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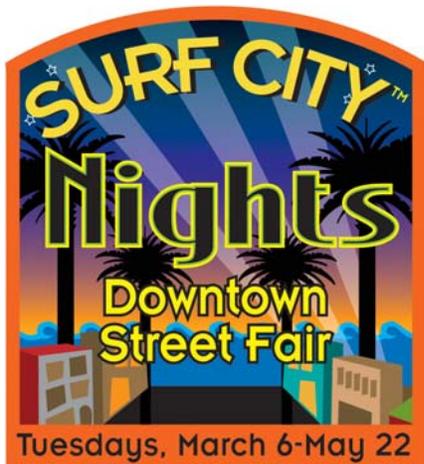
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Surf City Nights a Huge Success

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. Live entertainment varies each week and may include Rock Flamenco Guitar Duet, Twin Tap Dancing Brothers, contemporary artists, Nat King Cole & Frank Sinatra impressionists, magicians, local artists, and much more. Kids' activities include a train ride, bounce house, balloons and face painting.

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.

Bolsa Chica Land Trust will hold town hall forum

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust is pleased to present another Town Hall forum at the Huntington Beach Public Library. "Bolsa Chica: Past, Present, Future" is the theme of the evening on Wednesday, May 2.

Dr. Jan Vandersloot, a co-founder of the Land Trust, will discuss the historical hydrology of the Upper Bolsa Chica Wetlands. Louis Robles, Jr., a member of the Acjachemem Nation, will share his cultural traditions. Finally, Jeff Stoddard and Kelly O'Reilly of the state Department of Fish and Game will be explaining their new roles at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve.

The free event begins at 7 pm at the Huntington Beach Public Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue. For further information contact 714-846-1001 or visit www.bolsachicalandtrust.org.



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Adams Avenue will be under construction

Major road construction will begin April 2 on Adams Avenue from Magnolia Street to the Santa Ana River, Goldenwest Street from Warner Avenue to McFadden Avenue, and Bolsa Chica Street from Warner Avenue to Rancho Road. Construction starts first on Adams Avenue, with completion scheduled for late May.



Adams Avenue will be particularly difficult due to the intersection of Adams Avenue and Brookhurst Street and the portion of roadway between Brookhurst Street and the Santa Ana River Bridge. This bridge is a major connection across the Santa Ana River to and from Huntington Beach. The intersection work will take place over two evenings and early morning due to the high volume of daytime traffic in the intersection. Actual dates have not been determined.

During construction, Adams Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction during the day and two lanes overnight. The section of Adams Avenue between Brookhurst Street and the Santa Ana River will have all lanes open during the late afternoon and morning rush hours. Changeable message boards will be in place one week prior to construction to inform regular travelers of the construction.

The Public Works Department is advising the public to use alternate routes, if possible, during this construction. Alternate routes across the Santa Ana River are Hamilton Avenue to the south, Talbert Avenue to the north, I-405, and Pacific Coast Highway. Minor sidewalk work will also occur on Goldenwest Street and Bolsa Chica Street while Adams Avenue is under construction. The roadway work on Goldenwest Street will begin in June. Work on Bolsa Chica Street will take place after Adams Avenue is substantially complete. Goldenwest Street and Bolsa Chica Street will have similar traffic-related issues during construction. Again, traffic delays are to be expected, and alternative routes should be used.

Schedule updates will be provided when transitioning to Goldenwest Street and Bolsa Chica Street. These street segments were selected for reconstruction by the condition rating identified in the Pavement Management Program as well as available funding sources.

Funds for the \$7 million major roadway rehabilitation project have been provided by a federal grant and through Gas Tax funds. The entire project should be completed in fall of 2007. The design includes the use of recycled rubber in the finished product, which will result in a smoother ride, protection against potential water damage, and reducing reflective cracking. This is one of the major causes of roadway failure.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to the Huntington Beach Department of Public Works at 536-5431, or email the Public Works Department at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org/ContactUs>.



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Taste of Huntington Beach will be held April 15

The seventh annual "Taste of Huntington Beach," benefiting the Huntington Beach Children's Library and the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines at Camp Pendleton, will be held Sunday, April 15 at the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Resort in Huntington Beach from 12-4pm.

The all inclusive price for over 50 restaurants, 30 wineries and breweries is once again \$50 pre-sale and \$60 after March 15.

New this year will be the introduction of special cooking demonstrations produced by members of the Huntington Beach Restaurant Association. Additionally, a silent auction, door prizes and live entertainment will capture the palates and excitement of food tasters everywhere.



