



City Manager's Update

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

November 25, 2019

Draft Housing Element Amendment Now Available for Public Review

A draft of the Housing Element Amendment is available for public review and comment through **December 13, 2019**. The draft document is available at the following locations:

On the Web: <https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/major/files/Draft-Housing-Element-Amendment.pdf>

City of Huntington Beach City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

- Community Development Department, 3rd Floor; and
- City Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor

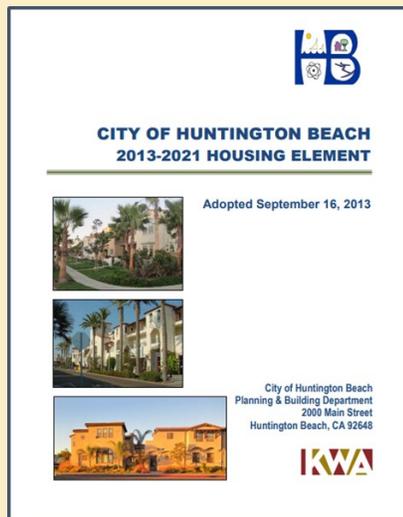
Any person wishing to comment on the draft Housing Element Amendment may do so in writing by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 13, 2019, by providing written comments to Jennifer Villasenor, City of Huntington Beach Community Development Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or via email at jvillasenor@surfcity-hb.org.

Subsequent to the public review and comment period, the City Council will hold a noticed public hearing on the draft Housing Element amendment in February 2020.

What is the Housing Element?

The Housing Element is one of the state-mandated elements of the City's General Plan. State housing element law requires that each city and county develop local housing programs to meet its fair share of housing needs for all income groups, commonly referred to as the Regional Housing Need Allocation or RHNA. Housing element law also requires the state Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to review local housing elements for compliance with state law and to report its written findings to the local government. If HCD finds that a local housing element complies with state law, the jurisdiction's housing element is considered HCD certified.

The City is interested in pursuing HCD certification to be eligible to receive state SB 2 Funds, which can be used to support the City's homelessness response programs. However, eligibility for the funds requires a HCD certified Housing Element. On November 4, 2019, the City Council directed City staff to prepare an amendment to the Housing Element for future consideration.



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City Manager's Update By Oliver Chi



Oliver Chi
City Manager

New Ascon Response Model Instituted

During the past few months, as the City has worked to refine our response to the overall ASCON situation, we have thought through various ways in which we can better support the community in pushing the State and ASCON to live up to their responsibilities to manage the remediation process better.

To that end, in an effort to address resident concerns, Mayor Peterson initiated the City's hiring of a 3rd Party Technical Advisor to review the work that has been done to date, and to provide an outlet for community members who want to interface with an expert to review their specific areas of concern.

The process to hiring a 3rd Party Technical Advisor was only completed after the City coordinated a Request for Proposals process. Through that effort, we ended up interviewing four firms before finally selecting HDR as the HB's 3rd Party Technical Advisor. HDR has been on board with the City now for several weeks, and have spent that time working with HDR to perform additional research on the ASCON project and gathering data to ensure that we could be effective when we start interfacing with the community.

We are happy to report that this past Thursday, HDR and the City met with representatives from the community to begin discussing a communications plan to better interface with the Southeast area of Surf City. Moving forward, HDR will be holding office hours so that residents can interface with the technical advisor in a one-on-one setting to ask questions about the overall situation. We anticipate that these office hours will be held in January or February 2020. As the City gets more engaged in this process in the coming weeks and months, we also expect to find additional ways in which we will be able to work with HDR to mitigate issues associated with ASCON. If you would like further information on the project, please visit the "Ascon Landfill Site" link on the City's homepage under "Web Spotlights" or visit the webpage directly at www.asconhb.com.

Personnel Updates: Travis Hopkins Named Permanent Assistant City Manager, David Segura's Time to Extend as our Interim Fire Chief

I wanted to share with everyone a few personnel changes that I've been contemplating during the past few weeks. First, I wanted to let our team know that I plan on formally extending David Segura's time as our Interim Fire Chief while we work to wrap up the Fire Chief recruitment process during the next month. Given the current terms associated with David's current assignment, his interim position was set to terminate in mid-December 2019. Plus, as I have gotten to know David better, I have come to realize how lucky all of us here in Huntington Beach to have had him leading our Fire Department.

