Rainy Season Sandbags for Residents

The City of Huntington Beach provides residents of Huntington Beach and Sunset Beach with free sandbags during the rainy season. On average, the City provides 50,000 sandbags during a normal rain season and has provided as many as 140,000 sandbags during an El Nino year.

Sandbags can help prevent flooded property, erosion and mud slides. The City provides the sand and sandbags from the City of Huntington Beach Corporate Yard located at 17371 Gothard Street from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday – Friday. Sandbags are also available with 24/7 access at Edison Community Center (next to the fire station) at 21377 Magnolia Street and Warner Fire Station at 3831 Warner Avenue.

Residents can receive up to 20 sandbags, but need to bring a shovel to fill the bags and proof of residency. Residents needing assistance may call the HB Fire Department CERT Message line at (714) 536-5974 to arrange free sandbag delivery. See flier on next page.

To watch a video on the correct way to fill a sandbag click here: https://youtu.be/xaamerWsMXk

City Website Includes Emergency Preparedness Information

In an effort to keep Huntington Beach residents informed during an emergency, the City launched the HB Emergency Information webpage. This site is a place where residents can go to view up to date information and see emergency related twitter feeds. www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/HBEmergency. Residents can get emergency preparedness and El Nino information by visiting www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/PrepareHB

Our Public Works crews have removed debris, trash, silt buildup, and made any repairs necessary to flood pump stations, catch basins, inlets, channels and roadways to ensure storm water flows freely.

The Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office is preparing and reviewing emergency plans to ensure the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is ready to be activated at a moment’s notice.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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-4:00PM 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.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

Fiscal year 15/16 construction activity began with a building valuation of $9,657,559 for the month of October. Residential and commercial remodels along with miscellaneous permits (windows, block walls, reroofs, etc) comprised $6,624,218 of the above total. Activity at the Planning and Building Counters remains steady over the fall months. Permit activity has increased 10% for the same time period last year while building plan check submittals and entitlements processed are up 17% and 79% respectively for the same time period last year. Walk-in customers to the planning and building counters have increased to an average of 134 persons per day. We are quite busy in the Department of Community Development.

BUILDING DIVISION ACTIVITY SUMMARY MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER 2015

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VALUATION YEAR TO DATE COMPARISONS - OCTOBER 2015
Design Review Board

On Thursday, December 3, 2015, at 3:30 p.m. in Room B-7 the following items are scheduled for review by the Design Review Board:

**DESIGN REVIEW NO. 15-029 (PACIFIC CITY RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC ART):** To review the design, colors, and materials of the public art conceptual plan for the residential component of the Pacific City mixed use development consisting of a sculpture and mosaic wall murals located at 21002 Pacific Coast Highway, 92648 (north side of Pacific View Avenue, between First and Huntington Streets). Please contact Jill Arabe, Associate Planner, for more information.

**DESIGN REVIEW NO. 15-029 (WORTHY PARK RECONFIGURATION):** To review the design, colors, and materials of the reconfiguration of the existing Worthy Park through a) demolition of a 10,000 sq. ft. racquetball building, children’s recreation equipment area, four trees and turf area; and b) the expansion of turf and children’s recreation equipment areas, conversion of basketball courts into pickleball courts, and construction of a group picnic shelter and a 282 sq. ft. pre-fabricated restroom building located at 1831 17th Street, 92648 (west of the intersection of 17th and Main Streets). Please contact Hayden Beckman, 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.
Handy Crafters at City Hall on December 10

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 on Thursday, December 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All 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 every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue. 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.

New Year’s Eve Dance at Rodgers Seniors’ Center

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging will host their annual New Year’s Eve Dance and dinner on Thursday, December 31, 2015, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors’ Center, 1706 Orange Avenue in Huntington Beach.

Your $40 ticket includes the swinging sounds of PM Howard and the Night Owls, raffle prizes, a festive buffet dinner, photo booth and a “Grand Countdown Champagne Toast” and balloon drop at midnight.

Purchase tickets in advance at the senior center. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, December 23. For more information, please call the senior center at (714) 536-9387.

