Remembering Innocence, Remembering Robin

Sunday morning, October 19 was a day to honor and remember 12-year-old Robin Christine Samsoe who was taken tragically from this world 35 years ago.

More than 100 people, including Robin’s family and friends, gathered at the pier to remember her with a new marker installed at the beach—one of Robin’s favorite places. Chief Handy announced at the event that starting in April 2015 the city will gather at this spot as part of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week to remember all lost by tragic crime.

The city council voted 7-0 in favor of a monument to Robin Samsoe. City staff worked closely with a special task force to ensure the marker was acceptable to the family. In less than six months, the marker was in place.

To see the 30-minute event video, please visit: http://youtu.be/UyoOCx5xGio
Planning and Building

Construction Activity Remains Strong!

Fiscal year 13/14 finished strong with total construction valuation ending at $216,363,624. Four large projects began construction in 13/14: Pacific City Commercial, HB Lofts Parking Structure, Oceana Residential, and the completion of Pacific Shores Residential project. The year’s summary: new construction fell 37% to $118,075,385 over FY12/13 (the largest year in HB history); the alteration/additions market for residential and commercial construction increased 65% over the previous year to $98,288,239.

Activity at the building counter for the year included 21,326 customer visits, 9,348 permits issued, and 3,100 building, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing plan reviews completed. Building inspection staff completed 36,140 inspections for the year.

As we move into the new fiscal year we anticipate construction activity to continue with the issuance of permits at HB Lofts Residential, Tri-Pointe Homes (final phases), and Pasea Hotel and Spa (Pacific City).
6th Street Rehabilitation

In June, 2014, the City Council awarded a construction contract to rehabilitate portions of Yorktown Avenue, Argosy Avenue, and 6th Street. The improvements to Yorktown Avenue and Argosy Avenue are substantially complete. Improvements to 6th Street are underway. Concrete work, street lights and drainage are substantially complete and paving should be complete in the next few weeks. City staff has worked with area residents to lessen the impact during construction such as providing temporary alternative parking while the street is being rehabilitated.

The G3 California Friendly Landscape Class and Shipley Plant Sale were a Success!

Residents were welcomed with a wonderful presentation from the Green Gardens Group. Presenter Jodie Cook is a UCCE Master Gardener with a wealth of information for creating your own watershed with California Friendly and Native plants.

We learned about the importance of healthy living soils and how to amend the clay soils that we have in Huntington Beach. Oxygen, water, and life are the key components to a living soil. Using compost and mulch will help keep your soil healthy. Watershed wise techniques are simple: slow it, sink it, spread it. Driveway cuts, bio-swales, rainwater harvesting, and redirecting runoff are all techniques that lead to the healthy soil sponge that California Native Plants love!

After the landscape class, many residents went on to the Shipley Nature Center’s Plant Sale. The sale was a sold out success! Shipley had a variety of California Native Plants from The Tree of Life Nursery. Huntington Beach residents received vouchers to buy one plant get one plant free. The vouchers were sponsored by the Water Conservation Section of the City’s Public Works Department. The Shipley volunteers were very knowledgeable in California Native Plants as they helped all the customers make their selections.

Don’t miss our next Rainwater Harvesting Class and sale on November 8. Purchase the Rainwater Harvesting Barrel for $85 and receive a $75 rebate, making your final cost only $10. For more information, please visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/hbwater. Workshops and Events.
Surf City Providers Luncheon Success!

On Thursday, October 16, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Huntington Beach Senior Services hosted the Surf City Providers Network Luncheon at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue for 52 senior providers. The lunch was sponsored by Huntington Beach Hospital. Ethan Brown from the Emergency Management Division of the Orange County Sheriffs Department presented information on Key Earthquake Safety Tips for People with Disabilities and other Access or Functional Needs.

The Surf City Senior Providers Network is a forum founded by Huntington Beach Senior Services held every other month to address senior issues and concerns and improve communication between professional and community organizations.

For information or for Senior Service providers interested in attending, please contact Heather Dodd at 714-374-1517 or heather.dodd@surfcity-hb.org.

