



# Community Connection

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## Huntington Beach residents to ride on the City's first Rose Float

Over 500 residents entered a drawing to ride on Huntington Beach's first float in the 2009 Tournament of Roses® Parade. The lucky winners, chosen at the city council meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>, will be a very special part of the city's Centennial kickoff on New Year's Day riding the spectacular "Surf City USA" Float.

- Patricia Pashich has been living in Huntington Beach since 1992 and grew up just off the Rose Parade route.
- Kenneth Bauer works for OCTA and has been a Huntington Beach resident for over 35 years.
- Anita Jones, a 20 year resident, attended Huntington Beach High School and owns her own local accounting and marketing business.
- Debbie DeBow has been working for the City of Huntington Beach in the Public Works department for almost 17 years.
- Catherine Wippler is the junior lifeguard representative and has lived in Huntington Beach her whole life.
- Araceli Arizmendi is a Youth Character Award recipient and attends Oceanview High School.



The residents will be joined on the float with Mayor elect Keith Bohr and the 2008 Miss Huntington Beach Cayce Crowder.

Tickets to the Tournament of Roses® Parade are also available through Huntington Beach's Community Services Department for \$95 including bus transportation to and from the event.

## Come decorate the float!

The city needs your help decorating the Surf City Float! Decoration days are Saturdays in December plus the entire week before New Years Day in Azusa. There will also be special work days at the Huntington Beach Art Center located at 538 Main Street from December 4th to December 13th. For information on decorating the float visit [www.HB100Years.org](http://www.HB100Years.org).



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## Special online auction for Rose Bowl package

The City of Huntington Beach is celebrating 100 years of incorporation in 2009 with a whole year of exciting events, including the Centennial kick off on New Years Day with the city's first float in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The city has decided to hold an online auction for the extraordinary package it receives for being a parade participant.



- Four tickets to the Rose Parade in the VIP Grandstands
- Four tickets to the Rose Bowl Game between the 40 and 50 yard line
- Four tickets to the VIP Tailgate party
- Parking pass to the Rose Bowl Stadium.

The online auction offers a unique opportunity for the winner to experience the Tournament of Roses

like no one else and be a special part of Huntington Beach's Centennial Celebration. The money raised will go toward the City's Centennial events and activities, including the cost of the float.



Bidding is available online at the Centennial Website at [www.HB100Years.org](http://www.HB100Years.org). The bidding will start at \$1,000 and will be done in \$100 increments. Bidding will close at 5:00 pm on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## The City's Centennial Celebration merchandise is now available

If you are looking for a sweatshirt, T-shirt, hat, visor, mug or other great Centennial merchandise – head on down to the Surf City Store on the Pier and pick up those and other items that feature the Centennial logo. The Surf City Store is handling the merchandise for the Centennial Celebration and all proceeds will go to the Celebration events.

The Centennial merchandise is also available at California Seashell at 5 Points Plaza, Huntington Surf and Sport at Bella Terra and on Main Street, Beach Island on Main Street and HB Car Wash at Beach and Garfield.



Check the Centennial website, in the next couple of weeks, for more information about all the Centennial activities – [www.hb100years.org](http://www.hb100years.org)



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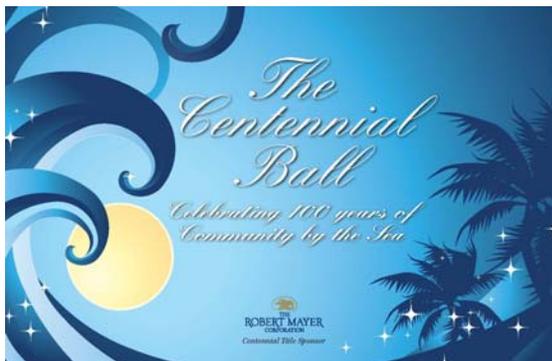
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## Celebrate 100 years of Community at the Centennial Ball

An elegant Centennial Ball will be held at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa. This event will feature stunning décor and flowers from local florists, a champagne toast, dinner, silent and live auction, and musical performances. One of the highlights of the Ball will be a beautiful performance by Keiko Matsui.



Keiko Matsui was a child prodigy in her native Japan when, beginning at the age of five, she showed remarkable talent on the piano. She began recording professionally at the age of seventeen, when she composed her first major film score. Keiko Matsui has a massive international following developed over the course of her recording career that began with the 1987 release of A Drop of Water. While touring extensively all over the world, Keiko has been named Top Indie Contemporary Jazz Artist of The Year by Billboard and a two-time

winner of the National Smooth Jazz Female Artist of the Year Award.

