

**City of
Huntington
Beach**

Community Connection

October 2009



Centennial Celebrations for October

Locals "take back" the beach on October 3rd!

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Special points of interest:

- Fire Safety Week
- Halloween Activities
- Senior Surfing Olympics
- Friends of Library
- Youth Sports

The Centennial Celebration continues with the Centennial Beach Party on October 3rd. The Beach party will take place between Junior Lifeguard Headquarters and the Hyatt Bridge. The time is 10 am to 4 pm with wood being provided free to residents who want to stay for an evening fire ring.

The Beach Party will feature food and merchandise booths, non-profit organizations (as well as City Departments) providing information, and great music during the day.

A stage will be set up in the sand so everyone will have a great view. Music will be provided by The

Surfaris, Sportin' Woodies, the Chantays and Dean Torrence and his band will close the show.

The food being sold will be top quality and a great variety. Parking will be at the regular cost of \$12 for the whole day. The complimentary wood and fire rings will be available on a first come- first served basis.

The month of October has been designated to Celebrate 100 Years of Faith. There are many events and activities planned.

On October 4th, the Blessing of the Waves will be held on the beach, on the north side of the Pier.

(Taiko Drummers) and a very exciting, entertaining and Spiritually-on-target event beginning at 4 pm...led vocally by Emmy Award winning vocalist Faith Rivera.

Then on October 23rd, a Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Hyatt Resort and Spa. This wonderful event will bring together members of all faiths and religions to be recognized and listen to the words of Azim Khamisa. Azim Khamisa is a renowned author and featured in many PBS documentaries. He will be speaking on forgiveness and will tell about his personal history.

The Breakfast starts at 7 am and the cost is \$20 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Mary Lou Shattuck at 714-960-7904.



The 2009 Procession of Light is scheduled for Oct. 11th at Pier Plaza. There will be a Musical Prelude at 3:30 pm

Fire Department Open House set for Oct 10

The Huntington Beach Fire Department invites you to attend "Open House" Saturday, October 10, 2009

10AM – 3PM

at Fire Station 1

18301 Gothard St.

For more information contact the Fire Department (714) 536-5411

It's time for Fire Prevention Week. The Huntington Beach Fire Department wants to remind you to "Stay Fire Smart- Don't Get Burned." Fire Prevention Week 2009 focuses on ways to keep homes fire safe and prevent painful burns. By following simple safety rules, you can "Stay Fire Smart!"

Don't Get Burned

- Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.
- Have a 3-foot "kid-free" zone around the stove.
- Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot

food or drinking a hot beverage.

- Teach children that hot things hurt.
- Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, oven, irons, lamps, and heaters.

When using heating pads, only use for 15-20 minutes at a time and don't lie, sit or place anything on the pad.

Just Right?

- To avoid scalds, set the thermostat setting on your water heater to no higher than 120 degrees F.
- Remember young children and older adults skin burns more easily.
- Consider having "anti-scald" devices on tub faucets and shower heads to prevent scalds.
- Test the water before placing a child or yourself in the tub.
- Never leave young children alone in the tub, shower or near a sink.

Be careful about scalding wa-

ter. The water should feel warm, not hot. Before you put your child in the tub, test the temperature with your wrist, elbow, or the back of your hand.

Don't rely on a tub with a temperature indicator, such as a drain plug that changes color to indicate too hot, too cold, and just right. If you're using a thermometer with a read-out, infant bath water should be no more than 100 degrees. Even when using a thermometer use your wrist, elbow, or the back of your hand as your main guide.

Cool a Burn

- Treat a burn right away. Put it in cool water for three to five minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth.
- If the burn is bigger than your fist or if you have any questions, get medical help right away.

Remove all clothing, diapers, jewelry and metal from the burned areas.



Halloween will be Celebrated Downtown

Come join the Downtown Business Improvement District for Halloween on Saturday, October 31st for this family fun event from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Entry to the event is free, and over 10,000 guests are expected.

