SUMMERTIME STATE-OF-MIND

SUMMER PROTECTION TIPS & MORE

For more information please visit: www.cohb.org/hallandalehappenings
One of my biggest initiatives for residents and business owners in Hallandale Beach is to relay useful information to the community. Information is key and if you are reading the Hallandale Happenings you must be interested in Hallandale Beach, the surrounding community and how you can improve your access and utilization to resources and tax dollars your government is providing. As a big promoter of transparency, I have, over time, developed a large email list as a means of disseminating information in a timely fashion. Most of the emails I distribute are for informational purposes and deal with topics such as traffic alerts, programs in the community, development issues and progress, job postings and opportunities, along with links to city commission agendas, and budget updates. If you would like to be on my email distribution list please text your name, phone number and email to my cell number 954-494-3182 or send an email KLondon@COHB.org and the news and information will be delivered right to your inbox.

We’ve started to work on the budget for next year and it’s going to be tough. We’re looking to roll back the millage rate without impeding the quality of life and programs that so many of you have come to depend on. I need you to attend the budget meetings and speak up. We started the budget process in May, and will meet twice in August before the two public hearings in September. We’ve maintained the millage rate at 5.1918, or $519.18 per $100,000 of taxable valuation for the last three years, without sacrificing programs for you, and our children and seniors. That’s the lowest tax rate since 2010 when it was 5.900, or $590 per $100,000 in taxable valuation. After school programs, seniors programs and parks programs, all are up for modification or elimination in the proposed budget. These are all recommendations. I’m fighting to keep the programs, and fund the new parks at adequate levels, but this won’t be accomplished if we don’t hear from you. We’re all working for a better Hallandale Beach. I want to make sure our residents don’t lose the programs they have come to depend on.
We’ve made a lot of improvements in our parks to help you enjoy the summer months and year round. We have a new, completed OB Johnson Park and Police Athletic Field. We’re building Foster Plaza. You can see what we accomplish by working together. If you didn’t get a chance to attend the ribbon cutting at the field in May, stop by, it’s a new, safe place for the PAL children; very different from my days as a child. I want you to know, this was built by the Community Redevelopment Agency. We’re doing good things with this money. Also, take a minute to visit other parks this summer, especially BF James Park and Swimming Pool on NW 1st Avenue. The Bluesten Park pool is under construction and BF James pool is the only one open in the City. We built this beautiful pool three years ago so everybody can use it. We offer lessons there for children, it’s accessible for disabled residents. It’s really a beautiful area for everyone one in the City. Working together, we make great things happen.

Working together as a community we can achieve the improbable and make the impossible a reality. I learned that this spring with my Prom Dress Boutique drive. I didn’t know how it would go over, but you, the community, donated nearly 100 dresses and suits to help students prepare for the Hallandale High School prom. Thank you. Since that drive, you have reached out to me about other needs in the City. Building on your desires, I plan to begin other initiatives and open avenues to those in need of assistance in Hallandale Beach and the area. Sometimes, all it takes is one spark to ignite an idea that changes the lives of young or older residents. Together, we can achieve great things; we’ve demonstrated that. Help me, help you. Please check in on my Facebook page (facebook.com/anabelletaub18) where new programs will be announced.

Summer is a great time to spend outdoors at the beach or in the park. We take extra care to protect ourselves, but we also need to remember our pets. The heat can be deadly to both humans and animals.

As a friendly reminder, it is a violation of the Broward County Code to tether any dog outside. It is also a violation of the Hallandale Beach code to leave a dog in a hot vehicle. It takes only a few minutes for a dog to overheat, so whenever possible, leave them at home in the air conditioning. You can take your four-legged family member to play at Scavo Park dog park or to Dog Dayz of Summer at South City Beach at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays in July and August. We scheduled Dog Dayz in the early evenings to avoid the hot afternoon sun.

Come out, bring the entire family, including your furry family member, and have fun in Hallandale Beach.
Public Safety

Please make note of the following public safety services for our constituents.