For more information about the Centennial Ball or to request an invitation, send an email to [Lpayne@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:Lpayne@surfcity-hb.org) or call (714) 536-5577.

## Centennial Sponsors make a year full of celebrations possible

The City's Centennial celebration includes a year full of exciting events celebrating Huntington Beach's community and history such as the Rose float, Centennial Ball, art shows, corporate challenges and a city wide beach party. None of these celebrations would be possible without the support of the Centennial's major sponsors.

**Title Sponsor** (\$100,000)

**Robert Mayer Corporation**- Real estate development and hospitality management company that developed the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach and owns and operates the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort.

**Platinum** (\$50,000)

**Huntington Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau**- Works hand in hand with hotels, restaurants and attractions doing marketing and media relations for tourism in Huntington Beach.



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## Gold (\$25,000)

**Rainbow Disposal-** Dedicated to keeping the city beautiful, Rainbow provides all the residential trash and recycling services for Huntington Beach.

**Aera Energy Fund-Kern Community Foundation-** Aera Energy is one of California's largest oil and gas producers, accounting for approximately 30% of the state's production.

**The Boeing Company-** Huntington Beach is one of the locations of the world's leading aerospace company and the largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners and military aircraft combined.

**The Shorebreak Hotel** – Opening in Spring 2009, The Shorebreak will be the city's first boutique hotel located in the new Strand development on PCH.

## Silver (\$10,000)

**Fountain Valley Regional Hospital-** One of the most comprehensive medical facilities in Orange County known for quality health services.

**Surf City USA® Marathon-** The exclusive oceanfront course along Pacific Coast Highway. Sign up now for the February 1<sup>st</sup> marathon, half marathon and 5K races.

**Huntington Beach Hospital - Prime Healthcare-** For over 40 years Huntington Beach hospital has served the community with personal, cost effective healthcare.

**The Gas Company-** Southern California Gas Co. has been delivering clean, safe and reliable natural gas to its customers for more than 140 years. It is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, providing safe and reliable energy to 20.3 million consumers through 5.7 million meters in more than 500 communities.

**5 Points Plaza-** This high quality, customer oriented shopping center has been voted "Best neighborhood Center in Orange County" for the past 7 years.

**Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort-** With stunning California scenery and a dramatic indoor waterfall, the full-service Hilton hotel offers a casually elegant destination for a family vacation, business meeting, or romantic getaway.

**Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa** This stunning, Spanish-inspired hotel has spectacular oceanfront amenities including spa services, award winning restaurants, ocean adventures and superior service.

**Bella Terra/DJM Capital Partners, Inc.** -Bella Terra offers something for everyone and every occasion, in a laid-back, coastal-casual style and has become a shopping, dining and entertainment destination.



## (\$1,000)

**Red Oak Investments-** Currently developing Huntington Beach's Ripcurl project, a mixed use development including luxury apartments, retail, and restaurants.



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## Devin Dwyer is elected as new city council member

Congratulations to Huntington Beach's newest city council member Devin Dwyer. Devin has been a Huntington Beach resident his whole life and has owned his own construction company for 15 years. He has also served as Planning Commissioner for the city of Huntington Beach for over three years.



Devin Dwyer was elected to replace outgoing member Debbie Cook along with reelected incumbents Keith Bohr and Don Hansen and will be sworn in at the city council meeting December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.

## Huntington Beach community supports Project Self-Sufficiency

They come as individuals; they come as groups. Some are young and some are not so young. But, they all are part of the wonderful community that steps up to support the families of Project Self-Sufficiency during the holidays.

PS-S parents are very low income, single parents who are working diligently as students to become self-sufficient. Even without the economic downturn, the holidays can be especially difficult for families who are struggling financially. But, thanks to overwhelming community support, the families have much to be joyous and thankful for!



During the Thanksgiving and December holidays, PS-S families look forward to help through the 'Adopt-A-Family' events. This kindness in the form of food, toys and Holiday trees, comes from many individual and group sources in the Huntington Beach community. In December, the PS-S families gather at the Family Holiday Party and enjoy a wonderful meal provided by Lucci's Deli! Fun activities for the children are provided by local Girl Scout Troops, the Assisteens of Huntington Beach, and the Youth Board of Huntington Beach. PS-S children will be thrilled to receive

the toys donated by the Women of Action of the HB Chamber of Commerce, the HB Fire Department toy drive, and from Oceanview and Marina High Schools.



