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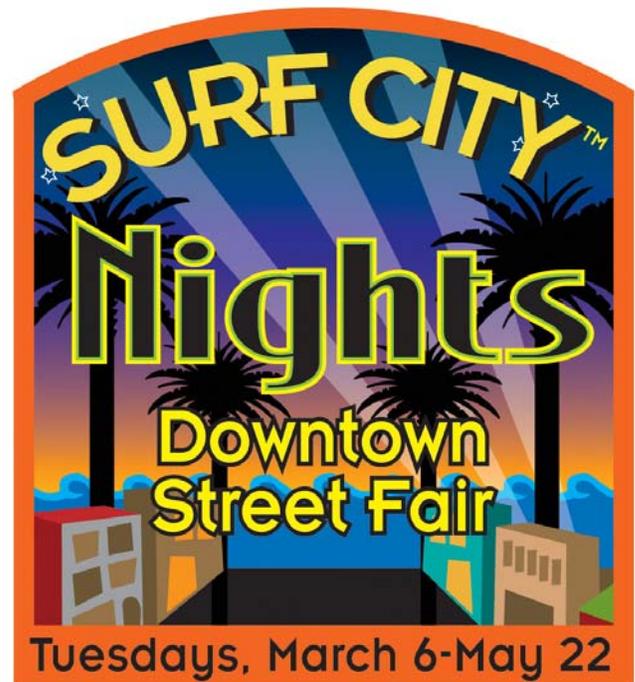
## Surf City Nights to kick-off March 6<sup>th</sup>

The City of Huntington Beach, in partnership with the Downtown Business Improvement District and Conference and Visitors Bureau, are spearheading Surf City™ Nights, a Redevelopment Agency sponsored event. Come join the fun on Tuesday nights from 5 PM – 9 PM, beginning March 6 – May 22.

Bring friends and family to take an evening stroll on Main Street and have a taste of local restaurants, sidewalk sales, farmer's market, children's activities, and live entertainment. Surf City™ Nights will take place on Main Street between Walnut and Orange Avenues.

The Main Promenade Parking Structure will offer two hours of free parking for this event. Standard rates will apply after 2 hours. Employee passes and validations will stay in effect.

For additional information, call the Economic Development Department at (714) 536-5542.



## Crash Course in Dog Training being offered

A six-hour, fast-paced dog training course is being offered at Murdy Community Center beginning March 13 and ending April 3.

Corrections for problems such as destructive chewing, jumping on people, digging, and nuisance barking will be addressed, in addition to basic obedience commands.

The cost is \$62 for this four-week, evening class.





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## Important Reminder - Change Your Clock - Change Your Battery



As Daylight Saving Time begins early this year on Sunday, March 11, the Huntington Beach Fire Department wants to remind residents to make another change that could save their lives – changing the batteries in their smoke alarms.

smoke alarm.

Communities nationwide witness tragic home fire deaths each year. Statistics show that on average three children per day die in home fires. 80 percent of these deaths occur in homes without a working

The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms: worn (dead) or missing batteries. Non-working smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits home safety devices were designed to provide. Changing smoke alarm batteries at least once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce fire related deaths and injuries. Working smoke alarms nearly cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire.

“The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when most families are sleeping,” says Fire Chief Duane Olson of the Huntington Beach Fire Department. “Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths.”

In addition, Chief Olson recommends residents test smoke alarms by pushing the test button, planning “two ways out” and practicing escape routes with the entire family. Families should also prepare a fire safety disaster supplies kit that includes working flashlights and fresh batteries. The International Association of Fire Chiefs’ recommends that smoke alarms be cleaned periodically and replaced every ten years.

## City Website features video to inform new employees

If you are a new employee (or not-so-new), or an interested resident, and want to learn a little more about the City and the organization structure, you now have that opportunity. Department teamwork and a creative videographer have given the city a new employee orientation video called “Catch the Wave.”