In addition, I wanted to let everyone know about another important personnel decision that I've made. During my time with HB, Travis Hopkins has continued to impress me with the way in which he has gone about serving our organization and community. I have come to trust and rely on Travis, and have been so impressed with his ability to deliver results through a unique blend of humility and hard work. Given all that I have seen, I do plan on naming Travis as our permanent Assistant City Manager, and I am looking forward to seeing all of the terrific things that he will continue to do for Huntington Beach moving ahead. The requisite contract documents needed to formalize both of these items will be brought forward at our December 16 City Council meeting.



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Councilmember Barbara Delgleize Reelected to Serve as the 2nd District Board Member for OCTA

The Orange County City Selection Committee voted to reappoint Huntington Beach's very own Barbara Delgleize as the 2nd District Board Member for the Orange County Transportation Authority! Congratulations Barbara!

Pension Obligation Bond Judicial Validation Process Rolling Forward

This past week, the team working to refinance our current unfunded accrued liability (UAL) pension debt was able to file all of the requisite judicial validation paperwork with the courts. This starts an approximate 90-day process whereby the courts will review and determine the viability of our proposal to refinance Huntington Beach's approximate \$436M in UAL pension debt.

If we are successful with refinancing our existing UAL pension debt, we'll be able to lower the current interest rate we're paying from the current level of 7 percent, down to ~3.28 percent. Over the life of the payback of our UAL pension debt, refinancing now could save the City more than \$173M in total costs.

Additional details related to the proposed refinancing plan can be found in the.pdf presentation attached to this email. Moving ahead, we'll be sure to keep everyone apprised of any new developments that occur. And if you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to let me know!

Did You Know? HB Doesn't Use Any Glyphosate as Part of Our Park Maintenance

Staff met with a group called "Huntington Beach Tomorrow," who has been advocating for instituting organic landscaping practices here in Surf City. The effort was borne out of the health concerns associated with the use of Glyphosate weed killer products (like Round-Up).

During the meeting, our terrific Public Works Maintenance Operations team, led by Denny Bacon, shared that right now, here in Huntington Beach... we're not using any Glyphosate products as part of our landscape maintenance activities. This is a real accomplishment! Especially given the fact that we have 77 parks here in HB, maintaining those parks as attractive spaces without the use of a weed killer containing Glyphosate is really quite remarkable. Great job by all those on our Public Works Maintenance Operations team!

HB Fire Chief Recruitment Update

Recently, the recruiter coordinating our current search for Huntington Beach's next Fire Chief provided a list of recommended finalists for further consideration. All told, 35 candidates applied for the job, and after vetting and assessing the applicants, a total of seven finalists were recommended to move on in the review process. Staff is currently working to coordinate additional interviews with the finalist candidates to take place in December 2019, and if all goes well, we do expect to have a new Fire Chief identified by January 2020.

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Development Updates

There's a lot going on everywhere you look in HB, and the development front is no different! This past week, I was made aware of the status of three particular projects that I wanted to share with everyone. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions about any of these items!

H2Go Express Car Wash

Description: Proposal to demo former Sears outlet store and construct new car wash with vacuum stations

Location: 10072 Adams Ave (South east corner of Brookhurst and Adams)

Status: Project withdrawn.

CUP approved with conditions by Zoning Administrator

Appeal filed by Commissioner Mandic

Project withdrawn by applicant and is no longer proposed

AT&T Small Cell Wireless

Description: Proposal to remove and replace 1 street light in the Coastal Zone to incorporate a small cell wireless facility

Location: East side of Goldenwest St., approx. 110 ft north of PCH

Status: PC Public Hearing upcoming

Coastal Development Permit approved by Zoning Administrator

Appeal filed by adjacent residents

Will be scheduled for PC public hearing tentatively late January

3rd St Retail/Office Building

Description: Proposal to construct new four story retail/office building with vertical tandem parking (car lifts) and subterranean parking accessed by car elevator

Location: 321 3rd St (north side of 3rd, between Orange and Olive)

Status: Appealed to City Council

CUP/CDP Approved with conditions by Planning Commission

Appeal of PC Approval filed by Mayor Peterson

Will be scheduled for City Council public hearing tentatively January/February

Wet and Wild Weather Anticipated this Week

Severe weather is anticipated this week and our Fire Department and emergency response staff met with representatives from Caltrans to discuss possible impacts to Huntington Beach.

