Hoag Donates $3.775 Million to New Huntington Beach Senior Center

Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian announced on Monday, the donation of the largest single gift to the new Huntington Beach Senior Center in the Park. Their generous and considerable gift of $3.775 million, being made through the Hoag Community Benefit program, will not only assist the construction of the new senior center, located at Central Park, but will ensure the sustainability of vital programs at the center. The 37,500-square foot building will be home to various programs offered to the senior citizen community.

Approximately $2 million will fund capital costs to ensure the long-awaited senior center becomes a reality while the rest will help fund and support the sustainability of such critical programs as:

- Free clinical assessments and health education.
- The Surf City Seniors on the Go program, a vital transportation service which provides more than 200 one-way trips a day for seniors who need assistance accessing medical care and senior services.
- Home Delivered Meals program

“We have been eagerly anticipating the development of the new Senior Center in the Park, as we know the seniors in this community deserve the best facility we can provide,” said Fred Wilson, city manager for Huntington Beach.

“Hoag has given this community an immeasurable gift as our partner in providing a vibrant, community-focused place for seniors that will give them the resources to stay active, healthy and independent for generations to come,” said Wilson.
Design Review Board

On Thursday, November 13, 2014, at 3:30 PM in Room B-8 the following items are scheduled for review by the Design Review Board:

1. DESIGN REVIEW NO. 12-007 (MORNING JADE MIXED USE BUILDING): To review the design, colors, and materials of the relocated and rehabilitated storefront facades and proposed new three-story mixed use building located at 122-124 Main Street, 92648 (east side of Main, between Pacific Coast Highway and Walnut). Please contact Jill Arabe, Associate Planner, for more information.

2. SIGN CODE EXCEPTION NO. 13-010/ PLANNED SIGN PROGRAM NO. 13-011 (PACIFIC CITY COMMERCIAL SIGN PROGRAM): To establish sign criteria for the Pacific City commercial center including allowing more than one freestanding sign per parcel and to allow (a) five vehicular directional signs to exceed two square feet in area and four feet in height, and (b) two project identification signs of 476 sq. ft. and 435 sq. ft. in lieu of 256 sq. ft. and 329 sq. ft., respectively. The project is located at 21002 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (bounded by 1st Street, Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Street, and Pacific View Avenue). 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/drb1/index.cfm). Please contact the Planning Division at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

Information Services

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

The City web site contains information about the CalRecycle Rubberized Asphalt Project. The can find out information about the program and what streets in the city will be rehabilitated at: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/public_works/rubberized-asphalt-project.cfm
General Plan Historic and Cultural Resources Element Update:

The City has prepared Draft Negative Declaration (ND) No. 14-005 which analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed General Plan Historic and Cultural Resources Element (HCRE) update. The Draft ND, Draft HCRE update, and Historic Context and Survey Report will be available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days commencing Thursday, November 6, 2014 and ending December 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at: Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648; City Clerk’s Office, 2000 Main St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648; Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92647; and at http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/Environmentalreports.cfm.

The HCRE is a policy document that guides the City’s decisions regarding historic and cultural resources by identifying goals, objectives, policies, and implementation programs as well as providing technical information and outlining issues regarding the protection of the city’s historic resources and provision of arts/cultural services. Only the historic resources component of the HCRE is proposed to be updated at this time. The cultural resources component is not being revised. Any person wishing to comment on the request may provide written comments to Ricky Ramos, Senior Planner, City of Huntington Beach, Planning and Building Department, P.O. Box 190, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 by December 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

ASCON Recirculated Draft EIR:

On November 6, 2014, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) held a Public Review & Comment meeting to take public comments regarding the recirculation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for cleanup of the ASCON site (southwest corner of Magnolia and Hamilton). The recirculated DEIR is associated with analysis of an additional truck hauling route. The Project’s revised operational traffic characteristics and the resulting changes to traffic and noise impacts are analyzed in the Recirculated Draft EIR. The Recirculated Draft EIR’s 45 day review period started on October 6, 2014 and ends November 21, 2014.

All public comments must be post marked or emailed by November 21, 2014, and sent to Safouh Sayed, Project Manager, Dept. of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732 - email: Safouh.Sayed@dtsc.ca.gov.

Please visit the DTSC website for more information or contact Rosemary Medel in the Planning Division at 714-536-5271.
Sunset Vista Camping: More Popular Than Ever!

