - Bauer Park
  - Worthy Park
  - Parkside Park
  - Pattinson Park
  - Murdy Park

The Clean Team is not to be confused with our homeless encampment cleanup protocols, which are part of a separate program and initiative. Rather, the Clean Team will focus on enhanced cleaning of our playground play equipment, picnic shelters, hardscape, and anything else that needs specialized cleaning attention.

In addition to the ongoing special cleaning attention, the Clean Team will be available for on-call, specialized cleansings in the event that something out of the ordinary happens at one of our parks/public facilities, or if an emergency situation occurs where we need additional cleaning assistance.
Central Park Bathroom Replacements Move Forward

The third of six bathroom replacements being coordinated within Central Park recently began, with the upgrade of the bathroom facility located near the Park Bench Café and the fourth bathroom improvement project located across from Kathy May’s Lakeview Café.

As part of that assessment effort, staff has also spent time reviewing how to best address the issues that currently exist at the picnic shelter located adjacent to the restrooms. That area has fallen into significant disrepair based on inappropriate use of the area by certain members of the public. In fact, based on current conditions, the general public is unable to use that particular facility in Central Park.

The restrooms and the picnic area referenced above are highlighted in the overview picture below.
Public Works Department

Repair & Maintenance Begins at Huntington Lake at Central Park

The north embankment of Huntington Lake in Central Park has been impacted over the years from erosion, primarily due to prevailing wind and wave action. The erosion is severe enough that it is jeopardizing the stability of the sloped embankment along Lakeview Drive.

Starting this week, City crews will install protective measures along the embankment by adding large rocks in front of the slopes to impede further erosion.

In addition, City crews will concurrently begin removing trees along the slope that have been infested with shot-hole borers, which has been impacting the health of the trees. However, even though the impacted trees will be removed, the root systems of impacted trees will not be removed whenever possible to help reinforce the sloped embankment. Furthermore, the City’s ultimate plan is to have the trees replaced.

New Park Upgrades Continue at Eader and LeBard Parks

Eader Park Playground Equipment – the new playground equipment, including the all-inclusive play amenities, is currently under construction and scheduled to be completed the first week of March.

LeBard Park – During the past few weeks, staff has provided the developer responsible for the LeBard Park improvements a final punch list of items to be completed. Once the list is satisfactorily completed, the City will sign off on the park improvements. Community Services Department staff are working with Seaview Little League representatives in order to develop an in-kind license agreement for the league to continue to use and maintain the baseball fields and new concession / bathroom facility moving ahead.
Murdy Park Improvements Completed

The Murdy Park Reconfiguration Project is completed! The project included the installation of a new, elevated, sports field fence along Goldenwest Street, new sports lighting and pedestrian lighting. The existing picnic shelters were demolished and replaced with four bocce courts to promote a more positive use of the area and create a family-use environment. In addition, new sidewalk benches, as well as new landscaping and irrigation were installed. The existing skate park, tennis courts, and basketball courts were preserved.
Glen Mar Entrance Improvements

During the past few months, the City’s Public Works team has been working to institute a capital improvement project to rehabilitate the entrance location for the Glen Mar tract. Our operations, landscape, and street teams have all done a terrific job managing the improvement project, which involves building a new entrance sign with stacked stone and recycled wood, coupled with updating the landscaping in the location, to give the tract a more refined and modern look.

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, so take a look at the before and after effects of the efforts made by our Public Works team and the community!

Before

![Before Image]

After

![After Image]
Mystery Authors' Luncheon - Thursday, March 5 at Noon
Huntington Beach Central Library

If you're a mystery lover, you won't want to miss what's on the plate for our March 5 luncheon. Our two popular authors have mastered the “cozy mystery” subgenre each with a bestselling series.

Nancy Cole Silverman is introducing a new featured character, Misty Dawn, in "The House on Hallowed Ground," after a string of successes with the Carol Child mystery series.

Janet Finsilver’s novels have all been set in the fictional northern California coastal town of Redwood Cove. Her latest novel, "Murder at the Marina," is the fifth in the Kelly Jackson mystery series.

Tickets are available at https://www.fotlhb.com/reservations.html. The price for Friends of the Library members is $25; non-members pay $30. As always, all proceeds benefit Huntington Beach public libraries.
Oak View Library News

There is something going on for kids of all ages at the Oak View branch!