Of note, starting on November 26 and lasting through November 29, a significant storm event will be hitting Southern California. From a uniquely HB perspective, accompanying the rains will be 4-5 days of extreme high tides, as follows:

- ◆ November 25 – 7:32 am, high tide of 7.94 ft.
- ◆ November 26 – 8:08 am, high tide of 8.0 ft.
- ◆ November 27 – 8:44 am, high tide of 7.9 ft.
- ◆ November 28 – 9:21 am, high tide of 7.7 ft.
- ◆ November 29 – 9:59 am, high tide of 7.25 ft.

Based on this information, Caltrans will be putting bladders in the storm drains along PCH, which will hopefully prevent salt water from flooding the highway. However, as we know here in HB, these same bladders will also prevent rain water from draining properly, which could cause other problems for us to address. Of note, the Caltrans representatives are predicting flooding in parts of Sunset Beach, and emergency response personnel are going to be paying close attention to PCH between Warner and Seapoint throughout this week.

Hopefully, Thanksgiving this year will go off without a hitch. However, if it doesn't, City staff is aware of this possible situation, and our teams are prepared and ready to assist / respond in the event of an emergency.

MWDOC Issues Monthly Water Supply Report for November 2019

The Metropolitan Water District of Orange County recently issued their water supply report for November, and among their key findings were the following items:

- ◆ September water usage in 2019 was above average when compared against the last five years.
- ◆ MWDOC is projecting that water usage this year will increase slightly over FY 2018/19 for our region.
- ◆ Water usage per person for Orange County this year is projected to be at 142 gallons per day.
- ◆ Through effective water conservation efforts, even though the population of Orange County has increased by 20 percent over the past two decades, water usage on average has not increased, as water usage for the past four years are the lowest on record since Fiscal Year 1982/83.

HB Leader in State of California in Developing New Housing Units

I know this has been a recurring update item... but given the current development context in California, I felt like it would be important to share the information again! Because if you only read the newspaper headlines regarding housing development in Huntington Beach, one might get the impression that Surf City hasn't allowed a new home to be built in our community in decades!

However, a look at the actual facts and data paints a far different picture. Huntington Beach has not blocked housing development – at all. In fact, our efforts on the housing front – including our regional contribution to the affordable housing effort – have been nothing short of heroic.

In short, Huntington Beach has done more for the affordable housing since 2013 (the current State Regional Housing Needs Assessment – or RHNA – planning cycle) than nearly any other city in our region.

I know that the paragraph above may sound unbelievable, given the media narrative that's been told throughout California. However, facts are facts, and here's the reality of the situation.

Huntington Beach has worked to meet our goal of 1,353 RHNA units since 2013, and we have zoned for and permitted approximately 900 units. Other cities in the region have been required to do less, and they have done less than we have in Surf City. For example, Newport Beach has zoned for two units since 2013... Costa Mesa has zoned for five units... and Fountain Valley has zoned for 86 units.

When compared against the ~900 units we've permitted, it's hard to understand why there's this perception that Surf City doesn't allow new housing development. Moreover, and more specifically, outside of zoning updates to allow ~900 units since 2013, we've actually produced thousands of new housing units!

From 2013 through 2018, Huntington Beach issued almost 3,000 building permits for new housing units! That's the fourth largest volume of housing production in Orange County, and it makes Huntington Beach a top-10 housing producer when compared against the 197-jurisdictions located in the SCAG region. This fact is based on a comparison our building permit data with the SCAG jurisdictions in the HCD 5th Cycle Annual Progress Report Permit Summary, dated 6/25/19 (<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/index.shtml>).

