City Manager’s Report
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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Amazon HQ2 Update

The hunt is on for Amazon to find its second headquarters. More than 230 cities are vying for the opportunity and the Huntington Beach/Long Beach proposal looks promising. In fact, Business Insider named the HBLB Sand, Sea, Air proposal as one of the “Seven Most Ambitious Proposals.”

Three prime sites have been identified by HBLB for the new Amazon headquarters: one in Huntington Beach – “Amazon Sand,” another site along the Long Beach waterfront – “Amazon Sea,” and a third site adjacent to the Long Beach Airport – “Amazon Air.” HBLB stands apart from other competing cities in that the “Amazon Sand” site is already entitled and move-in ready with more than 500,000 square feet of space.

We successfully delivered the proposals to Amazon headquarters in Seattle on Oct. 19 along with an official Amazon Coast surfboard! Thanks to Bob “The Greek” Bolen for the amazing board. Amazon will make a decision in 2018.

#AmazonCoast #HBLB #AmazonHQ2

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Zoning Administrator

On Wednesday, November 1, at 1:30 p.m. in Room B-8 the Zoning Administrator will hold a meeting to review the following items:

**COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 17-013/ CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 17-007 (STRODE RESIDENCE):** CDP: To construct an approximately 711 sq. ft. addition to an existing 3,658 sq. ft. single family residence and approximately 148 sq. ft. addition to an existing 563 sq. ft. garage. CUP: To construct an approximately 329 sq. ft. roof top deck above the second story top plate at a height of approximately 34.17 ft. at 16121 Santa Barbara Lane, 92649 (west side of Santa Barbara Ln. and north of San Clemente Cir.). Please contact Jessica Bui, Assistant Planner, for more information.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 17-029/ COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NO. 17-014 (PCH TEMPORARY PARKING LOT):** To permit the establishment of a temporary parking lot with 108 parking spaces for a period of five years at 21622 Pacific Coast Highway, 92646 (north east corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Beach Blvd.) Please note that the applicant has requested a continuance to a date uncertain. Please contact Joanna Cortez, Acting Associate Planner, for more information.

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 17-028 (MAX LIQUOR):** To permit off-sale general alcohol sales (ABC License Type 21) within a 900 sq. ft. commercial space within an existing commercial center at 21622 Pacific Coast Highway, 92646 (north east corner of Pacific Coast Highway and Beach Blvd. Please contact Joanna Cortez, Acting Associate Planner, for more information.

A copy of the agenda is available on the City’s website at [http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/zal/ZAAgendas.cfm](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/Government/Departments/Planning/PJB/zal/ZAAgendas.cfm). Please contact the Planning Division, at (714) 536-5271, with any questions.

**INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

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](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/services/forms-applications/code-enforcement-complaint.cfm)
OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Business Visits

Over the last year the Mayor and City Council Members and staff from the Office of Business Development have visited local businesses to learn about their business and how the City can assist in their business – it is part of the business retention and expansion program.

On October 3, Mayor Delgleize, Mayor Pro Tem Posey, Councilman Brenden, and staff visited Rocket Labs. Rocket Labs mission is to remove the barriers to commercial space by providing frequent launch opportunities to low earth orbit. During the visit they emphatically stated that they chose to locate in Huntington Beach because of the access to the rich talent pool.

On October 11, Mayor Delgleize and Council Members Peterson and Semeta visited Teacher Created Materials. Teacher Created Materials is a local business that develops innovative and imaginative educational materials and services for students. Their products are used in classrooms in all 50 states and in 89 countries. Huntington Beach is proud to call these businesses residents of the City.

BUSINESS NEWS

Huntington Beach businesses continue to make news across a broad range of fields. Here are just a few exciting headlines that have highlighted Surf City businesses:

- **Aerospace and Defense Contractors**: Huntington Beach is home to two of the top 25 largest aerospace manufacturers in Orange County with C&D Zodiac with its 1,650 employees and EnCore with its 668 employees. Over the last year EnCore grew its staff presence by 11% along with the development of its seat manufacturing unit, *lift*. 
For those teens who would like to volunteer at the library during the fall and winter (and perhaps during school break), the children’s department is having the monthly Teen Shelving Workshop on Wednesday, November 1, at 4 p.m. in the Tabby Theater. To pre-register, visit http://hbpl.libcal.com/event/3121187 and sign up online. This workshop is required for teens between the ages of 12 and 18 who are interested in putting away books in the children’s department. Shelving books would be a wonderful way to give back to the community during the holiday season!