The new video has been used in recent new employee orientation meetings and is now available on the City’s website – [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org). This is the first of hopefully many video projects to be featured on the website. Viewers need to be cautioned that if there is a rush of people watching at the same time – there may be a slowdown in the system. Please allow a few seconds for the web stream to begin.

Check it out – just click on “Employment Opportunities” then “Catch the Wave Video.” You might just learn something!



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## Bolsa Chica Conference to raise money for restoration

The Western Alliance for Nature, the Amigos de Bolsa Chica and the Bolsa Chica Land Trust are hosting a two day conference on the Bolsa Chica to be held at the Waterfront Hilton in Huntington Beach on March 24, 2007.



*Egret photo by Connie Boardman*

The proceeds from the conference will be used to kick off an endowment fundraising drive for the purpose of helping to restore and maintain the entire Bolsa Chica ecosystem.

While the restoration of the wetlands has begun, there still remains much to do, including full restoration of the mesas and future maintenance of the entire ecosystem.

The conference will feature Lt. Gov. John Garamendi, stage and screen actor Beau Bridges, State Senator Tom Harman, scientists and members of governmental agencies.

In addition, the conference is sponsored by many environmental organizations including the Los Angeles Audubon Society, Orange County Coastkeeper, Sea and Sage Audubon, Orange County Surfriders, Los Angeles and Orange County Sierra Club.

Tickets for the all-day event are \$150 and include 3 meals, reception, entertainment and all lectures, panels and exhibits.

On day two, there will be several guided tours of Bolsa Chica that are an additional \$25. Please send in your registration for this event as soon as possible since attendance is limited.

For more information call: Western Alliance for Nature 310-456-0611, Amigos de Bolsa Chica 714- 840-1575 or the Bolsa Chica Land Trust 714- 846-1001 or visit their web sites at [www.wanconservancy.org](http://www.wanconservancy.org), [www.amigosdebolsachica.org](http://www.amigosdebolsachica.org), [www.bolsachicalandtrust.org](http://www.bolsachicalandtrust.org).



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## If being a Beach Lifeguard is your dream . . . .

Ocean Lifeguard Tryouts - The city is currently seeking applications for the position of OCEAN LIFEGUARD (Recurrent) at \$15.13 hourly. A performance examination will be held on Sunday, March 11 at 8:00 a.m. at the Lifeguard Headquarters, 103 Pacific Coast Hwy.

The performance examination consists of three performance events: a 500 yard ocean swim, 1,000 yard ocean swim, and a 1,500 yard run-swim-run. All events are conducted in prevailing conditions at the Huntington Beach Pier.

Applicants must satisfactorily complete the performance examination to be eligible for further consideration. Up to 36 qualified candidates will then be allowed to register for the lifeguard training (see below).

Interested candidates must submit an application for the performance examination [www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs) to the Lifeguard Headquarters located at 103 Pacific Coast Highway prior to March 11.

For further information call (714) 536-5285.



Lifeguard Candidate Training Class – Training classes are conducted at the Lifeguard Headquarters over multiple days: March 31 through April 7; April 14 and 15. Candidates must attend all scheduled classes.

At the conclusion of training, those selected for employment must complete an official City of Huntington Beach job application form [www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs) to be considered for employment and will receive payment of \$175 for successfully completing the training program.

A pre-placement medical exam and drug screening will be conducted upon a conditional offer of employment. Candidates should be in excellent health, and possess 20/40 uncorrected vision in both eyes. Minimum age is 17 by June 1, 2006 (proof required).



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## Need A Passport?



The Huntington Beach City Clerk's Office offers passport acceptance services. Conveniently located at the Civic Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 2000 Main Street (corner of Yorktown Avenue and Main Street).

Services Include:

- First-time passports
- Passport renewals
- Passport photo services
- Information on expediting passports



Passport Acceptance Facility Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays For more information, contact (714)-374-1600 or [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org)

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.hbrestaurants.com) for more information.