Alarm Systems
Hallandale Beach’s Alarm Ordinance requires that each alarm system (residential or business), be registered with the city. For more information, visit: cohb.org/alarms

First Aid Classes
To sign up for a class, visit cohb.org/firstaid

Economic Crimes
Did you know we have an economic crimes unit? For more information please contact: Detective Christopher Grieco (954) 457-1432 cgrieco@cohb.org

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JULY 17TH
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Austin Hepburn Center,
1000 NW 8th Ave

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUG 1ST
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Gulfstream Park,
901 S. Federal Highway

BUDGET WORKSHOP

AUG 29TH
11 a.m.
City Commission Chambers,
400 South Federal Highway

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

AUG 18TH
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Foster Park Community Center,
609 NW 6th Ave

SEPT 13TH
City Commission Chambers,
400 South Federal Highway

STAY ENGAGED!

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cohb.org/parks
(954) 457-1452

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM
The Hallandale Out of School Time (H.O.S.T.) afterschool program provides afterschool care on regular and early release school days until 6 p.m.

NO SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM
The Hallandale Out of School Time (H.O.S.T.) NO SCHOOL DAY PROGRAM provides all day care during school breaks and school holidays for our Afterschool participants.

For more information please visit: www.cohb.org/afterschool
HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

We’re a few months into hurricane season that runs through November, and our Hallandale Beach Fire Rescue wants to make sure you and your family stay safe this season with these important tips.

HAVE AN EVACUATION PLAN

If a hurricane poses enough of a threat, residents could be asked to evacuate. Before an evacuation is ordered, decide where you and your family will go. If you evacuate, make sure you contact friends and family to let them know you’ll be out of the house.

STAY INFORMED

Tune into HBRadio 1620 and HBTV, and follow the hashtag #HBemergency on Facebook and Twitter for up-to-the-minute emergency information.

PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Whether or not you have to evacuate, it’s important to have an emergency kit prepared. It should contain essentials like bottled water, non-perishable food (food that doesn’t need to be refrigerated), a flashlight or lantern, and batteries. Be sure to also pack seven days’ worth of any prescription and over-the-counter medications you might need.

CONDO ASSOCIATIONS

Did you know that condos are required to have an evacuation plan? Fire Rescue can assist condo associations with planning and updating evacuation plans. Contact the fire department at (954) 457-1470 or email Fire_Dept_Office@Hallandalebeachfl.gov.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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@MyHB

HALLANDALE BEACH WATER TESTING

Each day, the city of Hallandale Beach provides residents with about six million gallons of some of Florida’s best-tasting water, and it’s all thanks to the city’s Water Treatment Facility. They constantly filter, blend, and test underground water from two well fields before it’s distributed to your home or office.

“It takes about 16 hours from the time of intake as raw water until it leaves as drinking water,” says John Fawcett, the water plant manager.

The process of producing drinking water for Hallandale Beach begins with two sources: the Brian Piccolo well field in Broward County, and the city’s own wells that are located deep in the Biscayne Aquifer. The water taken from the Brian Piccolo well field needs to be pressed through a series of membrane treatment units called “trains,” but because the water from the Biscayne Aquifer doesn’t require as much filtration, it’s run through a series of lime-softening processes. The two end products are then blended, tested, and sent to your home.

Constant tests ensure that the city’s water meets or exceeds the Florida Department of Health and Environmental Protection Agency standards. To help increase our water preservation efforts, we’ve started to build a water reuse program at Joseph Scavo Park and for the medians on Three Islands Boulevard. It takes a lot of work to get safe, great-tasting water to your home, but we know that recycling and conserving it in this way is important for the future.

To view the latest version of the water quality report, visit www.cohb.org/waterquality
City Manager
Roger M. Carlton

For four decades, Mr. Carlton has been in the forefront of the public and private sectors where elected officials and corporate leaders have counted on his guidance and expertise. His leadership background ranges from City Manager of Miami Beach, during the renaissance days of the early 1990s, to serving as Senior Vice President of Regional Initiatives for Lockhead Martin. Holding a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Georgia State University, Mr. Carlton has managed the Town of Surfside and the City of South Miami, was Assistant County Manager for Miami-Dade County, served as Chief of Staff for then County Commissioner Carlos Gimenez, and Executive Vice President of Wometco Enterprises, Inc. His philanthropic work includes serving as president of the Zoological Society of South Florida (Miami MetroZoo) and Miami Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Deputy City Manager
Nydia Rafols-Sallaberry

Mrs. Rafols-Sallaberry has been part of the City Manager’s office for the past 12 years. Under her leadership, Mrs. Rafols-Sallaberry has led the implementation of various systems and processes for greater transparency and accountability. Mrs. Rafols-Sallaberry also championed the implementation of the MyHB mobile app, for HB constituents to be able to report concerns from the convenience of any mobile phone. Recently, she sponsored the revamp of the new Hallandale Happenings, for improving communications and civic engagement. Her supervisory duties have been expanded to include, but not limited to, Human Resources Department; Human Services Department; Parks and Recreation Department; Office of the City Clerk, Contract Monitoring; and Cultural and Special Events.

