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THE 2017 SPARK OF LOVE CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE HAS STARTED!

Spark of Love has successfully distributed over 10 million toys since its inception 25 years ago, and over 500,000 toys in just 2016! With the start of the 2017 campaign, donations of new, non-gift wrapped toys and sports equipment for children and teens may be dropped off at the following locations:

- Any of the City's eight fire stations
- City Hall
- Marine Safety Headquarters (PCH at 1st Street)
- Central Park Library
- Main Street Branch Library
- Senior Center in Central Park
- Edison Community Center
- Murdy Community Center

Collection boxes are located near the entrance at each location. Donations are accepted during normal business hours. All toys collected will stay in the area for children in Orange County.

Monetary donations are not accepted at any of the drop-off locations. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, please visit https://connect.calfund.org/give/sparkoflove to use a credit card or send a check.

The Spark of Love program is a collaboration between Southern California firefighters, KABC-7, business partners, and local charity & non-profit groups to collect toys for distribution to needy kids and teens in our local communities, making sure everyone has a merry Christmas. If you have questions about the Spark of Love Program, or want to arrange a large volume donation, please contact the Huntington Beach Fire Department at (714) 536-5411.
On Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to review the following items:

**ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 16-002 (CONTINUED FROM APRIL 11, 2017)/VARIANCE NO. 17-002/CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 17-015/DESIGN REVIEW NO. 09-001/GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 17-004:**

**ZTA:** To amend the alignment of the equestrian trails in the Ellis-Goldenwest Specific Plan (SP7) between Ellis Avenue and Shire Circle and between Saddleback Lane and Goldenwest Street, south of Derby Circle. The request also includes a minor clean up reflecting the Community Development Department name change. No changes to existing development standards or permitted uses are proposed.

**VAR:** To allow existing grading that exceeds the maximum two ft. cut and fill requirements of the Ellis-Goldenwest Specific Plan (SP7).

**CUP/DR:** To approve the design, colors, and materials of a proposed eight ft. high wrought iron fence that exceeds the maximum 42 in. height permitted within 25 ft. of Ellis Ave.

**GPC:** To determine if the vacation of existing easements at the subject property and a Land Transfer Agreement are in conformance with the goals and policies of the General Plan. The project is located at Ellis-Goldenwest Quarter Section bounded by Ellis Ave., Goldenwest St., Garfield Ave., and Edwards St. Specifically, the areas north of 6741 Shire Circle, 92648 (terminus of Shire Circle, between Ellis Avenue and Shire Circle – encyclopediad lots/Open Space Corridor). Please contact Nicolle Bourgeois for more information.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 17-035 (SLAPFISH RAW BAR BEER AND WINE):** To permit the on-site sales, service, and consumption of beer and wine (ABC Type 41 License) within an approximately 1,440 sq. ft. eating and drinking establishment. The project is located at 19694 Beach Boulevard (east side of Beach Blvd., between Yorktown Ave. and Adams Ave. – Newland Center). Please contact Nicolle Bourgeois for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City’s website at [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/agendas/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/agendas/) Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

**INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Did you know you can now share and bookmark city website pages with popular social media sites such as Facebook, Google Plus, and Twitter? When you are viewing a City web page that you would like to share or bookmark, click on one of the social media icons in the upper right part of the web page.

[http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/beach_info/](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/beach_info/)
SolSmart Gold Award

The City of Huntington Beach has achieved the designation of a SolSmart Gold Award. SolSmart is a national designation program that recognizes communities that take bold steps to make it faster, easier, and more affordable to go solar.

Communities that achieve designation are recognized as Gold, Silver or Bronze. Local governments achieve designation by meeting specific criteria to show that they have removed obstacles to ultimate solar energy growth. The criteria evaluates processes for permitting, planning and zoning, market development, and finance.

The SolSmart Program Director mentions that this designation is more than just an award. It is a signal that the City is officially “open for solar business,” and shows our community that Huntington Beach is an excellent place to go solar.

The SolSmart Program Director and Program Manager has presented the City with an official SolSmart Gold Plaque, which you will find mounted on the wall in the Planning Department.

Real Estate: Sack Properties purchased Sendero Huntington Beach from the Irvine Company. The 152-unit residential rental complex was the Irvine Company’s only apartment complex in Surf City. The sale of Sendero is the latest in a string of high profile sales for the apartment division of the Irvine Co.

Hyundai: Hyundai Motor America is set to launch eight new or re-engineered crossover utility vehicles in the U.S. by 2020. This is great news for Huntington Beach based INNOCEAN, who serves as the advertising agency on record for Hyundai. Located on the second floor of 5th and PCH across from the Kimpton Shorebreak Hotel, Huntington Beach is proud that INNOCEAN calls the City home.

