



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009

Come Join the Festivities at Huntington Beach's 100 Year Anniversary By Allison Rogers, PIO Intern

With a year full of Centennial Celebrations, there is one day you can not miss- Huntington Beach's 100 year anniversary! On Tuesday, February 17th, Huntington Beach will celebrate 100 years of incorporation. This very special anniversary will be celebrated at 6 pm at Pier Plaza with a ceremony including dignitaries and the dedication of Huntington Beach's Centennial Time Capsule.

The ceremony will be followed by a special Surf City Nights with all of the Main Street businesses celebrating the City's Centennial. Stroll up and down Main Street and enjoy music, entertainment, food, arts and crafts and special centennial fun.

After dinner, head up Main Street a little further to the Huntington Beach Art Center to experience the Centennial Historical Exhibit. Learn all about the City's 100 year history through beautiful photographs, videos and artifacts.



To commemorate the Centennial, the Downtown Business Improvement District will be creating their Centennial project throughout February- 100 Years / 100 Families. The project is a scrapbook highlighting the stories and photos of 100 Huntington Beach families. 100 Years / 100 Families is a reflection of the Surf City community after 100 years of progress and change. Every Tuesday night in February there will be reporters on Main Street interviewing families to be a part of this very special tribute.

There are dozens of other special events and activities planned for 2009 that can't be missed including a film series, educational seminars and a city-wide beach party. Visit www.HB100Years.org for a complete calendar and information on all the Centennial fun.



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009

Surf City USA float wins Mayor's Award in Rose Parade

The City of Huntington Beach and its Centennial Celebration were well represented by the spectacular "Surf City USA" Float in the 2009 Tournament of Roses® Parade. The float, measuring 55 feet long and 30 feet high and featuring a family barbecuing on a surfboard, won the prestigious Mayor's Award, representing the Most Outstanding City Entry.



The "Surf City USA" float embodied the essence of living in Huntington Beach featuring family, ocean life and even the famous Huntington Beach pier. Singing and dancing along with the float to the tune of "Surf City" by Jan and Dean were 38 members of Huntington Beach High School's APA program.

Millions of spectators around the world enjoyed the beautiful pageantry and magnificent floats of the 120th Tournament of Roses® Parade, themed "Hats off to Entertainment", and the City of Huntington Beach is proud to be a part of such a great tradition. The Centennial committee thanks the hundreds of volunteers

and the amazing float riders for all of their help decorating and making the float spectacular.

You can see the amazing Surf City Float from its early design stages, to the construction, to its debut in the Parade in a 30 minute video online on the City's website at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/videos/>.

Cell Phone Collection

Huntington Beach Senior Services is collecting unused cell phones to raise money and to help the environment. In conjunction with the National Council on Aging and Cellular Recycler, old phones and equipment are either refurbished for further use or parts are recycled. This helps keep equipment out of landfills and monetary compensation per item is given to the senior center. New in 2009 is the acceptance of small electronics including: Laptops, Cameras, Mp3 players, Video Game Consoles. Phones and equipment can be dropped off at the Seniors Outreach Center 1718 Orange Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92648. For more information call 714-960-2478.





Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009

City of Huntington Beach Hiring Lifeguards

The City of Huntington Beach is now hiring Lifeguards to help protect the 3 miles of beautiful beach and ten million visitors Huntington Beach sees every year. Ocean Lifeguards keep the City's beaches safe by performing ocean rescues, helping prevent marine accidents and providing first aid.

Applications are available online and must be turned into Lifeguard Headquarters by the end of February. Selected applicants must pass a performance exam including physical events such as a 1,500 yard run-swim-run. Up to 36 qualified candidates will then be allowed to apply for the Lifeguard Training Program which will take place in April and May.