Assistant City Manager
Steven Parkinson P.E.

Mr. Parkinson has more than 20 years experience in the public sector, including public works, capital improvements and engineering. He has been with the city for five years as the Director of Public Works. In his capacity as the Public Works Director, Mr. Parkinson has managed the implementation of numerous capital projects, as well as the delivery of water, sanitation and transportation services. In addition, Mr. Parkinson manages the provision of sewer, storm water, and fleet services. Mr. Parkinson holds a BS in Civil Engineering. As the Assistant City Manager for Capital Improves, Mr. Parkinson’s duties will include Capital Improvements; Department of Public Works; Department of Development Services; Construction Management and Project Implementation. Mr. Parkinson will also do double duty as Public Works Director.

Assistant City Manager
Jeremy Earle Ph.D.

Dr. Earle has more than 18 years experience in the public sector, with eight years experience as the Executive Director of the Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Earle holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration, a Master of Science in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Florida. In his capacity as the Assistant City Manager for Economic Development, Dr. Earle’s duties will include, but not be limited to: assistance with the day to day operations of the Hallandale Beach Community Redevelopment Agency; evolving the community benefits plan/Economic Development and Grants Development.

Assistant City Manager
Greg Chavarria

Mr. Chavarria has more than 18 years experience in the public sector. He has been with the city two years as the city’s Chief Information Officer. Mr. Chavarria has been involved in digital initiatives such as the increasing citizen engagement through Social Media & automating city administrative processes. Mr. Chavarria holds an MS in Management Information Systems, a BS in Civil Engineering, and a BS in Environmental Engineering. Mr. Chavarria’s duties now include but not be limited to Innovation Technology; Strategic Initiatives; Citizen and Media Engagement and the Procurement Department. Mr. Chavarria will also serve double duty as Chief Information Officer.
The City of Hallandale Beach has many new active developments coming in the next few years. Developer Elias Benaim is at the heart of many of the new residential and commercial projects that are in Hallandale Beach’s development plan. Elias has always had a great feeling about the city.

"Hallandale is a center between two evolving cities Aventura and Hollywood. It makes sense that Hallandale would be the next step." Elias says.

In conjunction with developers, the city of Hallandale Beach will also focus on the concept of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Creating more pedestrian traffic and commercial spaces can help the city reduce crime rates by providing the community with a greater sense of ownership.

When looking at properties, Elias began to admire this city and had a vision for some of its more undesirable areas. By developing these unused spaces, Hallandale Beach will improve the comfort and safety of residents and visitors.

Elias has been working with all the departments, design, engineering, zoning and is an active member of Chamber of Commerce. By working with all the different departments, Elias can make sure that these new developments fit within the primary objectives of the City of Hallandale Beach’s goals.

For more information please contact the City at (954) 457-1375

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**CPTED-PROGRAM**

The Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) program hopes to design buildings with effective security systems in an effort to reduce crime and help people feel safer.

CPTED focuses on three concepts that attempt to reduce these factors so important to the criminal element:

1. **Surveillance.** Create clear and unobstructed sight lines in areas of high activity to reduce spaces where perpetrators can hide.

2. **Access Control.** Emphasize primary entry points and minimize secondary outlets.

3. **Define Ownership.** Take pride in what is yours and challenge those who do not belong.

Here are a few strategies from the CPTED Program.

Clearly mark transition zones to indicate public, semi-private, and private spaces. Locate gathering areas for places of natural surveillance and access control. Ensure that all activities take place in areas that have the most visibility or surveillance. Controlled access increases an area’s safety. Designate space that will provide a natural barrier to conflicting activities. All these strategies increase the perception of an area’s safety to help establish territorial behavior.

Some examples of CPTED use are:

- Creating well-lit walkways to assist in visibility and safety initiatives
- Making sure new developments are designed to minimize hidden spots, which may include stairways and lobbies. If this isn’t possible, use transparent materials like glass windows and security mirrors to help improve sight lines. Modifying a current building’s structure, as well as pre-planning for development with CPTED guidelines, will minimize the for illegal activities to occur.