As the summary chart below illustrates, here in Huntington Beach, we've exceeded our above moderate housing allocation by more than 2,000 units; we've met all of our moderate income RHNA targets; and we've issued permits for 97 very-low and low-income units.

| | Very Low | Low | Moderate | Above Moderate | TOTAL |
|------------------------------|----------|-----|----------|----------------|-------|
| TOTAL UNITS PERMITTED | 50 | 47 | 274 | 2,574 | 2,945 |
| RHNA TARGET | 313 | 220 | 248 | 572 | 1,353 |

City Manager's Update By Oliver Chi

Luncheon with School District Representatives Held; New Partnership Model Discussed

The Mayor and I, along with several other representatives from the City, met with School District Superintendents and School Board Presidents that serve Huntington Beach. The meeting was really productive, as the participants shared that our meeting structure to date had been less than productive. Representatives from the school districts shared that they hoped to develop closer working relationships with City administrators, and that they hoped that the City would share more relevant information with them moving ahead.

Given the feedback received, staff is in the process of developing a new way of working / collaborating with our many school districts moving ahead. We plan on instituting this new way of meeting beginning with our quarterly meeting in December, and our proposal moving ahead will be to meet as follows:

- ◆ December meeting – Staff level meeting with Superintendents and City executive staff
- ◆ March meeting – School Board President, City Council liaison, Superintendents, and City executive staff
- ◆ June meeting – Staff level meeting with Superintendents and City executive staff
- ◆ September meeting – School Board President, City Council liaison, Superintendents, and City executive staff

At these meetings moving forward, City staff will come prepared to discuss key projects, issues, programs, and services being coordinated by the City. In addition, before each meeting, City staff will reach out to the Districts (as we have always done) to see if they have any specific topics that they would like to have addressed.

Finally, we also agreed at the meeting to add all of the administrative support staff for the Superintendents to our City Manager News Mailing list, and other City email distribution lists, to keep the school districts informed as to what's happening in the City.

Moving ahead, we'll continue at the staff level to build relationships with our counterparts at the school districts, and all of us are hopeful that this revised approach will lead to more productive discussions / meetings moving ahead.

City Hall Holiday Closure Set

It's hard to believe...but Thanksgiving is here! Which means that Christmas and the New Year will be here before we know it!

To that end, during the past few weeks, staff has been working to try and figure out how we can get our holiday schedule finalized here for City Hall. Currently, we don't have a fixed practice, and we seem to make a new determination every year. Moving ahead, we do plan on figuring out a standard way to coordinate holiday schedules here at the City, however, given our current practice, we've been trying to determine what we should do moving ahead for this year.

Of note, given that Christmas Day and New Year's Day both falling on a Wednesday this year, we have been making plans to shut down City Hall beginning at noon on 12/24, and we'll remain closed on 12/25 – 12/27 (Wednesday – Friday). Then, we plan on being closed at City Hall on 12/30 – 1/1 (Monday – Wednesday). In that way, we'll be open a few days both the week of Christmas and New Year's to serve the public, but we'll also take into account the fact that we have an odd holiday schedule this year. Please feel free to let Travis Hopkins or me know if you have any questions regarding this matter, and here's to a terrific holiday season!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Thanksgiving Holidays Affect Trash Collection and Street Sweeping

Trash Collection

Trash will be collected per regular schedule Monday, November 25 through Wednesday, November 27. 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.

| Thanksgiving Holiday Trash Schedule | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Regular Collection Day | Mon 11/25 | Tues 11/26 | Wed 11/27 | Thurs 11/28 | Fri 11/29 |
| Holiday Schedule | Unaffected | Unaffected | Unaffected | Fri | Sat |

Street Sweeping

Streets will be swept according to the regular sweeping schedule Monday, November 25 through Wednesday, November 27. There will be no street sweeping on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. There is no make-up schedule when streets are not swept. Normal sweep schedules will resume on Monday, December 2.

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

| Thanksgiving Holiday Street Sweeping Schedule | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Mon 11/25 | Tues 11/26 | Wed 11/27 | Thurs 11/28 | Fri 11/29 |
| 4 th Mon. w/Ticketing | 4 th Tue. w/Ticketing | 4 th Wed. w/Ticketing | 4 th Thu. No Sweep No Tickets | 5 th Fri. No Sweep No Tickets |

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



**DON'T LET FOG
CLOG YOUR
DRAINS THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are no joke. While they may make your food delicious, they can cause serious plumbing issues if disposed of improperly. Plumbing blockages can cause sewage to overflow into your home or the street, posing a hazard to your health and the environment. Don't fall victim to FOG this holiday season.

