

Fall
2009

City News

Huntington Beach

City's Centennial Celebration Continues throughout the Year



There is still time to get that Centennial Celebration t-shirt, hat, or mug to have on hand for the remainder of the planned events. The City's Centennial Celebration will continue through to the end of 2009, with all the current information located on the website www.HB100Years.org.

HUNTINGTON BEACH
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Have you ever seen a thousand surfboards standing in the sand? Then come out September 19 to the Pier where surfers from all over will be invited to bring their boards for an incredible once-in-a-lifetime photo opportunity. What a great way to celebrate Surf City USA® and have a blast in the sand! The event is being planned by the Huntington Beach Marketing

and Visitors Bureau and details will be available on the Centennial website.

September is the month designated for celebrating "Art, Culture and Music," and there are many special events scheduled for the month. On the 12 and 13, painters will be using their talents to capture Huntington Beach Plein Air style. Also, a "Golden Bear Reunion" is being planned for September 25 and 26 at the Hilton Waterfront Resort. Tickets will be available through the Centennial website www.HB100years.org.

October kicks off with a city-wide Beach Party on October 3. This is the day that the locals take back the beach to celebrate the City's Centennial. There will be bands playing, games and a fire ring to end the day. More details will be available on the website – keep checking!

October is also the month that is designated to "Celebrate 100 years of Faith." It is the month that has many activities to honor the City's many different houses of worship. On October 4, the

Blessing of the Waves will take place on the beach near the Pier. Father Christian Mondor will lead the prayers for good waves and safe surf for the upcoming year.

On October 11, the annual Procession of Lights will be held at Pier Plaza with music, a symbolic burning of written prayer requests and the solemn walk of all the different faiths down the Pier. Then on October 23, a Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Hilton Waterfront Resort. The breakfast will feature special speaker/author Azim Khamisa, who will talk about reaching higher levels of personal awareness and states of mind through forgiveness. The tickets for the breakfast will be available through the website. In the meantime, mark your calendar for all of these exciting Centennial events.

November is the month to celebrate Community-Based Organizations. These volunteer groups keep community spirit alive in our City. On November 7, a community-wide picnic will be held at Lake Park. This old-fashioned picnic will bring back the days of homemade food, games and the gathering of friends on a Saturday afternoon.

On November 14, a "Tale of Two Cities," will celebrate our relationship with our two Sister Cities – Anjo, Japan and Waitakere, New Zealand. The City's International Sister Cities will participate in a unique event promoting a cultural mix of photography, native dance and musical performances, food tastings, native crafts, and more at Bella Terra.

Opening day performances and weekly photography exhibits will reveal the two city's histories. Additionally, participating restaurants at the Bella Terra will feature specials of Japanese and/or New Zealand cuisine.

"The Centennial Celebration has been an incredible experience for the residents of Huntington Beach," stated Mayor Keith Bohr. "We have truly met the goal of the committee to "Educate, Celebrate and Commemorate" the City's 100th year of incorporation.

Council on Aging to Host The 21st Annual Senior Saturday

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging is proud to announce its 21st Annual "Senior Saturday Community Festival," to be held at Pier Plaza in downtown Huntington Beach, on Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Approximately 75 sponsor booths will be at the event offering information, products and services geared toward seniors. This is an excellent opportunity for seniors and their families to spend a Saturday by the Pier while gathering pertinent information amid a festive atmosphere.

In addition to the sponsor booths, there will be a \$2 breakfast, \$2 lunch, free entertainment and many prize drawings throughout the day.

Exhibitors will include health professionals, banking and investment representatives, realtors, dentists, physical therapists, AARP, Office on Aging, home health agencies,

senior living communities, physical fitness professionals, elder law attorneys and many other business and organizations. Many exhibitors will be offering free health screenings and giving away goodies and discounts.

Pier Plaza is located adjacent to the Huntington Beach Pier at the intersection of Main St. and Pacific Coast Highway. There will be a free shuttle service running every 15 minutes from City Hall and Rodgers Seniors' Center. City Hall is located at 2000 Main Street and the Senior Center is located at 1706 Orange Ave. Free parking at both shuttle locations.

The Council on Aging is a non-profit organization that supports programs and services for Huntington Beach Seniors through the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center and the Huntington Beach Senior Outreach.

For more information, please call the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center at 714-536-9387.