Parts of Downtown will be closed to traffic for the Halloween Fest. There will be games / activity booths sponsored by local Non-Profits, City Departments, BID Members and others.

Bounce house provided by BounceU.com of Huntington Beach (the newest and largest private children's party

center specializing in open bounces, structured play-groups and camps); Mobile Video Games sponsored by Games2U.com (a climate controlled, state-of-the-art Mobile Video Game Theater, with the latest and greatest video games available simultaneously on Xbox 360 and Wii gaming consoles with coaches to get everyone involved regardless of skill level); face painting, Halloween music provided by Foul Owl Productions, and more!

Everyone will enjoy seeing Surf City's Antique Fire Truck. Many of the Downtown businesses will be competing for the "Best Decorated Window"

Display, and handing out free candy to children (12 & under).

There will also be special discounts, sales and restaurant specials. Costume contests will be held for children up to age 12.

There will also be a costume contest for dogs of all ages and sizes! Prior to the competition, everyone will be led by, the "Monster of Ceremonies" in a small parade to the competition.

And to top it all off, there will be a family-friendly HAUNTED HOUSE!!!

For more information, call 714-536-8300.

More Halloween Activities!

Come and join the Community Services Department as we take part in Downtown's Halloween Festivities on Saturday, October 31st. Children will have the opportunity to make two crafts, Horr-Edible Hands and Ghost Toosie Pops, and decorate Spookie Cookies at the Community Services craft booth. The Halloween Fest begins at 4:00pm and will end at 8:00pm.

Halloween Costume Contest at Bella Terra

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Dept. will be partnering with Bella Terra on Saturday, Oct. 31 to offer this free Halloween activity. Registration and judging will take place from 11:30-1:00 p.m. followed by final judging until 2:00 in front of the theaters. Prizes will be awarded for ages 3-under, 4-6 years, and 7-14 years. Come out and enjoy

goodie bags and trick-or-treating!



Annual Distance Derby will be held October 24th

55th Year of the Annual Distance Derby

On October 24th, the City of Huntington Beach will hold its 55th Annual Distance Derby, the oldest road race in Orange County! The 10-mile run will begin at 7:00 a.m. at beautiful Pier Plaza and head south for 2.5 miles along beach. Runners will return to the starting point and will then run north for another 2.5 miles eventually finishing the run back at Pier Plaza.

At 8:30 a.m. the 5 mile run/walk will begin followed by the Surf Kids Fun Run at 10:00 a.m. The event takes place on a flat course with a

spectacular view of the ocean!

Once again, the event will benefit **Project Self-Sufficiency (PS-S)**. PS-S is a Huntington Beach program which assists low-income, single parents to achieve economic independence from governmental assistance through a vast community and county network of human services. The City of Huntington Beach, Community Services Department, partners with the private sector in coordinating accessibility to resources, child care, educational counseling, job training, and a variety of other benefits. The Project



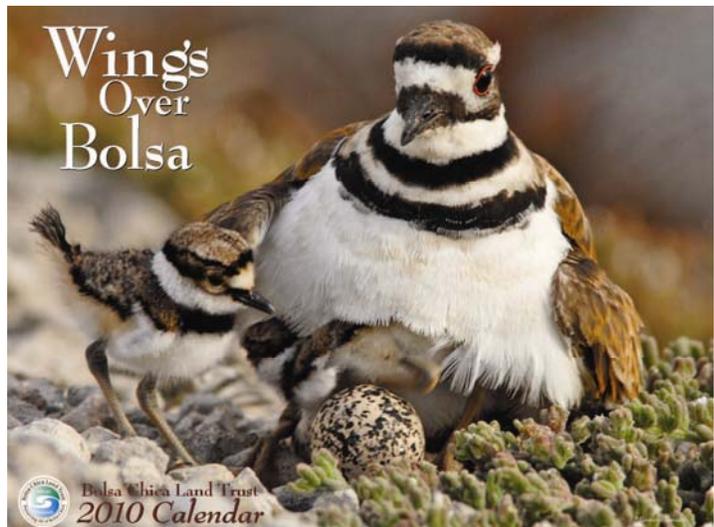
Self-Sufficiency Foundation, a nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) status, partners with the city to raise funds for PS-S to be used for child care, transportation, school costs, job training, and other living expenses. Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are still available, so contact the Huntington Beach Community Services Department at 714 536-5486 for more information.