October 1 marked the opening of the 2014/2015 Sunset Vista Camping season. The start of the season has been met with a surge in popularity. Occupancy for the month of October grew drastically higher over the past three years and is now soaring towards full capacity. October of 2012 saw occupancy at 84%, while in 2013 it rose to 87%. This last October, occupancy was at an astounding 95%. November and December bookings are already on track to surpass last year’s occupancy records. Campers from across the United States (and in some cases from around the world) flock to the campground to enjoy the surf, ocean/pier views and appreciate the laid-back beach lifestyle.

Located just off First Street and Pacific Coast Highway, the Sunset Vista Campground is literally steps away from the sand and only a block away from the downtown area.

Reservations for the campground can be made at sunsetvistacamping.huntingtonbeachca.gov. If you have any questions, please call (714) 536-5286.

‘Tis the Season of the Handy Crafters!

The Handy Crafters will offer a beautiful selection of their handmade sweaters, scarves, hats, and baby clothes for sale in the lobby of City Hall tomorrow, Thursday November 13 and December 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All the proceeds from the sale benefit the Huntington Beach Senior Services Holiday Meals program.

Qualified Huntington Beach Senior Services clients receive a short visit from a volunteer, a traditional holiday meal and seasonal gifts. These older residents are no longer able to cook for themselves and appreciate the good cheer and dinner. Your purchase of a blanket or scarf will bring warmth to a homebound senior’s holiday. The Handy Crafters meet at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Their beautiful work is on display in the lobby at the senior center and can be purchased from the front desk any weekday. A broader selection is available during their Friday meetings.

The Handy Crafters also donate baby items to Western Medical Center, baby hats to CHOC, and blankets to the V.A. hospital and to the homeless. Beginners are welcome to join this great group. Materials and instruction are provided.

For more information, call the senior center at 714-536-9387.
Veterans Day and Small Business Saturday go Hand in Hand

Did you know that in 2012, 9.1 percent of US business owners were veterans? According to the US Small Business Administration, California is actually among the top five states with the most veteran owned-businesses. With small businesses making up 48.5 percent of all private-sector employment, that means a significant number of businesses in our community employ and are owned and/or operated by veterans. With the annual Small Business Saturday fast approaching on November 29, we’d like to remind you to - of course - shop local and shop Surf City, but to also keep in mind that your support of small, local businesses may likely support a veteran of the armed forces who has given much in service of our country. We thank our veterans for their service and hope that our citizens will make an extra effort to support their favorite veteran-owned business on Small Business Saturday 2014!
CONGRATS TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT!

The Huntington Beach Police Department has been awarded a $435,226 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a year-long program of special enforcements and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic related deaths and injuries. The Huntington Beach Police Department will use the funding as part of the city’s ongoing commitment to keep our roadways safe and improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education.

The Huntington Beach Police Department has had a long-standing relationship with the California Office of Traffic Safety and we believe strongly in maintaining a safe environment for all pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists who travel on our roadways. For the last year, we have been implementing new educational and enforcement techniques aimed at reducing law violations and addressing behaviors and attitudes that contribute to our collisions. Alcohol continues to be a significant common denominator in many of our serious and fatal collisions. We have taken progressive steps and developed new programs, many of which are shared on social media, to end these tragic events.

After falling dramatically between 2006 and 2010, the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions saw slight increases in 2011 and 2012. Particularly worrisome are recent increases in pedestrian and motorcycle fatalities, and the dangers of distracting technologies. This grant funding will provide opportunities to combat these and other devastating problems such as drunk and drugged driving and speeding.

Some of the activities that the grant will fund include are:

- One fulltime DUI officer added to the Traffic Unit
- DUI/Drivers License checkpoints
- DUI saturation patrols
- Educational presentations
- Seat belt and child safety seat enforcement
- Speed, red light, and stop sign enforcement
- Warrant service operations targeting multiple DUI offenders
- Compilation of DUI “Hot Sheets,” identifying worst-of-the-worst DUI offenders
- Specialized DUI and drugged driving training such as Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE)

Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
DUI/Drivers License checkpoints Recap!

The Huntington Beach Police Department Traffic Unit conducted a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint on Friday, November 7 at Beach Boulevard and Slater Avenue between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drink and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Drivers License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drug impaired, bringing about more awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

Below are the results from this evenings checkpoint:

- 2384 Vehicles through the checkpoint
- 1431 Vehicles screened
- 8 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests administered
- 2 DUI-Alcohol suspects arrested
- 11 Drivers cited for operating a vehicle unlicensed or while suspended/revoked
- 3 Citations issued

The Huntington Beach Police Department will conduct another DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on Friday, December 19 in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways.

