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MAY 13, 2014

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Display at Surf City Nights Street Fair

HUNTINGTON BEACH

See how the City works

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

From 5pm to 9pm

FREE Family Fun Equipment Giveaways Booths Exhibits

Downtown - between PCH and Olive
Public Works Display on Olive Avenue

Engineering
Water Department
Storm Pumping Stations
Parks, Trees & Landscape
Wastewater Maintenance
Street Maintenance
Warehouse
Traffic Control
Signs & Markings
Building Maintenance
Vehicle Maintenance
Waste Management
Hazardous Materials
Water Quality
Water Conservation
**Duck-A-Thon Festival on May 17 & 18**

Water Conservation and Urban Runoff will be teaming up this weekend at the Duck-A-Thon Festival to provide community outreach on water related topics. California is currently experiencing a severe drought and all of us can help reduce water waste. We look forward to meeting our residents and provide information on our free California-friendly landscaping classes and rainwater harvesting class, available rebate opportunities, how to reduce urban runoff, and respond to any questions our residents may have. Reducing urban runoff means less chemicals, pesticides, oil residues and trash will reach the ocean and our beaches will be a little bit cleaner.

We will have brochures and pamphlets with creative ideas for water wise living in our lovely, dry Mediterranean climate here in Huntington Beach. The event starts at 10 a.m. on both days. Stop by our booth at Pier Plaza this weekend to spin the wheel! If you know the correct answer to your question, you will win a free gift!

**OC Water Summit 2014**

The 7th Annual Orange County Water Summit is taking place on **Friday, May 16**, at the Grand Californian Hotel in Anaheim. Leading water experts and policy makers will discuss their plans to secure California’s water future.

We are in the midst of one of the driest periods on record and in addition, pumping restrictions are still in place, limiting the amount of water we can move throughout the state to keep our economy growing. Business agriculture, urban populations, and the environment are all dependent on reliable water supplies. Southern California is weathering these conditions better than other regions because of the billions of dollars invested in local water reliability projects. Yesterday’s investments are paying off and now we need to make additional investments to ensure water reliability tomorrow.
Graffiti Removal

The Public Works Department Graffiti Removal program responds to over 2,500 reports of graffiti on public and private property throughout the city. Staff is able to remove most graffiti within 1-2 business days from City property such as block walls, play equipment, restrooms, sidewalks, and street signs. There are cases where Public Works must take additional steps before graffiti is removed. One such instance is when the graffiti is on private property. For private property, Public Works staff notifies the owner about the graffiti on their property and provides the owner the opportunity to remove it. In certain cases when the owner gives written consent, Public Works can remove graffiti from private property that can be seen from the public rights of way. Another instance is when graffiti is found on property or equipment maintained by an outside agency such as a school district, County of Orange, or utility company. When graffiti happens on outside agency property, Public Works notifies the appropriate agency of the graffiti.

The most common methods used to remove graffiti are:

- Painting Out – Used on most buildings and walls.
- Water Blasting – Used on unpainted concrete surfaces such as cinder block walls, curbs, sidewalks.
- Chemical Removal – Used on non-porous surfaces such as metal light poles, street signs and traffic control boxes.

To report graffiti, call (714) 960-8861. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday to Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays. Voicemail is available to leave a message outside of business hours. Requests for Graffiti Removal can also be submitted electronically via Surf City Pipeline at http://user.govoutreach.com/surfcity/.
Vegetation Fire

On May 9 at approximately 11:30 a.m., a vegetation fire broke out in the Talbert Regional Park located at Victoria and the Santa Ana River. Huntington Beach Fire Department and Fountain Valley Fire Department units who were training in the area observed the fire and immediately responded to the vicinity and found a fire in heavy vegetation. Additional resources were immediately requested by the Incident Commander. The fire was brought under control after approximately 2 ½ hours and burned about 5 acres, with one nearby home suffering minor roof damage from flying embers. A total of 20 fire engines, 1 ladder truck, 2 helicopters, 2 wild land crews, 1 bulldozer, 1 water tender, and 9 Chief Officers responded to the incident. Agencies included Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Newport Beach, and the Orange County Fire Authority. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Traffic Accident – Heavy Rescue

On May 11 at 8:40 p.m., Huntington Beach Fire Department units responded to a reported heavy rescue at Magnolia and Adams. Upon arrival, firefighters found a two vehicle accident. One vehicle had left the roadway and became airborne, flying into a gas station where it clipped an overhead canopy and then severed a gas pump. The vehicle came to rest upside down and against a block wall. One victim was trapped in the vehicle and had to be extricated by firefighters before being transported to the hospital.

EMS Week

National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week will be May 18–24 and the theme this year is “EMS: Dedicated. For Life.” EMS Week is an opportunity to promote the EMS community and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine’s “front line.”