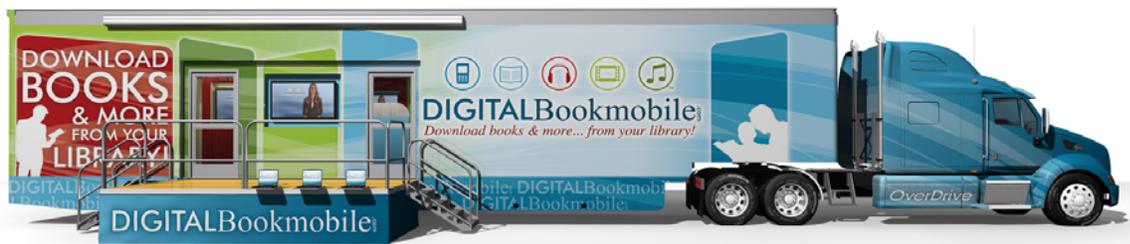


All positions are recurring, meaning they will be used seasonally and as needed. The City of Huntington Beach employs approximately 130 Lifeguards every year. Applications are available at www.surfcity-hb.org/jobs.

Digital Book Kickoff at Central Library!

February 24th, the Overdrive Digital Bookmobile will be coming to the Huntington Beach Central Library to celebrate the launch of the library's downloadable audio book program. Take this opportunity to find out about downloadable audio books, learn how to load titles into your MP3 player or iPod, and enter to win a free MP3 player!

To help spread the word, the high-tech bookmobile will be open to the public from 10 am to 5 pm. It will be equipped with broadband Internet-connected PCs, high definition monitors, premium sound systems, and a variety of portable media players. Upon entering the digital bookmobile you will be greeted by display screens with a welcome video and learn the what, who, where, and the how of downloadable materials. Please join us for this exciting event.





Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009

New Library Director Appointed

City Administrator Fred Wilson has appointed Stephanie Beverage as the new Library Director. "We are very fortunate to have a person of such varied experience and background working for our City," stated City Administrator Wilson.



Stephanie Beverage was born in California, and split her formative years between the Northern and Southern sections of the state. She graduated from high school in North Orange County, CA, and attended UCLA for her undergraduate degree. She completed a Master's degree in History at Georgetown University then spent most of her time doing research in all the wonderful libraries in the Nation's Capital. Because of her love of libraries, she came back home and completed her Master's in Library and Information Science at UCLA.

Stephanie has spent the majority of her professional career working in public libraries in Southern California. Starting at the Ontario City Library, she has also worked for the Los Angeles Public Library System, OC Public Libraries, Alhambra Public Library and South Pasadena Public Library. At each of the libraries where she has worked, she has been known for her creativity and innovation in library services. She sees the Library as a transformational place at the heart of the community and is looking forward to working with the City and the Community to ensure that the Huntington Beach Library continues to be an amazing resource for the City.

Stephanie currently lives in Placentia with her husband and their 2 large Ragdoll cats. In her spare time, she enjoys most sports and has been known to travel for college football games.

Saturday Film Forum returns to the Huntington Beach Central Library

The popular Saturday film series returns to the Huntington Beach Central Library in February. This time we will be delving into the world of detective and their different portrayals on film. The program will start on February 28th with a screening of **The Maltese Falcon** and continues with **L.A. Confidential** on March 28th, **Chinatown** on April 18th and **Who Framed Roger Rabbit** on May 16th. All programs are on Saturdays at 2pm in the Central Library Theatre. And better yet, they are FREE! Mark your calendars and join us!





Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009

2009 Fourth of July Committee Announces Theme and Welcomes New Members

This July 4th, the annual Parade and Celebration will honor 100 years of Huntington Beach, from oil town to thriving community and destination resort. Reminders of the city's past, present and future will be featured throughout the 4th of July events. The 2009 logo shows Surf City's "HB" logo in a background of fireworks against an indigo sky. "This is the year Huntington Beach will showcase its great reputation as a wonderful place to live, work and play," said Patricia Stier, Board Director.

Five new appointees join veteran board member Karen Pedersen and long-time volunteers, Jon Ross and Linda Vircks, as members of the 2009 Fourth of July Executive Board.

Led by Director, Patricia Stier, and Assistant Director, Stacey Newton, the board is responsible for year-round planning of the city's annual 4th of July Parade and Celebration. Events include the early morning Surf City 5K Run and Fitness Expo, Pancake Breakfast in Lake Park, the historic Parade featuring grand marshals, television and film personalities, floats, bands, equestrians and community organizations, a 3-day Pier Plaza Festival and Expo and Fireworks Over the Ocean.