Seniors enjoyed the freebies and activities at last year's Senior Saturday.

Are You Saving Money By Shopping Locally?

The Surf City Savings Program keeps \$\$ in your wallet!

Surf City Savings is a special partnership between the City of Huntington Beach, local merchants and members of our community. The program encourages consumers from Huntington Beach – and beyond – to take advantage of the wonderful products and services our businesses have to offer.



Participating merchants displaying the Surf City Savings logo in shop windows at Bella Terra, Five Points and Old World are offering money-saving offers to customers in order to save them money, increase their customer base, and encourage residents and visitors to think of Huntington Beach first for all their shopping needs. Merchants have paid nothing to participate in this program, which is in a pilot phase in the three locations. All funding for the program for advertising and materials is provided free of charge to the merchants as part of an effort to assist local businesses and community during these challenging economic times when all of us are trying to save a little money wherever, and whenever, we can.

When we shop, we are usually looking for the best quality items at the best price, but what we don't realize is that making the commitment to look for those items in Huntington Beach helps the community where we live, work and play. Shopping generates sales tax, and a percentage of the sales tax generated in Huntington Beach stays here and is used to pay for services like public safety, street repairs, beach and park maintenance, library services, and senior programs. The Surf City Savings program is just one more way to encourage shoppers – whether they live in town or elsewhere – that spending their dollars here benefits their local community as well as their wallets.

New merchants are regularly joining Surf City Savings and are happy to welcome you and honor the discounts they are offering as part of this new program. Visit www.surfcity-savings.com and check back often for updates!

“Go Green!” Get your Municipal Services (Utility) Statement Electronically!



eBill is the newest service being offered for Huntington Beach Utility Customers. The eBill program enables customers to receive their monthly Utility Statement and inserts via an authorized email. eBill is only available to AutoPay customers who have their payments automatically deducted from a bank account. You can find an application for AutoPay on the next page, or at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments. Sign up now for AutoPay and eBill, and “go green” by receiving and paying your utility statement electronically. Electronic copies of all inserts are available on the eBill website. If you already use AutoPay, go to www.surfcity-hb.org/eBill to view a sample bill and to register for this new service.

Also, Check Out Our Four Convenient and GREEN “No-Cost” Payment Options

The City of Huntington Beach offers four convenient and paperless ways to pay your City of Huntington Beach Municipal Services Statement:

- Pay using our online, “No-Cost” **ePay** service at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments and pay by MasterCard or Visa. Payments by ePay are credited to your account the next business day!
- Pay using our online, “No-Cost” **ePay** service at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments and pay by using your Bank Account. Payments by **ePay** are credited to your account the next business day!
- Pay by credit card using our voice automated, “No-Cost” **PhonePay** system at 1-877-309-4915. If you have any problems with using this service, call our Official Payments customer services representatives at 1-888-357-8394 and they can assist you in making the payment. Payments by **PhonePay** are credited to your account the next business day!
- Pay automatically with your checking account. Sign up for our “No-Cost” **AutoPay** program (application on next page) and we will deduct your amount due every month directly from your bank account automatically. You have the **ePay** service available to you if you use this payment method!
- Find out more about all of the City’s payment options at www.surfcity-hb.org/payments, or visit us at 2000 Main Street on the 1st floor where you can use our lobby kiosks to make your online payments!



AUTOPAY and eBILL

THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH'S "NO COST" AUTOMATIC MUNICIPAL SERVICES STATEMENT PAYMENT PROGRAM AND ELECTRONIC E-MAIL STATEMENTS PROGRAM

- 1 Complete and sign the AutoPay Authorized Agreement below.
- 2 Attach a "voided" check (**deposit slips are not acceptable**)
- 3 Return this form for each utility account with a single blank check marked "void" from your financial institution to: **City of Huntington Beach – AutoPay Program**
Office of the City Treasurer
P. O. Box 190
Huntington Beach CA 92648-0190

AutoPay Questions & Answers

Q: What type of bank account do I need to participate?

A: AutoPay can withdraw funds from any personal or business checking account. No savings accounts are eligible.

Q: How will I know when AutoPay will make my payments?

A: Continue to pay all charges on your Municipal Services statement until you see a message on page one of your statement that you are on the City's AutoPay program and then do not remit payment for that statement.

Q: When will the funds be withdrawn from my account?