2010 Wings Over Bolsa Calendar now available

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust is pleased to announce the release of the 2010 "Wings Over Bolsa" wall calendar. With gorgeous full-color photos of the birds and wildlife at Bolsa Chica, this 13-month calendar is a stunning addition for the home or office and makes a wonderful holiday gift. Proceeds help with the Land Trust's education efforts at Bolsa Chica.

The cost is \$11 each + shipping. Call 714-846-1001 or visit

www.bolsachicalandtrust.org for details.



Friday Afternoon at the Movies is Free

Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging

Enjoy a free afternoon at the movies at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Complimentary popcorn makes this a must see event. Movies are selected based on suggestions from the audience.

On October 2, view **Sunshine Cleaning**. Rose Lorkowski (Amy Adams) teams up with her unreliable sister, Norah (Emily Blunt) and starts Sunshine Cleaning, a company that specializes in bio hazard removal and crime scene cleanup. Rose is finally ready to use her entrepreneurial spirit to tidy up her own life. Alan Arkin co-stars.. *R for language, disturbing images, some sexuality and drug use. 91 minutes*

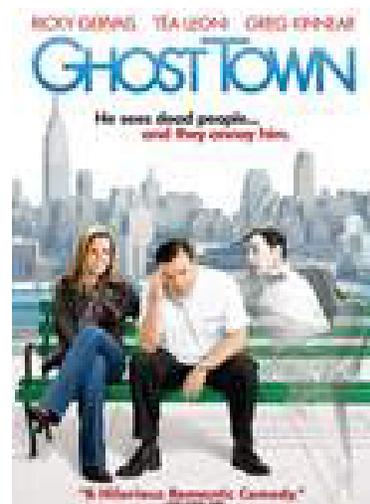
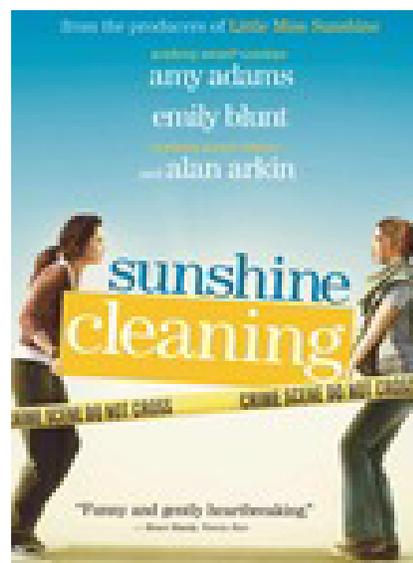
On October 16, enjoy **State of Play**. A petty thief is gunned down in an alley and a Congressman's assistant falls in front of a subway-two seemingly unrelated deaths. As brash newspaper reporter Cal McAffrey (Russell Crowe) and rookie Della Frye (Rachel McAdams) investigate further, they discover an intricate web of lies. This intriguing political thriller co-stars Ben Affleck, Helen Mirren, Robin Wright Penn and Jason Bateman.

PG-13 for violence and language. 128 minutes.

