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City to test siren system on May 4th

The City of Huntington Beach recently upgraded its emergency warning siren system and will begin testing it again on May 4, 2007. The sirens, located at all fire stations throughout the City, will be tested the first Friday of each month, (rather than the last Friday as has been done in the past) at 12 noon.

The purpose of the siren system is to warn residents and visitors of an impending threat such as a tsunami, a hazardous chemical spill or the failure of the Prado Dam, for example. When the emergency warning sirens are sounded (other than the first Friday of each month at noon), citizens should immediately turn on an AM/FM radio and tune into **KWVE 107.9 FM**, the Emergency Alerting System, which is the recognized system that governments use for disseminating emergency information to the public. This is the system that one often hears tested on an AM/FM radio.



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On May 4, it is recommended that every resident go outside at noon and listen for the siren test to become familiar with the sound. The siren tests are part of the City's emergency preparedness program and are maintained to ensure that residents are kept informed about threats to their safety.

For further information you may contact Gloria Morrison, Emergency Services Coordinator @ (714) 536-5980.

Surf City Nights a Huge Success March 6 – May 22, 2007, 5 PM – 9 PM

Surf City Nights, a downtown street fair on Tuesday evenings has been a hit so far with families, couples, children, adults, and teens all the like. The event has been well received and attended with an estimated 2,000 visitors per week!



Several businesses have reported an increase of 30-35% in sales due to the event. Friends and family can enjoy a leisurely walk through the street fair that features a certified farmer's market, live entertainment, sidewalk sales, and outdoor grilling.

The farmer's market offers kettle corn, organic veggies/fruits, fresh cut flowers, spices, organic olive oil and more. After strolling through the market, many make a night of it by grabbing dinner at a downtown eatery and shopping at our local stores. The City Parking Garage offers two hours of free parking for this event (4 PM – 8:30 PM). Due to county health regulations, dogs are not allowed.



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Mayor joins Sister City group in Anjo, Japan

A delegation of 26 just returned from Japan where they celebrated our 25th anniversary of the sister city relationship with Anjo, Japan. They were royally welcomed by Anjo citizens and dignitaries and each enjoyed a home stay. For many, it was their first visit to Japan, and the personal touch of the two-day home stay provided much more than a regular tourist would experience.

All attended an elegant reception, which featured a program by authentic geisha dancers in traditional dress. Host families took their guests to varied sites, including the Toyota Museum, antique doll exhibit, the Anjo historical

museum, Denpark (Anjo is known as Little Denmark), and a cherry blossom festival. One member was even invited to participate in a ceremony at a Shinto shrine.



A plaque showing the Huntington Beach pier is on display at the Mikawa-Anjo bullet train station, a gift from Huntington Beach upon the opening of that station in 1987.

To the delight of the travelers, the cherry blossoms were at their absolute peak, and stayed on the trees a longer time than in recent memory. The pale pink blooms seemed to explode everywhere as the group traveled to four major cities and visited numerous shrines, beautiful gardens, temples and an ancient castle.



Huntington Beach will have a chance to reciprocate Anjo's hospitality when a delegation of 26 officials and citizens visit Huntington Beach from July 2-5, 2007. If you are interested in hosting an adult then, please call (714) 846-7685 or contact Gisela Campagne in Community Services.

In the spring of 2008, plans are being made for a trip to Huntington Beach's second sister city, Waitakere, New Zealand.



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Police Open House to be held May 12

The Huntington Beach Police Department will be holding an open house on Saturday, May 12. Both young and old alike will enjoy this inside look into the headquarters of the Police Department who is dedicated to serving and protecting our community.



Visitors will be able to take tours of the Police Department, which will be held throughout the day. There will be a variety of displays set up featuring the equipment and resources of the Police Department. The police helicopter and the department's old cars will be some of the equipment on display. The Special Weapons and Tactic Team (SWAT) and the K-9's will also be exhibited.

The event will be a great opportunity for children. They will enjoy the tours of the police station and the various exhibits, and will also be able to have their picture taken on a police motorcycle.