The Hyatt Regency is donating the spacious Grand Ballroom, which has played host to the "Taste" for the past 4 years. For tickets contact: The H.B. Library 842-4481, Duke's 374-6446, The Longboard 960-1896, or The H.B. Visitors and Conference Bureau 969-3492, and visit www.hbrestaurants.com for more information.

City's Pee Wee Soccer program sign-ups

This non-competition based introductory soccer program is a great way to start boys and girls off with a positive and fun learning experience in youth sports. Boys and girls will be introduced to the fundamentals of soccer through game based drills, hands on instruction and scrimmages. The program will take place under the lights at the new sports complex on the artificial turf! Protective equipment will be available for use during class. The shirt is included in the cost. For Pee Wee Soccer registration, please follow the Spring Sands registration information. Fee:



\$40.00 - 6-week session or call Community Services at (714) 536-5486

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| MCC | 3-5yrs | April 19 - May 24 | Th | 5:00 - 5:45pm |
| MCC | 3-5yrs | April 19 - May 24 | Th | 6:00 - 6:45pm |
| MCC | 1-2 grade | April 19 - May 24 | Th | 6:00 - 6:45pm |



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SANDBAGS

FREE to
Huntington Beach Residents
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Go to:
City of Huntington Beach Corporate Yard
17371 Gothard Street
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday – Friday
when raining or rain is predicted
(Hours may be extended during major storms)

- Bags are for residents only, not businesses.
- 20 bag limit (*bring personal identification and proof of residency, like a current utility bill.)
- Bring a shovel and be prepared to fill your own bags unless you are physically unable.
- Elderly and disabled Huntington Beach residents may call the HB Fire Department CERT Message Line to have sandbags delivered by Volunteers. Call 536-5974.

For information
Call 960-8861

**For information on flood preparedness, call the
Huntington Beach Fire Department Emergency Services Office at 536-5980.**



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Shipley Nature Center will hold its Spring Festival April 28th

The Friends of Shipley Nature Center will host the 2nd Annual Spring Festival at the Shipley Nature Center on Saturday April 28 from 9 am to 2 pm. Admission is free. The Center is located at 17829 Goldenwest Street in Huntington Beach's Central Park.



The day's events will include a Continental Breakfast, a California Native Plant Sale, a Maypole dance and the nature friendly Information Fair. A wide variety of community groups and businesses will be on hand to share useful and informative materials. Shipley volunteers will lead guided tours through eight native habitats.

A dedication ceremony for the new amphitheater, along with recognition of Corporate Sponsors and Scouts who have done projects during the year will take place at 10:30 am. Entertainment provided by the Fifth Wheel

Bluegrass Band will begin at 11:30 am and will continue until 1:30 pm.

Visitors are invited to explore Shipley's Interpretive Center, Nursery and the Compost / Vermiculture Center throughout the day's events. For further information please contact the Friends at 714 842-4772 or email at info@shipleynature.org and visit their new web site at www.shipleynature.org.

The Nethercutt San Sylmar Tour – a Friends of the Library Field Trip

The Nethercutt Collection is displayed at San Sylmar, a unique and beautifully appointed exhibit facility located in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains.

The FOTL field trip is scheduled for Thursday, April 26 and includes a guided tour of a world-class collection of automated mechanical instruments, such as Swiss bird boxes, grand pianos and musical-repeat striking watches displayed on the fourth floor.



The Nethercutt Collection also contains a display of the world's most beautifully restored antique, classic and special interest automobiles. They are showcased in an opulent automotive Grand Salon of the 1920s and 1930s with marble floors and columns, crystal chandeliers and mirrored walls. An amazing collection of automobile mascots and hood ornaments is on display on the mezzanine-level above the Grand Salon. FOTL visitors will take a self-guided tour after lunch.

Attendees will meet at the Central Library in the lower level parking lot near the Library Theater doors by 7:45 am on Thursday, April 26. The bus will leave at 8:00 am and return to the Central Library at 4:00 pm. The cost of the field trip which includes lunch is \$45 and prepaid reservations for this FOTL Field Trip MUST BE RECEIVED by Thursday, April 19 at 7111 Talbert Ave., 92648 or, delivered directly to the Friends Gift Shop. For more information call (714) 842-4481 ext. 2213 or press 7 at prompt.



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City Clerk’s office is a Passport Acceptance Facility

The Huntington Beach City Clerk’s Office located at the Huntington Beach Civic Center, 2nd Floor, 2000 Main Street (at Yorktown Avenue), offers passport acceptance services that include:



- ✓ Processing of 1st time passports and passport renewals
- ✓ Standard fee application
- ✓ Convenient, friendly service with no long lines!

Passport Photo Services Available On-Site!

