At their annual workshop late last year, the Planning Commission amended their meeting start times from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. Beginning the meeting of January 23, 2019,* the Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The Planning Commission made other changes to the meeting format including starting Study Sessions at 5 p.m. and allotting three minutes for public hearing/ public comment speakers, although the Planning Commission will continue to allow for donation of time.

The Planning Commission decided to amend start and speaker times to align with the City Council as much as possible. Consistent meeting times will be less confusing for the public, allow open participation in a regular manner, and reduce staffing costs.

Planning Commission meetings occur on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Agendas for every Planning Commission meeting are posted to the City website at the following link:  https://huntingtonbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx.

* Note that the January 23, 2019 Planning Commission meeting is a Wednesday due to the holiday and regular City Council meeting on January 22, 2019.
OCEAN LIFEGUARD RECRUITMENT NOW—TRYOUTS FEB. 16

The Marine Safety Division of the Huntington Beach Fire Department seeks to hire responsible men and women to provide first-line lifeguard protection at the City’s beautiful beaches. As an Ocean Lifeguard I, they will help patrol 4.6 miles of City beach to ensure that 16 million annual beach visitors have a fun and safe time when they visit our beautiful beaches.

Ocean Lifeguards primarily perform ocean rescues and preventative actions, and provide medical aid as needed. The application process has already started, and closes on Thursday, February 14 at noon.

To review the description of Ocean Lifeguard I and apply, visit www.governmentjobs.com/careers/huntingtonbeach/jobs/2314377/ocean-lifeguard-i-recurrent?page.

For more information about the Marine Safety Division, visit https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/beach_info/marine_safety.cfm?marine=marine.
City Prepared for Winter Storms

In response to last week’s series of storms, the City activated its Emergency Response Organization (ERO), which included representation from all City departments. During an emergency, or in this case potential flooding, the City began preparing days in advance. The City sits within one of the largest flood plains in the west and it takes a series of flood control pumps, channels and manpower to keep the city above water.

In addition to field personnel, the City coordinated internally through conference calls with key staff and outside agencies. In anticipation of heavy rains, the City activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to a monitoring level. The EOC activation included representatives from Public Works, Community Services, Police and Fire departments who monitored the storm and were prepared to take action needed. Fortunately, due to the diligent work of City staff and a little help from Mother Nature, the City made it relatively unscathed.

The Huntington Beach Police Department will participate in the “4th Annual Shuck-It Challenge” at Ways & Means Oyster House! Come cheer on the HBPD as our team goes head-to-head against local first responders to eat as many oysters as they can in one minute!

**When:** Saturday, January 26 at 10 a.m.

**Where:** Ways & Means Oyster House at 21022 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach (Pacific City)

If the Huntington Beach Police Department wins, Ways & Means will donate $3 for every oyster eaten in the competition, as well as a portion of their brunch proceeds, to the Huntington Beach Police Officer’s Foundation.

Learn more about Ways & Means 4th Annual Shuck It Challenge at:

https://www.facebook.com/events/2231097743821619/
Public Works Department

Say Bye-Bye to Your Old Mattress with Free Recycling Programs

Your old mattress doesn’t have to end up in a landfill. When a mattress and box spring gets recycled, the steel, foam, fiber and wood become new products like steel beams, industrial filters, carpet padding and even mulch for your garden. There are two ways to recycle mattresses and box springs in California — take-back and drop-off.

Ask Your Retailer to Take It Back

If you are having a new mattress delivered, your retailer is required by law to pick-up your old mattress, at no cost, when they deliver your new one (some exceptions apply). A retailer can charge a delivery or setup fee, but may not charge you for old mattress removal. For more information about the retailer take-back program, visit https://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/retailertakeback/

Drop It Off

In partnership with the Mattress Recycling Council, the city’s trash hauler, Rainbow Environmental/Republic Services, now offers free drop-off mattress recycling to all Huntington Beach households. Residents will need to deliver their mattresses/box springs to the Rainbow/Republic Services Huntington Beach facility at 17121 Nichols Lane.