For more information contact Capt. Paul Robert at 954-457-1448

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**DEVELOPER**

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For more information contact the City at (954) 457-1375
Storm Drain Awareness
Public Health Announcement

Tossing grass clippings into storm drains can be a potential hazard to the environment. The difference between storm drains and sewers is something more people should be aware of. While sewers convey sewage that originates from toilets and other household fixtures, storm drains use a completely different pipe framework and are intended to carry rainwater spillover through various channels into natural bodies of water. Since this water isn't filtered or treated before flowing into rivers and bays, we should be mindful of what is discarded into the storm drain openings on the street.

Minimize Flood Impact

If your property is in or near an area subject to flooding, the following information should be of interest to you. We’re providing this information to help you protect your property from flooding.

1. The areas around the canals in Hallandale Beach are susceptible to flooding. Even if your property is no longer in the designated Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), your property may be subject to flooding. FEMA encourages policyholders to maintain and keep current flood insurance policies.

2. To protect your property from flood damage, consider re-grading your lot or building a small flood wall. Call our building Department for advice on flood-proofing projects (954) 457-1386 or email eleonhardt@cohb.org.

3. Do not attempt to walk or drive through flooded areas.

4. Get a permit from the City’s Building Department before you start to build or make any type of protective structures. For permit information, please go to cohb.org/permitsearch

5. It is a violation of City Ordinance (Sec. 13-105) to dump debris of any kind, including grass clippings, into canals or storm-drains.

Please report any violations to the Code Compliance Division (954) 457-1390 or via myHB app.

#KEEPHBCLEAN
RESIDENTS’ GUIDE TO TRASH REMOVAL

HELP US KEEP HALLANDALE BEACH BEAUTIFUL...

...by not leaving bulk trash items on the street without calling for a pick-up.

... by not leaving yard trash such as palm fronts/tree debris, furniture, appliances, mattresses, etc. unless they are out for a scheduled pick up.

For more information on keeping Hallandale Beach Clean, visit www.cohb.org/keephbclean
Report issues via MyHB app, visit www.cohb.org/myhb
Every month, the City of Hallandale Beach randomly selects pictures and news to be featured on its social media accounts.

Please use the hash-tag
#HBhereforyou
on Facebook or Twitter for a chance to have your photos selected.

Got News? Please email us at social@cohb.org
Hallandale Beach is a gorgeous place to live, and with summer here, you are probably starting to spend more time outside. Here with the beautiful summer weather also comes mosquitoes and the danger they pose to the community, especially pregnant women and children.

We have some tips to help protect you and your family from mosquitoes and the viruses they carry such as the Zika Virus.

When using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents, be sure to:

- Always follow the product label instructions

It is safe for pregnant and nursing women to use EPA-approved insect repellent if it is applied according to the package label instructions.

Visit Hallandale Beach City information page at: cohb.org/zika

Visit EPA information page at: www2.epa.gov/insect-repellants

The summer can be hot, but if you are going to be in an area that you know tends to have a lot of mosquitoes, you may want to cover up as much as possible. Try to wear long-sleeve shirts and long pants that are too thick for mosquitoes to bite through. You may also treat your clothes with permethrin, an insecticide that kills mosquitoes and other insects, or another EPA-registered insect repellent.

It is possible to buy clothing and outdoor gear, like boots and tents, which have already been treated with permethrin, but you can also treat them yourself. When treating clothing with permethrin, be sure to:

- Follow the product label instructions closely.
- Find out how long the permethrin treatment will last.
- Never apply permethrin directly to your skin.
Saving your Pet life by Learning

The City of Hallandale Beach and Fire Rescue have partnered to offer education about caring for your pets in emergency situations.

One common action toward this step is offering and educating in Pet CPR.

As our community accepts more pets into our pet-friendly community, we would like to make sure pet owners have general dog/cat CPR knowledge.

The City and veterinarian Dr. Joe Barbosa of the Animal Hospital of Hallandale Beach have teamed up to offer this free, unique CPR class. The class uses dog and cat mannequins to demonstrate the skills.

Those interested should call 954-457-1470 to register.

The Fire Rescue Department will be scheduling these classes when they have enough participants registered.
BEACH SAFETY

Have you ever noticed different colored flags on the beach?
Have you noticed different colored flags waving above the lifeguard towers?
One day the flag might be green, the next day it’s red, then it’s back to green again.
But do you know what all these different flags mean?