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## Spark of Love Toy Drive Starts November 28

This marks the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the “Spark of Love” Campaign that began in 1993 in cooperation with ABC 7 and local firefighters throughout the five-county areas of Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Ventura. The Huntington Beach Fire Department will collect and contribute toys for the Project Self Sufficiency Holiday Party.



Although there are other worthwhile toy drives, the ABC 7 and Firefighters “Spark of Love” campaign is the only one started and conducted by firefighters. All fire stations in Huntington Beach along with the Civic Center lobby and the Police Department lobby will serve as drop-off sites for the public to bring new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment. Through the “Spark of Love” Toy Drive, the holiday spirit will be felt throughout our communities as well as in the hearts of less fortunate children. Boxes will be set up from November 28 through December 24, 2008.

For additional information, please contact Martha Werth in the fire department at (714) 536-5419.

## Safe trees mean safe and happy holidays

*Here are some important safe-tree tips*



Cut 2-3 inches off the bottom of a fresh tree and put the tree in water immediately. This prevents the sap from forming over the cut and allows the tree to absorb the water. Use a sturdy holder and fill with water daily. Check lights carefully for broken sockets or frayed wires before you put them on your tree. Replace damaged strings. Use indoor lights **only** indoors and outdoor lights **only** outdoors. Keep your tree away from heat sources that will dry it out. Unplug the tree lights when leaving the building.

## Candle Care

Candles are a traditional and beautiful part of the holiday season. They are also a direct source of fire in your home, so be cautious with them. Use non-flammable holders and position candles a safe distance from your Christmas tree and other holiday decorations. Children are always fascinated by candles and are drawn to them, so place yours safely out of children’s reach.

The California State Fire Marshal requires that all Christmas Trees placed in public occupancies be flame retardant treated by a licensed applicator.



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## Stress-Free Travel Starts at City Hall

City of  
Huntington  
Beach  
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Acceptance  
Facility

Your first easy step abroad starts at home!  
Stop by and experience our convenient,  
friendly services with no long lines.

Services include:

- First time & renewal passport processing
- Standard application fees
- On-site passport photo service

### Traveling by Land or Sea?

**January 31, 2008:** U.S. citizens will need to present either a Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)-compliant document, or a government-issued photo ID, such as a driver's license, plus proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) also proposes to begin alternative procedures for U.S. children at that time.

**SUMMER 2009:** On June 1, 2009 the U.S. government will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of the WHTI requiring most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have either a U.S. passport, passport card, a trusted traveler card such as NEXUS, FAST, or SENTRI, a valid Merchant Marine Document (MMD) when traveling in conjunction with official maritime business, or a valid U.S. Military identification card when traveling on official orders.

Updates on the WHTI can be found at <http://travel.state.gov>.

HOURS:  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
(excluding holidays)

For more info, call  
**(714) 374-1600**  
[www.surfcity-hb.org/passports](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/passports)



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## Videos of community events on city website

Did you make it to the last city council meeting? Did you catch the junior lifeguard's pier jump? How about the car show or the Taste of New Zealand downtown? With so much going on in Huntington Beach you just can't get to it all! Now, residents can see all the fun and catch up on all the news on the city website's newest feature- videos!

Huntington Beach locals will enjoy the monthly wrap up of all the community events from Central Park to the Pier in Surf City Highlights. The Attractions and Events sections feature videos that let viewers experience all that Huntington Beach has to offer. Look for Huell Howser's tour of Central Park and a clip video of some of the city's top events.

Residents can keep up to date on all the news in Huntington Beach and watch city council meetings live online on HBTv-3 which is streaming all day. Viewers can also view all the past city council meetings from the last three years in the archive.

Another exciting section on the video webpage is the Centennial Highlights. Stay tuned all year long for the spectacular centennial events as Huntington Beach celebrates 100 years. Right now, view the magnificent Surf City Rose Parade Float being built.



## Holiday "Friday Night Funtime Dance" coming soon!

The holiday "Friday Night Funtime Dance" will be held on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at the Edison Community Center. The "Funtime Dance" is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month for adults with developmental disabilities, and the December event is always a highly anticipated finale to a great year. Dance music will begin at 7:30pm and nearly 100 participants will have the opportunity to "celebrate the season" until 9:30pm. Refreshments will be served, party favors abound, and the evening concludes with a visit from Jolly ole St. Nick!

The City of Huntington Beach would like to thank the community for their generous sponsorship of the event. Sponsors include the Kiwanis Club, Paetec Communications Inc., and Sts. Simon & Jude Knights of Columbus. Also, several dedicated and very kind individuals and families donate time and money to make these dances special for the participants. Thanks to the devoted community members who have been coordinating these dances for roughly 20 years so that each month this fun loving group can "dance the night away" at the Edison Community Center.



