

SPECIAL POINTS OF  
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- ◆ SEWER PROJECT
- ◆ ENERGY PROJECT (AES)
- ◆ THE ART AND SOUL OF SURFING
- ◆ FREE SHUTTLE DURING US OPEN

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## New Ambassador Program Launches This Week!

Huntington Beach is launching the "Downtown Ambassador" program, where trained security personnel will be visible in Downtown and provide a higher degree of safety and hospitality for visitors and residents.



Under the guidance of Police Chief Rob Handy, the City will utilize the new program to enhance Downtown's reputation as a fun and safe place to visit for tourists and families alike. Ambassadors will help the police address lower level crime, nuisance, and drunk and disorderly issues, Handy said. Crime is down in Downtown, but the perception does not reflect the fact. "They are going to be greeters and hospitality ambassadors for our visitors," Handy said. "They will provide directions and restaurant and hotel advice." *(Story continued on page 11)*

## Court of Appeals Rules in Favor of City of Huntington Beach Senior Center Litigation

City Attorney Jennifer McGrath announced that the Court of Appeals has ruled in favor of the City in the Senior Center litigation (Parks Legal Defense Fund vs. City of Huntington Beach).

Today's ruling resolves litigation filed in response to the City-wide approval to construct a senior center in Central Park in 2006. The litigation challenged the Measure C vote, the General Plan, the use of park funds, and the environmental review.

The parties litigated the case with varying levels of success. This case resolves those issues in the City's favor. There are some minimal 'clean up' outstanding items; however, those issues should be resolved soon.

"We have a thriving and active senior community in Huntington Beach and they have been waiting patiently for eight years for their new Senior Center," said McGrath. "This decision finally resolves the issue." *(Story continued on page 11)*



## Beach Blvd Sewer Project

The Beach Boulevard sewer pipe project from Slater Avenue to Ellis Avenue is substantially completed. This complex project on Caltrans's right-of-way consisted of over one mile of new 15-inch sewer pipe, and resurfacing of one northbound travel lane on Beach Boulevard. The original projected construction schedule was accelerated to accommodate new developments on Beach Boulevard, such as the Elan development project on the corner of Beach and Ellis.

Through diligent efforts on behalf of Public Works staff and the contractor, construction was completed ahead of schedule, within budget, and the new sewer pipe is ready to accept future increase in sewer flow from new developments.

## Yorktown Avenue Rehabilitation

Construction has recently begun on this project, which is located on Yorktown Avenue (Goldenwest Street to Main Street). The north half of Yorktown Avenue, last improved with the Seaciff Shopping Center in 1999, will receive a slurry seal. The south side of Yorktown Avenue was last resurfaced in 1978, therefore, rehabilitation of this portion is warranted.

Rehabilitation methods include grinding out failed asphalt and replacing with fiber reinforced asphalt concrete (FRAC), thickness as the conditions warrant. The project will use FRAC, wherein fibers are added to the asphalt concrete at the batch plant prior to delivery to the job site. A two-inch section of FRAC is equivalent in strength to a two and one-half inch section of conventional asphalt concrete (AC). The increased cost for FRAC was offset by the 30% reduction in the required conventional asphalt design thickness.

The south side of Yorktown Avenue will also be improved to include new sidewalk, parallel street parking, new street lighting. Construction is scheduled to be complete by then end of August (before the students return to school).

# Planning and Building Department

## Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the following item is scheduled for review by the Zoning Administrator:

### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 13-036 (MACARTHUR GROUP COMMERCIAL BUILDING):**

To permit the development of a vacant parcel with the construction of a 3,500 sq. ft. commercial building consisting of a 24-hour, 2,300 sq. ft. convenience store with alcohol sales for off-site consumption and a 1,400 sq. ft. eating and drinking establishment with outdoor dining in conjunction with the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The project is located at 16001 Bolsa Chica Street, 92649 (southwest corner of Edinger Avenue and Bolsa Chica Street). Please contact Jill Arabe, Associate Planner, for more information.