A recruiting booth will be set up for those who may be interested in joining the Huntington Beach Police Department or simply want to know more about the opportunities that are available at the Police Department.

The Open House will be from 10 am to 2 pm at the Huntington Beach Police Department, located at 2000 Main St. For more information, please call Susie Wajda at (714) 536-5933.

Saturday Film Forum at the Huntington Beach Central Library



Does the name Johnny Depp only conjure up images of "Captain Jack Sparrow"? If so, the new film program at the Central Library might just be the education you need!

Starting May 12th at 2pm, the film program: "**Not Just a Pirate: The Films of Johnny Depp**" will begin our journey in discovering the many talents, beyond piracy, of this amazing actor. Each program will include a brief opening talk about the actor and the film, a short trivia quiz for prizes and then on to the

main event!! On May 12th we start with the film, **Benny and Joon** (rated PG). This 1993 film stars Johnny Depp (of course), Mary Stuart Masterson and Aidan Quinn. It is a poignant tale of Benny (Aidan Quinn), his schizophrenic sister, Joon (Mary Stuart Masterson) and the visitor (Johnny Depp) that comes between them.

The program continues on June 23rd with **What's Eating Gilbert Grape** (rated PG-13), on July 14th with **Ed Wood** (rated R) and finally on August 18th we will be screening **Finding Neverland**. (rated PG). Come join us for an afternoon of film-tastic adventure!!



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Rose is planted for Miss Huntington Beach

The Huntington Beach Women of Action held its annual Rose Garden Dedication for the new Miss Huntington Beach Erin Nicole Britt on April 11, 2007. The dedication featured introductions of past winners of Miss Huntington Beach and the dedication of the Pope Pius II rose that is planted at City Hall. A poem written by Elaine Craft was also read and is featured below.

Salute to Miss Huntington Beach, 2007

*To a special lass named Erin,
We sing your praise today!
We're thrilled to give to you the crown
Of "Queen" upon this day.*

*Your dancing, so delightful,
Gave pleasure to us all.
With lovely smile and winning ways,
Answered as yet, our calls.*

*This white rose that we plant, indeed,
In honor of our Queen
Will bring to all who see it's bloom,
A lovely pleasant scene.*

*We know that you will "do us proud"
Whenever you appear,
Talent, charm, persistence,
Describe you now, my dear.*

*Miss Huntington Beach is a title
Quite honored through the years,
You have it now, most happily,
With joy and with our cheers!*

*We congratulate you Erin,
Our new Miss Huntington Beach.
We wish you every happy thought
That falls within your reach!*



The Women of Action, sponsors of the Miss Huntington Beach Scholarship Pageant, is offering premium high-grade coffee as a fundraiser to help create scholarships generated by the annual pageant.

The 12oz. gold coffee bags are being provided by the Huntington Beach based Poverello Coffee.

The coffee comes in many flavors and costs \$10.50 - \$11.00 per 12oz. bag, which yields between 48-60 cups.

To order, go to misshb.org for the link and all details.





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Art Auction: Fundraiser for the Arts

The Huntington Beach Art Center's Seventh Annual Benefit Art Auction and Exhibition is scheduled from May 11 – 19. This fundraiser involves the entire arts community in a number of ways. We start with the *Meet the Artists Party* on Friday, May 11 where the community mingles with the exhibiting artists and learns more about their work. The silent bidding begins that night as each art patron is issued a paddle number and can bid on their favorite piece. The community has the opportunity to collect any work of art they see--if they are lucky enough to have the winning bid on Saturday, May the 19th.



Silent bidding continues throughout the week during this fundraiser, with many art patrons returning frequently to continue the bidding process. If any patron cannot make it to the Art Center, a proxy bidder is available, both during the exhibition and at the Live Auction.

Both emerging and seasoned collectors arrive at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 for the Auction. This party is a light supper, wine, beer, and ARTini Bar reception complete with live entertainment from 7 to 8 p.m. Following the reception is the *Live Auction*, where the party dynamically comes to life. Dr. Carl Hartman acts as auctioneer for the auction with his perfect blend of humor and dynamism.