Dispose responsibly!
Your pipes and wallet will thank you.

Use these tips this holiday season to prevent FOG from clogging your drains:

- ★ If you are deep frying your turkey, don't pour the leftover grease down the drain. You can recycle your used cooking oil at Orange Coast College Recycling Center located on Adams Avenue, between Harbor Blvd and Fairview Road. Contact (714) 432-5131 for more information.
- ★ Pour used cooking oil into a can/container with an absorbent material, like coffee grounds or paper towels, and dispose in the trash.
- ★ Wipe all grease and food from dishes into the trash before washing.

Your help is needed!

Report sewage spills to (714) 536-5921, after-hours (714) 960-8825
and visit the City's FOG Program website for more information
https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/public_works/fog/



FIRE DEPARTMENT



Turkey Fryer Tips

Turkey fryer mishaps are one of the leading causes of Thanksgiving cooking fires. Avoid using deep fat turkey fryers. If you decide to use one, the Huntington Beach Fire Department recommends that you follow these safety tips:

Always use turkey fryers outside, and a safe distance from buildings and flammable materials.

Use fryers on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.

The turkey should be completely thawed and dried.
Water reacts with hot oil and can result in potential for burns and fire.

Use the right amount of oil – do not overfill the fryer.

Before placing the turkey in the fryer, turn off the gas.

Never leave the fryer unattended.

Do not let children or pets get near the fryer.

Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby.
Never use water to extinguish a grease fire.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



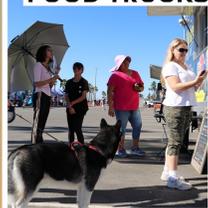
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65" TV WINNER



On Sunday, November 17, Seven Cities "Met on Beach!"

On November 17, Huntington Beach participated in a multi-city event that connected seven cities along Beach Boulevard. The focus of the event was to promote pedestrian- and family-friendly activities to help reimagine the historic route. Anchored at the parking lot at Beach Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach saw roughly 500-750 people throughout the four-hour event.

Our activation included live performances by the **Ramsey Brothers Band** and **Robert Castillo's BMX Freestyle Team**. The **Huntington Beach Police Department** put on a bicycle rodeo, handed out free helmets, and offered free bike registrations to everyone who attended the event, **REI** raffled off a free Co-Op bike, and the **Beach Boulevard of Cars** donated a **65" television** that was also raffled off to one lucky winner at the conclusion of the event. Local sponsors and vendors such as **Surf & Sport Massage Therapy**, **Active Strength & Conditioning**, **HB Cycles**, and more came out and offered prizes and services to event attendees. The event was at little cost to the City, as it was paid for primarily via grant funding, and sponsorships from local businesses.

The many dedicated employees and partners of Huntington Beach only made this event possible. People from various departments within the City came together through their efforts and their support which made Meet on Beach happen.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Congratulation to the “Meet on Beach” winner Mike L. who won the 65-inch TV generously donated by Beach Boulevard of Cars!



Central Park Sub-Committee Initiates “They Don’t Need the Feed” Pilot Program in Central Park!

The Huntington Beach Central Park Sub-Committee recently implemented a pilot program to educate Huntington Beach Central Park visitors about the harmful effects of feeding park wildlife. Feeding the local wildlife is illegal in the City of Huntington Beach, is unhealthy for local animals, and can be dangerous for park visitors. Since feeding wildlife in Huntington Central Park has been a recurring topic of discussion at HCP Sub-Committee meetings, the Sub-Committee formed an ad hoc group to propose ways to increase public awareness and understanding of the consequences of feeding local wildlife, and provide recommendations. The ad hoc group established ground rules and a proposal that would directly address the issue with little-to-no cost to the City. The proposal was presented to, and approved by, the HCP Sub-Committee in October 2019, and was later unanimously approved by the Community Services Commission for implementation. The committee had signs, banners, and decals made and began posting the materials around Huntington Central Park to support their public education efforts. The big takeaway from this effort is “They Don’t Need the Feed!”