On October 23, delight in **The Proposal**. When she learns that she's in danger of losing her visa and being deported to her native Canada, overbearing book editor Margaret Tate (Sandra Bullock) forces her put-upon assistant, Andrew Poston (Ryan Reynolds) to marry her. *Pg-13 for mild sexual content, nudity and language. 108 minutes.*

On October 30, prepare to be spooked with **Ghost Town**. During a routine procedure, Bertrum Pincus (Ricky Gervais) is pronounced dead only to be brought back to life with an annoying ability to see ghosts. Even worse, the ghosts all want something from him, particularly Frank Herlihy (Greg Kinnear) who puts Pincus squarely in the middle of a love triangle with spirited results. Co-starring Tea Leoni. *PG-13 for some strong language, sexual humor and drug references. 102 minutes.*

Come early and enjoy the Community SeniorServ lunch. Lunch is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. A donation of \$2.50 for those 60+ is recommended for the lunch. \$3.50 is charged to those under 60. .



Children's Library will feature Halloween theme

Celebrate Halloween early with Miss Barbara during her free **Family Evening Storytime** in the Tabby Theater on **Thursday, October 8 at 7:00 pm.** Wear your pajamas or Halloween cos-



tume! Refreshments provided by the National Charity League. Back by popular demand is the **In N Out Burger Program.**

Read five books, earn a free ham-

burger! Pick up a reading log between **October 10 and November 28.** Then, join us on **Wednesday, October 28 at 4:00 and 7:00 pm** for our **Halloween Magic Show** in the Library Theater with **Magician Johnny Ace Palmer.** Children can wear their Halloween costumes and join in a parade around the library afterwards. This show sells out every year so buy tickets in advance--\$4/person. **For more information call (714) 375-5107.**

Seniors plan their Halloween Luncheon

On Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 1:00 PM, the Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) will host a Halloween Luncheon at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors

Center, 1706 Orange Avenue.

The HBCOA is officially recognized by the Huntington Beach City Council as representing its local senior citizens. Suzanne's catering will serve a delicious lunch and Swingin' Dean will entertain.

At this luncheon, the HBCOA will honor all of its Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Membership Sponsors. To attend the lunch, prepay \$5.00 at the Rodgers front counter.

For more information, contact 714-536-9387.



The Entertainment Books Are Back!

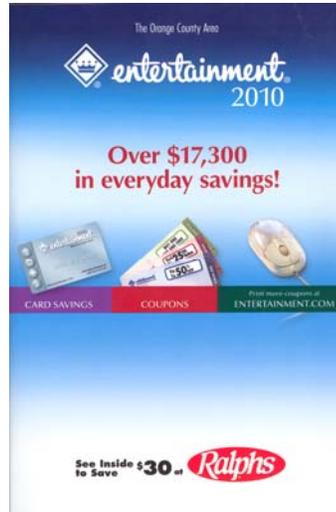
Once again, the **Entertainment Coupon Books** are available! The books offer great values in the way of significantly reduced rates for hotels, movies, theatres (including our very own H.B. Playhouse), restaurants and attractions of all sorts, plus many new activities and offerings not previously included.

Needless to add, they make great gifts at holiday time and save time shopping for “stuff” that all too often gets returned anyway! While most attractions are Orange County-based, many of the

locales and best values offered have sites in other counties and even other states (including Hawaii). All coupons are “good” thru November 2010, so the sooner a book is acquired, the longer one has to contemplate at one’s leisure and enjoy accordingly.

Books will not be available much beyond Thanksgiving,

so if you are thinking of buying one for yourself or for a gift, we suggest that you do not put that thought off too long!



Prices remain \$35. Those interested may contact: City Yard- Gretchen Erickson @ 5137, City Hall-Arnie Ross @ 5238 or Police Dept-Michelle Fiore @ Mfiore@hbpd.org. Sample books are available for your review.

Join the Blue Revolution—Be Water Efficient

There are many ways to make a household more water efficient and not only will you have a positive impact on the environment, you will also save money on your utility bills!