Passport acceptance facilities accept your application for Passport and forward all forms and documents to the *United States Department of State...*

They Process Your Passport.

Due to the Heavy volume of applications, turn-around times for processing passports have changed:

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| Routine Service: | 10-12 Weeks |
| Expedite Service: | 3-4 Weeks |



If you have questions or need further assistance, the National Passport Center can be reached at (877) 487-2778, or visit their website at www.Travel.State.gov

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding holidays)
For more information, contact (714) 374-1600 or visit our website at www.surfcity-hb.org



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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!!

Library will issue email reminders

The library has implemented a new program that will send a friendly reminder to library users before their books become due.

This new automated system will send an email reminder two days *before* materials are overdue, allowing users to return materials on time and avoid fines.

Library users simply visit the library’s Reception Desk and provide us with their email address. As with all patron information, email addresses will be kept private.





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Children’s Library has an exciting April planned

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

Come celebrate **National Library Week April 15-April 21** and pick up one of the special bookmarks made by our own Bookmark Contest winners!

In-N-Out Burger “Food for Thought” Reading Program

Last chance to sign up is April 21!!

Children’s Department at the Central Library, and all branches
Saturday, March 10, 2007 – Saturday, April 21, 2007 - Free

Come sign up for the “In-N-Out” Burger program between March 10 and April 21, 2007. Children between the ages of 4 and 12 can participate. They can earn up to three certificates for a free hamburger for every five books they read.

The ACME Balloon Company presents “The Buster Balloon Show!”

Tabby Theater

Wednesday, April 4, 2007 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

\$3 per child \$5 per adult

Join us as we welcome the human cartoon character that is Buster Balloon to the Huntington Beach Library! You will be amazed by zany, “Captain Underpants” humor combined with balloon twisting madness in this sure-to-please show.



For the grand finale, Buster climbs into a giant six-foot whoopee cushion of doom! Be prepared for lots of crazy balloon sounds and incredible shapes! Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended! Tickets go on sale March 14, 2007.

Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Tabby Storytime Theater

Thursday, April 12, 2007 7:00 PM - Free

Come celebrate Earth Day, rain, trees, spring and ducks with stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.



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City's Council on Aging to celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation Week - April 15 – 21, 2007

Volunteers make a huge difference in a senior's every day life. The Huntington Beach Council on Aging will honor the Senior Services volunteers with a luncheon at Meadowlark Golf Course on Friday, April 20, 2007.

The most valuable thing a person has to give is his time. Each of the 300 volunteers invited to the luncheon gave seniors 40+ hours in 2006 delivering meals, providing transportation, assisting at the centers, visiting, or serving in one of many other volunteer opportunities. Volunteers play a major role in delivery of services to our senior community.

The following is a breakdown of the nearly 42,455 hours of civic engagement in 2006.

| Activity | Hours | Activity | Hours |
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| AARP Tax Assistance | 536 | Meals to the Home | 6081 |
| Adopt a Beach | 193 | Monthly COA Dance | 163 |
| Bingo | 986 | Office Support | 3065 |
| Bright Outlook Mailing | 609 | Professional | 2395 |
| COA Board of Directors | 2684 | Project SHARE (Tutoring) | 150 |
| CHERISH | 909 | Senior Saturday | 482 |
| Decorations | 20 | Senior Home Inspection | 153 |
| Food Distribution | 333 | Singing Goodtimers | 5548 |
| Friendly Visitor | 98 | Tele-care Caller | 62 |
| Golf Tournament | 50 | TLC Kitchen | 3425 |
| Handy Crafters | 6641 | Transportation | 7446 |
| Holiday Meals | 55 | Volunteer Training Classes | 371 |





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Friday Afternoon at the Movies

No lines, no tickets to purchase! 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 and drinks make this a must see event. Movies are selected based on suggestions from the audience. Suggestion forms are located near the popcorn machine.

HAPPY FEET

APRIL 6

There's a lot more going on besides toe tapping! This computer-animated film about penguins features a mythical story with photorealistic visuals and exhilarating musical numbers that will leave an indelible impression. Young emperor penguin, Mumble is aptly named: While his friends use their singing skills to attract mates, his caterwauling sends sweethearts waddling in the opposite direction. But Mumble is blessed with an unusual gift, he can tap dance in a way that would make Fred Astaire proud! Elijah Wood, Nicole Kidman, Robin Williams & Hugh Jackman lend their voices.