Allied Arts Board Biennial Arts Award Ceremony

The Allied Arts Board is hosting its Biennial Arts Awards ceremony on Thursday, October 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Waterfront Beach Resort, a Hilton Hotel. The program honors outstanding contributions to the arts in Huntington Beach in a variety of categories including performing and visual arts, volunteerism, and business support. This year the board will recognize thirteen honorees. The Allied Arts Board is a City Council appointed board that advises council on arts and cultural affairs in Huntington Beach.
Yes, believe it or not, the holidays are right around the corner! We have just launched this year’s Adopt-A-Family program which provides food opportunities for Thanksgiving and gift opportunities for the holidays. The Huntington Beach Community has been very generous for the last 30 years, supporting highly motivated, low income, single parents while they attend school to reach their educational and career goals. The PSS Adopt A Family Program is a great way to get involved in helping these families!

If you are interested in Adopting one of our families for one or both holidays, please get in touch with us by email: single.parent@surfcity-hb.org, or by phone: 714-536-5263 and we will tell you how to get involved and email you the forms. Deadline for Thanksgiving is November 15! Please share this message.
MADD 5K Run/Walk Recap

Last Saturday, the Huntington Beach #WalkLikeMADD 5k run/walk event was held on our beach to raise funds and awareness in support of ending drunk driving. We were proud to have had our Honor Guard at the start. Also, HBPD & Surf City Team were represented by Police Chief Handy and his wife Jennifer, Sgt. Dereszynski with daughter Kaylie, Chaplain Bob Ewing, Lorene (from the Fire Dept.) and husband Bill Ernst, who participated in the 5K event. One of the growing concerns with DUI driving is that drunk driving doesn’t involve just alcohol, it also involves drugs, both illegal and prescription.

Ironically, four people were arrested for DUI that same day in Huntington Beach, two of those were charged with DUI drugs. The first DUI drug arrest occurred at about 8:25 a.m. after a suspect crashed into two vehicles in the parking lot of Walmart. The second DUI drug arrest occurred at about 9:50 p.m. on Slater Avenue when a suspect rear ended one of our police cars. Fortunately there were no injuries in either collision.
PBR’s Generous Donation

Thank you to the Professional Bull Riders for your generous donation towards supporting our horses Kelly Blue, Grace, Drifter and Rowdy of the Huntington Beach Police Department Mounted Enforcement Unit.

Congratulations Debra Pinkham! October Mayor’s Award winner!

Debi was hired by the Huntington Beach Police Department in 2004 as a Records Clerk, and promoted in 2007 to Records Supervisor. In July 2010, she was transferred to the Traffic Unit where she was hired as a Parking Control Supervisor. Dealing with parking complaints is a difficult job with little positive recognition, but Debi does not let that get to her. Debi’s supervision style is compassionate, caring, considerate and enthusiastic.

The Huntington Beach Police Department is a better place because of the valuable employees like Debi. Thank you, Debi for all you do!
Be Halloween Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.

Halloween Fire Safety Tips

- **When choosing a costume**, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see out.

- **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.

- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, and heaters.

- **It is safest to use** a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.

- **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

- **Tell children** to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

If your children are going to **Halloween parties at others’ homes**, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?

Decorations are the first thing to ignite in 900 reported home fires each year. Two of every five of these fires were started by a candle.

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READY FOR FREE PREVIEW OF THE NEW LIVING SPACES? RSVP ONLINE TO WIN!

Living Spaces is extending an invitation to a free preview of their new store on October 29 from 5 to 9 p.m., including an opportunity to win a $2,500 shopping spree as well as other exciting prizes.

This special preview night will take place at their new Huntington Beach store, located at 6912 Edinger Avenue, and will also feature food and drinks by The Capital Grille. The City is very happy to welcome Living Spaces to our community and for the opportunity for us all to take a little sneak peek before the doors officially open for business!

To RSVP for the preview night, please visit their website: http://www.livingspaces.com/stores/huntington-beach.