A few of our favorite tips for the outdoors is to plant drought resistant and California native plants. The fundamental benefit is water savings but other advantages are minimal upkeep and a garden that will attract bees, birds, and butterflies. It is also good wa-

ter saving practice to spread two to three inches of mulch around plants, shrubs and trees, allowing the underlying soil to retain moisture,



plus it looks great! For inside water savings replace old toilets (3.5 gallons per flush) with new High Efficiency Toilet

models (1.6 gallons per flush) which automatically will save you 50 percent more water in the bathroom.

The most effective way to conserve water in your house is to install faucet aerators. Old-fashioned faucets use 2.75 gallons per minute, but low cost faucet aerators can reduce flow to 0.5 to 1.5 gallons per minute – a savings of 14,700 gallons of water per year for the average home!

Art Center to hold events in October

Kelly McLane Opens October 16th

Acclaimed artist Kelly McLane is having a solo exhibition titled "On the Road to Trona" at the HBAC featuring works from 2002-2009. Join the HBAC staff for Art For Lunch in the galleries on Tuesday, October 20, 11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m. Join the artist for an informal walk through and discussion of her work on Wednesday, October 28, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

The opening reception is free and open to the public. The exhibition will be on display at HBAC through December 20.

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www.surfcity-hb.org.

Artsy Sundays October 18th

Artsy Sundays continue in October. Guest artists teach hands-on art to families in a comfortable and creative environment. The Workshops run from 1 - 3 p.m. and families are invited to come in and create a work of art to take home.

Sponsored by Target, *Artsy Sundays* is a series of free, drop-in art workshops for children and their parents. Registration is not required. Call 714.374.1650 for more information, or see the *Sands Community Brochure* at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org>.

Target sponsored Family Arts Day October 25th

The Huntington Beach

Art Center will hold its annual Family Arts Day event on Sunday, October 25th, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. This hands-on, family event has become one of the community's most popular creative gatherings.

Event activities include painting, sculpture, assemblage, print making, and fiber arts, in addition to live music and dance performances throughout the afternoon. Family Arts Day is sponsored by Target and is **FREE** to the public. The Huntington Beach Art Center is located at 538 Main Street. Call 714.374.1650 or visit <http://www.surfcity-hb.org>.



Shop Locally and Save with Surf City Savings

The new **Surf City Savings program** is here! Look for the Surf City Savings logo on store windows at Bella Terra, Five Points and Old World Village and step inside to take advantage of money-saving offers.

Surf City Savings merchants hope to save you money while

helping to generate sales tax to support vital city services like: Police and Fire Department; street and road cleaning; beach and park programs; library services; and others. One



percent of all sales tax generated in Huntington Beach stays in our community to fund these important services.

For more information on Surf City Savings and to print out coupons for participating merchants, please visit www.SurfCitySavings.com.

Youth Sports builds better kids

City of Huntington Beach Youth Sports

The City of Huntington Beach Youth Sports Program stresses the importance of teaching young people not only the rules and strategies of the games but important lessons about life as well. Positive youth sports programs help young people develop confidence and self-esteem, help them learn to resolve conflicts peacefully, teach them ways to take care of their health and well-being, and help them develop skills for communicating with others.

Youth Basketball

The City of Huntington Beach youth basketball program provides a fun and competitive league in an instructional environment where the youth of the community can enjoy sports. All boys and girls in the 3rd through 8th



grades who are interested in playing basketball may sign up at the City Gym, Murdy or Edison Centers. Sign-ups for the 2009/10 youth basketball league will begin on November 2. League Cost: \$50.00.

Pee Wee/Junior Basketball

Pee Wee and Junior basketball is a non-competitive introduction to basketball for youth between the ages of 3 and 8 years old. Participants will learn basketball techniques, basic rules of the game and to

have fun while playing sports. Participants will not only learn basketball but will also strengthen social skills by interacting with their coaches and teammates. All players will be placed on a team and will receive a team jersey. Sign-ups will begin on November 2 and will continue on a daily basis until the first day of the program or until leagues are filled (limited availability). League Cost: Pee Wee \$55.00 / Junior \$50.00.