The Art Auction's main goal is to raise money to benefit the Art Center's exhibition and educational programs. In addition to this fundraising goal, the art auction is an opportunity to begin or add to an art collection.

Twelve-year-old artist Taylor Kahn stands next to her prized photo, and mom Carol Kahn, at the Photography/Multimedia Exhibition reception held April 22 at the Huntington Beach Art Center. The exhibition was part of the annual Orange County Imagination Celebration celebrating local artists.

The Seventh Annual Benefit Art Auction is chaired by Elise Hartman, a local Huntington Beach resident and Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation member. The Foundation is the fundraising board of the Art Center.

Please show your support of the Arts in our community and join the party!



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It's that time of year again! The ducks are for sale

The 15th Anniversary of the Huntington Beach Duck-a-Thon is coming up on May 18, 19, & 20. There will be wine tasting at Pier Plaza on the 18th from 6 - 8 p.m.

On the 19th and 20th, there will be a festival from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., with an open air market, food court, children's area, and the baby ducks going into the water at 3 p.m. on Saturday, and corporate ducks racing on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Buy your ducks in Community Services on the fifth floor -- \$10 for baby ducks; \$20 for Aloha baby ducks; \$100 for corporate ducks; and \$125 for Aloha corporate ducks. For \$500, you may purchase a flock of four ducks and one Aloha duck.

Please call 536-6712 for more information.

Events:

Friday, May 18th

6:00 - 8:00pm

Wine Tasting

\$40 per person

\$40 per person, \$50 at the door.

Outstanding wines and hors d'oeuvres.

RESERVATIONS: (714) 536-6712 or (714) 960-2892.

Saturday, May 19th

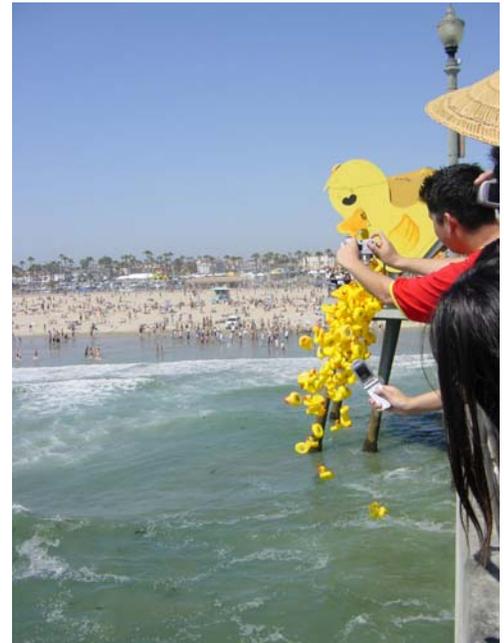
3:00pm

The Main Event

Rubber Duckie Race

Sunday, May 20th

3:00pm Corporate Challenge





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The Citizen Watershed Monitors of Orange County proudly present:

California Coastwide Snapshot Day

Bolsa Chica Wetlands

May 5th, 2007

9 am - 1 pm



Join your friends and neighbors in the effort to reduce water pollution by taking part in a statewide "snapshot" of our coastal waters!



What? Throughout the state, environmental groups and community volunteers will work together to collect and test water samples from streams in their neighborhoods.

Why? To increase awareness of the water quality issues that affect our ocean, emphasize the importance of citizen volunteer water monitoring, and HAVE FUN!

How? - Sign up to monitor water quality at a local waterway.
Volunteer training: April 30th, 6-10pm at Golden West College.

- Or come over and browse the educational booths, take in a speaker, and participate in a hike or trash pick-up.

When? May 5th (Cinco de Mayo!), 9am to 1pm



Where? The Bolsa Chica Wetlands Interpretive Center is located at the southeast corner of Warner Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. A second parking lot is on the east side of PCH, south of Warner.

• 3842 Warner Avenue • Huntington Beach • CA • 92649 •

To get involved, please contact: [Ray Hiemstra](mailto:Ray.Hiemstra@ocwatersheds.com) (Orange County Coastkeeper, 714.850.1965)
- Member organizations of [Citizen Watershed Monitors of Orange County](http://www.cwmoc.org) (www.cwmoc.org)

Thanks to our event sponsors:





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Get Safe!