Executive Board hopefuls submitted applications and the evaluation included an interview process. New appointees have demonstrated a dedication to their community and enthusiasm to contribute their efforts to this successful event.

The **2009 Fourth of July Executive Board** members are:

- Patricia Stier, Director
- Stacey Newton, Assistant Director
- Jeff Carnival
- Edward Heins
- Karen Pedersen
- Mary Peeples
- Jon Ross
- Jim Thomson
- Linda Vircks
- Chris Young



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009



Stress-Free Travel Starts at City Hall

City of
Huntington
Beach
Passport
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

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



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009

Huntington Beach Art Center February Events

Ebb & Flow Continues Through February

The Huntington Beach Art Center will continue to display the *Ebb & Flow* exhibition, celebrating 100 years of Huntington Beach History, through February 22. The exhibition includes photographs depicting each decade of the City's history, as well as artifacts and videos that explore HB's growth and development.

In honor of the February 17 incorporation day celebration, Main Street will be alive with activity, with a ceremony at the pier, and a special Surf City Nights. The Art Center will take part by remaining open throughout the evening until 8 p.m. For information regarding the *Ebb & Flow* exhibition, call 714.374.1650.



Surf Film Event

The *Ebb & Flow* exhibition will close with a Surf Film Event at the Huntington Beach Art Center. The event will take place on February 22, from 1 — 5 p.m. Event planners expect to screen the Bruce Brown surf classic *Endless Summer*. The 1966 documentary film revolutionized the genre of surf film and has been amazing audiences since its release. A Question and Answer session with members of the Brown family is scheduled following the film screening.

For more information about the Surf Film event, and all other events related to the *Ebb & Flow* exhibition, call 714.374.1650. All event details are subject to change.

Bach/Baroque Music Festival

The Music Teachers Association of Orange County will hold their annual Bach/Baroque music festival on February 21, from 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. This annual event brings students from all over Orange County to celebrate the music of Bach and the Baroque period. The festival gives students a chance to compete among Orange County's best musical talent.



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009

Pick up a copy of the SANDS Community Brochure

As residents of Surf City make decisions about how to live our lives, “quality of life” is usually in the forefront of our minds. How does our desire for a happy, healthy life affect our choices about daily activities? How do we spend our time outside of the workplace? Do we enjoy connecting with family and friends? Do we crave quiet time after a hectic day? Is physical activity important? How do we make special “together” moments with our family? Do we have a desire to connect with the great out-of-doors?

The SANDS brochure is an outstanding resource that “Creates Community” in Huntington Beach. Contained within the pages of your SANDS Community Services Guide are opportunities for you to enhance your quality of life through the great variety of open space opportunities, leisure-time programs, helpful services and community facilities and amenities that the City of Huntington Beach has to offer. This publication mailed to residents, is available on line or at your local community facility. What better way to celebrate 100 years of Huntington Beach, than to enjoy the many benefits of our beautiful city!!



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’ monthly Family Movie Night on Saturday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. Come and join the fun as we follow the story of one robot’s comic adventures as he chases his dream across the galaxy in this Rated G movie WALL-E.

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 for the evening.



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009

Youth In Government Day open to all High School Students

The City of Huntington Beach, in conjunction with the Huntington Beach Youth Board, has designated *Thursday, April 16th* as "Youth In Government Day." Youth In Government Day was established by the Huntington Beach Youth Board as an annual event to increase high school students' understanding and involvement in municipal government and provide city government staff an opportunity to hear the opinions and questions of today's youth.

The program is open to all high school students who are residents of Huntington Beach. The day will include a two-hour internship for each student to meet on a one-to-one basis with a staff counterpart from a city department. The staff member will explain their role in the city's operation. In addition, a mock City Council meeting will be held and two topics will be introduced as Requests for Council Action (RCA). A luncheon and awards ceremony will follow with a guest speaker. The Youth Board also sponsors three contests for high school students conducted in conjunction with Youth In Government Day. These contests are an Art Contest, Essay Contest, and a contest for high school seniors only, Youth of the Year. Each contest will be awarded cash and prizes to the top three entrants.