For more information on the City's youth sports programs please go to surfcity-hb.org or call the recreation coordinator at (714) 374-1701.



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



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

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

Huntington Beach History Video and Book Available

Whether you're a history buff or just love the City, a history of Huntington Beach book and video are now available that every resident will enjoy. The last 100 years comes to life in the film produced by the City, **Surf City Centennial: 100 Years in Huntington Beach**.

The film shows the City's roots including its Native American discovery, its founding in 1909 by Henry Huntington, the oil

boom of the 1920s and the beginnings of surfing with Duke Kahanamoku.

The book, "**Ebb and Flow**", presented by the City's Historic Resources Board, is a printed version of the amazing historical exhibit featured in February at the



Huntington Beach Art Center.

"Ebb and Flow" is available for a \$10 donation and the DVD is a \$5 donation. Both are available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall, California Greetings on Main Street, The Surf City Store on the Pier, HB Car Wash at Beach and Garfield and California Seashell Co. at 5 Points Plaza.

Free Used Oil and Filter Disposal for Residents

Are you a "do-it-yourself" mechanic who needs to dispose of used motor oil and 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.

Shipley Nature Center to debut book

On Sunday, October 25, 2009 from 2-4 pm Shipley Nature Center will be introducing The Mystery of Blackbird Pond, a new book about what happened to the pond at the nature center

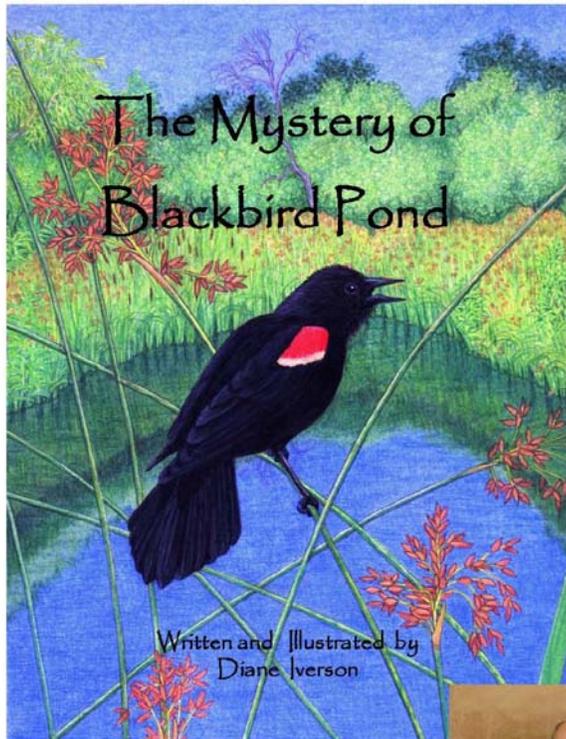
when the water disappeared. The Mystery of Blackbird Pond tells the story about the animals, birds and butterflies who live near Blackbird Pond and rely on it for water, food, and shelter.

But, one day the pond is dry. How does this affect the animals? What do the animals do? What can we do to help the pond inhabitants? The book is colorfully illustrated with pictures of the pond and its inhabitants.

Author and illustrator, Diane Iverson, will read her book to the children and sign copies in the amphitheatre. A walking tour to Blackbird Pond will be held so children can experience the sounds and smells that the animals enjoy and the importance of water conservation to preserve their habitat.

Shipley Nature Center is located in Huntington Beach Central Park. Parking is available at 17851 Goldenwest Street between Slater and Talbert. For more information, call 714-842-4772 or see www.shipleynature.org.