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## Huntington Beach’s Sister City Program looking for chaperone

The Sister City Association of Huntington Beach is seeking a chaperone for 4 student ambassadors to Anjo, Japan in 2009. Candidates should be willing to host the visiting chaperone from Japan from June 24 to July 8 and travel to Japan from about July 26 for 2 weeks. Interested persons who either live or work in Huntington Beach are eligible.



A stipend is offered to partially offset expenses. For information, please call Gisela Campagne in Community Services Department at 374-5397, or Carmen Erber at 846-7685. Also visit our website at [hbsistercity.org](http://hbsistercity.org).

## Santa to visit Huntington Beach residents

Summer is past and Surf City is settling down to enjoy the holiday season! Just because it’s winter does not mean that the fun is over in Huntington Beach! As little ones look forward to all of the holiday excitement, city officials have once again extended a special invitation for Santa Claus to visit the city as our special guest. As he has done in the past, Santa has agreed to visit children in their homes to share his special Season’s Greetings, give candy canes, and make memorable moments. “I love to make the pre-Christmas Eve tour to Surf City,” Santa said.



The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department gladly schedules the visits for Santa in Surf City. The home visits will begin on Saturday, Dec. 6 and end Saturday, Dec. 21. Old Saint Nick’s busy schedule will only allow him to make the visits between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, and noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. A fee of \$40 is

charged for each 15-minute visit. It is recommended that there are no more than five children per 15-minute visit and extended visits can be arranged for larger holiday gatherings. The helpful elves at the Community Services Dept. also have tips to help make your time with Santa memorable for everyone. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 536-5486.



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## December events for Huntington Beach Reads One Book

This month, **Huntington Beach Reads One Book** invites you to support the program, pick up a copy of the book, and learn more about it at an open book discussion.

Join us at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the Barnes & Noble as HB Reads hosts an open book discussion. Huntington Beach resident Deborah Granger, also with the Orange County Department of Education, will engage you in a lively discussion about the 2009 featured book, ***“the kids from nowhere”***.

The Bookfair supporting HB Reads continues through Saturday, Dec. 6. Visit the Barnes & Noble at the Bella Terra mall and tell the cashier you are participating in the HB Reads Bookfair. A percentage of your purchase of any book, CD, or DVD supports the purchase of book copies for local high schools and author visits to Huntington Beach.



In ***“the kids from nowhere”***, George Guthridge recounts his real-life experiences in an isolated American village on St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Strait. Guthridge’s introduction to the Yup’ik people is humorous, touching, and at times, bewildering, and results in life-changing insights for the author.

**Huntington Beach Reads One Book** is a partnership of the Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force and the Huntington Beach Library Board of Trustees, and is endorsed by the Huntington Beach City Council. HB Reads’ mission is to introduce the world’s humanity through great books.

Copies of ***“the kids from nowhere”*** are available at the Huntington Beach Library and at the Bella Terra Barnes & Noble Booksellers. For more information, visit [www.HBReads.org](http://www.HBReads.org), or call the Community Services Department, 714-374-1645.

## Holiday Book Sale

The Main Street Library Volunteers Holiday Book Sale is from December 6 – December 20 to benefit the Main Street Branch Library.



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## Rodger's Senior Center holiday parties

On Thursday, December 11, 2008 beginning at 1:00 p.m., the Huntington Beach Council on Aging will host a Holiday Luncheon at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center. Delight in festive entertainment, great company, and delicious food and gift baskets. Prepay \$5.00 at the Rodgers front counter.



Mele Kalikimaka! Join the Aloha Seniors on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. for a free island style holiday celebration at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center. Santa will be surfin' in to give stocking gifts to the first 100 guests. Enjoy a hula performance by the Aloha Seniors. The Aloha Seniors meet every Tuesday at Rodgers from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. and extend the Aloha spirit to all by sharing and teaching the dance, crafts and sounds of the Islands to all levels. Lunch will be served before the Aloha party at 11:30 a.m. by Community Senior Serv. Although the Aloha party is free, the recommended donation for lunch is \$2.50 for those 60+ and \$3.50 for those over 60. Preregistration for lunch is required. Sign-ups for lunch begin at the lunch desk at Rodgers on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, December 22, Community Senior Serv will host its holiday lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. This free lunch with holiday entertainment is a popular event and reservations must be made in-person in advance at the lunch desk at Rodgers. Sign-ups will begin on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Community Senior Serv is one of the nation's largest elderly nutrition programs and a respected leader in the national aging network. At Rodgers Senior Center, lunch is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m. Community Senior Serv also provides the meals for the Huntington Beach Meals to the Home program.