Huntington Beach Police and Fire Departments Join Norma Vally's Home Safety for Women Workshop

Although some people still think of home safety and home improvement projects as a "man's" world, every woman needs to know how to protect her home. The Huntington Beach Police and Fire Departments are excited to join Norma Vally, star of *Toolbelt Diva* on Discovery Home Channel and author of *Chix Can Fix: 100 Home Improvement Projects*, when her national workshop series entitled "Home Safety for the Single Lady" visits Huntington Beach Saturday, May 19 at Home Depot, 7100 Warner Ave., starting at 11 a.m.



The workshop will run for about one and a half hours, covering a variety of topics devoted to empowering women. This hands-on workshop will arm attendees with the know-how and skills to install a peephole, add bolt locks to doors and change locks, mount motion sensor lights, and more. The Huntington Beach Police Department will discuss crime awareness for women and home safety. CPTED, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, will reveal safety measures for your home's exterior. Representatives from Aikido of Rossmoor, member of the Aikido World Alliance, will explore women's self-defense topics. The Huntington Beach Fire Department will also be on hand discussing fire prevention. Presented in an informative and non-intimidating way, this workshop has plenty of information and insight for men as well.

Norma Valley is a construction pro with the tools and attitude to get the job done. Considering the nature of construction work, her presence is quite impressive, even inspiring. This multifaceted woman aims to celebrate women and empower them through knowledge. As the feisty host of Discovery Home Channel's Emmy-nominated series *Toolbelt Diva*, Norma proves that any woman can take on just about any home-improvement project with a little knowledge and confidence. Norma also hosts *Toolbelt Diva* every week on SIRIUS Satellite Radio at 4 p.m. PT. You can learn more about Norma Vally on her website at www.chixcanfix.com.

Whether you are single or moving into a new home or living with your husband of twenty-five years, every woman should feel secure in their home. Spend your morning with Norma Valley and the Huntington Beach Police and Fire Departments and become empowered to take charge of your home and personal safety. You will leave equipped with the inspiration and resources needed to take on the issues of home safety and repair with confidence.

Norma Vally's "Home Safety for the Single Lady"
Saturday, May 19, 2007. 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Home Depot, 7100 Warner Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92647.



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End World Hunger?

The Friends of the Library are bringing the “Square Foot Gardener”, Mel Bartholomew, to the Central Library & Cultural Center Theater for a lecture and demonstration opportunity on Saturday, May 19th. The Square Foot Gardening technique teaches that you can utilize 20% of the space, 10% of the water, 5% of the seeds and 2% of the work of a conventional garden for a 100% harvest. (Teach a man to “fish” and he will never be hungry.) This technique is being taught to people all over the world with great success.

Whether you want to grow a beautiful flower garden, vegetable garden or both, do not miss this seminar. The program begins at 10am. A box lunch will be available along with admission for \$25.00. Seminar only, \$15.00. Registration is limited. For information contact: Friends Gift Shop 714/375-8429

Beach Cleanup nets over a thousand pounds of trash

This year’s Earth Day Beach Cleanup was a huge success as reported by Tim Dugan, Beach Operations Crewleader, who spearheaded the event. Over 300 volunteers helped clean Huntington city beach for the three-hour event.

Environmentalist Marty Haber, who was on hand assisting Mr. Dugan in the city’s information booth, was busy passing out ocean pollution brochures advising what steps the city is presently taking to reduce polluting runoff and what the public can do to help. Mr. Dugan couldn’t believe the enthusiasm of the volunteers, which really showed at weigh-in with over 1,500 pounds of trash and debris collected.





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Easter Hunt Had Another Successful Year

On Saturday, April 7, the Community Services Department and the Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club hosted the 17th Annual Easter Hunt. The event at Central Park drew large crowds with approximately 6,000 people attending.

Children up to eight years of age collected 1,500 pounds of candy. There were also wonderful displays by several departments within the city. Children were invited to climb on various equipment and vehicles provided by Public Works, Fire, Marine Safety, and Police Departments.