Exclusive! New HB Children's Book



Meet the Author - Book Signing

• Sunday • October 25, 2009 • 2 pm – 4 pm •
Shipley Nature Center
17851 Goldenwest St. Huntington Beach 92647
714-842-4772 www.shipleynature.org



Senior Olympics Surfing in HB

Huntington Beach is sponsoring the 2009 Southland Senior Olympics Surfing Competition for surfers 50 years of age and older on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. on the south side of the Huntington Beach Pier.

Judges will look for wave selection, maneuvers, fluidity and style. The surfing competition is part of the Annual Southland Senior Olympics, hosted by the City of Anaheim in partnership with the City of Huntington Beach and

the Huntington Beach Council on Aging.

Advanced registration is required. Early Bird Registration begins October 5, 2009 with the registration deadline October 26, 2009. The Registration fee of \$25.00 includes an athlete t-shirt and a goody bag and Senior Olympics Medals to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners..

For more information or to receive an appli-

cation contact Chris Cole 714-374-1710, ccole@surfcity-hb.org or stop by the Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue.



Senior Center Travel Planned

On Tuesday November 17, 2009, spend a memorable day at the **L.A. Getty Center** High atop a hill overlooking Los Angeles is the Getty Center – still as incredible as it was the day it opened more than 10



years ago. The Getty Center presents the Getty's collection of Western Art from the Middle Ages to the present against a backdrop of dramatic architecture, tranquil gardens and breathtaking views. Enjoy the Getty at your leisure with free guided tours of the exhibits and gardens available. Lunch is available at the Getty Center Cafeteria. Depart Rodgers Senior Center at 10:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. Sign-ups begin October 1, 2009. \$36.00

On Thursday, December 17, 2009, take part in a spectacular holiday tradition as we visit **Newport Harbor Lights Cruise with a Five Crowns Dinner**. First visit Roger's Gardens beautifully decorated and featuring a dis-

play of themed Christmas trees. Next enjoy an included 3-course early supper at the famed Five Crowns in Corona Del Mar. We'll then marvel at the beautifully decorated boats and waterfront homes as we cruise aboard a narrated harbor cruise during the Newport Christmas Boat Parade. Depart Rodgers Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. Sign-ups start November 3, 2009 \$92.00

Trips sell out quickly. Register in advance at the Michael E. Rodgers Senior Center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach on Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or Thursday and Friday 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. For more information call 714-537-9387.

Library promotes National Day of Service

The Huntington Beach Central Library Children's Department helped to promote this special day on September 11th, by inviting volunteers to participate in the Preschool Storytime and read stories aloud to the children.

The theme of the stories and songs were about helping each other, working together and cooperation. The volunteer readers were Grandma Bobbie from the Library's Grandparent Readers program and Raquel Ferreira-Caulkins, a professional volleyball player and coach, and a native of Brazil. Preschool

Storytime closed with a puppet show narration of the book, *Fox Stone Soup*, in which the animal characters work together and share what they had to make enough delicious soup for everyone.



The story was performed by Miss Barbara, Children's Librarian, Grandma Bobbie and Raquel.



Friends of the Library Author's Luncheon Oct 23

The Friends of the Library invites you to attend an author's luncheon on Friday, October 23, 2009 when they present, Lisa See and her latest book, *Shanghai Girls*. Lisa See interweaves her American-Chinese biracial heritage with her writings. Ms. See has few peers for historic accuracy and impassioned fiction about China's women. Her plots cover mystery, international intrigues and female friendships.

Shanghai Girls is about two sisters, May and Pearl, living in Shanghai in the mid-1930s. They are beautiful, sophisticated, and well-educated, but their family is on the verge of bankruptcy. Hoping to improve their social standing, May and

Pearl's parents arrange for their daughters to marry Gold Mountain men who have come from Los Angeles to find brides. But when the sisters leave China and arrive at Angel's Island (the Ellis Island of the West), where they are detained, interrogated, and humiliated for months, they feel the harsh reality of leaving home. And when May discovers she is pregnant, the situation becomes

even more desperate. The sisters make a pact that no one can ever know. This is only the beginning of more challenging and life-changing events in America.