On Friday, February 28, at 10 am, Miss Amy will be entertaining children ages 1 through 3 along with their parents during the Bilingual Spanish/English Storytime. This popular event includes music, fingerplays, stories, and an easy craft – all with a “Get Well Soon”/ “¡Que te mejores pronto!” theme! Featured books are Llama Llama Home with Mama and One Day in the Jungle.

At 2 pm, on February 28, kids in grades pre-K through 3rd are invited to Afternoon Stories and Crafts with Miss Maribel. This week’s books are all about Hedgehogs, and all in attendance will be able to make a fun Hedgehog stick puppet.

Finally, children and teens of all ages are welcome to the next installment of the weekly Oak View Chess Club meeting on Friday, February 28 from 3:30 to 4:45 pm. Led by coordinator Mr. Mangone with the assistance of several talented volunteer high school chess players, this is the perfect opportunity for budding chess aficionados to brush up on their skills and even engage in some real live competition! For those new to the game, the first Friday of each month (coming up on March 6) is dedicated especially to new chess players. The Oak View Library is located at 17251 Oak Lane and can be reached by calling (714) 375-5068.

Banning Branch Library News

The next meeting for the Banning Branch Book Club is coming up on Thursday, March 12, at 5:30 pm. All interested adults 18 and older are encouraged to get a copy of the March book pick, The Ocean at the End of the Lane, by Neil Gaiman. Set in Sussex, England, this is the chilling story of a middle-aged man who returns to his childhood home for a funeral and is suddenly flooded by his unremembered past. Refreshments begin at 5:30 pm with a book discussion at 5:45 pm. The Banning Library is located at 9281 Banning Avenue and can be reached by calling (714) 375-5005.

“I am what I am! That’s a great thing to be! If I say so myself, Happy Birthday to me!”

Join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday on Monday, March 2! We will have a brief story time, crafts, and a scavenger hunt. All the fun will take place in the Children’s Department from 4 -5:30 pm.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”
Film Night at the Center
February 27 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Join fellow art-lovers at the Huntington Beach Art Center on Thursday, February 27, from 6:30-8:30pm for Film Night! In conjunction with our open call, non-juried exhibition, Centered on the Center, we are showcasing a documentary about a celebrated contemporary painter and director. Can you guess the film? Find out if you are correct on Thursday! Admission is by donation. Snacks and refreshments are provided. RSVPs recommended. Call (714) 374-1650 for more information.

Boutonnieres and Bows 2020 was a huge success! The City Gym and Pool had more than 100 people attend the fourth annual family fun dance. There was plenty of food, dancing, and fun to be had by all! Activities included face painting, balloon art, crafts, numerous family photo opportunities (including a photo booth!), and of course, the best music for families to groove together to! Thank you to Sprouts, Trader Joe’s, Albertsons, and Stonefire Grill for their contributions to our event. We can’t wait to see even more families next year!
Ocean Lifeguard Tryouts

Ocean Lifeguard tryouts were held in the morning on Saturday, February 17 during beautiful weather at the Huntington Beach Pier. A total of 86 applicants arrived to compete in a 1,000 yard ocean swim, 500 yard ocean surf sprint, and a 1,500 yard run-swim-run. The top 40 applicants were invited to oral interviews on Sunday, February 18. Based on combined results, up to 30 applicants will be given conditional offers of employment and will start the Lifeguard Academy in April.

Each year, the Marine Safety Division hires Recurrent Ocean Lifeguards to supplement the lifeguard operation in providing first-line lifeguard protection on the City’s beautiful beaches. Ocean Lifeguards perform ocean rescues, preventative actions and provide medical aid as necessary. These entry level lifeguards provide staffing for the towers on our beaches that deliver quality emergency response and customer service that make Huntington Beach one of the safest beaches on the coast.
We have exciting news to share about two new ways our community can help us fight crime! First is a new security camera registration for our residents to sign up for, and secondly, we have recently partnered with Ring Doorbell to be a part of their Neighbors App.

If your residence or business has an exterior facing security camera system, you can help the Huntington Beach Police Department investigate and solve crimes by registering your camera system. If a crime occurs in the vicinity of a registered camera, a representative from HBPD may contact the registered owner of the camera and ask to review the recorded footage relevant to the date and time of the incident. Under no circumstances will the Huntington Beach Police Department have any control of the cameras owned by the registrants.