Speaking of the holiday season, tickets for both the Ballet Etudes presentation of the Nutcracker, slated for December 12 and 13, and the Tree Trimming and Puppet Show taking place on December 2, will be going on sale Saturday, November 4, at 9 a.m. in the Children’s Department. Tickets for the ballet are $5 each, and Tree Trimming/Puppet tickets are $4 each. Families are encouraged to get their tickets early in order to avoid any disappointment when the tickets sell out.

Older kids might enjoy the next session of the Scratch Computer Coding, which is coming up on Monday, November 13 at 7 p.m. in the Tabby Theater. This bi-weekly workshop is intended for kids aged 10 through 17 interested in learning some early computer programming.

Annual Writing and Illustrating Contest for pre-K - 8th grade
"IF THE SHOE FITS"
Oct 2 - Dec. 23
Pick up entry forms @ the Children’s

For the more creative types, children in pre-k through eighth grade can use their imagination and creativity to write and/or draw pictures that will uncover the mysteries of some very special shoes they just found in the library! There’s still time to get entries in for the Friends of the Children’s Library and Sand Scribes’ annual Writing and Illustrating Contest. This year the theme is “If the Shoe Fits.”

For more information, entry forms and rules, visit www.fotcl.org. Winners of this contest will receive Barnes and Noble gift cards at an award ceremony held during our 2018 Authors Festival, and will have their work displayed in the Central Library for the entire month of February. Interested students can either print out an application or pick one up at the Central Library’s Children’s Desk. All entries are due at the Children’s Desk by 4 p.m. on December 23, to be considered.

A few reminders: in observance of Veterans Day, there will be no storytimes on Friday, November 10, and Saturday, November 11, as the library will be closed. For more information on all events and happenings in the Children’s Library, please visit their web page at https://hbpl.libguides.com/kids/home.
Fish with the Force

The Huntington Beach Police Department, in collaboration with the HB Community Services Department, California Fish and Wildlife, and the HB Fishing and Recreation Club, hosted the Inaugural “Fish with the Force” event on September 29. More than 85 students from local schools, most identified as “at-risk”, were invited to Chris Carr Park to participate in interactive science lessons and then test their new skills by fishing along the shores of the Carr Park Lake! The students were able to interact with uniformed police officers as well as other members of the Police Department in a positive environment that will foster wonderful community relations moving forward. The fishing was extremely successful thanks to the bait generously donated by Let’s Go Fishing, and the students were even treated to lunch donated by Chick-Fil-A on Beach Boulevard. The City of Huntington Beach team is excited to build on these partnerships with more collaborative community events in the future.

Crafty Little Ones

Murdy Park is happy to introduce a new winter class that is completely FREE!! Crafty Little Ones will be taught by Community Services staff at Murdy Community Center starting this January.

We provide the supplies, you provide the creativity! Help unleash your little one’s imagination by assisting them in a variety of arts and crafts projects. Children and their parents will be given the opportunity to work together through drawing, painting, and much more! For more information please contact Murdy Community Center. We hope to see you and your little one!
Documentary Filmmaking with Emmy Award winner Rudy Poe!

Did you know that Huntington Beach is home to an Emmy Award winning documentarian? Come and learn from accomplished artist Rudy Poe at the Huntington Beach Art Center! Rudy is offering three workshops this fall that explore different aspects of documentary filmmaking and image creation. Whether you are a beginner with a cell phone camera, or a professional with a DSLR, Rudy’s workshops are guaranteed to uncover fun and valuable tricks of the trade! For more info, call HBAC at 714-374-1650.

**Rudy Poe’s Fall Workshops:**
- **Intro to Documentary Filmmaking:** November 4, 12:15-2:15 p.m.
- **Documentary Filmmaking: Shooting Interviews:** November 4, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- **Through the Lens: How to See:** November 18, 1-3 p.m.