Doors open at 11:30 AM, lunch is at Noon and followed by author's program. Book sales and signings are offered before and after the luncheon. Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or deliver to Friends Gift Shop. Reservations and checks must be received no later than Friday, October 16. For questions,

Bob Farrar receives Mayor's Award



Bob Farrar has spent 15 years as a firefighter and fire engineer. He owned a construction business prior to being a firefighter which was significantly useful as he provided assistance in the design of Station 6 – Edwards and the conceptual design for relocation of Station 8 - Heil.

Engineer Farrar is actively involved with the

design of the new fire apparatus and testing procedures, teaches apparatus and equipment classes in the fire academy, is a certified DMV grader and evaluator which allows the fire department to do the drivers license certification for fire apparatus, and has been instrumental in the design of the equipment that we use during operations.

Engineer Farrar is a man of character, compassionate about his job, and is an asset to the Fire Department. He received the Mayor's Award at the City Council Meeting on September 8, 2009 and is pictured with his family, fellow Fire Department personnel, the Fire Chief, and the Mayor.

Lucas Pakes receives Mayor's Award



Congratulations to Lucas Pakes from the Office of the City Treasurer for receiving the Mayor's Award. Lucas started working for the city in 2005 as a temporary contract worker, and was hired as a recurrent in 2006. Lucas exhibited excellent customer service skills and hard work, and was then promoted to Account Tech II. During the past several years, the Department had several time and money saving projects and with a temporary vacancy in the Ca-

shiering Supervisor position, Lucas was able to work closely with the Treasurer on some key technology projects for the Office. After that he was then promoted to a Senior Accounting Technician in our Cashiering Division. Lucas is our "go to guy" and is always willing to lend a hand and assist in getting any job done. He is a team player, and interacts well with the other departments in the City. Lucas is also a man of many talents, including acting. Having a

background in music and theater, he lived and worked in the West End of London, and also studied Theater at Cal State Fullerton. He most recently directed "Bat Boy, The Musical" for the Relevant Stage Theater Company in San Pedro in October of 2008. We are proud to have Lucas as a valued member of our staff. Congratulations again, Lucas, for receiving the Mayor's Award! Lucas is shown above with the City Treasurer and Mayor.



Celebrating 100 Years of Community!
For Centennial Celebration
information visit
www.HB100Years.org

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

For a complete listing of events
in Huntington Beach visit

www.surfcityevents.com

HBTV Channel 3 Schedule

Community Bulletin Board

Daily

City Council Meetings

Oct 5 @ 6 pm

Rebroadcast Oct 6 @ 10 am
and Oct 7 @ 7 pm

Oct 19 @ 6 pm

Rebroadcast Oct 20 @ 10 am
and Oct 21 @ 7 pm

Planning Commission Meeting

Oct 13 @ 7 pm

Rebroadcast Oct 15 @ 7 pm

Oct 27 @ 7 pm

Rebroadcast Oct 29 @ 7 pm

Surf City Highlights

Monday-Friday @
8 am and 8 pm

** There will be a special Planning Commission Meeting on October 6th to discuss the Downtown Specific Plan. The meeting starts at 6 pm and will be televised.

For a complete program schedule – go to the City’s website www.surfcity-hb.org. Look for the program guide under the “What’s New” column.

Remember– The Ocean begins at your front door

What do you like to find at the beach? Shells? Buried treasure? We often find trash, however, which is certainly not treasure. Trash at the beaches is often the result of litter flowing through the stormdrain system – our streets, gutters and underground pipes.



Throwing trash on the street or sidewalk is the same as throwing it right on the beach. When trash or litter enters the stormdrain system, the water carries it to our creeks, rivers, bays and ocean. In order to prevent pollution, make sure to throw your trash in a secure, covered trashcan and never litter. Remember – The Ocean Begins At Your Front Door.

