Join the City of Huntington Beach this Sunday, June 22 at 11 a.m. for a special commemoration ceremony as we remember 100 years of the Huntington Beach Pier! Special guest speakers, an unveiling of a new plaque at Pier Plaza, giveaways by the Surf City Store (celebrating 20 years in business), a special blessing of the pier and more! Look for events on Saturday at the beach and a new exhibit at the International Surfing Museum!

For more info visit www.100yearsofsurfingHB.com
Rain Water Harvesting Class: Success!

The free rain water harvesting class hosted on June 7 was a great success with 32 attendees and over 100 rain barrels delivered! There are many benefits to rain water harvesting and we invite you to attend one of the classes to learn more. The next rain water harvesting class and distribution event will take place Saturday, October 11.

2014 City Drinking Water Quality Report Now Available

Have you ever wondered what is in your glass of water or where it comes from? Well that information and more is included in the 2014 City of Huntington Beach Drinking Water Quality Report which is now available. As in previous years, the City water system continually meets or exceeds all State and Federal standards on drinking water. Regulations require water agencies to prepare an annual water quality report, sometimes called a Consumer Confidence Report, and distribute it by July 1. The City has completed the 2014 Report and is currently mailing it to all residential and commercial water users throughout City of Huntington Beach. Hardcopies are also available at public counters at City Hall, City Libraries, and the Rogers Senior Center. An electronic copy is also available on the City’s website at: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Public_Works/utilities/. For further information please contact the Public Works Utilities Office at (714) 536-5921.
Free 3-Part Landscaping Class Series

A three-part series of California Friendly Landscape Classes started with landscape design on June 14, followed by soils, fertilizers and plants on July 12, then will finish with irrigation systems, watering and garden maintenance on Aug. 9. Classes are from 9 a.m. to noon. They will be held at the Huntington Beach Utilities Division Yard, 19001 Huntington St. For more information or to register online, visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/workshop-events/. You can also sign up by calling (714) 536-5921.

Save the Date:

June 21st - Living Soils Exhibit at Shipley

Save the date for the Shipley Nature Center’s Grand Opening of the Living Soils Exhibit coming June 21. In addition, the Shipley Nature Center will be offering composting classes June 21. You can register online at www.shipleynature.org.

Exclusive offer: HB residents who attend a seminar are eligible for a FREE VermiPro Model 14 worm bin with worms or $50 towards the purchase of a composting bin or a larger Vermi-composting Kit. The offer is limited to one discount per household (requires proof of residency with a utility bill). Seminars will be held at 9:30 a.m. at Shipley Nature Center at 17851 Goldenwest. (714) 842-4772
The Three Steps to Efficient Irrigation:

Summer is upon us. Hot weather means a thirsty landscape. With the continuing drought conditions, it becomes extremely important to have efficient irrigation and to prevent water waste.

**STEP 1: CREATE A SEASONAL IRRIGATION SCHEDULE**

To be more efficient, watering decisions should be made by observing the condition of plants, soil, and weather— not by a pre-set schedule. Easy tools that will assist you in creating a seasonal irrigation schedule for each area of your landscape include a soil probe and a "catch can" test for the lawn areas. For the catch can test, you simply place four or more empty cans out on your lawn in a grid pattern. Turn your sprinklers on for 10 minutes to see which areas either receive too much water, or not enough water. From there, you will need to: make adjustments to spray patterns, repair or replace sprinklers heads, trim back landscape that blocks irrigation, and make sure that heads are vertical.

You will need to do a little homework to develop your seasonal irrigation schedule. Most landscapes do well with just three days of irrigation during the summer and one to two days per week or less in the winter. Irrigate before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m. for optimum efficiency. Landscape areas (stations) in the shade can do well with fewer irrigation minutes for that particular station. Using the soak and cycle feature allows the water to soak into the soil, thus preventing runoff.

Rebates for sprinkler heads (nozzles) are available at $4 each with a minimum purchase of 15 heads. An important first step is to know your soil type.