- Limit of two mattresses or box springs per visit
- Offer is for residents only – not valid for commercial haulers or commercial entities (motels, retail stores)
- Depending on the condition, some mattresses will not be eligible for the free recycling program, and Republic reserves the right to charge for disposal or to refuse any of the following: items that are heavily soiled, wet, ripped, or vermin-infested; futons, bed frames, blankets and sleeping bags; water beds, and cribs.

For more information and to locate other mattress recyclers, visit https://byebyemattress.com
On Tuesday, January 29, at 5:30 pm, the Oak View library will host a very special historical presentation featuring local author Chris Epting. Children and their families are all invited to enjoy this informative look into the history of Huntington Beach, told from the perspective of a long-time resident and published author.

Mr. Epting has written many titles for the popular “Images of America” and “Then and Now” series that focus on Huntington Beach and Orange County. This is a free event sponsored by the Friends of the Children’s Library in conjunction with the annual Author’s Festival. Fans of local history are in for a real treat!

Get set for a day of fun at the Oak View Library with the “Bilingual Storytime” coming up on Friday, January 25, at 10 a.m. Join Miss Amy and Mr. Kevin for a morning of bilingual stories, fingerplays, music and fun! Listen while Miss Amy reads some wintry stories about Penguins/Pinguinos, and sing along with Mr. Kevin as he plays the guitar! Babies, toddlers, parents and caregivers are all invited to take part in this lively storytime.

At 2 p.m., school aged kids are encouraged to attend Afternoon Stories and Crafts with Miss Maribel. Learning and art come together as she reads some exciting stories about hibernating bears and then leads the kids in a related craft project.

Finally, all children aged five and up are welcome to attend the weekly Chess Club with Mr. Nguyen from 3 to 4:45 p.m. This week’s meeting is intended for those familiar with the game who want to improve their chess skills. Any players new to chess are invited to join on the first Friday of each month, which is coming up on Friday, February 1. The Oak View Branch Library is located at 17251 Oak Lane in Huntington Beach and can be reached by calling (714) 375-5068.
Main Street Branch Library

Join other fans of historical fiction at 2019’s first Main Street Book Club, coming up on Thursday, February 7, from 5:30-7 p.m. The featured book for this month is The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay.

This inspirational novel covers the epic journey of a courageous boy named Peekay who was born in South Africa in 1939, just as the seeds of Hitler-induced apartheid take root. In an effort to survive his humiliating childhood, he conceives heroic dreams that mask the reality of his life to come, which includes abandonment and tribal superstition. Despite these difficulties, Peekay is able to overcome the despair of prejudice by learning the power of words, the power to transform lives, and the power of one.

Join other adults ages 18 and older for this free event, which includes refreshments at 5:30 p.m. followed by a book discussion at 5:45 p.m. The Main Street Branch Library is located at 525 Main Street. For more information, please call (714) 375-5071.

Central Library

As a part of our effort to support Huntington Beach’s veterans, we will present a series of workshops in partnership with other local organizations.

The next workshop is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Central Library. Presented by a member of the American Legion Post 133, this workshop will discuss how veterans can file a claim for benefits.

Register for this workshop at: https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/4933129
**E-commerce Workshops**
The Orange County Small Business Development and the City’s Office of Business Development will host a series of business development workshops focused on E-commerce. The five-week course workshops will teach participants the fundamentals of e-commerce and will provide them with the necessary tools to ensure a strong online presence. Various topics will be covered including branding, market research, and digital marketing. The workshops begin **Wednesday, February 27, at 6 p.m. in City Hall, culminating March 27**. You can learn more about these upcoming workshops here: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webify-from-start-to-cart-huntington-beach-tickets-54726318893](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webify-from-start-to-cart-huntington-beach-tickets-54726318893)

**DestinationNEXT**
Visit Huntington Beach will host a community presentation on **Wednesday, January 30** at the Central Library from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Rooms C-D. The presentation will include a summary of a research assessment conducted by consultant InterVISTAS to assess tourism in HB. The assessment included input from key stakeholders in tourism, business, education and government on the City’s ability to attract visitors.