A: Payments for the amount due will be made generally on the first Thursday, 10 calendar days following your statement date.

Q: What if my banking information changes or how do I discontinue participation in this program?

A: Simply check either the "Updated Information" or the "Please Cancel AutoPay" section below. Complete the rest of the form including any changes, sign, and return the agreement to us at the above address. Please allow ten business days for processing.

Q: I want to sign up for eBill? How do I do that?

A: You must be on AutoPay to use eBill & have your bill handy. Then go to www.surfcity-hb.org/ebill

Q: What is the eBill program

A: Ebill is available only to AutoPay customers and allows you to sign up to receive monthly Utility statements by e-mail. Your Statement must indicate that you are on the AutoPay program before you can register for eBill on-line.

Q: What if a payment is rejected or if I have a question on the AutoPay or eBill programs?

A: Payments may be rejected by a financial institution for insufficient funds, closed accounts, or other reasons. If your payment is rejected for any reason, we reserve the right to charge a \$30 NSF fee on your next statement and may also discontinue your participation in the AutoPay Program if your payment is rejected more than once in a 12-month period. Your financial institution may also charge fees for rejected payments. For questions, call the Cashiering staff at 714-536-5445.

Q: What other payment methods does the city offer?

A: Go to www.surfcity-hb.org/payments for the latest methods including "no cost" on-line credit card payments and IVR payments at 1-877-309-4915. Payments will be credited the next business day. You will need to have your complete account number & amount to pay.



Yes, please enroll me in the City Treasurer's AutoPay Program

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY – AutoPay Authorized Agreement

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR STATEMENT

SERVICE ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS

() HOME CONTACT NUMBER () BUSINESS CONTACT NUMBER

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH UTILITY ACCOUNT #

EMAIL ADDRESS

I authorize the City of Huntington Beach and my financial institution to automatically deduct from the account provided all future payments for my Municipal Services statements. I understand that both the City of Huntington Beach and my financial institution reserve the right to terminate this authorization and my participation therein. If I choose to terminate this authorization, I will immediately notify the City of Huntington Beach at 714-536-5445, or fax form canceling AutoPay to 714-374-1603.

X _____
Signature is mandatory and must match name on voided check/Date

Changes to AutoPay Application

Updated Information Please Cancel AutoPay

SIGNATURE

DATE

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH USE ONLY

Checked account information Name/Date: _____
 Input & Processed for prenote Name/Date: _____

CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR NEW "GO GREEN" PAYMENT OPTIONS AT WWW.SURFCITY-HB.ORG/PAYMENTS

APPLICATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT A VOIDED CHECK



HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Children's Library Services 714-375-5107

The Central Library offers a variety of programs and activities for children! In addition to participating in weekly storytimes and crafts, kids can visit the Children's Department for computer and Internet access. Call 714-375-5107 for more information.

Special Upcoming Events for August - October 2009:

"Science on the Go" – Mammals

Wednesday, August 5, 2009
at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm

TABBY STORYTIME THEATER
Tickets \$4 per person

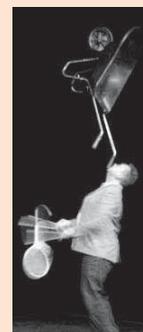
Watch science come alive in this interactive program as we find out all about mammals, a familiar animal group in zoology! Exhibits allow students to experience mammals in different forms – live specimens, preserved, and stuffed animals. Also, there will be lots of hands-on things many children never get to see or feel. This program provides information on the group's characteristics, their place in the environment, and their impact on man and nature. A look into the wonderful world of mammals! Tickets go on sale July 15, 2009. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended!

Michael Rayner Comedy Juggling Show

Thursday, September 24,
2009 at 4:00 pm

LIBRARY THEATER
Tickets \$4 per person

Join us for a high-energy super-silly show using wacky jugglement and preposterous brilliance with everyday objects like cheeseburgers and chickens. Will Michael perhaps balance a wheelbarrow on his chin? Come enjoy a unique blend of tricks and humor in a non-stop show fun for all ages. **Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, August 5.** For more information, please call 714-375-5107.