Dance into the New Year with the swinging sounds of the Bob Warren Trio. The Huntington Beach Council on Aging hosts their annual New Year's Eve Ballroom Dance on December 31, 2007 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue. The evening will include live Big Band music, delicious, beverages, dessert and the "Grand Countdown Champagne Toast." Singles are welcome. Tickets are \$35.00 and are on sale now. This event sells out every year. Get your ticket today at Rodgers Seniors' Center front counter.

The Council on Aging is a non-profit organization that supports programs and services for Huntington Beach Seniors through the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center and the Huntington Beach Seniors' Outreach Center. Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center is located at 1706 Orange Avenue. For more information about any of these events, contact 714-536-9387.



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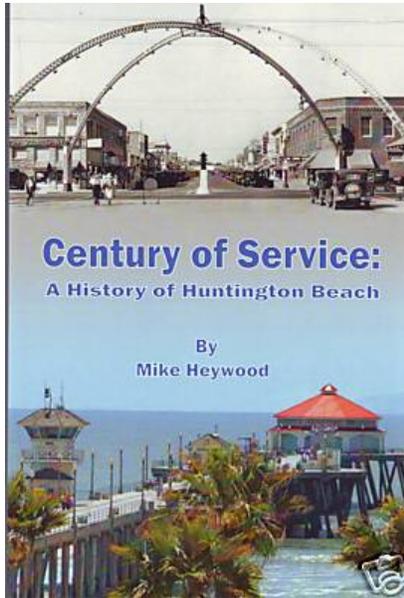
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## History of Huntington Beach book now available!



The Kiwanis Foundation of Huntington Beach has published a new history of Huntington Beach titled Century of Service, A History of Huntington Beach, by Mike Heywood. The book memorializes the individuals and organization that have served the City of Huntington Beach over the past hundred years of the town's incorporation in 1909! It is being sold as a fundraiser to support the various youth and senior citizen activities performed by club members.

The 160-page soft cover book is filled with informative information, complete with some fascinating pictures dating back to the earliest days of the city. To obtain a copy either go to Ebay and enter the title in their search engine, or send a check for \$19.99 along with \$3.00 shipping to Kiwanis History Book, Box 1983, Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Along with the book, you'll receive a tax-deductible receipt for income tax purposes. The book is also being sold as a fundraiser by the Key Club organizations in our local high schools.

## Skateboarding In Huntington Beach

Skateboarding has long been favorite pastime for Huntington Beach youth. The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department has teamed up with SKATEDOGS to offer classes at the Sports Complex. These classes are designed to help children ages 8 and up learn safety while learning all of the hot moves in the mobile skate park.

SKATEDOGS will have a demonstration on Saturday, December 20 at 2:00 p.m. at the Edison Community Center, located at 21377 Magnolia Avenue. Come see the "Hot" moves as skaters show their stuff in the amphitheater area located behind the center, and learn more about the programs that are offered through the Community Services Department! The day will include goodies and a raffle!





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## Free! Family Movie Night at the City Gym and Pool



Enjoy a night out with your family! The City Gym and Pool will be holding its next monthly Family Movie Night on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Come along on a magical journey of a young boy as he takes the ride of his life to the North Pole in this rated G Movie POLAR EXPRESS! Don't forget your beach chairs and blankets for this extraordinary adventure. Popcorn is free and drinks will be available for a minimal fee. Doors open one half hour prior to the start of the movie and at least one guardian per family must be present at the event.

## Unwanted Vehicles can have a much needed home

The City of Huntington Beach, Community Services Department operates Project Self-Sufficiency, a nonprofit program which assists low-income, single-parents who are motivated to achieve economic independence from public assistance. In their quest to raise their children, educate themselves, maintain a full- or part-time job, and provide a home for themselves and their children, many program participants must use public transportation because they don't have a vehicle.

Many Huntington Beach seniors have a vehicle that they are no longer driving and which could be put to very good use by Project Self-Sufficiency parents. It's a win-win situation!! If you would like to do a good turn, donate the vehicle you are no longer driving and obtain a tax write-off by calling Huntington Beach Seniors Outreach at 714-960-2478 and ask for a Social Worker. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.



## This holiday season- shop at home!



This holiday season, everyone is feeling the economic crunch, but residents can help support the city by doing their holiday shopping at home! Every dollar you spend at stores in Huntington Beach goes toward sales tax for the city, supporting fire, police and parks! The city needs this sales tax now more than ever to help pay for these important services. Local businesses need your help too and there are shops all over the city from downtown to the freeway offering unique gift ideas and shopping experiences. You're even saving gas by shopping locally!