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## Dwan Mandel presented with the February Mayor's Award



Dwan Mandel started with the City in May of 1996 in the Fire Department as a Customer Service Representative in the Firemed program. She was promoted to a Senior position when she accepted a position in the City Treasurer's Department (Accounts Receivable/Collection Division) in November of 1998.

Dwan has been instrumental in this position in consolidating all the City's miscellaneous receivables billings through our Accounting System. She has developed streamlined processes to bill and collect receivables more timely.

Dwan is a hard worker, never complains, has a positive can-do attitude, is a great team player and is always willing to help out with any project. She is shown above with family, fellow staff members, City Treasurer Shari Freidenrich and Mayor Gil Coerper.



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**SANDBAGS**

**FREE to**  
**Huntington Beach Residents**  
(Identification Required\*)

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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## Rodgers Seniors' Center entertains with Friday 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 are included.

### **GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK**

**MARCH 2**

It's 1953 and the piece of talking furniture called "TV" is still a novelty in America's living rooms. On it, Sen. Joseph McCarthy uses fear, falsehoods and belligerence to become arguably the most powerful man in the land. Edward R. Murrow, who's had his fill of the senator's tactics, fights back. **Rated PG** 93 minutes.

### **CASINO ROYALE**

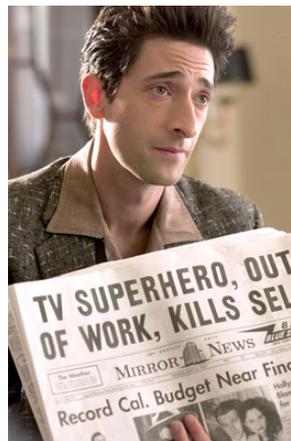
**MARCH 16**

In his first mission, James Bond must stop Le Chiffre, a banker to the world's terrorist organizations, from winning a high-stakes poker tournament at Casino Royale in Montenegro. The movie stars Daniel Craig and Dame Judy Dench. **Rated PG 13** for intense sequences of violent action, a scene of torture, sexual content and nudity. 144 minutes



### **HOLLYWOODLAND**

**MARCH 23**



Based on the true story of Hollywood's most notorious unsolved mystery, Hollywoodland is a tale of glamour, scandal, and corruption in 1950's Los Angeles. When George Reeves (Ben Affleck) star of TV's "Adventures of Superman", is found dead in his home, millions of fans are shocked by the circumstances of his death. Rumors of a suicide linger and the studio wants the case closed. Louis Simo (Adrien Brody), a private investigator, picks up the trail and begins to piece together the actor's last tension filled days. Who pulled the trigger? **Rated R** for language, some violence and sexual content. 127 minutes.

### **UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN**

**MARCH 30**

Academy Award nominee Diane Lane stars as Frances Mayes, a 35-year-old San Francisco writer whose perfect life has just taken an unexpected detour. Her recent divorce has left her with terminal writer's block and extremely depressed. Her best friend, Patti is beginning to think she might never recover. Frances decides to begin anew and she buys a villa in the beautiful Tuscan countryside. Restoring her new home, she eventually finds the fulfillment she was searching for, including love. **Rated PG** for sexual content and language. 113 minutes.

Movies selected are based on suggestions from the audience. Look for movie suggestion forms near the popcorn machine or at the front desk at Rodgers Seniors' Center. For more information call 714-536-9387.



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## Art Center will feature local artist

The Huntington Beach Art Center is presenting a solo exhibition of paintings and drawings by Sherié Franssen. The installation will include 15 new large-scale paintings and drawings. The exhibition opens with a reception scheduled for Friday, March 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. The artist, Sherié Franssen will be in attendance and the reception is free and open to the public. The exhibition continues through April 15.



Franssen’s new paintings are oil on canvas and the charcoal drawings on paper reflect her visceral painting techniques. Her view from her Southern California studio, has “Just an Inch of Ocean” that can be seen as she works. These large scale personal figurative landscapes will include several diptychs and one suite of five.