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety though the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report drunk drivers—call 911!!
Huntington Beach Reads One Book 2015 Book Announced

Huntington Beach Reads One Book (HBReads) is very excited to announce the newest book selection for 2015.

The 2015 book is *Until Tuesday, A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him* by Luis Carlos Montalvan. This is a very moving and engaging story about one man’s courageous journey to recover from the horrors of war and the incredible companion who saved his life. Mr. Montalvan tells the story of his physical and mental recovery from the effects of war with the assistance of his service dog, Tuesday. HBReads purchases and distributes copies of the book to many area high schools where teachers use the book for reading assignments.

The author will be traveling to Huntington Beach in March of 2015 where he will meet with over 1,000 students from our area high schools and he will share his experiences with citizens in another presentation, as well as introduce his service dog, Tuesday.

HBReads is in the planning stages for author appearances and other events to discuss this book and the issues around veterans and animal companions. As dates for 2015 events get finalized all activities will be posted on the website at [http://www.hbreads.org/](http://www.hbreads.org/).
Children’s Art on Display at the Library!

The PTA’s Reflections program encourages students in pre-K through grade 12 to explore and be involved in the arts. The PTA Reflection entries for art and photography are on display in the Central Library Children’s Department through November 15. This year’s theme is “The world would be a better place if...” The art is judged on interpretation of theme, artistic merit/creativity and mastery of the medium. The first place winners from these submissions will move on to the next level which is the 4th District PTA in Santa Ana. Those entries which do not move on will be taken back to their schools sometime in December.

To learn more about the PTA Reflections program: http://www.pta.org/programs/ArtsinEducation.cfm.

What you need to know about Medicare

On November 18 at 11 a.m. the Central Library will be hosting a free Medicare workshop. Do you want to know what’s new for Medicare in 2015? Are you newly eligible to Medicare and need to know what it’s about? Need information on Obama Care and how it impacts Medicare? Are you on Medicare and want to get the best plan at the lowest cost? If so, this workshop is for you!

The workshop will be given by Susan Zajfen RN, a representative from the Council on Aging. Susan started volunteering as a HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling Advocacy Program) counselor for the Council on Aging and began helping clients navigate the complicated world of Medicare and health insurance coverage. She has since joined the staff as the Education and Outreach Specialist.

We are asking interested patrons to sign up at the Reference Desk at the Central Library. Please join us for this Medicare information opportunity!
Turkey Fryer Safety

NFPA discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that cook the turkey in hot oil. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property.

The Dangers of Turkey Fryers

Hot oil may splash or spill during the cooking. Contact between hot oil and skin could result in serious injury.

A hot oil spill can happen with fryers designed for outdoor use using a stand. The fryer could tip over or collapse causing the hot oil to spill. Newer countertop units using a solid base appear to reduce this risk. NFPA does not believe the risks of either type of turkey fryer to be acceptable because of the large amount of hot oil involved and the speed and severity of burns.

In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350° Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible. If it is heated above its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite.

Propane-fired turkey fryers must be used outdoors. They are very popular for Thanksgiving. Many parts of the country may have rain or snow at this time of year. If rain or snow hits the hot cooking oil, the oil may splatter or turn to steam, leading to burns.

Turkeys must be completely thawed before placing in the fryer, because a partially thawed turkey will cause the oil to splatter causing serious burns.

The fryers use a lot of oil, about five gallons. Considering the size and weight of the turkey, extreme caution must be taken when placing and removing the turkey from the fryer to be sure it is not dropped back into the fryer, splattering the oil on the chef.

Consider purchasing an outdoor turkey cooking appliance that does not use oil.

Oil-Less Fryers

NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to look for grocery stores, specialty food retailers, and restaurants that sell deep fried turkeys, or consider a new type of “oil-less” turkey fryer.

Your Source for SAFETY Information
NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education
Thanksgiving Holidays Affect Trash Collection and Street Sweeping

Trash Collection

Trash will be collected per regular schedule Monday, November 24 through Wednesday, November 26. There will be no trash collection on Thanksgiving Day, so trash collection on Thursday and Friday will be delayed one day. Residents on Thursday’s route should place their trash for collection on Friday. Friday’s route will be collected on Saturday.

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Street Sweeping

Streets will be swept according to the regular sweeping schedule Monday, November 24 through Wednesday, November 26. Street sweeping is cancelled on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. There is no make-up day for cancelled street sweeping days. Normal sweep schedules and ticketing will resume on Monday, December 1.

If you have questions about the holiday maintenance schedule, please contact the Public Works Maintenance division at 714-960-8861.

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