**STEP 2: TROUBLESHOOTING**

At least once per month, turn your irrigation system on manually and check for leaks, broken sprinklers or drip emitters, and overspray. Make corrections and repairs as needed.

**STEP 3: ADJUST YOUR IRRIGATION CONTROLLER**

Avoid over-watering, the most common cause of lawn and plant disease. Adjust the irrigation schedule as the weather changes. Use the seasonal irrigation schedule you created in Step 1 to adjust your irrigation controller. Most of our soils cannot absorb water as fast as sprinklers apply it. The best technique is to water in short on/off cycles (soak cycle) early in the morning. Most irrigation controllers have a multiple start time function so you can break up watering time.

Optional: Consider removing your turf and receive $2 per square foot

The program is for the removal of turf and replacing with California Friendly Landscaping. There are options for artificial turf, native plants, succulents, and permeable materials. Visit Huntington Beach Water Wise Gardening at [www.surfcitygardening.com](http://www.surfcitygardening.com) for landscaping ideas. This program is available through the Municipal Water District of Orange County. For rebate information, please visit [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/rebates](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater/rebates) or contact Sylvia Franklin, Water Conservation Coordinator at (714) 374-1503.
**Festival of Folktales 2014 @ Your Library**

The Friends of the Children’s Library annual Festival of Folktales will be next Tuesday, June 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Central Library. There will be a magic show featuring magician Brain Scott, a Fourth of July celebration laser show, games, food from Chick-fil-A and the Lions Club and more. Children will even have the chance to visit a princess from Frozen. Buy your tickets at the Children’s Desk. Tickets will also be sold the day of the event. Magic show and Laser show tickets are $3 each. Carnival tickets for games, crafts, face painting and a visit with the winter princess are .50 each or 11 tickets for $5. Food vendors take cash.

The library’s summer reading program, Paws to Read, for children, teens and adults starts next Monday, June 23 and ends August 1. Register online at www.hbpl.org. If you participated last year, use your same user name and password. Can’t remember? Our teen volunteers can help you. Children can earn prizes for every three hours or nine books they read. They can earn up to six prizes during the program. Children who complete the program earn a prize from our treasure shelves and a book. There is also an end of the summer reading program concert for all reading program participants and their families on August 2. Teens and adults can earn virtual raffle tickets for each book they read during the program for a chance to win library gift baskets. They can earn up to 20 tickets. Teens also can earn a book through their reading efforts.
DMV Practice Tests now available ONLINE at the Library
Looking to get a Driver’s License? Need to get ready for license renewal? Need to take a practice test? The Huntington Beach Public Library, in partnership with Driving-tests.org, is proud to now offer FREE online DMV practice tests. Go to the HB Library website, HBPL.org, and look for the FREE Permit Practice Tests button. One click will take you directly to the Test pages. There are tests for automobile and motorcycle licenses as well as handbooks for both.

Catch World Cup Fever at the Library
Watching the World Cup? The Huntington Beach Public Library offers a free course on World Cup Portuguese ONLINE from Mango Languages. Learn how to speak Portuguese to follow the Cup in Brazil. Just visit the Huntington Beach Public Library website, at hbpl.org, and click on the link to Mango Languages. The Portuguese World Cup classes are FREE, with your HBPL Library card!

June Photography Show @ the Library
The Photographic Society of Orange County presents the works of its members through the month of June at the Central Library Windows Gallery. Dozens of stunning images are on display and many are available for purchase. The gallery is free and open to the public during regular Library hours. For more information, contact the Society at (714) 417-7271 or www.psoc.net.

Eye Catching Reads @ the Library
Comic books, graphic novels, manga—whatever the name, visual literature continues to draw in young readers at the Huntington Beach Library. Not only do today’s comics have improved storytelling and images, but they’ve gained widespread acceptance in the academic community as a valuable medium for ESL learners and reluctant readers. The Library has two collections of visual lit: one for teens and one for children. The young adult section carries popular series such as Naruto, Bleach, and X-Men. The Children’s Library has series like Babymouse, Garfield, and Big Nate. Come check them out today!
BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR FINAL PHASE OF PACIFIC CITY COMMERCIAL
On June 13, 2014, the Planning & Building Department issued construction permits for the podium/commercial level of the Pacific City shopping center located along Pacific Coast Highway just southeast of downtown HB. A two-level below grade parking garage structure has been under construction for a while now. The new Pacific City outdoor mall consists of multiple two-story buildings totaling 216,807 square feet which includes 97,282 square feet of retail space, 44,723 square feet of restaurant area, a 28,288 square foot gymnasium/health center, a 20,807 square foot market, and 1,095 square feet of office space. This unique shopping and dining complex is expected to open in summer 2015.

