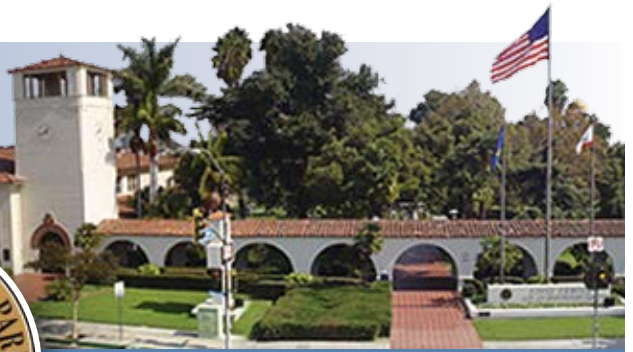


# HUNTINGTON PARK

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SUMMER 2013

## City Manager's Message

With summer upon us, we approach the end of the city's fiscal year (June 30th). Huntington Park has weathered significant challenges throughout the past 12 months. Many of you heard we began the fiscal year with a "reported" \$9.0 million structural budget deficit. However, this figure overstated the actual financial shortfall, since the budget did not include some unspent grant monies from prior years. Since coming on board nine months ago, we have worked hard to examine our budget line-item by line-item in order to determine the actual shortfall the city was facing. I'm glad to report that we have verified a smaller \$3.6 million structural deficit in the City's General Fund. In the upcoming year, we expect to realize approximately \$1.0 million in annual savings by revising our existing contracts, as well as making budget adjustments that will add another \$1.0 million in annual savings, bringing the structural deficit to a \$2.0 million annual level. As a result, the city council will be presented with a manageable budget deficit for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. In the upcoming weeks, we expect to pass a "continuation budget," which will provide city staff time to find solutions to the \$2.0 million annual shortfall through systematic and measured analysis.

We will also continue to improve city costs and operations via technology enhancements. For example, we are looking for

better regionalization tools to do our jobs, including the way the city purchases goods and services. As the general economy continues to improve, we must continue to be vigilant with our spending and explore ways to create new revenue. The city is not out of the woods yet. Federal and state budgets continue to struggle and we still have concern that city funds may be susceptible to takeaways. The loss of redevelopment money and its impact on our operating budget remains a major setback in our ability to bring new retail and housing development to Huntington Park. We are looking for creative ways to attract new business to our city and retain and enhance local merchants who have stuck with us. We are putting into action innovative and creative programs that will help businesses prosper. The city council's goal is to become LA County's most business friendly city by this time next year. With the help and support of our citizens and local businesses, we can make this happen. Enjoy your summer. I look forward to hearing your feedback and continuing the hard work of improving our city's reputation.

**René Bobadilla**  
City Manager



## Have a Safe and Sane 4th of July

The City of Huntington Park will celebrate 4th of July with a fireworks show and a full day of live family entertainment at Salt Lake Park. Come out and celebrate a great American tradition. The event is free and open to everyone!

Our Americana-themed "4th OF JULY CELEBRATION - 237 YEARS OF LIBERTY" event kicks off at noon and finishes at 10pm with a grand fireworks show @ 9pm. There will be food, carnival rides, inflatables, picnic games, entertainment, a car show and vendors with goodies for all!!

We invite all visitors to donate canned or dry food goods in exchange for carnival game tickets: 1 food item = 5 tickets (Note: one can per person). Free tickets do not include mechanical rides or fair games. All collected food will be donated to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. Come and celebrate our independence and freedom.



## \$1,000 Fine for Illegal Fireworks in Huntington Park

**The City of Huntington Park will strictly enforce fireworks laws and fines:**

Possession or Use of illegal fireworks = \$1,000 fine.

Inappropriate use of safe and sane fireworks = \$500 fine.

No Fireworks allowed in City parks, public property, or parking lots.

Fireworks permitted only on 4th of July between the hours of 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Only Safe and Sane Fireworks. Must be labeled with the State Fire Marshal seal (12529 H&S).

To report the use or sale of illegal fireworks contact the Huntington Park Police Department at **(323) 584-6254**.

CLICK ON "NOTIFY ME" ON THE HUNTINGTON PARK WEBSITE TO RECEIVE THE LATEST CITY NEWS VIA EMAIL.