Halloween Magic Show with Johnny Ace Palmer

Wednesday, October 28, 2009
at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm

LIBRARY THEATER
Tickets \$4 per person

World Champion **Magician Johnny Ace Palmer's** fun-filled show will delight children of all ages! Watch him pull a rabbit out of a hat! This Magic Show sells out every year so **buy your tickets in advance.** Children can wear their Halloween costumes and join in a Costume Parade around the library afterwards. **Tickets go on sale September 24.** For more information, please call 714-375-5107.

Visit our website at www.hbpl.org for a listing of all scheduled library events.

Shibley Nature Center

Cool Summer Nights at Shibley



Take a cool, relaxing break at Shibley Nature Center on Thursday evenings during August when the center will be open from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Take a stroll through the shaded habitats and enjoy the sights and sounds of the evening. The Interpretive Center will also be open with a wide variety of exhibits to enjoy.

And don't forget the exciting nature talks.

- August 6, 7:30-9:00 pm **The Bats of Orange County and the World** – (includes bat walk) – Stephanie Remington, a local bat biologist, will share with us her vast knowledge of the local bats of the OC and the world. There is a pre-registration fee of \$10 per person for this event and space is limited (sign up at Shibley).
- August 13, 6:00-7:00 pm **California Friendly Plants** – our very own Nursery Coordinator Carol Williams will share with us the wonders of our favorite native plants. Carol will take us on a guided tour of the Demonstration Gardens to see the plants up close and personal.
- August 20, Center Open 4 to 8 pm.
- August 27, 6:00-7:00 pm **Explore the Skies above Shibley** – Join us as we are visited by the Orange County Astronomers who will help us explore nearby planets and star systems light years away! Our evening hours will be extended to allow for this not to be missed event.

Fall Plant Sale

Shibley Nature Center will be having its annual Fall Native Plant Sale on Saturday September 26 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For all you water conscious residents who have already killed the grass or are thinking about doing it, now is the time to put in water-saving California Natives. Begin this Fall-Winter planting season with the **best ever selection of California Native Plants** (over **100 species** to choose from). Stroll through the eight habitats and see how California Native Plants provide food, shelter and beauty for our local birds and wildlife and conserve water at the same time. Get help and advice from Shibley Nursery Volunteers and Master Gardeners on which plants would be right for your garden. There will be exhibits on the Monarch Butterfly habitat, container gardening with Native Plants, composting, vermiculture, and many more.

Literature about California Native Plants and tips for gardening with them will be available. Refreshments and fun things to do will be available while you browse.

Volunteers – Become a Shibley volunteer. Greet visitors, be a docent, be a wild gardener or nursery gardener, help with crafts and much more. If you are interested in becoming more involved with Shibley, giving back to your city, and having a wonderful experience, please contact Carol at the Shibley office 714-842-4772.

Restoration Day – Join us the first Saturday of every month from 9:00 am to noon when volunteers come together to weed, water, plant, clear brush, tend the compost and vermiculture bins, perform building maintenance and do anything else needed to keep Shibley Nature Center open and welcoming to the public.

Membership – Become a member of the Friends of Shibley Nature Center and take part in the growth of Huntington Beach's little part of nature.

Free parking at the Shibley parking lot at 17829 Goldenwest near Talbert. Follow the path from the parking lot into the park to the green Shibley Nature Center gates. Telephone: 714-842-4772. www.shibleynature.org Free admission. Donations are much appreciated.



A Matilija poppy in bloom at Shibley Nature Center.

To Flush or Not to Flush

Do you know what to do with your unused or expired medications? Most people don't. The City of Huntington Beach has recently teamed up with the Orange County Sanitation District to promote a countywide public education campaign to reduce the improper disposal of pharmaceuticals into the sewer system. The campaign's tagline, "No Drugs Down the Drain" is meant to encourage Southern California residents to dispose of their unused or expired medications properly.

Scientists are concerned of possible environmental impacts associated with pharmaceuticals that are flushed down the sewer. In fact, researchers have detected the presence of pharmaceuticals in surface waters attributed from wastewater discharges. Although long-term health effects of pharmaceutical on marine life or humans are still not certain, risks may exist. It is prudent upon us to limit the disposal of unused or expired medications down the sewer system.

In the past, residents were advised to flush unwanted medications down the toilet; however, sewage treatment facilities are not designed to remove or destroy all chemicals present in pharmaceuticals. Therefore, pharmaceuticals present in wastewater can get into surface water and may cause a negative impact to the environment.