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## Huntington Beach Public Library Calendar

The Central Library offers a variety of programs and activities for children! In addition to participating in weekly storytimes, 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 regular storytimes.

### Annual Tree Trimming Party

Children's Library -- \$3 per child

Saturday, December 6, 2008 10:30 AM

Don't miss our popular tree decorating/puppet show/Santa-visiting party all in one!

Children of all ages are welcome to come and decorate their very own Christmas ornaments to either hang on the library tree or take home! Plus, they can see a puppet show with Daniel Porcu and get their picture taken with Santa. Call first for ticket availability at 714 375-5107.



### Family Evening Pajama Storytime with Miss Barbara

Tabby Storytime Theater -- FREE

Thursday, December 11, 2008 7:00 PM

Come celebrate the Winter Holidays with stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.

### Special Hanukkah Storytime with the Hebrew Academy

Tabby Storytime Theater – FREE – ALL AGES

Monday, December 22, 2008 7:00 PM

Join Chanie from the Hebrew Academy for a festive evening of stories and songs in celebration of Hanukkah! A fun treat awaits all those who RSVP to 714 898-0051 x 204. PJ's are welcome!

### Special Winter Break Storytime with Miss Barbara

Tabby Storytime Theater – FREE – ALL AGES!

Tuesday, December 30, 2008 9:15, 10:00 and 11:00 AM

Be sure not to miss our special storytime for all ages the Tuesday after Christmas. Join the amazing Miss Barbara for fun stories, songs, fingerplays, puppets and more!

- All other regularly scheduled storytimes, starting on December 26, have been cancelled due to the holidays.
- Please note the shortened Christmas Eve hours of 9:00 AM -12:00 PM on December 24.

The library will be closed on Sunday, December 21, Thursday, December 25, Sunday, December 28, and will close early at 5:00 on Wednesday, December 31



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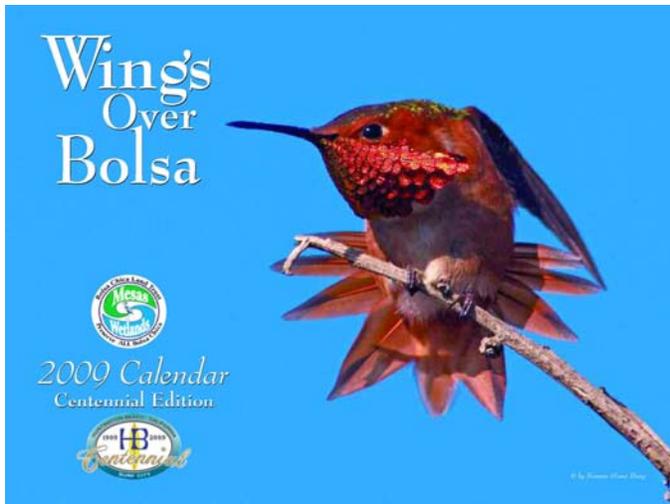
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## Rose Parade Excursion

We know that you will want to participate in this great event so we have ordered extra tickets! Tickets include transportation to and from the event so you don't even need to worry about finding a parking place. We have limited reserved bleacher seats which will be at 2000 E. Colorado. The price is \$95 per ticket and may be purchased at City Hall on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. The busses will leave at 6:45 a.m. and are scheduled to return at approximately 3:00 p.m. Parking is located at 2180 Walnut, so be prepared to walk up to ½ mile. All registrants under 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Call Community Services at 536-5486 for more information.



## 2009 Wings Over Bolsa Calendar Now on Sale



The Bolsa Chica Land Trust is pleased to announce the release of the 2009 "Wings Over Bolsa" calendar. With gorgeous full-color photos of the birds and wildlife at Bolsa Chica, this 13-month wall calendar is a stunning addition for the home or office and makes a wonderful holiday gift.

This year's calendar celebrates the Huntington Beach Centennial and includes Centennial events as well as important Land Trust dates.

Proceeds help with the Land Trust's education efforts at Bolsa Chica.

The cost is just \$10.78 each + shipping, or 5 for \$45.05 + shipping (that's like buying 4 and getting 1 free). Calendars can be ordered by using the order form at [www.bolsachicalandtrust.org](http://www.bolsachicalandtrust.org). They can also be purchased in person at the Land Trust office in Huntington Beach and from select merchants throughout the city. Call 714-846-1001 for details.