To keep beachgoers safe, Hallandale Beach uses what’s known as the Beach Flag Warning System, which is made up of different colored flags that lifeguards raise each day to let people know the current water condition.

Here’s what each color means:

**GREEN: LOW HAZARD** - Calm condition, exercise caution. Even though it’s safe to swim when the green flag is raised, ocean waters are sporadic and can still be dangerous. Always exercise caution when you’re in the water.

**YELLOW: MEDIUM HAZARD** - Moderate surf and/or moderate currents. You’ll want to swim with extreme caution when a yellow flag is raised, as it indicates rough surf, currents, and undertows. Any children or weak swimmers should either stay out of the water or wear a life jacket.

**RED: HIGH HAZARD** - High surf and/or strong currents. A red flag indicates high surf, currents, and undertows. While you’re still allowed to swim when a red flag is raised, we strongly suggest only strong swimmers enter the water. This flag indicates that the water is closed to the public due to dangerous conditions. Do not go swimming when this flag is raised.

**PURPLE** - Marine pests present a purple flag indicates that there is dangerous marine life present in the water, including, but not limited to: crabs, sharks, and jellyfish.

**SUMMER SKIN PROTECTION TIPS**

“Remember to apply daily on the face and body areas a broad spectrum sunscreen that has an SPF greater than 30. Also, if you are going to be outside reapply every 40-60 minutes and make sure you use other protective gear such as umbrellas, clothing with protection, hats and more.”

Dr. Bertha Baum
1250 E. Hallandale Beach Blvd

“The closer one is to the ocean’s surface the greater the amount of reflected Ultraviolet (UV) light is added to the amount of total exposure you are receiving. In this regard, discourage children from playing at the shoreline for any length of time. Try to have them play up on the beach area as much as possible. Make sure children are lathered well with sunscreen, as it is much more effective in protecting them than a thin coating. Please always keep in mind that experiencing just one very bad sunburn before the age of eight is said to have consequences for accumulated damage in later years.”

Skin Cancer Associates
Dana Altschul Haimo, MMS, PA-C and Joel Wilentz, MD, FAAD
2100 E. Hallandale Beach Blvd

Follow Fire Rescue at:  
facebook.com/HallandaleBchFR
BEACH WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM!

Hallandale Beach Ocean Rescue is proud to announce the launch of its beach wheelchair program! Now residents and visitors with special needs can enjoy our beach with their family and friends. The wheelchairs can be used over flat surfaces, sand and even taken into shallow water!

Chairs are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at Towers 1 and 2, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Anyone looking to rent a chair must be accompanied by an adult 18 and over, provide a valid ID and credit card, and fill out an application and waiver. For assistance, please contact the Ocean Rescue supervisor during business hours or call (954) 457-1456 for more information.

What is USLA?

While our lifeguards strive to keep residents and visitors as safe as possible when something happens, it is better to prevent a dangerous situation in the first place. Below are the United States Lifesaving Association’s Top Ten Beach Safety Tips to keep you and your friends and family safe when you visit the beach:

1. Learn to swim
2. Swim near a lifeguard
3. Swim with a buddy
4. Check conditions with lifeguards
5. Use sunscreen and drink water
6. Obey posted signs and flags
7. Keep the beach and water clean.
8. Learn rip current safety.
9. Enter the water feet first
10. Wear a life jacket

For more information please visit: www.usla.org

For more information please visit: cohb.org/beachwheelchair
The City of Hallandale Beach and Hallandale Beach Community Redevelopment Agency cut the ribbon on May 20 to complete the second phase of OB Johnson Park. Located at 1000 NW 8th Ave. The first phase of the Oreste Blake Johnson/Austin Hepburn Center complex was completed last September 17. The second phase was completed as a part of the Citywide Parks Master Plan.

In addition to all of the current features of the OB Johnson Park including a computer lab, gym and Teen Zone, the second phase opened the new Police Athletic League field. This field will play host to the various sports that the Police Athletic League sponsors during the year. For information on the PAL programs, visit www.hallandalebeachpal.com or call 954-457-1466.

The City of Hallandale Beach recently celebrated the dedication of teachers at a luncheon held on May 19.

The City’s Education Advisory Board and Hallandale Beach Chamber of Commerce worked with local businesses to honor the teachers. Several local businesses joined with the City in a Facebook advertising campaign to recall memories of teachers that made a difference in their lives.