Emergency care professionals are committed to delivering the best medical care in the community and are an essential part of building a resilient health care system that functions efficiently and effectively every day.

The Huntington Beach Fire Department would like to remind the community that Automatic External Defibrillator’s (AED) are available in most city buildings. Research has shown that CPR and early defibrillation can save lives.

The American Heart Association (AHA) recognizes that “hands only” CPR can as much as double a person’s chance of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest and encourages bystanders to perform “hands only CPR” until the arrival of EMS. Look for upcoming information on the Sidewalk CPR Day scheduled for the first week in June at Pier Plaza. This free event will teach the public Hands-Only CPR (chest compressions, but no mouth-to-mouth breathing). For more information about AHA, go to www.heart.org.
On Friday, May 9, at about 8 p.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department responded to the area of Beach Boulevard and Sterling Drive regarding an injury traffic collision in which a vehicle had collided with a tree. Arriving officers located a teal 1991 Acura Integra with major collision damage in the roadway. A male and female, both believed to be passengers, were found outside of the vehicle. The driver, a 21-year-old male from Roland Heights, was found partially restrained in the driver’s seat. Huntington Beach Fire Department paramedics responded to render aid to the injured subjects. The two passengers, both 22 year old residents from Roland Heights, were treated at the scene and ultimately transported to UCI Medical Center with moderate injuries. The driver had major injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. His name is not being released at this time so next of kin can be notified. Based on the preliminary investigation, it appears the Acura Integra was traveling northbound on Beach Blvd. at a high rate of speed. The vehicle lost traction with the roadway and collided with a tree on the shoulder. One passenger was ejected and it appears at least two of the occupants were not properly restrained. Alcohol does appear to be a factor in this collision. The investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by the HBPD Major Incident Reconstruction Team (M.I.R.T). No citations have been issued and no arrests have been made at this time.

Anyone with information about this collision is asked to contact Huntington Beach Police Accident Investigator Tai Huynh at 714-536-5670 or Accident Investigator Robert Barr at 714-536-5666. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 714-960-8825. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-OCCS (855-847-6227). Tipsters may also contact Crime Stoppers by texting to phone number 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S) with a cell phone. All text messages should begin with the letters “OCCS.”

**Auto Theft Recovery Award Winner**

**Officer Travis Downing**

Chief Rob Handy (left) and Officer Travis Downing attended the 2013 Officer of the Year Awards Presentation for Auto Theft Recovery. Officer Downing was recognized for the most auto theft recoveries of all Huntington Beach police officers for last year. The award was presented by the Western States Auto Theft Investigators Association, Southern Chapter and the Auto Theft Advisory Committee.
You are invited to attend the City of Huntington Beach Michael E. Rodgers Seniors’ Center annual Step Out for Active Aging event on Wednesday May 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in honor of Older Americans Month. Come and celebrate aging awareness as we walk in a group from the Rodgers Seniors’ Center to the Huntington Beach Pier. The event is FREE to attend and everybody is welcome to walk. Refreshments and light snacks will be provided. The first 100 people in attendance will receive an event T-Shirt and a goody bag. There will also be free opportunity drawings for all in attendance. For more information or questions please call the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors’ Center at (714) 536-9387.
On Friday May 9, the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC) presented the commendations for Outstanding Service award to Huntington Beach Senior Services volunteers, Helen Cleveland and Linda Herd. The award was given in recognition of their distinguished service to the senior citizens of Orange County. SCAC is an advisory board that reports on aging related issues to the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

Helen Cleveland has volunteered at the front desk of Seniors Outreach every Monday morning for 15 years! She provides administrative support for Transportation, Home Delivered Meals, and Care Management. She makes daily care-calls to home-bound seniors and those residents look forward to their Monday morning chat with Helen. She is known for her kindness, compassion, and beautiful telephone voice. At almost 92, Helen still has sharp computer and organizational skills. Nobody but Helen is allowed to file the transportation maps because Helen is sure that alphabetizing is becoming a lost art. She is an example of aging gracefully. Even though her mobility is challenged and she recently moved to assisted living, Helen keeps volunteering. She says, “There is nothing I’d rather do than volunteer in a place where I’m appreciated and where I am doing something constructive.” All of the seniors who look forward to her phone calls and the staff she keeps whipped into shape appreciate Helen tremendously!

Huntington Beach Senior Services has never “herd” no from Linda Herd. She is an eager beaver who helps out whenever and wherever needed. Linda began as a volunteer in 2012, and in 2013 had 310 hours! Linda serves lunch, provides office support in transportation, assists with taxes, delivers meals and holiday meals, assists at special events, is a volunteer ambassador, and a volunteer escort (not that kind – she jokes). Whatever Linda does she does with a huge smile! On a recent Escort trip, she told her passenger, “We are going to have fun!” The passenger argued “But I’m going to the dentist.” No matter, Linda and the passenger were both giggling throughout the trip. Linda says, “The people I serve thank me but what they don’t realize is that they always make my day!”