Participants who enter the Art Contest will have their works of art displayed at the Huntington Beach Art Center. Applications for Youth In Government Day as well as the associated contests are available at each Huntington Beach high school activities office as well as City Hall, Community Services Department, 5th Floor.

For further information, please call the City of Huntington Beach Youth Board Liaison, Gisela Campagne at (714) 374-5397.



Police Officers Wear Replica of 1909 Badge

In recognition of the City's 100th Anniversary, Chief Kenneth Small has authorized a special badge to be worn by uniformed police officers and personnel of the Huntington Beach Police Department. The badge is a replica of those worn during the era of incorporation for the City of Huntington Beach. Police personnel are authorized to wear the badges from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Officers who choose to wear the badge are purchasing them at their own expense.



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009



CATCH THE WAVE OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

APPLICANTS MAY NOW APPLY ON-LINE!
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 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

Accounting Technician Supervisor
Communications Operator (Experienced)
Field Services Representative (to open soon)
Police Officer (Experienced)

Part Time Opportunities

College Interns Part-Time/Temporary Positions
Community Services, Recreation, Human and Cultural Services Part-Time/Temporary Positions
Library Part-Time/Temporary Positions
Maintenance Worker Assistant (II, III, IV)
Police Cadet



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009

An Afternoon of Romance & Mystery

Valentine Authors' Tea

The Friends of the Library invite you to attend the authors' tea on Wednesday, February 11 when they present Jeri Westerson, Kate Carlisle and Maureen Child.



Jeri Westerson introduces her first medieval mystery, *Veil of Lies*, brimming with historical detail and descriptions of life in 1383 London.

The Crispin Guest series is not your average medieval mystery, as it follows the adventures of Crispin Guest—an ex-knight turned criminal investigator.

Golden Heart and Daphne du Maurier Award winner **Kate Carlisle** spent twenty years in television production as an

Associate Director for numerous shows, including *The Midnight Special* and *The Gong Show*, before turning to writing. Her debut novel is *Homicide in Hard-Cover*, the first book in her Bibliophile Mystery series, featuring rare book expert Brooklyn Wainwright, whose skills invariably uncover old secrets, treachery and murder.



Maureen Child is the award winning author of more than one hundred romance novels and novellas. A six time nominee for the prestigious RITA award from Romance Writers of America, Maureen also had a part as an extra in the CBS-TV movie *The Soul Collector*, made from her novel, *A Pocketful of Paradise*.



Doors open at 1:30pm and tea begins at 2:00pm, followed by authors' program. Book sales and signings are offered before and after the tea.

Please make checks payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 or deliver to Friends Gift Shop. Reservations and checks must be received no later than Saturday, February 7. For questions, please contact the Friends Gift Shop at (714) 375-8429.



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office

(714) 536-5577



February 2009

Huntington Beach Public Library Calendar

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.

Special Upcoming Events for February 2009:

Family Evening Pajama Storytime with Miss Barbara

Thursday, February 12, 2009 -- 7:00 PM

FREE

Tabby Storytime Theater

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

Jim Gamble Puppet Productions presents "Peter and the Wolf"

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – 4 & 6 PM

Tickets \$4 per person

Library Theater

Jim Gamble's delightful marionette show, "Peter and the Wolf" comes to the Huntington Beach Public Library on Wednesday, February 25 at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. Follow the adventures of Peter in this classic orchestral fairy tale by Sergy Prokofiev. See what happens after Peter ignores the warnings of his grandfather and tries to capture a wolf with the help of his friend, the bird -- all with exciting results! Tickets are \$4.00 per person, and are on sale now. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended. Please note the time change for the second performance from 7:00 to 6:00 p.m. For more information call (714) 375-5107.



The Library will be closed on Monday, February 16 in celebration of President's Day.