The City Clerks Office, Municipal Employees Association, and Rainbow Disposal had displays and information. Various games were available for children of all ages. The Shorelife Church Band provided entertainment throughout the day. A visit from the “Easter Bunny” along with “Sparky” and other characters made it a perfect day for the children despite the overcast weather.

HB Concert Band Summer Series starts June 24

The Huntington Beach Concert Band has announced its Summer Series of Free Concerts in Huntington Beach Central Park beginning June 24. The concerts are sponsored by the Huntington Beach Concert Band as a community service.

The 5 p.m. concerts are staged in the picturesque, natural-bowl setting behind Huntington Beach Central Library at 7111 Talbert Avenue at Golden West Street, Huntington Beach.

The Huntington Beach Concert Band is composed of professional and amateur musicians from throughout Orange County area and is commemorating its 33rd year as the cultural representative of the City of Huntington Beach, says Glick. For additional concert series information call (714) 891-6856.

Director Thomas Ridley leads the 70-piece brass, wind and percussion ensemble in the kick-off June 24 concert that will feature a program of American patriotic, folk and march favorites, including: A Jefferson Portrait, America’s Finest. America, the Beautiful, Overture on An American Folk Tune, Sing We Liberty with narration, Strike Up the Band, Pride of the Wolverines, The Purple Carnival, Red White and Brass, Stars and Stripes Forever and Washington Post.

Music lovers are encouraged to bring picnic dinners and beach chairs or blankets to the late afternoon concerts.



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Join "Surf City, USA" in sunny southern California and **ride the wave** of change! Be part of this exciting time of growth and development in a city of over 200,000 residents and 1,100 employees. Set your goals high and "surf" our website. Job listings are posted regularly as opportunities become available throughout the year.

Place our web address on "FAVORITES" and visit us often!

www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs

FULL-TIME VACANCIES	Closes
Deputy City Attorney I, II	5/30/07
Communications 9-1-1 Operator (Trainee)	5/12/07
Mechanic II	5/7/07
Administrative Assistant	5/21/07
Police Recruit (Trainee)	7/28/07
Police Recruit (Academy Trained)	7/28/07
Police Officer (Experienced)	7/28/07
Liability Claims Coordinator	OUF
Development Specialist	TBD
Senior Administrative Analyst	TBD
Beach Maintenance Operations Mgr.	TBD
Police Records Technician	TBD

PART-TIME VACANCIES (Continuous Filing)
Temporary Office Worker/Office Assistant (Temporary, On Call)
Senior Services Aide - DRIVER
Recreation Leader I, II
Aquatics Lifeguards (Pool)
Aquatics Instructors (Pool)
Crossing Guard
Maintenance Worker Assistant
Parking Attendant
Parking & Traffic Control Officer
Police Cadet

OUF - Open Until Filled

TBD - To Be Determined

Our Goal is... YOUR Success!



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Are you ready to declare your energy independence?

Article provided by the City's Environmental Review Board

Every day new reports are published about the cost of oil and the factors driving cost increases. Some of those factors include: the on-going degree of US dependence on foreign oil, the volatility of oil prices, and the uncertainty of OPEC. Does this affect you? Yes, it does! These factors have resulted in the recent dramatic rise in fuel costs and the increased cost of electricity and gas used to heat, cool and operate home appliances. Also, the possible contribution of fossil fuel use to the existence and / or severity of global warming heightens concerns about US dependence on oil.

What would it take to be energy independent at the individual level? One example is through the use of passive and active solar technologies.

Passive solar design uses the sun's energy to assist in the heating and cooling of buildings and is the simplest means of solar energy generation. Examples of using passive solar power include: 1) orientating ones' home to have the sun warm the house. A home with south facing windows and thermal masses, such as tile flooring in a sunroom, can be warmed through direct sunlight. The tile floors absorb the sun's heat and release the heat in the evening when the air cools; 2) minimizing north-facing windows that receive little direct sunlight during the daytime reduces heat loss. 3) design the landscaping so that the house is shaded during the hottest time of day to reduce heat build up during the daytime. Even design features such as overhanging eaves, and window coverings can help get the sun's energy where you need it, when you need it.