Creepy Crawly Event Success

The Parking and Camping Division of the Community Services department hosted their first ever beach recreation event Friday, October 6. "SOME CREEP AND SOME CRAWL" was a Halloween themed family bonfire event which included discounted beach parking, a reptile show, S’mores, and the warmth of a bonfire.

Daring adults and children were invited to touch and hold multiple snakes, a giant lizard, a land tortoise, and even a tarantula. This pilot program is a celebration of the recreation roots in the Parking and Camping section of the newly re-organized "Facilities and Development Division" of the Department....Making Life Better for residents and visitors alike!
Residential Paving Status
Construction activities will begin mid-November for the rehabilitation of Heil Avenue (Edwards to Springdale) and continue into January 2018. Rehabilitation of Main Street (Delaware to Beach) includes replacement of the traffic signal at Main Street and Florida Ave. Rubberized roadway surface for quieter traffic flows, traffic signal modification at Main and Beach Blvd. and as-needed curb and gutter and sidewalk replacements to restore safety and drainage. That work is scheduled to commence in January 2018, with a projected completion in March 2018. Contract Administrator James Escutia oversees these projects and he can be reached at 714.536.5525. Work is currently scheduled to begin in November.

Zone 10 Slurry
Public Works Maintenance Operations is finishing the maintenance program activities ending with the slurry seal of approximately three million square feet of residential pavement in Maintenance Zone 10. The slurry sealing will start on November 6 and it is anticipated to be completed prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. The slurry seal application will add a nice finishing touch to the tree removal/trimming, concrete replacement, asphalt overlays, and the construction of curb access ramps in the Maintenance Zone.

LED Streetlight Upgrades
As part of the City’s effort to reduce operating and maintenance costs for streetlights in the City and improve energy efficiency, the City has acquired 10,800 streetlights from Southern California Edison. A key step in achieving our goals is the conversion of the existing fixtures to energy efficient and low maintenance LED fixtures. Since the effort started in early September 2017, more than 4,000 of the fixtures have been completed by the City’s contractor Siemens Industries, with work progressing from the southeast area of the City towards the northwest area.

The lights are being replaced with fixtures of similar output to the prior wattage fixtures, and residents will notice that the new lights are a cooler/whiter light than the previous lights and offer much better color rendering quality. Some streetlights in the City were not available for purchase from SCE (about 1,500) and will remain the warmer, orange tinted color for the time being. The overall retrofit effort is expected to be completed in January 2018. The conversion to LED’s will result in substantial savings to the City both in energy costs paid for the lights and in our maintenance efforts since the lights require far less maintenance and are expected to last 15 years.

Questions regarding this effort and the overall project of acquiring lights from SCE can be directed to Bob Stachelski at (714) 536-5523 or bstachelski@surfcity-hb.org.
Halloween Tips

Halloween is a time for costumes, sweets, tricks and treats. But there are some safety tips you should remember before you head out on the streets with your little ghouls and goblins...

♦ Make sure costumes and candy containers are reflective. To avoid tripping, ensure costumes don’t drag on the ground.

♦ Trick-or-treat with trusted neighbors. Remember, those who do not have lights on typically do not want their houses approached.

♦ Keep footpaths clear for trick-or-treaters by placing decorations where visitors won’t walk. Additionally, ensure electrical cords don’t cross footpaths.

♦ Drive slowly and anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.

♦ Don’t drink and drive! This also means not to drive buzzed or after using any type of medication, marijuana, or illicit drug that causes you to be impaired. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 45 percent of all people killed in motor vehicle crashes on Halloween night in recent years were in crashes involving an alcohol impaired driver. You also put children and parents out trick-or-treating at risk, as 36 percent of fatal pedestrian crashes on Halloween night involved drunk drivers.

♦ And finally, keep candies away from pets. All forms of chocolate – especially baking or dark chocolate – can be dangerous, even lethal for dogs and cats.