Franssen’s work has been exhibited throughout California galleries, most recently she has had solo exhibitions at Dolby Chadwick in San Francisco, Jancar Gallery in Los Angeles, and The Office – An Art Space in Huntington Beach. She lives and works in Huntington Beach, California.

The Huntington Beach Art Center is a public/private partnership between the City of Huntington Beach and the Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation. During its eleven years of operation, the Art Center has achieved a regional and national reputation for featuring the work of emerging artists from all backgrounds and viewpoints. For more information on exhibitions, programs, and gallery hours please call the Art Center at 714.374.1650.

## Youth Track and Field Meet to be held on March 23

The City of Huntington Beach is holding its Youth Track & Field Meet on Friday, March 23, 2007 at Huntington Beach High School.

Children born in or after 1992 are eligible. Many different running and field events will be offered. Athletes may participate in two events. Running events include 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600 + 400 relay with all events being run in meters. Field events include long jump, high jump, and softball throw. Certain events are restricted according to age. Registration fee is \$10 per athlete and \$1 per spectator with registration starting at 3:45 p.m. The first event is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Community Services Department, 536-5486 or Raymond Frankeny, 536-5230.



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## Children's Library schedule for March

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](http://www.hbpl.org) for a listing of our regularly scheduled storytimes.

### **In-N-Out Burger "Food for Thought" Reading Program**

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.

### **Family Evening Pajama Storytime**

Tabby Storytime Theater

Thursday, March 8, 2007 7:00 PM - Free

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear.

### **Swazzle Puppets presents "Harry and the Tyrannosaurus Rex"**

Library Theater

Wednesday, March 14 2007 4:00 p.m.

\$3 per child \$5 per adult

Come see the fascinating Swazzle Puppets team and their charming characters "Harry" and the popular Tyrannosaurus Rex perform at the Huntington Beach Public Library. Children will see many colorful dinosaur puppets in this delightful show for all ages. Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended!

### **\*\*\*\* Bookmark Contest in celebration of National Library Week in April!**

Pick up entry forms in Children's Department – Free to enter

Deadline: Friday, March 23, 2007 at 4:45 pm

Help us celebrate National Library Week (April 15 through April 21, 2007) by designing your own bookmark! The theme is anything to do with reading, books, and/or the library. The winning entries will be made into library bookmarks to be handed out during National Library Week. All entries are due by Friday, March 23, 2007 at 4:45 pm.

### ***Special Advance Notice of April Program in celebration of Spring Break:***

#### **The ACME Balloon Company presents "The Buster Balloon Show!"**

Tabby Theater

Wednesday, April 4 11:00 am and 4:00 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! Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended! Tickets on sale March 14!

**For more information call (714) 375-5107.**



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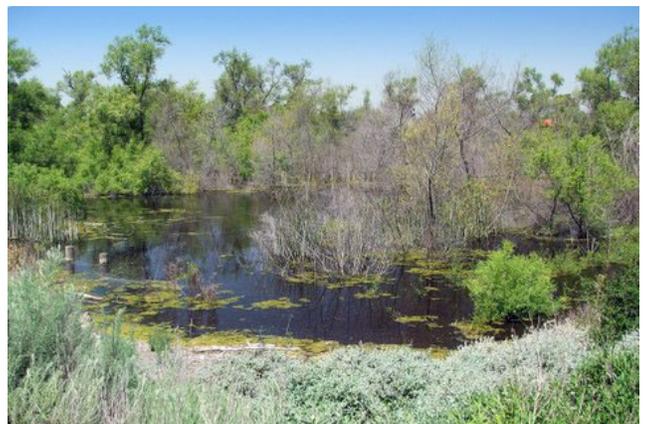
## Shipleigh Nature Center has much to offer

The **California Native Plant Sale** continues at Shipleigh Nature Center located in Huntington Beach Central Park Mon-Sat from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. A great selection of California Native Plants is available for the Winter planting season. Stroll through the eight habitats and see how California Native Plants provide food, shelter and beauty for our local birds and wildlife and conserve water at the same time.