For information call Children's Library Services (714) 375-5107



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office

(714) 536-5577



February 2009

Huntington Beach Reads One Book: February is full of Art, Stories and Great Conversation

A children's story time, an exhibit of Yu'pik art, and lively book discussions are on the calendar for Huntington Beach Reads One Book during February, leading up to "the kids from nowhere" author George Guthridge's visit on March 5.

Yu'pik Art Exhibit

Huntington Beach Central Library, Main Floor near used book sales department

HBReads committee member LeRoy Lucian has put together a beautiful display of Yu'pik art, including the work of Richard Wisecarver (author of "Postcards from the North" on the HB Reads website), Noah Wisecarver and Brian Kulik. The work includes carvings depicting arctic wildlife, traditional snow goggles, and other fine representations of northwest art.

HB Reads Info Sherpa blogger Richard Moore interviewed LeRoy about the importance of art in culture: *"Viewing art to me has much in common with reading a book. It can transport you to another place, another time. It tells a story and offers insights into the mind and world of its creator. The materials used and the stylistic aspects reflect on the culture of its origin. On a more humanistic level the emotional impact it conveys illustrates just how much alike we all are."*

Visit the free art exhibit at the Library and read the full interview with LeRoy Lucian on the Info Sherpa blog at www.HBReads.org.

Snow Goggles "Grazing Caribou" – See snow goggles and other Yu'pik artwork at the Huntington Beach Central Library, one of Huntington Beach Reads One Book free events for "the kids from nowhere."





Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office

(714) 536-5577



February 2009

Huntington Beach Reads One Book (Continued)

Children’s Story Time: 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9

Barnes & Noble at Bella Terra, Upper level in the Children’s Section

Veteran storyteller and Huntington Beach resident Mary Lou Hughes tells tales from the North for the little ones in the children’s section of Barnes & Noble at the Bella Terra Mall. Bring the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews! Mary Lou Hughes is one of the founding members of the "Grandparents and Books" program at the Huntington Beach Library, a retired teacher/counselor in the Huntington Beach Union High School District, a former member of the Human Relations Task Force and served for several years on the City’s Allied Arts Board. She’s also a fabulous storyteller! This story time is for the primary grade level, but adults with their inner child intact are welcome to secretly participate. Big people sit in the back row please!

Book Discussion, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12

Huntington Beach Central Library Conference Room

Huntington Beach resident Tom Livengood will host a book discussion at the Huntington Beach Library. Tom is a Huntington Beach planning commissioner, a volunteer at the Shipley Nature Center in Central Park, and a member of a local gentlemen’s book club. Ladies and gentlemen are welcome to this book discussion, which promises some unique insights and good conversation.



Book Discussion: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24

Huntington Beach Central Library Conference Room

Meet Joy Martineau for an engaging book discussion. Joy taught middle school history, is a world traveler, and is active in Huntington Beach book clubs with the American Association of University Women and at her church. As a former teacher, mother and grandmother, Joy brings a unique perspective to “the kids from nowhere” book discussions.

A special thanks to our supporters

HB Reads is supported by the following generous benefactors: the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach, the Huntington Beach Police Officers Association, Barnes & Noble Bookfairs, Friends of the Library, HB Digital, and individual Huntington Beach residents.

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. Learn more about the book and HB Reads at www.HBReads.org, or call the Community Services Department, 714-374-1645.



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office

(714) 536-5577



February 2009

A.A.R.P. Income Tax Assistance

Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center will host A.A.R.P. FREE income tax assistance for seniors 55 and older on Tuesdays beginning February 3 through April 14, 2009 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Appointments are required and fill quickly. For more information or to make an appointment, call the senior center 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.



Before your scheduled appointment, enjoy the Community SeniorServ lunch. A hot lunch is served each weekday at 11:30 a.m.

Shipleigh Nature Center

Shipleigh Nature Center will be hosting a Family Celebration to Save the Monarchs on Saturday February 21st from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This will be an educational morning with hands-on activities for families including puppets, crafts, a raffle and tours. Visit Shipleigh's Monarch Way Station to see where the Monarchs hang out. Learn about the Monarch Life Cycle and what you can do to provide a home for them in your own backyard. The Shipleigh Native Plant Nursery will be selling flowering plants which provide nectar for the Monarchs and Milkweed which is the host plant for the Monarch caterpillars.