If you’d like to attend, **please RSVP by Monday, January 28** by visiting: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/destinationnext-reports-hb-as-a-visitor-destination-today-in-the-future-registration-55084240446](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/destinationnext-reports-hb-as-a-visitor-destination-today-in-the-future-registration-55084240446)
Centered on the Center
January 26, 2019 - March 9, 2019
Public Opening Reception: January 26 | 6:00 – 9 pm
Art for Lunch: February 14 | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Film Screening “The Mystery of Picasso”: February 28 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Poetry Night: March 7 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Centered on the Center is the Huntington Beach Art Center’s annual open call, non-juried, salon-style group exhibition featuring local, regional, and national artists. There were three successful art take-in days, generating 380 works from 214 artists. For over 20 years, Centered on the Center has promoted our mission of developing awareness, understanding and appreciation of the arts. Join the Huntington Beach Art Center on January 26 at 6 p.m. to help kick off its 2019 season with the first opening reception of the year! Then return for a variety of other great events throughout the run of the exhibition! Call (714) 374-1650 for more
COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

4th of July Festival/Parade Seeks Sponsors

The annual 4th of July Parade will march down the streets of downtown Huntington Beach beginning at 10 a.m. on July 4. The largest Independence Day parade west of the Mississippi River features entries including bands, floats, local dignitaries, equestrian groups, film and television celebrities and community groups. After the parade, entertainment on the pier will continue until 9 p.m., when the 4th of July fireworks show begins.

Event organizers are seeking help in sponsors for the parade and festival. To find information on sponsorship packages visit www hb4thofjuly org.

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Ring in the New Year a little late in Huntington Beach, CA!
Our 19th Annual Surf City Splash – Wavehog Day – Feb 2, 2019!
Register NOW!

What: Tradition never dies! Just because we had to postpone our New Year’s Day Splash due to high winds and safety issues, we aren’t going to let that stop us from celebrating 2019! Join us for the 19th Annual Surf City Splash presented by the International Surfing Museum, Huntington Beach. More than 500 crazy costumed folks of all ages brave the cold waters on Groundhog Day! Costumes awarded for Best Team Costume, Best Grom Team, Favorite Wavehog, Best Maratheron, Who travelled the farthest, Best Sea Creature, Disco star, oldest, youngest, Best New Year’s Costume category. It’s our annual event and fundraiser for the International Surfing Museum! If you would like to be a “Wavehog Splasher,” a sponsor, a vendor or a volunteer, we would love to have you join us in the fun! Everyone is welcome!

Where: North side of Pier at Zack’s 405 Pacific Coast Hwy. Gather at Zack’s for check in/registration and pancake breakfast.

When: Sat, Feb 2, 2019 - Registration and pancake breakfast from 9am to 11am; Costume Contest at 11:30am; Splash at NOON – where all run through the Sponsor Banner and into the Pacific Ocean!

Cost: $100 for vendor/artists booth includes breakfast – shop vendor booths at Pier Plaza till 4pm.
$200 for sponsor– name gets on huge banner
$25 to SPLASH and includes breakfast and a one year membership at the ISM– sign up at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/surf-city-splash-2019-wavehog-day-tickets-54631124163
Proceeds benefit the International Surfing Museum

Who: International Surfing Museum, Huntington Beach, is a 501(c)3 non-profit, whose mission is to preserve the history, culture, and future of surfing through strong community bonds in Surf City USA and around the world. Our Vision is to become the premier world class surfing museum and tourist destination embodying the Surf City USA spirit of surfing, community, and sustainable beach lifestyles.

Contact: Contact Executive Director Diana Dehm at dianadehm@sbspintl.com or call 714-465-4350. If you would like to be a vendor on Pier Plaza: call Jodi McKay at 714.337.9176 or email at SurfCity2@verizon.net #SurfCitySplash, #HBISM, @internationalsurfingmuseum
Writing and Illustrating Contest

The Unexpected Field Trip

Contest Winners

Pre-K to 3rd grade:
3:30 p.m.

4th to 8th grade:
4:15 p.m.

Tabby Theater

The Authors Festival and Contest organized by Friends of the Children’s Library (FOTCL). Entries judged by Sand Scribes Children’s Writing Group.

Tuesday, January 29
(Held during the Authors Festival Afternoon Reception)
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The New Avant-Garde

JANUARY 24 - FEBRUARY 23, 2019

OPENING RECEPTION:
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019, 5 – 8PM

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