TWO MAJOR SURF CITY MEDIA FIRMS MAKE HEADLINES

In the last five years, Downtown Huntington Beach became home to two major players in the media game. Both made headlines in the October 13 Orange County Business Journal…and on the same page, no less! Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc. has selected Grupo Gallegos, which relocated its entire operation from Long Beach to our own Pierside Pavilion for a national ad campaign aimed at the Latin American market. Grupo Gallegos previously did other work for Mitsubishi about 10 years ago, and has grown to about $25 million in annual revenue since its founding in 2001.

Just a few blocks away at The Strand on 5th Street, is the home of ad shop Innocean USA, which was created in 2009 to handle Hyundai Motor America. They established their HB office with a staff of 50, which has since grown to 250. Innocean is well-known for its innovation and startup mentality. Their most recent success is landing the account for NRG Energy, Inc., a Houston-based energy company with a market value of about $10.7 billion and partnerships that include The Huffington Post and the Philadelphia Eagles.

Huntington Beach is immensely proud to have these prominent media firms in our community. We and congratulate the teams at Innocean USA and Grupo Gallegos on their ongoing successes. There are definitely more headlines to come from these newsmakers.
MOBILE HOME ADVISORY BOARD

The Mobile Home Advisory Board will be hosting Gloria Morales, District Administrator, from the Department of Fair Employment and Housing as a guest speaker. Ms. Morales will be discussing responsibilities of Fair Employment and Housing department. After the presentation, there will be a question and answer period.

Please join the Mobile Home Advisory Board at its regular meeting on Monday, October 7 at 6 p.m., at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, meeting room B-8.

If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact Denise Bazant, Administrative Analyst, at 714-536-5470.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT

The City of Huntington Beach is seeking residents to serve on the Citizens Participation Advisory Board (CPAB). CPAB assesses the needs of low and moderate income households and evaluates and prioritizes funding for the Community Development Block Grant program to the City Council. CPAB holds monthly meetings, generally on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room B-8 of City Hall.

Citizens interested in applying to serve on the CPAB may apply online at: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/boards_commissions/. For questions regarding CPAB, please call Simone Slifman, Project Manager in the Office of Business Development at (714) 375-5186.
The Huntington Beach Public Library would like to announce the National Friends of Libraries Week, October 19-25, and acknowledge both the Friends of the Library and the Friends of the Children’s Library for their continued dedication and commitment.

The Library System is fortunate to have such dynamic volunteers work year round to raise money and community awareness crucial to maintaining the library’s status as an exemplary cultural and educational resource. Thanks to all our hard working volunteers! You truly make a difference!

New photography exhibit installed at the Main Street Branch Library

The third in a series of exhibits, organized by the Huntington Beach Historic Resources Board on behalf of Historic Wintersburg was just installed, featuring images from the Wintersburg Village. The Wintersburg Village, which began forming in the late 1800s, was annexed into Huntington Beach in 1957. The exhibit images reveal shared history between the pioneer settlements.

Among the photographs on display is one taken in 1912 on the steps of the Huntington Inn include four of the Huntington Beach Township's first mayors: Ed Manning, Matthew Helme, Thomas Talbert and Eugene French, along with Wintersburg goldfish farmer Charles Furuta and Wintersburg Mission founder Reverend Hisakichi Terasawa. It is believed this meeting was about fundraising to rebuild the Huntington Beach pier, which had just been damaged by a Pacific storm. When the pier was rededicated in 1914, the Japanese community was prominently featured in the celebrations. Placed high on the agenda after the surfing demonstration by George Freeth, members of the local Japanese community performed a sword dance before the grand finale and illumination of the pier.

An additional exhibit is planned for the Oak View Branch Library, which is in the former Wintersburg Village close to the Historic Wintersburg property.

Historic Wintersburg was named in June 2014 as one of America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. An effort is underway to acquire the property and preserve the six historic buildings that reveal a unique chapter in Huntington Beach pioneer history. The author of Historic Wintersburg in Huntington Beach (History Press) was recently a featured speaker at the Friends of the Library authors’ luncheon and will be speaking in November at the Japanese American National Museum. Learn more at www.HistoricWintersburg.blogspot.com
Bulls on the Beach Recap!