The **California Native Plant Sale** continues at Shipleigh Nature Center with a great selection of California Native Plants available for the Winter/Spring planting season: Salvias, Manzanita, California Fuchsias and many more. Stroll through Shipleigh's eight habitats and see how California Native Plants provide food, shelter and beauty for our local birds, insects, butterflies and wildlife and conserve water at the same time. In bloom this month are Fuchsia Flowering Gooseberry, Hummingbird Sage, Woolly Blue Curls and Ceanothus, the California Lilac. Parking is available at 17851 Goldenwest Street near Talbert. For more information, call 714-842-4772 or see www.shipleighnature.org.



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009

A lovely yet water efficient garden

Springtime is almost here, and many of us are starting to think about making our gardens beautiful for the upcoming warm season. Presently, Southern California is in the middle of a draught and if the dry weather continues, there are concerns that water rationing might be a reality in 2009.



More than 50% of residential water usage is used outdoors, but fortunately there are many ways to reduce our water consumption and still enjoy beautiful landscapes.

Replacing high water use plants with low water use plants (California friendly) and California native plants, requiring minimal irrigation once established, is easy, fun and with benefits all around!

"California Friendly"



means more beauty with less water

Native plants have co-evolved with local animals, insects, fungi and microbes to create an ecosystem that is perfectly suited to our climate of long, hot summers and wet winters. The native plants also benefits and supports native wildlife such as birds, beneficial insects and butterflies as they prefer native flora.

California Native Plant Society (www.cnps.org) and www.BeWaterWise.com are two of many websites providing resources such as native plant directories, valuable information of how to start your native garden, helpful tips and education as well as a list of

local California friendly gardens to visit and enjoy.

Other reasons to create native gardens are the elimination of pesticides, enhancing the quality of our coastal water environment, a considerable reduction of yard waste and much less required yard maintenance, usually a good thing for busy Southern Californians.

A comparison study of a traditional garden versus a Southern California climate appropriate garden with an efficient water irrigation systems showed that more than 50,000 gallons of water was saved annually in the native garden

For any questions or concerns about water conservation and our efforts in Huntington Beach, please call Bill Crisp, Water Conservation Coordinator, at (714) 374-1796



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office

(714) 536-5577



February 2009

Free! 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 make this a must see event. Movies are selected based on suggestions from the audience.

VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA

FEBRUARY 6



Legendary filmmaker, Woody Allen's latest effort is a 2009 Golden Globe winner for best comedy. The romantic adventures of Vicky (Rebecca Hall) and Cristina (Scarlett Johansson) are set in the stunning, Gaudi-infused city of Barcelona. These two young American tourists spend a summer in Spain intending to savor life as a work of art, the music, the food and the culture. Where Vicky is straitlaced and about to be married to the fiancé she left in New York, free-spirited Cristina plans a sexually adventurous summer. However, when they meet celebrated painter Juan Antonio (Javier

Bardem), they become entangled in a chaotic romance that includes Juan Antonio's insanely jealous ex-wife (Penelope Cruz nominated for Best Supporting Actress).

PG-13 For mature themes involving sexuality, and smoking

97 minutes

FLASH OF GENIUS

FEBRUARY 20

In this David vs. Goliath drama based on a true story, college professor Robert Kearns (Greg Kinnear) goes up against the giants of the auto industry when they fail to give him credit for inventing intermittent windshield wipers. He patented it in 1967, demonstrated it to Ford and forged a deal with the auto company. Ford reneged and ripped of Kearns's invention.

Kearns doggedly pursues recognition for his invention, as well as the much-deserved financial rewards for the sake of his wife (Lauren Graham) and six kids. Alan Alda and Dermot Mulroney also star.