New Pet Smart Retail Store
On June 12, 2014, the Planning & Building Department issued a Certificate of Occupancy to Pet Smart. The store is 9,583 square feet which includes retail and a grooming facility. Pet Smart is located at the Seacliff Village Shopping Center, 19370 Goldenwest Street, #101. The unit was previously Jonathan Home Décor.

Monthly Downtown Artwalk
The June Downtown Artwalk will take place this Thursday, June 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring works from a wide variety of talented, emerging and student artists with unique creations and presentations. Artists are hosted at various locations and businesses throughout the Downtown for this free event, and many businesses also offer discounts on products or services during that time as well. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Artwalk Booth at the International Surfing Museum during the event to pick up a map and brochure and register to win a $25 gift card to their favorite Downtown HB merchant. For more information about the Monthly Downtown Artwalk, including applications for artists and host locations, can be found online at http://www.hbdowntown.com/artwalk.html.
**Operation Lot-O-Hugs**

The Huntington Beach Firefighters’ Association (HBFA) has launched a new community outreach program called Operation Lots-O-Hugs that is directed towards comforting sick or injured children encountered on emergency incidents. The star of Operation Lots-O-Hugs is a stuffed Dalmatian dog, designed and developed by HBFA members, which will be handed out while performing their duties on emergency incidents.

There is a website dedicated to the program that will allow children that receive a dog to engage in fun, interactive and educational activities by registering and licensing their dog. HBFA is looking for partners within the community that would like to team up with their Firefighters to support this incredible program. Please visit www.hbfalotsohugs.com to view the program’s activities or provide donations. Check out the program’s Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/HBFAOperationLotsOHugs.

**Fireworks Safety**

Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. However, they are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year. People can enjoy fireworks safely by attending a public fireworks show put on by experts.

**Fireworks are illegal in Huntington Beach.**
The manufacture, sale, possession, storage, handling or use of “safe and sane” or dangerous fireworks in Huntington Beach is illegal. Persons in violation are subject to a citation and fine.

**NOTE:** There will be a Commercial Fireworks display at the Pier beginning at 9 p.m. on July 4th. For more information, please contact Community Services at (714) 536-5486.

For information, please visit www.nfpa.org/education.
Drowning Prevention

Summer is officially here and the Huntington Beach Fire Department wants to remind you of these drowning prevention tips:

- Never leave a child unattended near water in a pool, spa, tub, or ocean. There is no substitute for adult supervision.
- Designate a “Water Watcher” to maintain constant watch over children in the pool during gatherings.
- Power-operated pool safety covers are the most convenient and efficient. Solar/ floating pool covers are not safety devices.
- Keep a phone at poolside so that you never have to leave the pool to answer the phone, and can call for help if needed.
- Learn CPR and rescue breathing.
- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.
- Never leave water in buckets or wading pools.
- Remove toys from in and around the pool when not in use.
- If a child is missing, always check the pool first. Seconds count.

Single Family Residential Structure Fire

On Saturday, June 14 at approximately 10:30 p.m., the fire department was dispatched to Lafayette Drive for a reported fire. Firefighters arrived to find smoke and fire coming from the open garage of a two-story single family residence. Residents evacuated and were able to account for all occupants. The fire was contained in the garage and there were no injuries reported by civilians or firefighters on the incident.

Information Services

Did you know you can get an online estimate of building permit construction fees based on your project valuation on the City Website? To find a quick link to this Fee Calculator online application, click on the Services navigation tab and then click on Planning and Construction. A link to the Fee Calculator will be on the Planning and Construction page.