Individuals wishing to participate in the program can fill out the form located on this website: https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/pd/online_services/security-camera-registration.cfm. To register multiple locations, use separate forms for each address. Please note: camera registration is encouraged, but not required - participation in the program is voluntary.

The second way we are able to work together is with Ring Doorbell’s Neighbors App. This service is available to anyone, and you don’t have to be a Ring subscriber to look at the feed. If you are already part of the Neighbors App, you might have seen the pictured message go out last week. We are excited to be able to allow our detectives to request video for crimes that occur in specified locations. Similar to the resource described above, we have NO access over the cameras, nor are we looking to be Big Brother! This will simply help us locate suspects in crimes, or allow you to share videos with us when you see crime on your Ring video. To download the Neighbors App, go to this website https://shop.ring.com/pages/neighbors and check it out! It’s free for subscribers and non-subscribers.

We look forward to working with you and catching more suspects committing crimes in our City!
SAVE THE DATE: STEAM EXPO March 28, 2020 at Edison High School!

STEAM EXPO
FOUR SUSTAINABILITY

MARCH 28 | 10AM - 1PM
Edison High School
21400 Magnolia St., Huntington Beach, CA

Featuring: E-Sports, Robotics, Horizon R/C Hydrogen Fuel Cell Car Race, and hands-on activities for all ages.

INFO:
www.hbuhsd.edu/STEAM/

March 28, at Edison High School. 10am until 1 pm.
Huntington Beach Art Contest
A Collaboration Between:
The City of Huntington Beach Environmental Board
and the Huntington Beach Union High School District

“20/20...Perfect Vision for a Sustainable Future”

For Middle School and High School Students who live in or attend school in Huntington Beach or attend school in the HBUHSD.

• Limit of one piece per individual artist.

• Artwork will be judged on Creativity and Originality, Quality of the art, Overall Impression and Use of Media.

• There will be Five High School and Five Middle School Winners.

• Selected Artists will be recognized at an upcoming City Council Meeting.

• Winners receive “swag bags” from the sponsors.

ALL entries will be displayed at the HBUHSD S.T.E.A.M. EXPO at Edison High School on March 28, 2020, from 10AM to 1PM

Thank you to all the sponsors for their generous support!

For more information, email: education@HSB.Surfrider.org
or go to www.huntingtonbeachca.gov or www.hbuhsd.edu/apps/pages/steam
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Presented by Dr. Bill Liu, Pharmacist
Orange County Health Care Agency

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
9:30 AM
HB SENIOR CENTER IN CENTRAL PARK
18041 Goldenwest Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
5k Fun Run/Walk
Saturday, March 14, 2020
8:00 a.m.
$40 / $45 / $50
(See Details Below)

Join us in Supporting the City’s adopted
3rd Battalion / 1st Marines In a 5K Fun Run/Walk
Along the Beautiful HB Coastline

Brief Description:
5K Fun Run/Walk along the beautiful Huntington Beach Coast begins at 8:00 a.m. sharp on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Runners and Walkers will take off from and finish at the beach parking lot near Huntington Street/PCH (entrance is at Beach Blvd. and PCH) (relatively easy course with one small incline). NO ANIMALS allowed on the course. We will be filming the event! Please come support the 3rd Battalion/1st Marines and enjoy a great morning at the beach! Pancake breakfast served by Huntington Beach Firefighters after the race and is INCLUDED in Run Registration. Breakfast is also open to the public for $5 per person. The beer garden is also back by popular demand!

ENTRIES ARE LIMITED • THIS EVENT SELLS OUT • REGISTER EARLY

Fees:
Online registration is now open at Active.com (https://www.active.com/huntington-beach-ca/runnings/distance-running-races/3-1-marines-5k-run-walk-2020). Limited time only: Register by February 16th for only $40. Register between February 17th and February 29th for $45. Last minute registration beyond March 1st will be $50 (if spots are available). If you are unable to register online, you may mail-in (details below) prior to February 29th.

Packet Pick-Up: Friday, March 13, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Lower Level City Hall, 2000 Main St., H.B.

Registration Closing Date: Parking:
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 @ 5:00 PM PST Beach Parking Lot:$15. Metered Spaces on PCH. Limited Surface Streets
MAIL-IN REGISTRATION:

Name__________________________________________ Sex ___ (M/F) Age___________
Address__________________________________________________________________________
City, State Zip __________ Phone__________________________ E-mail________________________

SHIRT SIZE (circle One) SM M L XL XXL For questions regarding registration contact Chris at 714) 307-3688 or 5k3OneMarines@gmail.com. Make checks payable to: HBPCF. Mail to: Huntington Beach Police and Community Foundation (HBPCF) – 3/1 Run, P.O. Box 4538, Huntington Beach, CA 92660.