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

## Huntington Beach Energy Project (AES)

On Monday, July 21, at 12:30 PM, the California Energy Commission will hold an Evidentiary Hearing regarding AES' proposal to reconstruct the existing electrical power generating station. The proposed project, known as the Huntington Beach Energy Project, is located at the northeast corner of Newland Street and Pacific Coast Highway. A full project description and analysis can be found on the California Energy Commission's website at: [www.energy.ca.gov](http://www.energy.ca.gov).

The July 21 Evidentiary Hearing will be held at the Hilton Waterfront Huntington Beach at 21100 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648. Attendees parking at the Hilton should park via Valet. The Hilton will provide parking stickers to AES to validate everyone's parking. Parking validation will take place at the Evidentiary Hearing's Registration Desk, which will be located just outside of the hearing room (Pacific Room).



# Community Services

## Art Center Presents New Exhibition!

### Huntington Beach Art Center

Please join us for the opening reception for *The Art and Soul of Surfing*, an exhibition celebrating the art and history of surfing. The exhibition features the works of artists who were considered the godfathers of surf related art as well a group of contemporary artists who reflect recent history and new directions in surf art. The public reception is Saturday July 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. A ticketed pre-view for Members and Patrons will be held on July 19 from 6 to 7 p.m. For information about the exhibit or on how to become a member, please call the Art Center at 714-374-1650.



### HBCOA Golf Tournament

On June 27 the Huntington Beach council on Aging hosted its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual "On Course" golf tournament fundraiser at the Meadowlark Gold Club. It was a wonderful event this year selling out with 148 golfers competing. There were two title sponsors for the event, First Bank returning for its fourth year as a title sponsor, and Banc of California making its sponsorship debut. All players competed for the tournament grand package as well as the hopes of winning a new car with an on course hole-in-one. Though nobody was successful in winning the car, the overall tournament package winner was Taylor Florence from Beachside Nursing and Rehabilitation. Taylor won a two-night stay in San Francisco with airfare from Southwest Airlines and a \$100 Morton's Steakhouse gift card. The putting contest winner was Ricky Ha. In addition to the tournament all the golfers enjoyed a BBQ lunch before teeing off, on-course massages, and a wonderful banquet dinner and silent auction in the evening. Overall this years' tournament raised a record breaking \$46,000!

**Proceeds from the event help to fund direct services to seniors in Huntington Beach through Senior Outreach, helping seniors maintain independence and quality of life.**



# Community Services



## **Gymnastics: Kartwheel-N-Kids**

**Kartwheel-N-Kids is a great way to get active this summer!**

**Girls and boys ages 4-6 learn gymnastics skills including: cartwheels, rolls, jumps, handstands, bridge/backbends, beams, handspring barrel, trampoline and more.**

**There is a focus on beginning tumbling skills incorporating music, obstacle courses, and – of course – FUN! Progressive skill level instruction creates confidence and success.**

**Tumble-N-Kids, Inc. has locations all over Southern California, which are run by Dayle Lusk, a USA Gymnastics Member. Contact the City Gym and Pool at 714-960-8884 or visit [www.HBsands.org](http://www.HBsands.org) for more information. Huntington Beach Community Services – making life better in our community!**

# Office of Business Development

## **MONTHLY DOWNTOWN ART WALK**



The Huntington Beach Downtown BID is pleased to present its monthly Downtown Artwalk, this Thursday, July 17 from 6-9 PM. Each month this free-event draws a crowd excited to see the latest creations from some of the best local artists. Come enjoy the outstanding restaurants and retailers in one of the most picturesque settings in Orange County.

The Downtown Artwalk takes place on the third Thursday of each month. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Artwalk booth outside the International Surfing Museum at 411 Olive Avenue for a free map and a chance to win a gift card to one of your favorite downtown merchants.

The DTBID is always in search of new artists as well as monthly locations in which to host them during the event.

More information about the Downtown Artwalk, including applications for artists and hosts are available on the event website at:

<http://www.hbdowntown.com/artwalk.html>.

