

**Spring  
2010**

# City News

## Huntington Beach

### Lap Swim and Aquatics Programs are available at Huntington Beach High School

**This coupon entitles  
new customers only  
to One Free Lap Swim**

Programs are at the Huntington Beach High School Pool. Participant must complete this coupon and redeem at time of enrollment. Discount applies *one time only* per customer.

PARTICIPANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

LIMIT – ONE COUPON PER CUSTOMER PER SESSION

**F**or many years, local residents have been able to enjoy the beautiful aquatic facility at Huntington Beach High School for Aquatic Exercise Classes and lap swimming. Due to recent budget reductions, the community programs at Huntington Beach High School have needed to raise additional funds in order to continue operating. Thanks to the individuals who donated funds during the fall season and kudos to the community members who worked to organize various fundraising efforts. We appreciate all who participated in the winter Swim-a-Thon to raise money for the continued operation of the community aquatic programs. All of these efforts have helped tremendously, but in order to generate the ongoing funds needed to operate these programs well into the future, we need residents to SWIM at the facility. Hours for Lap swim are Monday and Wednesday Mornings, 6 - 8 am, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8 pm. Additionally, the Aquatic Exercise programs are listed on page 20 of this Community Services Guide.

This session, beginning March 29, new swimmers will have the opportunity for one "Free Lap Swim" admittance at Huntington Beach High School using the coupon to the left. Visit the Huntington Beach High School Pool and the City Gym Pool and participate in the community programs offered, you will be glad you did!

#### Letter from the Community Services Director

### Online Registration Is Here!

It is always our goal to provide you, our customer, with the best possible service and experience. Now you can enjoy the SANDS on your computer at home AND register for classes online at the same time. Visit [hbsands.org](http://hbsands.org), and simply click on the red letters above the SANDS cover. Online registration is a new, user-friendly process, and we are so glad to be able to offer it you.

We continue to strive to improve our programming to offer what you want when you want it. Now we can also offer you an easier way to sign up for the many classes and activities available in Huntington Beach.

Play a sport, learn a craft, make new friends, enjoy the outdoors or family movie night – it's all here in the SANDS, and it is now easier than ever to sign up and participate. Enjoy this issue and the Spring season.

Jim B. Engle



## Community Sponsors provide a great day of fishing for students!

Local service organizations including the Kiwanis, Huntington Beach Fishing Club, Kingfishers, Department of Fish and Game, Mako Matt, Fred's Cantina and many local donations and volunteers have come together to sponsor the annual "ole fishing hole fishing derby" for students with developmental disabilities. The event is scheduled for May 7, 2010 and gives these special students the opportunity to fish at Chris Carr Park Lake.

## Change Someone's Life – Teach an Adult to Read

You can help an adult to read, write or speak English better. Huntington Beach Library has tutor training workshops for Literacy Volunteers. For information call 714-375-5102 for Central Library Adult Literacy Services or 714-375-5104 for Oak View Library Family Literacy Services.

## Sustainable Gardening

Springtime is almost upon us, and many of us are starting to prepare our gardens for the upcoming warm season. More than half of all residential water usage is for landscaping but, fortunately, there are many ways to reduce our water consumption and still enjoy beautiful landscapes. Please consider replacing high water use plants with California friendly and California native plants. These require minimal irrigation once established and make for a beautiful garden year round.

Please visit our website [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov), Huntington Beach Water Facebook page or call the water conservation staff at 714-536-5921 for more information.

## Shipleigh Nature Center

Shipleigh Nature Center will host its Annual Spring Festival on Saturday, May 1, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The day's activities will include live music, the California Native Plant Sale and a nature friendly Information Fair. Children are invited to participate in the Maypole dance and parade. Shipleigh volunteers will lead guided tours through the California Native Plant Gardens and habitats. This event will feature the dedication of the Rainwater Harvesting System and our new recirculating stream, The Angel.

Free parking at the Shipleigh parking lot, 17851 Goldenwest St. Tel: 714-842-4772. [www.shipleighnature.org](http://www.shipleighnature.org). Open Monday - Saturday, 9 am-1pm.

## "Go Green" Electronically with our Utility Statement eBill and Four Payment Options

- Pay using your bank account by signing up for our "AutoPay" program and we will debit your checking account monthly for the statement amount. Then register for eBill to have your statement sent by e-mail monthly!
- Pay online by MasterCard or Visa using our No-Cost "ePay" service at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected\\_officials/city\\_treasurer/payment](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/city_treasurer/payment).
- Pay on-line using an "eCheck" with your bank account at [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected\\_officials/city\\_treasurer/payment](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/city_treasurer/payment).
- Pay using our voice automated, "PhonePay" system at 1-877-309-4915 using your MasterCard or Visa or eCheck with your bank account.

Payments by ePay, eCheck and PhonePay may not be credited to your account until the next business day.

Coming in 2010, on-line utility statement viewing! Go to [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected\\_officials/city\\_treasurer/payment](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/city_treasurer/payment) for the latest "Green" Payment Options. Thanks for helping us "Go Green" Electronically!

## November 2010 Election News

There will be five elected City positions which will appear on the ballot for the upcoming November 2, 2010, election. Four positions will be for City Councilmember - three seats will be termed-out and one seat will have the incumbent eligible to run for re-election. The City Attorney position will also appear on the ballot, has no term limits, and the incumbent is eligible to run for re-election. So far, 13 candidates have filed their intentions to run for the office of City Councilmember. July 12, 2010, through August 6, 2010, is the filing period for Nomination Papers and Candidate Statements.

The City Clerk's Office is located at City Hall, 2000 Main Street, Second Floor, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to assist anyone who is interested in election information or would like to submit their Statement of Intention to run for office. The City Clerk's Office also has voter registration forms available in several languages in addition to English: Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese.

You can also apply for your passport at the City Clerk's Office. For more information please call the City Clerk's Office at 714 536-5227.