**April 28** – Mark your calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Festival with loads of activities for all ages: Bluegrass Band, Tours, Nature Friendly Vendors and Exhibits.

**Membership** – Become a member of the Friends of Shipleigh Nature Center and take part in the growth of Huntington Beach's little part of nature.

**Shipleigh Restoration Day** – Join us the first Saturday of every month from 9:00 AM to noon when volunteers come together to weed, water, plant, clear brush, tend the compost and vermiculture bins, perform building maintenance and do anything else needed to keep Shipleigh Nature Center open to the public.



Free parking is available at the Shipleigh parking lot at 17829 Goldenwest near Talbert. Follow the path from the parking lot into the park to the green Shipleigh Nature Center gates. Tel: 714-842-4772. [www.shipleighnature.org](http://www.shipleighnature.org)

## Time is running out for Free Income Tax Assistance for Seniors

Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center will host A.A.R.P. **FREE** income tax assistance for seniors 55 and older on Tuesdays beginning February 6 through April 10, 2007 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Rodgers is located at 1706 Orange Avenue in Huntington Beach. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, call Rodgers at 714-536-9387.

Please bring the following with you when you come:

- Current year's tax forms and preparation booklet
- Copy of last year's income tax return(s)
- W-2 form from each employer
- Unemployment compensation statements
- SA-1099 form if paid SS benefits
- All 1099 forms
- All forms indicating federal income tax paid
- Dependent care provider information
- All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions
- Social Security numbers for all dependents
- Driver's license or ID card.



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## Don't Miss the Bus

Join other seniors for an informative presentation and demonstration brought to you by OCTA. You'll learn how the bus gives millions of seniors their freedom to do the things they love most. Whether it's catching a ride to the mall or visiting the grandkids, OCTA can get you there.



The meeting will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 am. It will be in the Rodgers' Senior Center lunch room located at 1706 Orange Avenue.

As long as you are at Rodgers, plan to stay for the Feedback Foundation Project TLC lunch at 11:30 a.m. For a donation of \$2.50 (\$3.50 under 60) enjoy a delicious Chicken Marsala meal.

Senior Services provides free transportation five days a week from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for all your transportation needs within Huntington Beach.

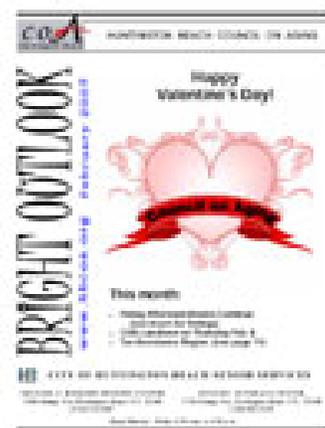
The *Surf City Seniors on the Go* program buses seniors 55+ into Rodgers Seniors' Center each week day for the TLC congregate lunch program, classes and activities.

Medical Transportation is also available to Hoag Memorial Presbyterian Hospital, Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Orange Coast Memorial Hospital. Call 714-374-1742 for more information.

These programs, services and other great classes, activities and clubs held at Rodgers Seniors' Center are listed in the Bright Outlook Newsletter, a monthly publication of the Huntington Beach Council on Aging (COA) [www.hbcoa.org](http://www.hbcoa.org).

The \$5.00 annual COA membership dues include a subscription to the Bright Outlook.

For more information or to receive a complimentary copy of the Bright Outlook, call 714-536-9387.





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## March 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](http://www.surfcityevents.com)

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### March Television Schedule for Channel Three

Community Bulletin Board	Daily - <b>Be sure to check out the new look to the Channel 3 Bulletin Board!</b>
City Council Meetings	<b>March 5 @ 6:00 pm</b> Rebroadcast Mar. 6 @ 10 am & Mar. 7 @ 7 pm <b>March 19 @ 6:00 pm</b> Rebroadcast Mar. 20 @ 10 am & Mar. 21 @ 7 pm
Planning Commission Mtgs	<b>March 27 @ 7 pm</b> Rebroadcast Mar 29 @ 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.