## **ENJOY FREE PARKING AND SHUTTLE SERVICE DURING US OPEN OF SURFING WEEKENDS!**

The 2014 Vans US Open of Surfing begins on July 26 with an outstanding lineup of surf, skate and BMX, and a celebration of 100 years of surfing in Huntington Beach.

The city is offering free shuttle service and free parking on event weekends! We welcome everyone on board the shuttle and to ensure space is available for all passengers, no alcohol, coolers, chairs, beach umbrellas, surfboards, or pets (except service animals) are permitted on board. For more information, please visit: [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle\\_parking](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/parking/shuttle_parking).

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Route #</b>	<b>Origin/Destination</b>	<b>Operating Hours/Frequency</b>	<b>Last Departure from Downtown</b>
July 26-27 Aug 2-3	Route 1	Huntington Beach High School (1905 Main Street) to Main/Orange	10:00 AM to 10:00 PM; departs approx. every 30 min at :15 and :45	9:45 PM
July 26-27 Aug 2-3	Route 2	Edison High School (21400 Magnolia Street) to Main/Orange	10:00 AM to 10:00 PM; departs approx. every 30 min on the hour and half hour	9:45 PM
Aug 2-3 <b>ONLY</b>	Route 3	Huntington Beach Civic Center (2000 Main Street) to Main/Orange	10:00 AM to 7:00 PM; departs every 30 min. on the hour and half hour	6:45 PM

# Fire Department News

## Protect your Child – It is the Law!

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death to children 14 years and under in the US according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Many of the deaths and injuries can be prevented with the proper use of car or booster seats. For more Child Passenger Safety information or resources near you, please call CHOC Community Education at 714-532-8887.

There are several agencies in Orange County that provide car seat safety classes and inspections. Huntington Beach residents can contact:

**Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC)** – to register, call 714-532-8887

They offer free car seat classes and inspections once a month. One-on-one appointments are available for a fee.

**California Highway Patrol** – Westminster - call 714-892-4426 for an appointment  
13200 Golden West Street Westminster, CA 92683

## **Structure Fire**

On July 11 at 2:30 a.m., Huntington Beach Fire Department units responded to a reported structure fire in an apartment complex on Warner Avenue. Upon arrival, firefighters found smoke and fire on the second story balcony of the apartment. Firefighters made a quick attack on the fire to keep it from spreading to the interior of the unit. Just prior to arrival of the Fire Department, responding police officers entered the apartment and assisted one occupant, who was asleep on the couch, to the outside. There were no reported injuries and the cause remains under investigation.

## **Heavy Rescue Incident**

Just after midnight on July 15, Fire Department units responded to a reported traffic accident-heavy rescue at the end of Springdale Street at the Bolsa Chica Wetlands. A driver launched their vehicle over the embankment at the end of Springdale, crossed over a channel and landed in the wetlands. The single occupant of the vehicle, who was initially found unconscious, was extricated from the car and was flown to the hospital by helicopter.

## ***City Council Approves Promotional Agreement with Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc. for Provision of Marine Safety Vehicles***

On July 7, 2014, the City Council approved an agreement with Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc. to be the official life-guard vehicle sponsor for the City of Huntington Beach. As part of this agreement, Toyota will provide vehicles for the Marine Safety Division of the Fire Department and the Beach Operations Division of the Community Services Department. Through the contribution of 18 vehicles to the City, a savings of over \$500,000 is realized. The agreement is for two years, with two, 2-year renewal options.

Of the 18 vehicles, 14 will be used for Marine Safety Division operations and the remaining four will be assigned to the Beach Operations Division, with two in beach maintenance and two in parking operations. The City and Toyota have had a public/private partnership to provide vehicles for Marine Safety and Beach Operations since 2008.

# Library News

## eBooks for Kids during July!

Like eBooks? Visit the StarWalk Kids virtual Summer Pop Up Library at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org). The StarWalk Kids eBook collection for children is free for anyone to use during the entire month of July.