Is it practical to integrate passive solar design elements into your home? Changing the orientation of your home may be impossible, but adding other design features, such as tile flooring, and energy efficient window coverings, can make good use of available solar energy. Making small changes through careful choices when you remodel may be the best approach.

Active solar power may be more expensive than traditional power; however, it is much more affordable and practical than it was a couple of decades ago. Active solar design can include solar hot water and solar heating systems. Integrating passive solar techniques in a building / environment can make the best advantage of active solar technology. The essential requirement for solar hot water or energy generation (Photovoltaics) is having a sunny location where solar collectors have full sun from 9am to 3pm and have available a southern orientation.

Photovoltaic (PV) systems use silicon cells to absorb the sun's energy. The sun's energy charges a battery, which is then converted into AC voltage. Small PV systems are common although they aren't obvious. For example, bus shelters, and billboards are often lit using small PV systems. Most often, PV systems would be designed to connect to the power grid to ensure available power at all times.

Cost of PV

The cost of PV is gradually decreasing as technology improves and the efficiency of PV material increases. Although the cost of Photovoltaics is still high, various state and federal subsidies can make conversion of an existing home to PV or incorporation of PV in new construction cost effective over several years. Beginning in 2007, SCE in conjunction with Governor Schwarzenegger's Million Solar Roofs Program, is offering \$116 million in incentives to encourage homeowners, businesses, government and non-profit organizations to Go Solar.



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When making choices about energy use, remember that your decisions aren't only about whether to adopt solar energy as part of your lifestyle but also are about making energy efficient choices in general. When building or remodeling, every choice of materials and/or appliances has implications for energy usage. Using materials that require a lot of energy to manufacture, dispose of or to operate exacerbates the energy consumption problem.

What really matters is learning about what your choices are and making your choices carefully. Even small choices can make a difference in the long run. The opportunities are out there. It is up to each of us to take advantage of them to help reduce not only our individual energy usage, but also US dependence on foreign oil.

Sources:

- 1) Financial Times Special Report; Oct. 20, 2006
- 2) Orange County Register, Jan. 24, 2007,

Other information resources:

- Energy Department: www.spr.doe.gov
- CA Public Utilities Commission: www.cpuc.ca.gov
- CA Energy Commission: www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov
- New Solar Homes Partnership: www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov
- SCE Incentive programs: www.sce.com/RebatesandSavings/CaliforniaSolarInitiative/

Family Life: Its joys, challenges and heartaches

Thursday, May 10th, you are invited to join the Friends of the Library when they present three authors sharing tales of family life.



First-time novelist **Amy Wallen** creates a Southern-flavored—hilarious yet poignant—novel about “a woman and the fierce love she carries for her wayward daughter” in **MOON PIES AND MOVIE STARS**.



Alan Brennert's MOLOKA'I, is about suffering the loss of health, families, dignity and identity. This human drama novel tells of the people of Kalaupapa who had much taken away but also gain an unexpected new family and community in the process.



Hope Edelman, author of **MOTHERLESS MOTHERS**, recounts the long-term effects of early mother loss following the death of her own mother. As a mother of two young girls, Edelman explores its affect on ways women raise their own children.

Doors open at 11:30 and the luncheon will begin at noon in room C/D of the Central Library. Prepaid reservations are \$18 and **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Sunday, May 6th at 7111 Talbert Ave., 92648, or deliver directly to the Friends Gift Shop. For more information call (714) 375-8429.



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Make plans for the Annual Distance Derby Run/Walk

On August 18, 2007, the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department will hold its 53rd Annual Distance Derby, the oldest run/walk in Orange County. The 10 mile run will begin at 7 AM at beautiful Pier Plaza and head south for 2.5 miles along the service road. At 8:30 AM the 5 mile run/walk will begin followed by the Surf Kids Fun Run at 10 AM. The event takes place on a flat course with a spectacular view of the ocean!



