

**Spring
2011**

City News

Huntington Beach

Shipley Nature Center

Composting Seminars

Mark your calendars for 9 am on April 9, May 21, June 18 or September 24 to learn all about Composting and Vermicomposting. Learn how to turn kitchen scraps and backyard cuttings into "black gold." Those valuable resources that you might be throwing away and are available to you everyday can be made into rich, organic home compost. See www.shipleynature.org for event details.

Spring Festival – Saturday, April 30, 9 am to 2 pm

Come and join in the fun. 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. Guided tours through the California Native Plant Gardens and habitats.

Visit Shipley Nature Center and enjoy the essence of nature in an urban setting. 17851 Goldenwest Street, 714-842-4772. Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm.



Letter from the Community Services Director

"SPRING" into THE ARTS

with the Community Services Classes and Programs!

Through the ages, people have relayed history through storytelling, drama, dance, drawings, and sculptures. Joy, sorrow, fury, peace – emotions and experiences can be shared in a sketched line, a dance, or a dramatic interpretation. Creating "art" is relaxing for many individuals and helps people cope with the pressures of everyday life or extreme situations. Relaxation has been proven to enhance the health and overall well-being of community members. Participation in the Arts can strengthen an individual's cognitive skills, enhance their problem solving capabilities and provide a sense of craftsmanship. When people share in the creation, discussion or experience of the arts, important social bonds are created, enhancing quality of life in our community! Begin your own creative journey today with the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department classes.

Paul Emery
Acting Community Services Director
"Surf City" Huntington Beach

Imagination Celebration

The Huntington Beach Art Center has been proudly partnering with Imagination Celebration for over 10 years to present the creative work of Orange County students grades K-12. Imagination Celebration is presented by Arts Orange County and the Orange County Department of Education. Now in its 26th year, Imagination Celebration invites you to experience the power and colorful creativity of theatre, dance, music, film, literary and visual arts brought to you by an exciting collaboration of professional arts organizations, cities, schools, libraries, universities and community venues. The Imagination Celebration has played a major role to spark imagination and creativity in an entire generation of Orange County children.

The Art Center proudly displays the Imagination Celebration's digital media each year. Along with the Imagination Celebration display, the HBAC also exhibits work from Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) and the Huntington Beach Union School District (HBUSD). This year the student artwork will be on display from April 20-May 7, 2011. The community is invited to a Gala Reception on April 29, from 6-9 pm, and to view the artwork for the duration of the exhibit during HBAC open gallery hours. The Huntington Beach Art Center is committed to supporting Arts Education Advocacy efforts through the HBAEA to maintain funding for Arts programming in local classrooms.

Don't Let FOG Clog Your Drains

Fats, oil, and grease (FOG) can build up in pipes and cause problems. And just as excess fat isn't good for our health it isn't good for our sewer system. In fact, over time the build-up can block an entire pipe. This can lead to the overflow of untreated sewage into your home at the most inconvenient time possible.



Here are just a few simple tips to prevent grease related blockages:

- Do not put fats, oil, grease or greasy foods down the garbage disposal or drain.
- Mix cooking oil with an absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds, place it in a lidded container and dispose of it in a trash receptacle.
- For greasy pans that need to be soaked, first pour excess grease into a container as mentioned above. Then wipe the greasy pan with a paper towel (not a cloth towel) to remove the grease.
- For large quantities of cooking oil and other fats, call your local household hazardous waste collection at 714-834-4000 for guidance on disposal.

HUNTINGTON BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE:

First Tuesday of Each Month
Newland House Museum • 19820 Beach Blvd.
7:00 P.M.

Please Join Us!

The Project Self Sufficiency Foundation invites you to

“A Celebration of Women” Luncheon

The Project Self-Sufficiency Foundation is hosting a spring luncheon fundraiser on April 10, 2011 at the Newland Barn. “A Celebration of Women” is a great opportunity to support this local program while spending quality time with family and friends. The Project Self Sufficiency Foundation, a nonprofit organization, works closely with the City of Huntington Beach to support the Project Self Sufficiency Program. This Huntington Beach program assists highly motivated, low-income, single parents to achieve economic independence. Funds raised by the Foundation are used to provide direct support to participant families. Child care, transportation, school costs, job training, and other living expenses are a few ways the Foundation provides assistance. It is a primary goal of the program is to ensure individuals reach their educational goals through case management and linkages to a vast community network of human services. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket or learning more about Project Self Sufficiency, please visit www.projectsellsufficiency.com or call 714-536-5263.

It's Tee Time

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging invites you to take part in their annual On Course Golf Tournament, Friday, June 24, 2011; shotgun start at 12:30 pm. The proceeds from this tournament help to support seniors and their families through many beneficial programs offered by the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center and Huntington Beach Seniors Outreach Center. Senior Services provides a wide variety of services, classes, activities and clubs designed to support seniors in staying healthy, active and independent. A buffet awards dinner, with no host bar, will immediately follow the tournament at 6:00 p.m. For further information visit www.hbcoa.org.



Another Busy Year For Marine Safety

Marine Safety Staff provides public safety through a variety of functions and responsibilities. The Ocean Lifeguard performs a vital role in providing frontline protection of life, limb, and property. Marine Safety Officers patrol and respond to ocean rescues, major medical and law enforcement incidents from their emergency vehicles and vessels. Marine Safety staff are highly skilled experts in aquatic rescue and incident command. They are trained and equipped to respond to a variety of rescue incidents within and outside of their primary jurisdiction.

Despite very cool weather last year, Marine Safety performed nearly 3000 rescues, more than 1,300 medical aids, almost 66,000 enforcement actions, and practically 62,000 preventive actions. They provided 114 Public Education Lectures to over 4,000 students. The Marine Safety Team is a valuable resource for the City of Huntington Beach and provides exceptional service to both residents and visitors alike.