Adventure Playground
The City of Huntington Beach’s Adventure Playground is open for business. Adventure Playground is located East of the Central Park Library and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It is closed on Sundays and on July 4, 2014. Adventure Playground will close for the Summer on August 15, 2014. The cost is $3.00 per child and all adult chaperones are FREE. Kids can raft across the mud pond, balance on the rope bridge, splash down the mud slide, and build with hammers and saws. Adults are required for all children under the age of 12 and closed toed shoes like tennis and running shoes are a must. NO OPEN toe shoes or crows will be allowed! No exceptions!! Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. For more information please call Adventure Playground at 714-842-7442.

Learning Black History
Bea Jones and Barbara Juniors are two 40 year residents of Orange County who are committed to teaching Black History to all who are interested. The Michael E Rodgers Seniors Center is presenting a free lecture course taught by these two women and designed to introduce students to Black History, with particular emphasis on past and present highlights. Bea Jones is a Vexillologist, an expert on flags, and will use flag symbols to introduce the various segments of the curriculum surrounding Black organizations, people and political thought. The readings will focus on selected individuals who have shaped and been shaped by Black struggles for freedom and justice. In addition to lectures and readings, students will be encouraged to undertake research projects involving online educational materials related to the course content.

Learning Black History begins Saturday, June 28, at Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. The course is free, no registration necessary and will run for five Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m., ending August 23. Call 714-536-9387 for directions.

Financial Blunders for Seniors
On Friday June 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors’ Center will hold a free class on “Financial Blunders for Seniors” provided by the Society of Financial Awareness. SOFA is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about financial issues and awareness. The class will cover a variety of topics including:

- When and how to deal with stock options
- How to preserve and protect your assets against a volatile market
- How to better understand the market
- How to avoid strangers becoming guardians of your children
- Warning signs and what to do if you become a victim

The class is being offered on a drop-in basis with no reservations or fee required. For more information please contact the Rodgers Seniors Center front desk at (714) 536-9387.
Be involved. Transplant hope.

Join the Be The Match Registry®.
Patients need you! For thousands with blood cancers like leukemia or other diseases like sickle cell anemia, a marrow transplant is their only hope for life. If you have diverse ancestry, patients especially need you because they are most likely to match someone who shares their heritage.

Marrow Donor Registry Drive, Ages 18 to 44

Date: Tuesday, June 24th, 2014
Time: 12:00pm – 6:00pm
Location:
Huntington Beach Police Department
Training Rooms
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Event is being hosted by the Huntington Beach Police Department

Contact Info:
Paige Morrison
Community Engagement Representative
pmorrison@nmdp.org

Stacy Overcast, loving wife to city employee Steve Overcast, sister to city employee Heather Thompson, and mother to Brooke, needs your help. Stacy has acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and is searching for a matching marrow donor.

Please join us on June 24th and consider becoming a marrow donor. All it takes is a simple swab of the cheek and you could help save someone’s life. Maybe you are the match that Stacy is searching for!

If you are unable to join, you can help by making a monetary contribution. Be The Match relies on donations to continue our lifesaving mission.

Your dollars save lives.
Contribute now at:
www.bethematchfoundation.org/goto/stacy

We will also be collecting donations the day of the event

Be The Match
BeTheMatch.org

NPOGBS5, JAN 2014
Coffee with a Cop

Monday
June 23rd
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Whole Foods Market
Bella Terra Mall

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!
No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

Captain Russ Reinhart (714) 536-5976 @rrHBPD

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City Clerk     (714) 536-5227
Passports     (714) 536-1600
City Council   (714) 536-5553
City Manager   (714) 536-5502
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

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June Schedule of Events

- June 19— Downtown Artwalk
- June 20— Senior Center Financial Class
- June 21— Shipley Nature Center Class
- June 22— 100 Years of the 1914 HB Pier Commemoration Celebration at 11 am
- June 23— Coffee with a Cop
- June 24— Bone Morrow Registry Drive
- June 27— HB Council on Aging Golf Tournament