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## “Light a Light of Love” Celebration brings Snowflakes to the Beach

Huntington Beach has a unique way of ushering in the winter holiday season – by illuminating giant snowflakes along the famous Huntington Beach Pier and down Main Street. This year marks the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this event, a collaboration between the CSP Huntington Beach Youth Shelter, the City of Huntington Beach, and the Huntington Beach Business Improvement District. This fun annual family event begins with “A Taste of Main Street” from 1 to 4 p.m. Those wishing to participate can purchase tickets to “taste” soups and chowders prepared by local downtown restaurants.



The Children’s Holiday Parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. and travel down Main Street to the Pier. The parade highlights Huntington Beach youth groups. A tremendously popular entry in the parade every year is the Orange County Song and Dance Company. This group of talented youngsters will also perform at

Pier Plaza immediately after the parade. The Southern California Woodie Club will show off some of their classics in the parade and at Pier Plaza. Surfing Santa and Mrs. Claus ride to the Pier atop one of the Huntington Beach Lake Street Station’s Fire Trucks.

In addition to being Huntington Beach’s downtown holiday decorations, these snowflakes are a symbol of love and hope for at-risk youth. Local corporations, businesses, and residents sponsor the snowflakes to support the youth shelter. This year there will also be hand-held snowflake wands available to the public for a small donation, so that everybody can light a little light of love. CSP, Community Service Programs, Inc. has managed the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter for the last two years. During this time, several hundred children and youth-in-crisis have been served at the Shelter. For these young people, the Shelter has not only been a “safe haven,” and protection from the dangers of the streets, but also a place where youth and their families receive professional comprehensive services and lasting solutions to complex problems. 90% of these young people have been reunited with their families.

- What: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual **Light a Light of Love**
- Where: Main Street and Huntington Beach Pier Plaza
- When: Sunday, December 7th
  - A Taste of Main Street 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
  - Children’s Holiday Parade 4:30 p.m.
  - Entertainment at Pier Plaza 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
  - Lighting of the Snowflakes 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Elsa Greenfield, Shelter Director for more information at (714) 842-6600



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## Friday Afternoon at the Movies

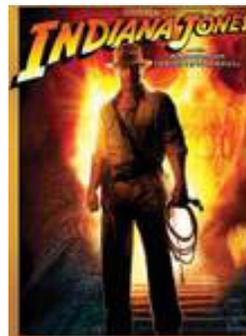
*Sponsored by the Huntington Beach Council on Aging*

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.

### INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL

DECEMBER 5

Nearly 20 years after riding his last Crusade, Harrison Ford makes a welcome return as archaeologist/relic hunter Indiana Jones in this action-packed fourth installment that's great nostalgia for fans of the series. Producer George Lucas and screenwriter David Koepp (War of the Worlds) set the film during the cold war, as the Soviets--replacing Nazis as Indy's villains of choice and led by a sword-wielding Cate Blanchett with black bob and sunglasses--are in pursuit of a crystal skull, which has mystical powers related to a city of gold. After escaping from them in a spectacular opening action sequence, Indy is coerced to head to Peru at the behest of a young greaser (Shia LaBeouf) whose friend--and Indy's colleague--Professor Oxley (John Hurt) has been captured for his knowledge of the skull's whereabouts. 122 minutes, rated PG-13



### MAMA MIA

DECEMBER 19



From Broadway phenomenon to silver screen, Mama Mia's cast included Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Amanda Seyfried. According to one reviewer . . . "Watching this movie is like visiting a seaside amusement park with its Ferris wheel and whirling carousel—strolling through a gaudy and brightly colored penny arcade—feasting on cotton candy and saltwater taffy—walking barefoot on the sand with your own dancing queen. Thirty years and the songs of ABBA are still delightful and deliciously infectious as ever and elevate this paper-thin wisp of a story. The main thrust of the movie is a young bride-to-be (Sophie) anxious to find out which of her mothers three lovers is her dad. Unlike the original show which made it obvious who the dad was, the movie does not settle the question and instead all three potential dads declare each is 1/3 Sophie's father." 109 minutes, Rated PG-13

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.



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## Smart landscaping saves California’s water supply

It’s no secret that California experiences frequent and sometimes prolonged droughts like the one we find ourselves in now. The dry weather, together with an ever-increasing demand, puts water at a premium and makes the need for us to use water more efficiently ever more crucial.

In California, the largest use of all urban water is landscape. However, living with water conservation doesn’t mean we have to give up our gardens. We can use water more efficiently and still have colorful, aesthetically pleasing landscapes, including some turf areas for recreation.