Many of us have been greatly impacted by at least one teacher. Some of our teachers have saved lives, helped shape new ones, and set the foundation for being a functional member of society.

Hallandale Beach celebrates the contributions teacher have made. Sponsors for the event included Memorial Healthcare System, Signarama Hallandale Beach, Liberty Tax, Crest Awards and Sharon King State Farm Insurance.

TO VIEW PICTURE ALBUM OF EVENT, VISIT: WWW.COHB.ORG/TEACHERAPPRECIATION
PET FRIENDLY HB
Pictured here is Roger the Service Dog along with City Manager Roger M. Carlton. The City of Hallandale Beach proclaimed Roger the Service Dog Appreciation Day on April 19, 2017. Our community is pet friendly and inclusive of pets. Participate in the Dog Dayz of Summer taking place 2nd and 4th Saturdays in July and August. For more information go to www.cohb.org/dogdays

ART SQUARE
We were very excited for the ground breaking for Art Square Project. The new development will bring affordable housing opportunities for our community. For more information on development projects, please visit www.cohb.org/construction

WE ARE GREEN
This event provides green awareness programs for the community. The event also provided free tree give-aways and seminars for greater sustainability. Stay tuned to our green initiatives by visiting www.cohb.org/green

IN THE NEWS

PROGRESS ON FOSTER ROAD
Hallandale Beach City Commissioners and staff broke ground on Foster Park Plaza, a new passive park directly across from Foster Park.

Bicycle safety and knowledge of the rules of the road are important stepping stones for all youth. In the City of Hallandale Beach we work with children and teenagers to ensure they have the skills for safe riding. In the photo above, youngsters in the H.O.S.T. program learned safety alongside Hallandale Beach Police Officer Martin Jackson.

In June, City partner FLIPANY worked with teens from the Teen Zone in the Earn a Bike Program. The teens learned the basics of bicycle maintenance, safe riding, and how to refurbish an older bicycle.

The Teen Zone program was made possible as part of the Healthy Community Zone, and donations provided free bicycles to the teens who completed the eight sessions.
WE ARE ONCE AGAIN
A PLAYFUL CITY

Fun Facts about Parks and Recreation:

Children who live within two-thirds of a mile from a park with a playground are five times more likely to be a healthy weight. Time spent outside leads to higher levels of physical activity in children. Active children show more brain activity, and they are 20 percent more likely to earn an A in English or math. Those who live less than 300 yards from a park have 50% lower odds of experiencing stress than those living more than 1 six-tenths of a mile away. 90% of Americans consider outdoor recreation as the best way to be physically active.

Physical activity in green spaces has stronger mental health benefits than physical activity in non-green spaces. More outdoor play helps kids learn better in the classroom, they are more focused and have fewer disciplinary issues.

It is estimated that U.S. urban park trees remove 75,000 tons of air pollutants annually. This translates into an economic benefit of $500 million each year. Park and Recreation agencies are the second largest public feeder of children, behind schools; Park and Recreation agencies serve approximately 560,000,000 meals to children through summer and after-school programs each year.

A 20-minute walk in a park or other natural area can help children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder focus better.

Youth living in neighborhoods with multiple recreation and park facilities are more likely to be active five times a week, compared to young people who don’t have access to any park. Several studies have confirmed that separation from nature is detrimental to human development, health and wellbeing, and that regular contact with nature is required for good mental health. Individuals reported less stress and higher life satisfaction when they were living in greener areas.

A strong body of evidence suggests that physical activity in green spaces has stronger mental health benefits than physical activity in non-green spaces. Use of green spaces is associated with decreased health complaints, improved blood pressure and cholesterol levels, reduced stress, improved general health perceptions and a greater ability to face problems. Physician-diagnosed depression was 33 percent lower in the residential areas with the most green spaces, compared to the neighborhoods with the fewest.

The City of Hallandale Beach has been named a Playful City USA Community for the fifth successive year by KaBOOM!, a national non-profit. Playful City USA honors cities for putting the needs of families first so kids can learn, grow and develop important life skills and for using play as a solution to the challenges facing their residents.

The City was recognized for taking bold action to ensure kids have great places to play – all with the ultimate goal of making play the easy choice for all kids, no matter where they live.

Hallandale Beach has recently improved eight parks and is in the process of improving, renovating, and building the remaining nine parks with new facilities and modern, state-of-the art playgrounds. The City operates seventeen parks, including a swimming pool, five community centers, a marina, and the historic village.