Rated G 109 minutes



MARIE ANTOINETTE

APRIL 20

Sofia Coppola directs this stylized portrait of Marie Antoinette. Kristen Dunst is pitch-perfect in the title role, as a 14-year old Austrian princess who is essentially purchased and imported to the French court to join with the clueless Louis XVI (Jason Schwartzman) in order to produce an heir. The film explores the young queen's luxurious yet terribly confining lifestyle and illustrates how Marie Antoinette's youthful indiscretion and frivolity were not only her release, but ultimately, her very undoing. A 2006 Oscar winner for best costume design.

Rated PG 13 for sexual content, partial nudity and innuendo. 123 minutes

PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS

APRIL 27

Will Smith and his son Jaden Christopher Syre Smith star in this tear-jerker about a struggling single parent determined to build a better life for himself and his child. The chemistry between father & son raises the level of the film making it convincing and heartfelt. Based on the true rags-to-riches story of Chris Gardner who hits rock bottom then becomes a successful stockbroker, it is by its very nature inspiring. That Gardner is also a devoted single dad doing his best to keep things together is even more poignant. **Rated PG 13** for strong language. 117 minutes



Come early and enjoy the Feedback Foundation's project TLC lunch. Lunch is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. On Friday, April 6th enjoy spaghetti & sausage before your toes tap to *Happy Feet*. On Friday, April 20th, dine on Chicken Fajitas and then delight in *Marie Antoinette*. On Friday, April 27th feast on turkey pot roast with gravy and mashed potatoes and then watch Will Smith in the *Pursuit of Happyness*. A donation of \$2.50 for those 60+ is recommended for the lunch. \$3.50 is charged to those under 60. In order to best serve their participants, Feedback Foundation may change the menu for reasons of quality control, price or vendor problems.



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Senator Tom Harman meets with Huntington Beach City Council members

"I was very pleased to meet with members of the Huntington Beach City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee and city staff recently to discuss legislation that may affect the city of Huntington Beach.

During this meeting, we also discussed the City's funding priorities and the potential for obtaining funding for parks, water quality, flood control and transportation under the recently approved State Bonds.

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee has taken the position to support one of the bills I have introduced this year – Senate Bill 1000. This measure is the result and product of a multitude of other stakeholders who wanted to work together to develop remedies to address the problems associated with the proliferation and clustering of clean and sober homes in and around the 35th District.

Under current law, homes with six or fewer residents are not subject to state regulation. These homes oftentimes slip through the cracks and degrade into deplorable conditions which threaten the health, safety, prosperity and unity of the communities.

In response to concerns expressed to me and my staff about these group homes, I have been working closely with residents, community leaders, and local and state governmental entities to address the issues and concerns associated with adult recovery maintenance facilities in residential neighborhoods.

It is my hope that those in Sacramento will also share our desire to provide meaningful solutions to protect and strengthen our communities.

The feedback I receive from constituents is very important to me. If you would like to let me know your thoughts about SB 1000 or any other issue, or if you need assistance on any state matter please do not hesitate to contact my District Office at 714-957-4555."

For more information about the 35th Senate District or to sign up for Senator Harman's weekly updates please visit www.sen.ca.gov/harman.





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Kathi Nelson receives March Mayor's Award

At the City Council meeting of Monday evening, March 19, Kathi Nelson, Administrative Secretary in Economic Development, received the Mayor's Award.

With Mayor Gil Coerper at her side, Kathi was acknowledged by Director Stanley Smalewitz, who expressed how lucky the City is to honor Kathi – an employee with the City of Huntington Beach since 1999.

When Mr. Smalewitz became the Director of Economic Development in 2005, Kathi was his administrative support. She originally began her career with the City in the Real Estate Services division and joined Economic Development in 2002.

Kathi serves as the gateway to the Economic Development Department; she is the first contact for callers or visitors. Kathi is extremely knowledgeable regarding all facets of the department and she handles inquiries independently.

Kathi is shown above with her family, members of the Economic Development Staff and Mayor Coerper.



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April 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

April Television Schedule for Channel Three

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| Community Bulletin Board | Daily - Be sure to check out the new look to the Channel 3 Bulletin Board! |
| City Council Meetings | April 2 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast April 3 @ 10 am & April 4 @ 7 pm April 16 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast April 17 @ 10 am & April 18 @ 7 pm |
| Planning Commission Mtgs | April 10 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast April 12 @ 7 pm April 24 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast April 26 @ 7 pm |

The Classic Arts programming runs Sundays 8 am to noon and 7 pm to 11 pm; Mondays 2 pm to 6 pm; Tuesdays 5 pm to 7 pm; Wednesdays 8 am to noon; Thursdays 3 pm to 7 pm; Fridays 8 am to noon; and Saturdays 4 pm to 6 pm and 8 pm to 10 pm.