Again in 2007, race proceeds will go to support Project Self-Sufficiency. Project Self-Sufficiency (PS-S) is a city program that provides support for low-income, single parents and their children. To participate in the PS-S program, parents must be: single, attend school/occupational skills training, live or work in Huntington Beach and be highly motivated to work toward achieving a career that will support their family.

There are many opportunities for businesses and non-profit organizations to become involved in this fabulous community event through volunteer service or event sponsorship. If you are interested in being an event sponsor or a volunteer, please contact the Huntington Beach Community Services Department at 536-5486, or to register for the event, visit www.active.com

Scenes from the Taste of Huntington Beach



More than 2,000 people enjoyed this year's Taste of Huntington Beach held on April 15th. Patrons were able to sample food from 45 different restaurants and 40 wineries/breweries. The proceeds go to the Children's Library and the 3/1 Marine



Foundation. Photos provided by Nancy Nimmons for the Friends of the Children's Library.





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Children’s Library May Schedule

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. Visit our website at www.hbpl.org for a listing of our regularly scheduled storytimes. Or call (714) 375-5107.

Applications to be a Teen Volunteer during the Summer Reading Program are available starting May 1, 2007. Opportunities include reading to children, helping with storytime and handing out prizes at the prize table.

Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Tabby Storytime Theater

Thursday, May 10, 2007 7:00 PM - Free

Come celebrate “all things Dinosaur” with stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.

Ballet Etudes presents “Peter Pan”

Library Theater

Wednesday, May 23, 2007 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 24, 2007 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM

\$3 per child \$5 per adult

The Huntington Beach Public Library and the Friends of the Children’s Library are proud to welcome Ballet Etudes in their production of “Peter Pan”. In this forty-five minute ballet, designed with young children in mind, Ballet Etudes adds a new dimension to this favorite tale. Children will feel comfortable watching a familiar story unfold while being gently exposed to the art of ballet. Please join us in Neverland and experience the adventure! Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended! Tickets went on sale April 14, 2007 and will sell out soon.

Tree Planting provides new life in Central Park

More than 200 volunteers came by April 28th to the Central Park area between Shipley Nature Center and Alice’s restaurant to plant 35 torrey pines. The City had help from the HB Tree Society and Eagle Scout Adam Weimer.





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Pier Plaza Presents

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Summer Sunday Concert Series

at the Huntington Beach Pier

Sponsored by



Farmers & Merchants Bank

Concerts start at 1:00 PM

May 13
Mothers Day
Swing Kings
▪ Swing



June 17
Fathers Day
Bob Malone
▪ New Orleans style Blues

June 24
Mariachi Divas
▪ Mariachi



July 8
Lee Rocker
▪ Rockabilly

July 15
Venice
▪ Rock



August 12
Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic
▪ Zydeco

August 19
Teresa James and the Rhythm Tramps
▪ Texas Blues/Rock with a Louisiana flavor



For information contact the Community Services Department at 714-536-5486



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Council on Aging to hold its annual golf tournament June 22

Plans are underway for the Huntington Beach Council on Aging *On Course* Golf Tournament. The event, which raises funds for the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center is set for Friday, June 22, 2007 at Meadowlark Golf Course in Huntington Beach. Men and women of all ages and are encouraged to grab your clubs and join us for a great day of golf while supporting a worthy cause.



Title sponsors, Orange Coast Memorial Hospital and Heritage Memorial Services are the frontrunners on the "Sponsorship Leader Board" with a \$2,500 pledge, but additional sponsors and golfers are needed.

With more than 55,000 seniors age 55 and older residing in the greater Huntington Beach area, the tournament helps support seniors and their families through many beneficial programs offered by the senior center.

"Seniors throughout the city rely on the programs funded through this tournament," said golf tournament chair, Chris Shinar. "We encourage local businesses and organizations to get involved and support the council on aging."

Sponsorship and golf packages range from \$100 - \$2,500 and include a host of benefits depending on the levels.

To sponsor the event or for more information, please call Chris Shinar at (714) 378-7012.

Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center is a focal point for an array of free services important to the quality of life for all older Americans.

The center offers opportunities for involvement and companionship with a wide range of social, recreational and educational activities.