‘The City of Hallandale Beach Parks and Recreation Department proudly provides play opportunities for our entire community.’ said Cathie Schanz, CPRE, Parks & Recreation Director. ‘Our team is dedicated to ensuring safe, clean and fun opportunities to play! We are proud to be honored for the fifth straight year as Playful City USA and look forward to seeing everyone in the parks!’

KaBOOM designated 258 communities throughout the United States as 2017 Playful City USA members. These communities make it safe for more than four million children to play in a safe, healthy environment.

To learn more about the Hallandale Beach Parks & Recreation Department, programs and the location of each park and center, visit www.cohb.org/parks. You can also follow the Parks & Recreation Department on Facebook at facebook.com/HBParksRec
YOUR CITY BUDGET

THE BUDGET PROCESS
The City of Hallandale Beach Fiscal Year begins on October 1. Each year, the City Manager compiles the operating and capital budgets for review by the City Commission and residents before final adoption in September.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL
The City invites you to participate through our community outreach campaign for the Budget. Specific dates and locations will be shared ahead of time via our Budget Page (cohb.org/budget) and City social media channels.

We will utilize #HBBudget for any relevant information regarding the Budget development process. Stay tuned for more information.

IMPORTANT BUDGET DATES
Aug. 29, 11 a.m. Budget Workshop
Aug. 30, 11 a.m. Budget Workshop (If Needed)
Sept. 13, 6 p.m. for the first public hearing
Sept. 29, 6 p.m. final budget hearing and adoption
All meetings held in the City Commission Chambers

Get to know your Police Department with events such as:

Coffee with the Cops
Evenings on the Porch
Hoops with the Cops

Learn more at: cohb.org/policeevents

@HallandaleBeachPD
@HallandaleBchPD
Each July, Parks and Recreation agencies across the country celebrate Parks and Recreation Month. This July, we encourage everyone to discover the power of play and adventure during Parks and Recreation Month. For children and adults, play is a vital part of our mental wellbeing, physical health and personal interactions. During Park and Recreation Month, the City of Hallandale Beach challenges everyone to get their Play On!

Check out our Parks and Recreation Month Calendar for opportunities to get your Play On. Whether it’s a dip in the pool, a Zumba class, meeting friends on the playground, playing tennis in the park, or discovering nature — parks and play go hand in hand in the City of Hallandale Beach.

While you’re in the park, don’t miss out on our second annual social media contest, encouraging everyone to #PlayOn in our parks.

Snap a photo while you’re there and enter for a chance to win gift cards and other park goodies by uploading your photo to our social media with #HBPlayOnJuly.

For contest rules:  www.cohb.org/PlayOnJulyContestRules

Parks and Recreation is an important part of our community, providing areas to play and quiet areas to rest and reflect for all ages.

Parks and Recreation not only provides health and wellness in the physical and mental aspect, but allows people to engage with nature, helps develop social skills learned on the playground, creates life-long healthy habits, and cultivates sportsmanship through rec sport leagues.

Parks and Recreation also helps economically by improving the local tax base, increasing property values and attracting visitors. To meet the changing needs of our community, Hallandale Beach has been rebuilding our parks to provide modern and relevant spaces that help enhance the quality of life. Our newest park renovation is Sunset Park, where there is a brand new playground waiting to be explored! Don’t miss the fun in your local park.

Play On!

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Back to School Bash

The City of Hallandale Beach is hosting our annual Back to School Bash on Friday, August 18th from 6-9pm at Foster Park. Students grades K-12 are eligible to receive the FREE back to school items.

We also feature free haircuts, games and activities, a live band, food for sale, and more! Every year we look for sponsors to help us provide backpacks and school supplies items to our local students.

If you would like to sponsor and be a part of this great event, please contact Kristin Ramirez at: kramirez@cohb.org or 954-457-1452

For more information on this event and all of our events, please visit www.CoHB.org/ParkEvents.
Green Happenings

The City of Hallandale Beach is committed to progress, innovation and opportunity to preserve resources by providing e-copies. The City will be publishing an electronic copy of the Hallandale Happenings quarterly for its residents to view. The online version will be more media friendly with links to videos, photos and other interactive elements.

Subscribe for the electronic newsletter by visiting cohb.org/HallandaleHappenings and clicking “Keep Me In the Happenings”