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Energy Solutions has developed a platform to put businesses in touch with contractors for energy upgrades. They are offering a **FREE smart thermostat** to businesses who enroll in their system. The City of Huntington Beach has decided to connect with businesses who are certified with the Sustainable Business Certification Program and offer this limited time special. It's easy to enter! All that is needed is some information about the business and then they are able to receive a smart thermostat. Businesses will be able to choose their service provider by comparing quotes in order to make the best choice for their business. This program is funded **until March 2020**.

OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Mission Critical Electronics Buys Purkeys Fleet Electric

Huntington Beach's Mission Critical electronics recently acquired Purkeys Fleet Electric, an electric power provider to truck fleets, truck dealers, and trailer manufactures. By purchasing Purkeys Fleet Electric, Mission Critical will strengthen its electronic power products and expand its market base. Back in November 2018, Mission Critical Electronics made a similar deal and acquired Xantrex Mobile Power Assets, expanding into the development, manufacturing, and marketing of advanced power electronic products and systems.



More information about Mission Critical Electronics can be found by visiting www.mission-critical-electronics.com.

Consolidated Plan Public Meeting & Survey

The City is currently updating its Consolidated Plan as part of the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) requirement, and one of the requirements is to obtain feedback and input from the Huntington Beach community. **The Consolidated Plan gets updated every five years and it's the leading document for community needs in Huntington Beach for programs and services that are funded annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).**

In December, the City will be hosting a community meeting at City Hall as part of the community intake process to obtain feedback and input from the general community:

Date & Time: Thursday, December 5, at 6pm

Location: City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Room B-8 (lower level)

If you're not able to attend, we encourage you to participate by completing our online survey at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HuntingtonBeach_HCDSurvey (English)

https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/2019_ViviendaDesarrolloComunitario (Spanish)

This survey should take less than 10 minutes and your comments will remain anonymous. Questions regarding the meeting or survey may be directed to Robert Ramirez, Economic Development Project Manager, at (714) 375-5186 or Robert.ramirez@surfcity-hb.org.

INFORMATION SERVICES

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>

LIBRARY SERVICES



Coffee Tasting
Saturday, December 7th
10:30 am

Cozy up with the perfect cup of coffee! Peet's Coffee Experts will be here to teach us all about coffee from tree to bean, and then offer samples of their finest brews!

Registration is required on the events calendar at www.hbpl.org.



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LIBRARY SERVICES

Children's Department

Tickets to the Nutcracker Ballet went on sale Saturday, Nov. 2, and are nearly sold out! Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the Children's Desk of the Central Library only. Hurry over to the library if you are interested in attending this annual event. The Nutcracker performances are Tuesday and Wednesday, December 17 and 18, at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Library Theater.



Tickets for our December 7 Santa's Workshop are also on sale now. Children will be busy creating holiday crafts and playing holiday games in addition to being treated to a holiday themed musical show by Kids Imagine Nation. There are two sessions for the workshop so please check at the Children's Desk for the available times. Santa will also be visiting the event from 10 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at the Children's Desk.

The Sandscribes are accepting entries for their 13th annual writing and illustrating contest from now until December 21. This year's theme is "Growing Wild Things" and is open to children ages pre-K through eighth grade. Entry forms are available at the Children's Desk. Winners will be announced at the Authors Festival in January.

Oak View Branch Library

The Oak View branch is full of fun things to do as we officially enter the Holiday season. Children of all ages are invited to join Grandma Elaine and make some festive **Thanksgiving Crafts** on **Wednesday, November 20 at 12:30 p.m.** This will be the perfect opportunity for children to get into the real spirit of giving thanks as they make some creative and cute craft decorations.