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New Programs will be featured on HBTV3



The City of Huntington Beach television, HBTV Channel 3, is excited to announce new programming coming in the month of May. The new additions will feature exercise programs, cooking and gardening shows, environmental programs with Huell Howser, and programs highlighting California and Huntington Beach.

Two new exercise programs will be coming in May. "Jazzercise with Judi Sheppard Misset: Jazz Cardio Strength Stretch" is a fun and effective workout that incorporates cardio, strength and stretch movements. "Feeling Fit Club" is designed for real-world challenges. This hugely popular exercise show for seniors focuses on balance, strength and flexibility exercises.



"Sam the Cooking Guy" will teach you how to cook simple, great-tasting Mexican recipes and have fun at the same time. "Down to Earth" is an award-winning gardening and landscaping show geared toward the west coast homeowner. Huell Howser visits a "green house" practicing energy and resource conservation in "California's Green: Green Living with Huell Howser."

A beautiful Celtic show is also coming to HBTV in May. "Live at the Ford 2006" features coverage of a live Celtic performance from the Ford Amphitheatre in Los Angeles. The Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, CA will be featured in "The Vintage Vehicle Show." More cars are showcased in the "Beach Cruiser Meet 2007." Highlights from the 7th Annual Beach Cruiser Meet held March 17 in downtown Huntington Beach includes numerous classic Beachcruisin' cars. Finally, the Rainbow Disposal Co., Inc. offers a humorous and educational look at the new automated disposal system coming to Huntington Beach and how to sort recycling.

The popular Classic Arts Showcase will continue as a featured program. The Classic Arts Showcase features a spectrum of classic arts disciplines including ballet, dance, museum and folk art, documentaries, opera, and theatrical, musical, and vocal performances. The program will air Sundays at 8 am to 11 am and again at 7 pm to 11 pm, Mondays at 2 pm to 6 pm, Tuesdays at 5 pm to 7 pm, Wednesdays at 8 am to 12 pm, Thursdays at 3 pm to 7 pm, Fridays at 8 am to 12 pm, and Saturdays at 4 to 6 pm and again at 8 pm to 10 pm.

As always, the Bulletin Board will run throughout the day, everyday, between regularly scheduled programs. The Bulletin Board features information about Huntington Beach, city organizations, as well as upcoming events around town.

To find the monthly schedule and more information about each new program, please visit the Program Guide on the City of Huntington Beach website at www.surfcity-hb.org, click on the Government box, then go to departments and then Public Information Office. If you would like to add an event or other listing to the HBTV Channel 3 Bulletin Board, please e-mail Laurie Payne with the Public Information Office at lpayne@surfcity-hb.org.



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Gary Eddington receives April Mayor's Award

Gary Eddington is a Water Production Crewleader working in the Utilities Division. Gary is responsible for scheduling and directing 10 technicians on a daily basis to maintain and repair equipment used at seventeen water production facilities, fifteen flood control facilities and eight West Orange County Water Board import water facilities.

All scheduling, repair requests, equipment problems and emergency repairs are organized and directed as part of his responsibilities as Production Crewleader. Gary had many challenges during this time. He was able to maintain our service schedule coupled with new equipment installations while directing a relatively new crew of technicians. Gary sacrificed much of his personal time and efforts to keep the integrity of our flood control infrastructure ready for the next rainy season not to mention the safety and personal property of the Huntington Beach residents.

Gary (photographed above with his family, fellow staff members and the mayor) received his award on April 16th at the City Council meeting.



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May Calendar of Events

For a complete listing of events in Huntington Beach, visit the Huntington Beach Conference and Visitor's Bureau Calendar at www.surfcityevents.com

May Television Schedule for Channel Three

Community Bulletin Board	Daily - Be sure to check out the new look to the Channel 3 Bulletin Board!
City Council Meetings	May 7 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast May 8 @ 10 am & May 9 @ 7 pm May 21 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast May 22 @ 10 am & May 23 @ 7 pm
Planning Commission Mtgs	May 8 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast May 9 @ 7 pm May 22 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast May 23 @ 7 pm

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