Free Monthly Walk-In Fair Housing Counseling for Tenants and Landlords

The Fair Housing Foundation will hold a monthly walk-in clinic at City Hall on December 11th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Fifth Floor Office of Business Development. A counselor will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to discuss any rental housing issues, tenant/landlord disputes or answer questions about Fair Housing Laws. No appointment or RSVP is necessary. The City partners with the Fair Housing Foundation to provide services to the community related to fair housing issues and is also available by phone Monday through Friday at (800) 446-3247 or on a walk-in basis at their offices in Anaheim and Long Beach. More information is available at www.fhfca.org.
Main Street Branch Library’s annual “FOTL Holiday Book Sale” is Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Score some deals on everyone’s favorite gift – books! The Main Street branch is located at 525 Main Street.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Get Inspired this winter at the Huntington Beach Art Center!

*Inspired, the 4th Annual Artist Council Exhibition*  
Public Opening Reception: November 18, 2017 | 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Image designed by Rojean Maciula.

The Huntington Beach Art Center invites you to view the final exhibition of its 2017 season: *Inspired, the 4th Annual Artist Council Exhibition*. This yearly, juried exhibition features 83 artists working in a variety of mediums, and all artworks are created exclusively by members of the Huntington Beach Art Center’s Artist Council, a program open to all working artists in Southern California.

For more information call HBAC at 714-374-1650, or visit our website: [www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org).
Winter Class Registration

With the year quickly coming to an end, it’s time to start thinking about your goals for 2018. The 2018 Winter class lineup includes health & fitness classes, educational classes, and more.

Register now at any community center or online at HBsands.org.

We will offer many new and exciting classes for kids and adults at the City Gym & Pool, including:

♦ Creative Writing
♦ Yoga for Youth with Special Needs
♦ Insects: Bug Me if You Dare!
♦ Engineering for Kids
♦ Self Defense for Women & Teens
♦ Conversational Spanish
♦ Ingles Como Segundo Idioma (English as a Second Language)
♦ Mindfulness Meditation
♦ Fashion Makeup: From Everyday to Glamour
With the holiday shopping season in full swing, we wanted to provide you with some basic tips so you won’t fall victim to some of the more common theft-related types of crimes that typically spike during this time of the year.

If you plan to shop online, remember these tips:
- It’s best to use a credit card, not a debit card, for maximum security when ordering online.
- Do not answer questions received via email or phone about your existing accounts or recent purchases. Contact the company directly and ask them if there is a problem with your order.
- Consider having your packages delivered to your work, to an Amazon locker, or even pick it up in store to ensure those purchases are not stolen from your front porch.
- Track your purchases so you know exactly when they arrive.

If you plan to shop at retail stores:
- Lock your vehicle in the parking lot, and do not leave packages or other valuables in plain sight inside your car.
- Don’t return to your vehicle while you are shopping to drop off some items and then return to the store...crooks might be watching from the parking lot.
- Be aware and extra careful with your purse or wallet. Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of the holidays we get in a hurry and leave things behind.
- While away from your home, keep lights on and be extra vigilant in locking all doors and windows to your residence.

We hope you all enjoy this holiday season, and we hope some of these tips help keep your season merry!
SANDBAGS
FREE

to Huntington Beach & Sunset Beach Residents
Identification May Be Required – Bring ID/Driver License & current utility bill.

City of Huntington Beach Corporate Yard
17371 Gothard Street
West side of Gothard Street, between Warner & Slater Avenues
8:00AM-3:30PM Monday-Friday

Two additional locations are available for your convenience:

Edison Community Center
21377 Magnolia Street

Warner Fire Station
3831 Warner Avenue

Questions? Contact Public Works at (714) 960-8861.

- Bags are for residents only – no businesses, please.
- There is a limit of 20 bags per household.
- The City provides the sand and sandbags. Bring a shovel and be prepared to fill your own sandbags. Resident is responsible for lawfully disposing of sand and sandbags after use.
- Elderly and disabled residents may call the HB Fire Department CERT Message Line at (714) 536-5974 to arrange for free sandbag delivery.
- For information on flood preparedness, call the Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office at (714) 374-1565.
City Hall Directory

City Attorney  (714) 536-5555
City Clerk  (714) 536-5227
Passports  (714) 374-1600
City Council  (714) 536-5553
City Manager  (714) 536-5202
Community Services  (714) 536-5486
Beach Operations  (714) 536-5281
Business Development  (714) 536-5542
Finance Department  (714) 536-5630
Business Licenses  (714) 536-5267
Fire Department  (714) 536-5411
Human Resources  (714) 536-5492
Information Services  (714) 536-5515
Library Services  (714) 842-4481
Community Development  (714) 536-5271
Code Enforcement  (714) 375-5155
Police Department  (714) 960-8811
Public Works  (714) 536-5431
Graffiti Removal  (714) 960-8861

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