Waiver (MUST BE SIGNED)
In consideration of your accepting this entry, I, the below signed, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, my executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the race, its sponsors, and their representatives, the City of Huntington Beach, its officers, elected or appointed officials, employees, agents and volunteers, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I attest that I will participate in this event as a footrace, that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for the completion of this event. Furthermore, I hereby grant full permission to use my name and likeness, as well as any photographs and any record of this event in which I may appear for any legitimate purpose, including advertising and promotion.

Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________
Parent or Guardian if under 18 ________________________________

RAIN or SHINE
NO refunds will be issued for any reason
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY PRESENTS

WATER AWARENESS
POSTER CONTEST

ALL Orange County students in grades K-12 are invited to create posters that reflect the theme:

WATER IS LIFE.

CONTEST RULES

DEADLINE: APRIL 3, 2020

- Open to all Orange County students in grades K-12.
- Submissions must reflect the student's own ability.
- Posters must be drawn horizontally on 8.5 x 11 in. or 12 x 18 in. paper. Paper available upon request.
- ORIGINAL ARTWORK ONLY. Posters submitted with copyrighted characters or images (e.g. Mickey Mouse) will not be accepted. Students are allowed to use the Ricky Raindrop character in their artwork.
- All posters will be the exclusive property of the Municipal Water District of Orange County for reproduction or promotional purposes, and may be published at mwdoc.com

WIN AN IPAD!

One grand prize winner per grade division: K-2 / 3-5 / 6-8 / 9-12

*All winning students, along with their parents and teachers, will be invited to attend a special awards ceremony at the Discovery Cube!

SUBMIT ARTWORK

PLEASE CLEARLY WRITE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF YOUR POSTER

★ Student's Name
★ School Name
★ School District
★ Teacher's Name
★ Teacher's Email
★ Grade Level
★ Parent's Name
★ Parent's Email
★ Parent's Phone

ATTENTION TEACHERS!

Submit your students' artwork as a batch to be entered in a drawing for a class pizza party with Ricky Raindrop!

MAIL OR DROP OFF ENTRIES TO:

To: MWDOC
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
Attn: Traci Muldoon

QUESTIONS?
Contact Traci Muldoon
tmuldoon@mwdoc.com
(714) 593-5004
CENSUS ADVISORY FOR SENIORS

Why is the census important for older Americans?

Older Americans have been more likely than other age groups to return their U.S. census forms and more sure they are counted. "Participating in the census means getting counted to determine how much federal funding comes into your community and how congressional representation is determined," says AARP National Volunteer President.

How will the census work?

Between March 12 and 20, the majority of households will receive a postcard invitation to respond online to the 2020 census. Those who don’t answer will then receive the traditional paper form in the mail. If a household still does not respond, the bureau will send a census taker to knock on that door to collect the household’s data.

**DO’S**

- Do verify that a census taker who comes to your home is legitimate. They should have a Census Bureau photo ID badge (with a Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date) and a copy of the letter the bureau sent you. You can also search for an agent’s name in the Census Bureau’s online staff directory.
- Do confirm that a questionnaire you’ve received is on the Census Bureau’s official list of household or business surveys.
- Do contact the bureau’s National Processing Center or the regional office for your state to verify that an American Community Survey or other census communication is genuine.
- Do check that a census mailing has a return address of Jeffersonville, Ind., the site of the National Processing Center. If it’s from somewhere else, it’s not from the Census Bureau.
- Do check the URL of any supposed Census website. Make sure it has a census.gov domain and is encrypted — look for https:// or a lock symbol in the browser window.

**DON’TS**

- Don’t give your Social Security number, mother’s maiden name, or bank or credit card numbers to someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau. Genuine Census representatives will not ask for this information.
- Don’t reply, click links or open attachments in a suspicious census email. Forward the message to ois.fraud.reporting@census.gov.
- Don’t trust caller ID — scammers can use "spoofing" tools to make it appear they’re calling from a real Census Bureau number. Call the National Processing Center at 800-523-3205, 800-642-0469 or 800-877-8339 (TDD/TTY) to verify that a phone survey is legitimate.

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