Have a fun, yet safe, Halloween!
Too Easy, Trade in Your Old Gas Powered Lawn Mower for a NEW Electric Model

It’s time to turn in the old and bring in the new! Old gas powered lawn mowers are producing tons of air pollutants each year, but now there’s a way for exchange. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is offering a year-round Electric lawn Mower Rebate Program. All residents of the SCAQMD’s 4-county jurisdiction are eligible to purchase their new battery-electric lawnmower from a variety of eligible manufacturers from a local retailer or an online distributor, and then turn in a working gas powered lawn mower to an approved dismantler for permanent destruction. The rebate amounts are based on the purchase price of the new electric lawn mower (not including taxes and delivery). You can apply for an after-purchase rebate for $150, $200, or $250 depending on the cost (rebate amount cannot be greater than the purchase). The rebate program is first-come, first-served and rebates will continue until all program funds have been depleted.

Here is how it works, step by step;
- Purchase your new and improved cordless electric lawn mower (must include battery and charger)
- Begin the online application, uploading your purchase receipt (www.aqmd.gov/lawnmower)
- Select a certified scrapper from our list and print your certification form
- Take your old working gas mower to the scrapping location and have the scrapper sign and return the certification form to you
- Upload a signed certification form to your application
- Sign and submit your final application

For a list of manufacturers and scrappers, please visit: http://www.aqmd.gov/home/programs/community/electric-lawn-mower-rebate-program

For questions, please email lawnmower@aqmd.gov or call 888-425-6247 (Tuesday-Friday)
FIRES IN CALIFORNIA

In response to the Canyon 2 Fire in Anaheim Hills, the Huntington Beach Fire Department sent 23 personnel and apparatus which included four fire engine companies, a truck company and several Chief Officer units. The City of Huntington Beach remained safe and protected by the HBFD units that remained in the community and by the additional units that were backfilled by off duty personnel.

After a few days on the Anaheim Fire, two fire engines were pulled and assigned to the LNU Complex Fire in Napa/Sonoma County because resources were desperately needed. While there, these units were tasked with structure defense, fire patrol, salvage and overhaul, and to help move residents back into newly unrestricted neighborhoods. Even though the area was completely devastated for miles, the firefighters were amazed by the goodwill from the affected community members. For example, the meal for a HBFD crew at a coffee shop was paid anonymously by a resident who was very grateful even though their house was recently destroyed in the fire.

The crews also patrolled areas to help as needed. In a location that was restricted for several miles, very hungry chickens were found in a chicken coop and were fed using the food left out by the resident. At a house that had survived the fire, trees were replanted and viable plants watered so that the homeowners would see some essence of hope upon their return.

After ten days of hard work, the HBFD crews were released from the fire for a ten-hour drive home. The personnel assigned to both fires worked tirelessly to defend the homes and lives of the residents of California, and returned home safe and sound to us and their families.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

As the time change approaches on Sunday, November 5, the Fire Department wants to remind you to make another change that could save your life – changing the batteries in your smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms. Changing smoke alarm batteries at least once each year is one of the simplest and most effective ways to reduce fire related deaths and injuries.
The Huntington Beach Fire Department Needs You!

PROJECT SHIP
Senior Home Inspection Program

Would you like to be a volunteer safety inspector assisting senior citizens in making their home a safer place to live?

The Fire Department will train you to educate senior residents on how to eliminate fire hazards, plan an emergency escape, prevent falls, maintain a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector.

*Upcoming training classes to be held in late January 2018*

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer inspector, contact:
Huntington Beach Fire Dept.
Beth Davis
714-536-5207
Beth.Davis@surfcity-hb.org

This program is a coalition between the Huntington Beach Fire Department and Senior Services.
Sunday Hours are coming!

Beginning November 5th, Huntington Beach Central Library will open every Sunday from 1:00-5:00 pm.
Handy Crafters
Fall Sale!!!!

When:
Tuesday November 14th
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
&
Thursday August 17th
12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Where:
Senior Center In Central Park Lobby

The Handy Crafters will have a fall sale with all your knitted and crochet needs. Have a baby coming? Need a special birthday or Christmas gift? or just need a few household items? the Handy Crafters have you covered with their large inventory of gifts and hand crafted items. All of your favorite items will be for sale from baby booties to pot scrubbers. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to help provide senior programs. For more information or questions please contact the Senior Center front desk at (714) 536-5600
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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