Did you know the City website contains a page that has popular links to Water and Sewage service information? You can find links to information about our drinking water quality, water conservation program, water rate information, water sources, etc. To find a link to this information, click on the “Services” navigation tab and then click on the “Water and Sewage” link.

http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/water-sewage.cfm
Tis the Season for Theft

As you are looking for the perfect gifts, thieves are also looking for your perfect gifts. Here are a few safety tips to consider when shopping:

- Be mindful of your surroundings. Thieves can easily blend in among the masses of people to scope out their targets. Thieves watch for body movement while you are sitting in your car. They can tell if you are trying to put something under the front seat or conceal it behind you. If you are bringing a purse or bag, don’t leave it in the car or, if you have to, already have it in the trunk before you leave the house.

- Don’t leave anything in plain view—Wallets, phones, chargers, gifts, anything! It takes only seconds to break a window, reach in and walk away with valuables. Many people go from the stores to their car and back to the stores. Put your items in the trunk, but be cautious. Many older cars can have the trunk opened from a button inside the car that does not require a remote or the car to be in the on position for this to work.

- Don’t carry large amounts of cash. If possible, pay with a credit or debit card.

- Don’t leave your purse or bag in the shopping cart unattended. Many people turn away from their bags in the cart to look at an item and with numerous people shopping, someone can walk away with it without being noticed. When you get to your car, immediately take your purse or bag out of the cart and put it in the car to avoid someone snatching it and running off.

- If you are shopping at night, park in a well lit area. If possible, do not shop alone. Thieves are less likely to target people in groups.

- Practice Patience. Expect long lines and minimal parking.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Annual Tree Trimming at Central Library

The Friends of the Children's Library Annual Tree Trimming Event will be held on Saturday, December 5, at the Central Library at 10 a.m. Children will be able to make ornaments to decorate the Children’s Library tree (and to take home). They will also be able to see a Holiday Extravaganza puppet show featuring the Swazzle Puppets. All children attending will receive a goodie bag. Tickets are $4 each and may be purchased now at the Children's Desk. Santa will be there from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring your cameras! Don't miss out!
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Structure Fire

On Thursday, November 19, at approximately 3 p.m., the Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire located on Keelson Street. Upon arrival, Firefighters found smoke showing from an upstairs window. Crews worked quickly and effectively to contain the fire to the unit of origin, but found some extension into the attic and evidence that the fire had smoldered for some time in the wall and attic space. Smoke damage extended to three units and all four ended up being displaced due to the damage and odor. There were no injuries reported.

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

EV Charging Incentive Pilot Program

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has established a residential Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Incentive Pilot Program. This program will reduce our region’s vehicle emissions while making plug-in electric vehicles a more attractive choice. The incentive will be available on a first come first served basis and will provide up to a $250 rebate for the cost of hardware for Level 2 (240 volt) residential charging stations and an additional $250 rebate for low-income residents.

To learn more about eligibility requirements and to be the first to know when the program registration period opens, visit www.aqmd.gov/sign-up and subscribe to the Residential EV Charger Incentive Pilot Program email newsletter.
19TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2015 3:30P.M.–7P.M.
PIER PLAZA HUNTINGTON BEACH
EVERYONE CAN LIGHT A LIGHT OF LOVE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED. PURCHASE A LIGHT UP SNOWFLAKE WAND FOR A SUGGESTED DONATION OF $5.00

BENEFITTING THE HUNTINGTON BEACH YOUTH SHELTER, A “SAFE HAVEN” FOR HOMELESS, RUNAWAY AND AT-RISK YOUTH

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CSP H.B. YOUTH SHELTER

For More Information Contact the CSP Youth Shelter (714) 842-6600
Week of November 30, 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 12/3—Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Annual Business & Leadership Awards, 11am to 2pm at SeaCliff Country Club. www.hbcoc.com

- 12/4—Holidays in Huntington Beach, 1915 at the Newland Barn from 6 to 9pm. Huntington Beach Historical Society. Free event

- 12/5—Friends of Library Annual Tree Trimming Event at Central Library at 10a.m. www.hbpl.org

- 12/6 — Light a Light of Love Parade, benefiting HB Youth Shelter, www.cspinc.org

- 12/10 — Handy Crafters Sale at City Hall, 10am to 2pm. 714-536-9387

- 12/12 & 13—Huntington Harbour Boat Parade http://www.hhboatparade.org/


- 12/31—New Years Eve Dance at Rodgers Seniors Center 8pm to 12:30am.
City Hall Directory

City Attorney (714) 536-5555
City Clerk (714) 536-5227
Passports (714) 536-1600
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
Planning & Building (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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