# Summertime is Funtime



## Summer "Movies in the Park" Series Feature Spanish Classics

Catch an old-time classic with family and friends during the free "Movies in the Park" series this Summer. Starting in August, a series of Spanish-language classic films will be shown on a huge outdoor screen at Keller Park, located next to City Hall at 6550 Miles Ave. "Movies in the Park" is a great way to revisit a cinema favorite or see a cultural classic for the first time. So bring a blanket and picnic and enjoy a great film under the stars. The full schedule will be available online at [www.huntingtonpark.org](http://www.huntingtonpark.org).

## Stay Active at Your Local Park this Summer

Summer is a great time for the entire family to have fun and stay active. Check out one of the many programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department to stay fit this summer. From Summer Camp to sports leagues to senior programs, our parks have something for everyone. Please call (323) 584-6218 or visit [www.huntingtonpark.org](http://www.huntingtonpark.org) for program information and details.



### Summer Camp starts July 1:

Summer Camp kicks off on July 1 at Salt Lake Park. Open to children ages 6-12 years-old, Summer Camp provides

a variety of fun and exciting activities and events. From weekly field trips, to daily games and activities, swimming trips, and barbecues, Summer Camp is a terrific way for children to stay active and healthy this summer. Summer Camp is offered in six week-long sessions. Camp is available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. An extended option is also available, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. A free lunch is also included.



### Free youth nutrition program:

Free daily meals are available to all youth ages 18 and under at several parks. The city's summer lunch program is available at Salt Lake Park,

Freedom Park, and Keller Park. Lunch is served from 1-2 p.m., Monday through Friday until Aug. 9, 2013. Free healthy snacks are available from 2-3 p.m., Monday to Thursday at Keller Park (starting Aug. 12) and Raul R. Perez Memorial Park (starting July 1). A new hot supper program will be available at Salt Lake Park and Freedom Park from 3-4 p.m. on Monday through Friday starting on Aug. 12. No registration is needed and the only requirement is that meals be eaten on site.



### Summer recreation classes:

Sign-up today for one of our dance, fitness, arts, music, or other recreation class. New classes this summer include a fitness boot camp and cross training. Do you have a special

skill that you'd like to share with others? Call (323) 584-6218 to find out how you can become a class instructor.



### Youth sports leagues:

Summer tee ball and girls' softball sign-ups are currently open. Youth basketball sign-ups start on August 20. Make sure to sign-up soon, as space is always limited for our popular youth leagues. All games are played at Salt Lake Park.



### Adult sports leagues:

Get your friends together and team up to play in one of our upcoming adult co-ed and men's softball leagues or men's basketball leagues at Salt Lake Park.



### Weekly senior programs:

The Huntington Park Community Center is home to the city's senior programs. Featuring weekly BINGO,

cooking lessons, health workshops, dances, day trips, and more, the senior program provides a great atmosphere for local seniors. Don't miss our Senior Casino Trip on August 29.



### Get healthy at one of our fitness centers:

Get in shape at one of our two fitness centers. The Salt Lake Park facility features a basketball gym, fitness room, and locker rooms. Raul R. Perez Memorial Park also features a

fitness room with commercial-level equipment. Very affordable monthly and annual memberships are available.



National Complete Streets Coalition

## Complete Streets Recognition

“Complete Streets” is a series of city laws, resolutions, policies, planning and design guidelines that encourage and provide safe access to destinations for everyone, regardless of age, ability, income ethnicity or how they travel. The City of Huntington Park has been recognized by the National Complete Streets Coalition as one of only ten cities in the United States that has done an exceptional job of implementing and designing these policies. Huntington Park tied for the #2 position in creating sound policies along with Hermosa Beach, CA.

For its part, we adopted the following language in support of this effort: The City of Huntington Park will create a safe and efficient transportation system that promotes the health and mobility of all Huntington Park citizens and visitors by providing high quality pedestrian, bicycling, and transit access

to all destinations throughout the city, and will design its streets for people, with beauty and amenities. The City of Huntington Park will provide for the needs of drivers, transit users, bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities in all planning, design, construction, reconstruction, retrofit, operations, and maintenance activities and products. The City will enhance the safety, access, convenience, and comfort of all users of all ages and abilities. We understand that children, seniors, and persons with disabilities will require special accommodations.