Only in July!  
500 free ebooks for  
kids (K-8)

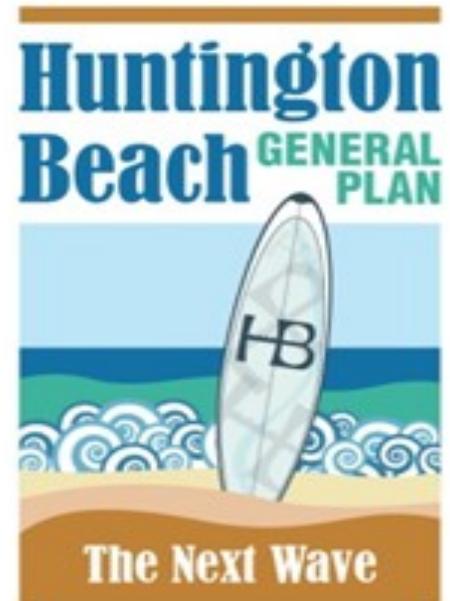


StarWalk KidsMedia [Click here](#)

## Have you completed the General Plan Update online survey?

If not, visit: [www.hbthenextwave.org](http://www.hbthenextwave.org) to participate.

The General Plan is a framework for managing the city's physical, economic, and social resources. The document guides civic decisions regarding land use, community design, open space, housing, infrastructure and public services, environmental resources, fiscal resources and hazards. The General Plan Update will take place over the next two-years, during which numerous workshops, meetings and hearings will be held. Log on to the website and register





The poster features a central graphic of a coffee cup on a saucer, topped with a police cap, all within a shield-like frame. The word "Coffee" is written in a large, cursive font, with "WITH A COP" on a blue banner below it. To the right, the event details are listed: "Friday July 18th 8:00-10:00AM" and "McDonald's Seacliff Village 19350 Goldenwest St". The McDonald's logo is also present. The bottom section of the poster contains the event title "JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!", a description "No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!", contact information "Info: Captain Russ Reinhart (714) 536-5976 rreinhart@hbpd.org @rrHBPD", and the "Huntington Beach Police Department" name with its official seal.

**Friday  
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8:00-10:00AM**

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**Huntington Beach  
Police Department**

## Information Services

### Did you know??

Did you know that residents can report suspected violations or eyesores on private property to the Code Enforcement Division from the City website online at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/forms-applications/code-enforcement-complaint.cfm>

## Ambassador Cont, from page 1

Many cities employ an ambassador program including: Long Beach, Waikiki, Atlanta ,and Phoenix. Huntington Beach pilot program will run 12 weeks. Officials have contracted with Executive Event Services - the same company used for security during the U.S. Open of Surfing and the Fourth of July.

The ambassadors are licensed by the state, with the police department providing additional training, and hospitality training provided by the staff of Visit Huntington Beach. Ambassadors will wear bright yellow shirts emblazoned with "Downtown Ambassador" making them easily recognizable. There will be one ambassador on duty during the day-time and two on duty at night, mainly to assist with bar issues. The police department is creating a radio channel that will connect the ambassadors with the bar security.

"We've worked hard with the Downtown BID, residents, Chamber, to build a solid, working relationship to better prepare not only for this summer, but for everyday life," said Handy. "The Ambassador Program is just one example of how things are shaping up and reinventing our thriving, inviting Downtown environment."

## Litigation Cont, from page 1

In 2004, the City proposed to construct an approximately 45,000 square foot senior center on city-owned land within Central Park to replace the antiquated Rodgers Senior Center near downtown. Per the City's Measure C obligation which requires voter approval on large construction projects in parks, voters in 2006 approved the construction of proposed Senior Center. The proposed Senior Center was subsequently challenged by Parks Legal Defense Fund. The City prevailed in Superior Court in 2008 and that decision was appealed leading to today's ruling in which the City prevailed once again.

## City Hall Directory



City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 536-1600
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5202
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Business Development	(714) 536-5542
Finance Department	(714) 536-5630
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
Planning & Building	(714) 536-5271
Code Enforcement	(714) 375-5155
Police Department	(714) 960-8811
Public Works	(714) 536-5431

Fred A. Wilson, City Manager

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