The following **Monday, November 25, from 2 to 4 p.m.**, kids between the ages of 4 to 12 years old can take part in some **LEGO Fun** by making some spectacular creations – buildings, dinosaurs, people – the options are endless. Legos will be provided by the library, so everything is ready for a fun afternoon of creativity. Of special note, in observance of the Ocean View School District's Thanksgiving recess, the **Oak View**

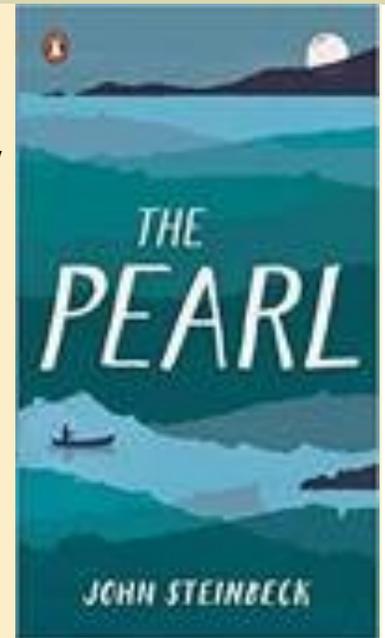
Homework Club will be on break during the week of November 25. The Oak View branch is located at 17251 Oak Lane in and can be reached by calling (714) 375-5068.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Main Street Branch Library

Heads up for fans of classic literature and early holiday shoppers! The **Main Street Branch Book Club's** last meeting of the year will take place a week early this month on **Thursday, December 5, at 5:30 pm.**

At this free event, adults aged 18 and up will be discussing John Steinbeck's 1947 classic novel **The Pearl**. This story, based on a Mexican folk tale, explores the concepts of greed, evil, love, and security after a poor pearl diver named Kino finds a giant pearl the size of a sea gull's egg. Refreshments start at 5:30 p.m., followed by a discussion of the book at 5:45 p.m.



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The following **Saturday, December 7**, is the first day of the **Main Street Library Holiday Book Sale**, which will continue on **through Saturday, December 21**, during all branch open hours (Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m.—6 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.).

Savvy deal-hunters are invited to this festive event to purchase some very reasonably priced books in close-to or excellent condition that will make the perfect holiday gifts for friends and family. Branch liaisons from The Friends of the Library have expertly culled and set aside the best donations for this annual book extravaganza!

The Main Street branch is located at 525 Main Street in downtown Huntington Beach and can be reached by calling (714) 375-5071.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Toy & Brave Gown Drive!

The holidays are just around the corner, so that means it's time to start shopping for the annual Huntington Beach Police Department's toy drive! Did you know an estimated 15,780 children in the United States are diagnosed with cancer each year? This doesn't even include all of the other children battling an illness that will require them to be hospitalized during the holidays. Once again we will be teaming up with CHOC Children's and Brave Gowns to help give back to children battling illness this holiday season. This year will be even more exciting since we will be working together with our Mounted Enforcement Unit's horse trailer to once again fill it up with toys for children this holiday season.

With the help of our great community, last year we were able to provide toys and Brave Gowns to dozens of children at CHOC during the holidays, and this year we want to go even bigger by working together with our Mounted Enforcement Unit and collecting double the amount toys!

Help us kick off our toy drive on Saturday, November 30 at the Target located at Adams Avenue and Brookhurst here in Huntington Beach. We will be on site from 12 - 4p.m., and we will have our Mounted Enforcement Unit's horse trailer there ready to fill with toys and Brave Gowns!

If you are unable to make the toy drive and want to participate in purchasing a Brave Gown, head over to their website at www.bravegowns.com. You can purchase a gown and have it sent directly to us at: 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 c/o Brave Gown Drive. You can also purchase a new (unwrapped) toy and bring it to the police department during regular business hours.

We will be taking the toys and gowns to CHOC on Thursday, December 12, so we don't have a lot of time. Get out there and start shopping for a child dealing with illness and brighten up their holiday with your generosity! Thank you for your support!