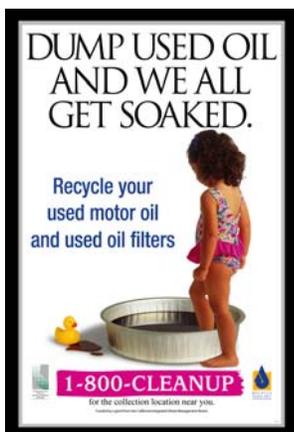


When a landscape or irrigation system is poorly designed or poorly maintained, or the landscape consists of plants not suited to the dry and often hot California climate, water demand increases as a result of excessive evaporation, leaks and runoff. Water consumption can be greatly reduced with careful planning, good plant selection, efficient irrigation systems and good water management and maintenance practices.

Since too much water causes many problems with plants, it makes sense to be water wise. It will save money and time, as well as give the gardener the satisfaction of doing his or her part in solving California’s real water challenge.

For more information on outdoor landscaping, please visit [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com).

## Free residential used oil disposal



The Huntington Beach Fire Department, in coordination with the California Integrated Waste Management Board, has developed a residential used oil disposal program that gives “do-it-yourself” home mechanics a convenient and free way to properly dispose of their used oil and oil filters. The service has proven to be a cost effective method to prevent used oil from being illegally disposed into trash cans, curb drains, or directly onto the ground where it can be washed down to our local beaches and wetlands. In 2008, the program will collect over 1,000 gallons of used oil through a door-to-door “curbside” collection service, and 20,000 gallons through the “Certified Collection Center” program (auto parts stores and auto service businesses) as well as the Household Hazardous Waste Center at Rainbow Disposal. For more information, please call 714-536-5469 or 714-536-5676.



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## CATCH THE WAVE OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

**APPLICANTS MAY NOW APPLY ON-LINE!**  
**[www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs)**

- If applying for the first time on-line, you must first create a personal account and select a username and password. To do this, go to [www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs) and click on one of the links under "Catch the Wave". You may also click on the "Build Job Application" link to prepare your application. The application can then be saved and used to apply for more than one recruitment at any time.
- You may also view complete job descriptions and qualifications. Should you wish to be notified by email of a specific future job opening, you may fill our on-line notification request form. Just fill out an "electronic interest card" by clicking on the link to Request job notifications by category.

### **Full Time Opportunities**

Communications Operator (Experienced)  
 Director of Finance  
 Executive Assistant  
 Librarian  
 Police Officer (Experienced)  
 Principal Personnel Analyst

### **Part Time Opportunities**

Arts Development Coordinator  
 College Interns Part-Time/Temporary Positions  
 Community Services Part-Time/Temporary Positions  
 Library Part-Time/Temporary Positions  
 Maintenance Worker Assistant (II, III, IV)  
 Police Cadet



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## Firefighter Paramedic Don Boland and Detective Jayson Lewis Honored with a Lifesaving Award

Firefighter Paramedic Don Boland and Detective Jayson Lewis were presented a lifesaving award on November 20, by the Orange County Fire Authority at the Orange County Board of Directors Meeting.

Both were off duty attending a charity function at the Hilton Hotel in Irvine. Homebuilder William Lyon, Chairman of William Lyon Homes who has spearheaded numerous local political and philanthropic groups, was delivering a speech during the Orangewood Children's Foundation's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Ambassadors luncheon when he suddenly collapsed.

Don Boland and Jayson Lewis immediately rushed to the stage. Mr. Lyon was not breathing and he did not have a pulse. Don began giving him mouth to mouth resuscitation while Jayson performed chest compressions. A hotel staff member located an AED defibrillator.

After performing CPR, Don and Jayson used the defibrillator, keeping him alive until the paramedics arrived. He was transported to the hospital and was released several days later. Even though neither of these men was on duty, both Don and Jayson, using their professional training, provided crucial lifesaving assistance helping to save a life.





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## December 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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### November Television Schedule for Channel Three

Community Bulletin Board	Daily - <i>Be sure to check out the new look to the Channel 3 Bulletin Board!</i>
City Council Meetings	December 1 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast December 2 at 10 am and December 3 at 7 pm December 15 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast December 16 @ 10 am & December 17 @ 7pm
Planning Commission Meeting	December 9 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast December 11 @ 7 pm

Be sure to check out Surf City Highlights on Channel 3 and the City's website! For a complete program schedule – go to the City's website [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org). Look for the program guide under the "What's New" column.



*Photos from the Veterans Day Ceremony at Pier Plaza November 11, 2008*