In the future, residents can look forward to better on-street bikeways, safer, and cleaner pedestrian walkways, better lighting and street landscaping and lower risk for traffic and pedestrian accidents. For more information please visit [www.smartgrowthamerica.org](http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org).



## Join Us At Your Town Hall

All residents of Huntington Park are encouraged and invited to join us at the next Town Hall meeting:

Tuesday, July 30, 6pm  
Aspire Pacific Academy  
2565 East 58th Street  
Huntington Park, CA 90255

**Call (323) 584-6218 for information**



## Upcoming Events

### Summer Day Camp Starts

8 a.m. on Monday, July 1  
Salt Lake Park  
3401 E. Florence Ave.

### 4th of July Celebration and Fireworks Show

12 p.m. on Thursday, July 4  
(Fireworks at 9 p.m.)  
Salt Lake Park  
3401 E. Florence Ave.

### Friends of the Park Meeting

6 p.m. on Monday, July 8  
Huntington Park Community Center  
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

### Open Mic Night

6 p.m. on Friday, July 26  
Huntington Park Community Center  
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

### Town Hall Meeting

6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30  
Aspire Pacific Academy  
2565 East 58th St.

### National Night Out

6 p.m. Tuesday, August 6  
Robert Keller Park  
6550 Miles Ave.

### Friends of the Park Meeting

6 p.m. on Monday, August 12  
Huntington Park Community Center  
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

### Tiny Tots Registration Starts

8 a.m. on Monday, August 12  
Salt Lake Park  
3401 E. Florence Ave.

### Open Mic Night

6 p.m. on Friday, August 30  
Huntington Park Community Center  
6925 Salt Lake Ave.

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## Downtown Business Assessment Will End July 1

On July 1, downtown businesses will no longer pay annual assessment fees for the Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID). The elimination of this fee results from the City Council's recent decision to dissolve the BID - effective July 1. The move will save more than 500 local businesses between \$300 and \$2,000 per year on their annual BID assessment. Additionally, funds currently held by the BID will be returned to business owners on a proportional basis.

Established in 1995, the BID was comprised of business owners located along Pacific Boulevard in downtown Huntington Park and aimed to build a stronger regional business community. The elimination of the BID is a business-friendly measure that will give local owners greater flexibility in growing their businesses while easing the financial burden created by these fees.

The BID closure is part of a comprehensive strategy to breathe new life into the local business community by creating a pro-business climate where existing merchants can thrive and new businesses can grow. The City is focused on completing a long-term plan to reshape downtown Huntington Park and foster greater economic growth. For more information, please contact Manuel Acosta, Housing and Community Development Manager, at (323) 584-6213 or [macosta@huntingtonpark.org](mailto:macosta@huntingtonpark.org).

## Coming Soon – Free Bulky Item Pick-up Days!



Residents will have a ONE DAY OPPORTUNITY to clean out their garage or back yard! And, there is no limit per household. Items too large, bulky or heavy for normal trash collection will be picked up for free. This includes furniture, refrigerators, tires, scrap wood, metal, bicycles, computers, monitors, keyboards, and printers. However, please do not include hazardous materials, such as paints, motor oil, solvents, car batteries, anti-freeze, etc.

- Pick-up days will be on Saturdays as scheduled below, from 7 a.m. to noon.
- Everything needs to be placed on the curb by 6 a.m. in order to guarantee pick up.
- No alley pick-ups.
- Items must weigh less than 150 pounds (except appliances) and not require more than two people to handle.



### Single Family Homes, Duplex and Triplex

If your regular TRASH COLLECTION DAY is:	Your Bulky Item Pick-Up Day will be:
Monday .....	Saturday, July 20
Tuesday .....	Saturday, July 27
Wednesday .....	Saturday, August 3
Thursday .....	Saturday, August 10
Friday .....	Saturday, August 17

### Apartments (4 units or more)

If your STREET SWEEPING DAY is:	Your Bulky Item Pick-Up Day will be:
Monday .....	Saturday, July 20
Tuesday .....	Saturday, July 27
Wednesday .....	Saturday, August 3
Thursday .....	Saturday, August 10
Friday .....	Saturday, August 17

**For more information, call (323) 584-6274.  
Let's Keep Huntington Park Clean & Beautiful!**