So what can we do with the expired medications we have at home? Throwing unused medications in a trash receptacle is the way to go. However, before doing so, crush and mix your old medications with undesirable materials such as used coffee grounds or dirt, seal them tightly and put them in the trash, away from children and pets.

Learn more at www.NoDrugsDownTheDrain.org.



Check out the best way to dispose of unneeded drugs at www.NoDrugsDownTheDrain.org.

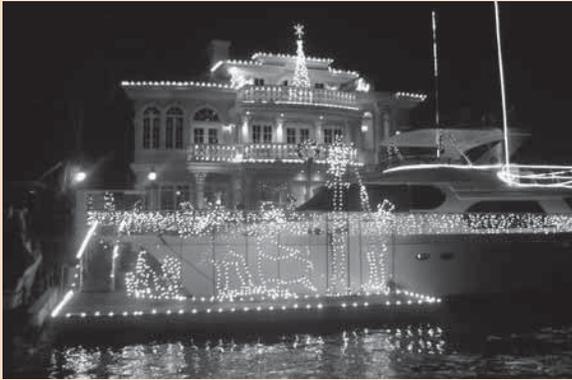


Free Used Oil & Oil Filter Disposal for Huntington Beach Residents

Are you a "do-it-yourself" mechanic who needs to dispose of used motor oil & used oil filters? Then take advantage of our Used Oil & Oil Filter collection program. You can arrange for pick-up at your home by calling our residential "curbside" collection service at **1-800-449-7587**, or you can drop off used oil and filters at most area auto parts stores where you buy your new oil; look for the blue and yellow "Used Oil Collection Center" logo in the store's window or call **1-800-CLEANUP (1-800-253-2687)** for the nearest location. The service is free to local residents, funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

The City's Used Oil & Oil Filter collection program collects over 1,000 gallons per year from residential pick-up service, and another 15,000 gallons per year from drop-off locations at auto parts stores and auto service centers, keeping it from being illegally disposed and ending up on our streets, on our local beaches, or in our wetlands.

2009 CRUISE OF LIGHTS

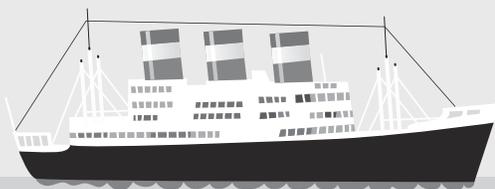


Take a magical narrated tour by boat to see thousands of lights in Huntington Harbour! The Cruise of Lights is set for December 17 through December 23. Visitors see lights on boats, decks, docks and homes. Many displays are elaborate, and some will be decorated in keeping with the 2009 theme "Rocking the Night Away." Fun for the whole family.

Proceeds from the Cruise of Lights go to further the music programs for over 250,000 Orange County school children from kindergarten through 12th grade. For ticket prices, and to order, call 714-840-7542, or visit www.cruiseoflights.org

Stress-Free Travel Starts at City Hall

City of Huntington Beach Passport Acceptance Facility



Hours: Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm (excluding holidays)
For more info, call (714) 374-1600
www.surfcity-hb.org/passports



For first time passports bring the following information with you:

- ✓ Original Certified Birth Certificate (abstracts are unacceptable) **or** Naturalization Papers
- ✓ Two Passport Photographs
- ✓ Valid Driver's License
- ✓ Checks/Money Orders
- ✓ Children 15 & Under need to appear with both parents or a written, notarized consent from their non-appearing parent



We accept your application for Passport and forward all forms and documents to the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE...THEY PROCESS YOUR PASSPORT.

PASSPORT CHARGES (check or money order only)

ADULT PASSPORT (Age 16 & Over)
\$75.00 Payable to US Department of State
\$25.00 Processing fee payable to City of Huntington Beach

CHILD PASSPORT (Age 15 & Under)
\$60.00 Payable to US Department of State
\$25.00 Processing fee payable to City of Huntington Beach

PASSPORT CARD Payable to US Department of State
Adult **\$20.00**, Child **\$10.00**

RENEWAL PASSPORT FEE (By Mail Only)
\$75.00 Payable to US Department of State

EXPEDITE FEE \$60.00 Payable to US Department of State
PHOTO SERVICES AVAILABLE: TWO FOR \$10.00

City Clerk's Office • Huntington Beach Civic Center, 2nd Floor • 2000 Main St. (at Yorktown)