Saturday was the first ever Monster Energy, Bulls on the Beach competition, where the world’s top 15 riders and top 15 bulls rode for their last chance to earn points before the PBR World Finals in Vegas. Congratulations to all the riders and a big shout out to the winner of Bulls on the Beach, Matt Triplett. There was an awesome crowd of more than 5,000 and tons of energy! The event was a huge success. Good luck to all riders as they head to Vegas, Wednesday through Sunday, to try their hand at the grand prize of $1 million!
Chevron’s Pipeline Integrity Management Program

Chevron Products Company, a division of Chevron U.S.A., Inc. (“Chevron”) owns a refined products pipeline that runs from El Segundo to Huntington Beach. As part of Chevron’s Pipeline Integrity Management Program, and in an effort to enhance the safety of our operations, they recently performed a hydrostatic test of the pipeline. The test was successfully completed in September.

As background, the integrity test required water to be injected into the line and pressurized to determine the integrity of the pipeline. Once the pipeline’s integrity was verified, the water was pumped into separate tanks at the terminal to await discharge. They are planning to discharge the water on Oct 15.

Below are some details regarding the discharge process:

- The discharge point for all the storm water at the Huntington Beach terminal is an outfall that leads into an underground pipe that extends into the middle of Talbert Lake, located in the middle of Huntington Beach City Park.
- This underground pipe and discharge point have been in place since 1936, and have been approved by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board under Chevron’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

It is anticipated that Chevron will discharge approximately 672,000 gallons of clean Municipal Water into the dry lake area, which may raise the level of the lake to 8”-12”.

Before the water discharge occurs, several precautions will be in place:

- Water samples will be taken from every tank and sent for analysis by a third party sampling agency, which complies with the conditions of Chevron’s NPDES Permit.
- A carbon filter will be affixed to the end of the discharge pipe from the temporary tanks, before it is discharged into Chevron’s outfall.
- Samples will be verified by an independent testing company and again verified with Regional Water Quality Control Board Inspector before discharge occurs.

During the water discharge process, an environmental emergency response team will be onsite at the lake and near the outfall. The discharge will be immediately stopped if the response team relays any concerns at the lake discharge point.
Chevron’s Pipeline Integrity Management Program: Q&A

Is this clean water?

It is clean water used to verify the integrity of an underground pipeline that supplies the Chevron Fuels Terminal in Huntington Beach.

Where did the water come from?

Chevron's Huntington Beach terminal

Who approved this discharge to the lake?

The discharge has been approved by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, and informed to the City of Huntington Beach.

Who can I talk to at Chevron if I have questions or concerns?

If you have more questions or concerns regarding this discharge, please contact Justin Lewis, Chevron Environmental Specialist at 714-843-0866, or Todd Vanderveen, Chevron Terminal Manager at 714-596-7592.
Airdates for Chamber Forum and City Attorney Forum!

Elections are coming November 4 and the city is airing the following forums on Time Warner Cable.

Airdates for Attorney Forum on Channel 6:
The following air times will run until election day:
Mondays– 10 p.m.
Wednesdays— 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays– 7:30 p.m.

Airdates for Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Forum on Channel 3:
The following air times will run until election day:
Mondays– 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Wednesdays— 3 p.m.
Thursdays— 2 p.m.
Fridays— 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Saturdays— 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
Sundays— 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Airdates for Huntington Beach Candidate Statements on Channel 3:
Mondays— 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday— 10 p.m.
Wednesdays— 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays – 3:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Fridays— 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays— 3:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Sundays— 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Information Services

City of Huntington Beach Web Surfing Tips

Did you know that by having .gov in our website top-level domain name, site visitors can be assured that our website is a legitimate official government website? This domain name required a letter of authorization from the Mayor and was submitted to the US General Services Administration (GSA) for approval.
City Hall Directory

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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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