Huntington Beach Art Center

Please join us for our next exhibition, **Word-Up: Interactions Between Image and Text**. The exhibition features a distinct group of artists, all from very different backgrounds, who make work derived from the use of writing and text. The works include drawings, painting, photography and electronic media. The public reception is Sunday, May 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. A ticketed preview for Members and Patrons will be held on Friday May 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. For information about the exhibit or on how to become a member, please call the Art Center at 714.374.1650.
Enjoy the Heat Wave Downtown with the Police Appreciation Night and Artwalk!

Downtown is definitely the place to be this week to enjoy the preview of gorgeous summer weather! On Tuesday, May 14, Surf City Nights celebrates its annual Police Appreciation Night with opportunities to meet and thank HB’s finest, who make our community a safe place to live, work and play. Thursday May 15 marks the May edition of the monthly Downtown Artwalk, with over 50 artists confirmed to display their work in various locations on Main Street and on 5th Street at The Strand from 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors who stop by the event booth at the International Surfing Museum can enter a drawing to receive a $25 gift card from the downtown merchant of their choice, and will also receive a free map to various locations of Surfboards on Parade. For more info, please visit www.surfcitynights.com and www.hbdowntown.com/artwalk.html.

Get Ready for Chili at the Beach!

...and speaking of heat waves, perhaps you’ve been seeking bragging rights for your famous 5-alarm chili – if so, the 7th Annual Downtown Chili at the Beach is the place you want to be on Saturday, June 14 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. to let the world in on your secret (or at least a taste) of killer chili or salsa. This annual Father’s Day Weekend event has established itself as a not-to-be missed community tradition, attracting thousands to the Downtown to enjoy a family-friendly day of food, fun and entertainment. Cook-off and salsa applications are still being accepted by the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District, as are opportunities for vendors to share in the fun of the event. For more information, please visit: www.hbdowntown.com.

Information Services

The City website contains comprehensive City Budget information. You can find such the Proposed City Budget, Adopted City Budget, Comprehensive Annual Finance Reports and the Popular Annual Financial Reports.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/budget_information/
Children’s Book Week
May 12-18, 2014

Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country - an annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. Children's books are extremely popular at the Huntington Beach Library - more children’s books are borrowed each month than adult books!

At HBPL, the joy of reading exists year-round in story times with finger plays, music, crafts, and lots and lots of books! All our branch libraries offer weekly Toddler and Preschool Storytimes. Central Library also offers a story time and crafts for young elementary children twice a week and a pajama story time once a month. Toddler Storytime is for ages 1-3; Preschool Storytime is for ages 3-5; and the Crafty Kids club is for ages 5-9. All our branches have a STAR Read-Aloud volunteer program with volunteers who read to kids of all ages after school. Coming in June, Central Library will offer a B.A.R.K. story time on the first Saturday of the month where children can read aloud to trained therapy dogs.

At the Oak View branch, there is a bilingual English/Spanish story time for ages 2 to 4-years-old. The branch libraries at Main Street, Helen Murphy, and Banning will also have their regular story times, in addition to book displays featuring stories about friendly (and not-so-friendly -- think dragon) librarians, visits to the library and the love of reading. There may also be some fun giveaways! Come celebrate the eternal art of books and reading with us at the Huntington Beach Central Library and the branches.

For more information about our upcoming programs and story times, visit www hbpl org and click on “Kid Stuff.” You can also visit the library’s Facebook page.
At their annual Regional Conference and Sustainability Awards and ceremony held on May 1, 2014, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) awarded the Beach and Edinger Corridors Specific Plan (BECSP) Honorable Mention for “Integrated Planning.” The BECSP was recognized as a plan that integrates land use and transportation planning as well as promoting infill and transit oriented development. The award also recognizes that the BECSP locates new housing near existing jobs and new jobs near housing, promoting a sustainable land use mix. The evaluation process was by a panel of seven judges consisting of experts in the fields of planning and development.

In 2011, the BECSP received an Award of Merit from the American Planning Association (APA), California Chapter in the Planning Project Award category. In this same year, APA Orange County Chapter awarded it “Outstanding Planning Project” award because the Specific Plan embraces environmental sustainability through Smart Growth design principles, employs form based code to ensure the desired built environment, and is a planning tool adhering to the highest standards in planning.

We are pleased that this innovative Specific Plan has been embraced by the development and business community and continues to be recognized for its contribution to the revitalization of the City’s two major corridors by State and professional organizations.
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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

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May Schedule of Events

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- May 17 & 18 — Duck-a-Thon
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- May 21 — Step Out for Active Aging
- June 14 — 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off at Surf City Nights