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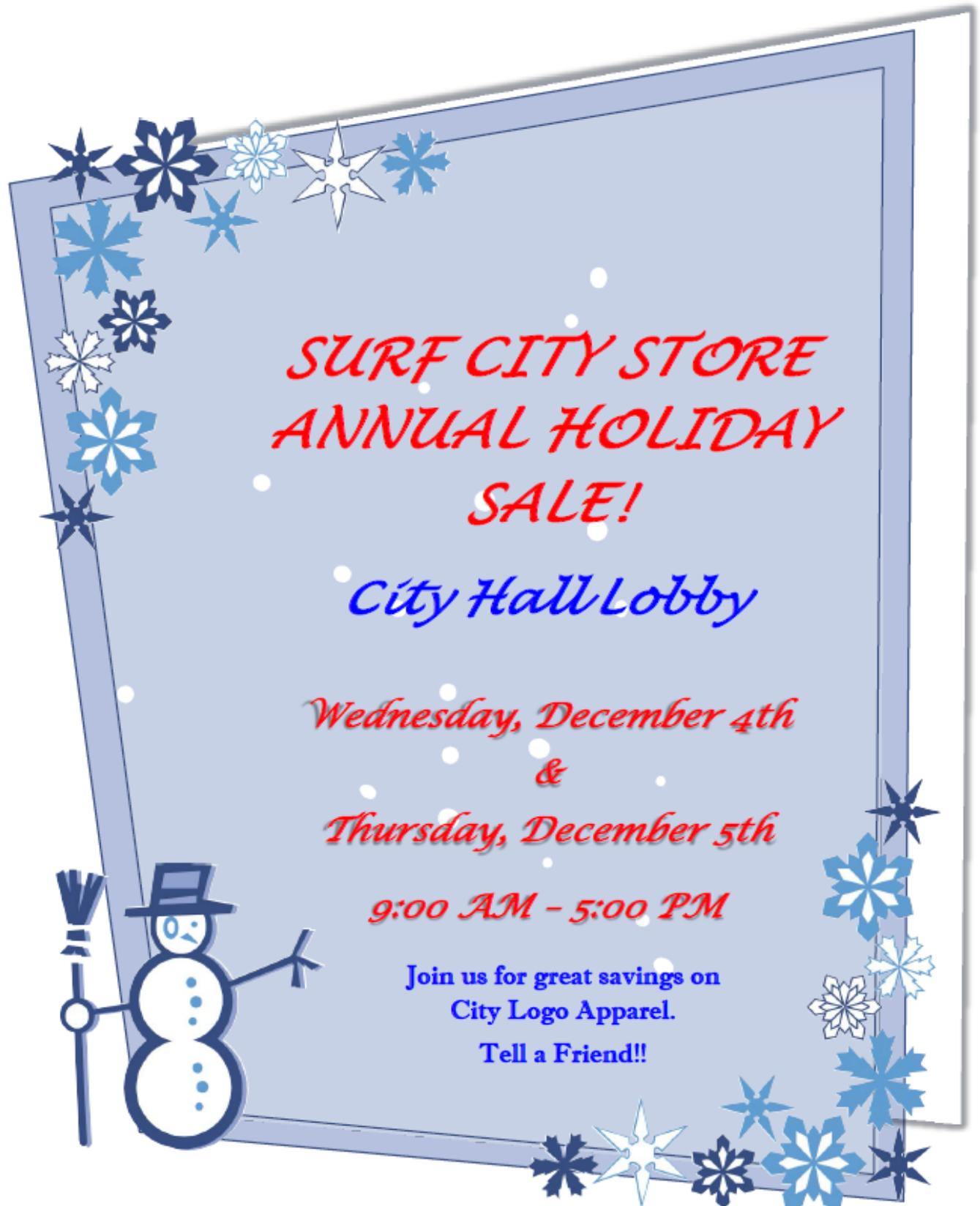
SATURDAY

Dec 7

12-3 PM

FREE
to attend

Photos with **Santa & Mrs. Claus**



***SURF CITY STORE
ANNUAL HOLIDAY
SALE!***

City Hall Lobby

*Wednesday, December 4th
&
Thursday, December 5th*

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Join us for great savings on
City Logo Apparel.
Tell a Friend!!



Sunset Beach Canned Food Drive

October 1 thru December 15

**Bring your donations to the SBCA meeting
or to Harry's Grill or Surf Liquor
Mark from Surf will match all donations
Donations will be collected on December 15th**

to benefit:



**HUNTINGTON BEACH
YOUTH SHELTER**

**The Waymakers Youth Shelter in Huntington Beach is a short-term intervention
"safe-haven" for runaway, homeless, abused, and at-risk youth ages 11-17.**

help make the holidays a little brighter for the children in the shelter

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