PG-13 For brief strong language

120 minutes



THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES

FEBRUARY 27



Set in 1964 in South Carolina, this is the tale of Lily Owens (Dakota Fanning), a 14 year-old girl who is haunted by the memory of her late mother. She flees from her father's farm with her friend and caregiver, Rosaleen (Jennifer Hudson) and heads to Tiburon, a town she believes holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by the intelligent and independent Boatwright sisters (Queen Latifah, Alicia Keys, Sophie Okonedo), Lily finds solace in their mesmerizing world of beekeeping and begins a life-changing journey of self-discovery.

PG-13-For thematic material and some violence

109 minutes



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office

(714) 536-5577



February 2009

Pet care extends to the beach

As responsible pet owners, we want to keep our pets healthy, clean, and free of any unwanted pests including fleas and ticks. The sight of a scratching dog makes us cringe!

You've heard the Orange County Stormwater Program slogan for protecting water quality – "The Ocean Begins at Your Front Door". How does this relate to pet care and the beach? We bathe our pets, and apply products that help them to enjoy the days basking in the sun, chasing their tails, Frisbees and balls. When possible, bathe your pets indoors using less toxic shampoos – or have them professionally groomed. Follow the product instructions and clean up spills. If you bathe your pet outside, wash it on your lawn or another permeable (absorbent) surface that will soak up the washwater and keep it from running into the street, gutter or storm drain. Never let any pet care products or washwater run off your yard and into the street, gutter or storm drain.



Use flea control products such as shampoos, sprays or collars that are less toxic – not only to your pet but also to you, and to the environment. Products we apply to our pets to keep away unwanted pests (like fleas and ticks) should be used with care. Read all labels carefully before using, and dispose of any unused products at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. We have one conveniently located in the City at 17121 Nichols Street, between Beach Blvd. and Gothard St. off Warner Ave., next to Rainbow Recycling and Disposal (use Gate 6). For more information on Household Hazardous Waste, please visit <http://www.wmorangecounty.com/env/HHW.asp>.

Responsible pet care extends to cleaning up after them, too! Pet waste on the bottom of your shoe is a nuisance – but pet waste in the water is harmful to human health, marine life and the environment! It contains bacteria, and as it decomposes, pet waste demands a high level of oxygen from water when it decomposes. This decomposition can contribute to killing marine life by reducing the amount of dissolved oxygen available to them in the water. It's not only the law, but important to your health and to the environment that you pick up after your pet regularly. Even if you live inland, pet waste can leave your property during rainy weather and make it's way through the streets, gutters, storm drains, rivers, and channels into the ocean and affect the quality of the water. Remember – the ocean begins at your front door!



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office

(714) 536-5577



February 2009

Public Works Department Leadworker, Terry Tintle receives Mayor's Award



Mayor Keith Bohr presented Terry Tintle, Leadworker in Public Works Department Transportation Division with the Mayor's Award at the January 20th City Council Meeting. He is shown above with the mayor, Public Works Director Travis Hopkins, fellow co-workers and his family.

Terry has worked for the city for nearly 27 years and is responsible for maintenance of all the various markings on our streets, parking lots, and curbs. During his tenure he has literally painted every marking multiple times. He brings a high degree of professionalism to every assignment.

Terry and the signing and striping maintenance crews are very experienced in special event traffic control. This is a very valuable asset to the city due to all the events that use our city streets.

Terry also contributes to the efficiency of how our crews operate. He evaluates equipment that is used to provide safer and more efficient ways of performing tasks. He was instrumental in the design of our current curb painting machine, which has saved countless man-hours painting the miles and miles of red, green, yellow, and white curbs scattered throughout the city.



Community Connection

A Monthly Publication by the City of Huntington Beach

Public Information Office
(714) 536-5577



February 2009

February 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

February Television Schedule for Channel Three

Community Bulletin Board Daily

City Council Meetings February 2 @ 6:00 pm
Rebroadcast February 3 at 10 am
and February 4 at 7 pm

*City Hall Closed February 16 due to Presidents' Day

*No meeting on February 17 due to Incorporation Celebration at Pier Plaza

Planning Commission Meeting February 10 @ 7 pm
Rebroadcast February 12 @ 7 pm
And February 24 @ 7 pm
Rebroadcast February 26 @ 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. Look for the program guide under the "What's New" column.