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## It's Easy Being Green in HB – September 20 Expo will show you how

Looking for easy ways to live, work, and play green in HB? You can find the shade of green that is right for you at Huntington Beach's first Green Expo, "It's Easy to be Green in Huntington Beach."

The Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce and the City of Huntington Beach Economic Development Department are proud to sponsor the first Green Expo, which takes place Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Huntington Beach Central Library. The event will include activities in both the Library parking lot and in Library meeting rooms. Red Oak Investments is the event sponsor and Gold Sponsors include Southern California Edison and Rainbow Disposal.



As an exciting gathering of people, products and resources, the Green Expo is designed to enhance our daily living at home, at work, and at play and to increase public awareness of green choices. This free event will educate residents and businesses on the benefits of "Going Green" by providing real-life solutions for people to live better, healthier lives with less impact on the environment.

Informed speakers, vendors, hands-on product demonstrations, product samples, instructional seminars, educational workshops, informational booths, and exhibits will showcase the most recent ideas and technologies to help teach us what we can do—one person at a time. As such, visitors to the Green Expo will learn about important green issues, including waste reduction, energy efficiency, water conservation and quality, utilizing recycled materials, reducing greenhouse gases, and producing organic products.

By providing information and inspiration for taking action regarding local and global environmental issues to consumers, business professionals, and public and private organizations, the HB Green Expo intends to help people learn what can be done—right now—to make a difference in our community. For more information, contact the HB Chamber of Commerce at (714) 536-8888 or online at [www.HBChamber.com](http://www.HBChamber.com). You can also visit [www.HuntingtonBeachGoesGreen.com](http://www.HuntingtonBeachGoesGreen.com) for more expo information.

Vendor and Sponsorship opportunities are also still available. For sponsorship and vendor forms, visit the Chamber website at [www.HBChamber.com](http://www.HBChamber.com). Please note that vendors must be approved by the Green Committee in order to participate.



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## Save the Date – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of New Zealand Coming to HB

The City of Huntington Beach and its sister city Waitakere, New Zealand will host the Second Annual Taste of New Zealand on September 20-21, 2008 in downtown Main Street. Taste of New Zealand is open to the public. Partners of the event include Fisher & Paykel, New Zealand Consul-General John Mataira, the Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District, Huntington Beach Sister City Association and Navigator Tours.

Come and experience various elements of New Zealand culture and the Kiwi way of life. Activities to enjoy include Maori culture performance, live wood carving demonstration, fashion shows, and a live show from Iron “Kiwi” Chef.



Food will be a key theme of this event which will offer you ample opportunities to treat your taste buds. Top chefs from New Zealand will prepare lamb, seafood, and more on Main Street from grills and mobile hangi (Maori traditional earth oven). Food samples will be available and several downtown Huntington Beach restaurants will be providing New Zealand food and drink specials.

Watch New Zealand local rugby teams play “Sevens” on the beach, north of the Pier, and gain insight into the sport that New Zealanders love.

For more information or to participate in the Second Annual Taste of New Zealand, please contact the Economic Development Department at 714-536-5542 or log on to [www.surfcity-hb.org/tasteofnewzealand](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/tasteofnewzealand).

## Break out the sunscreen California Coastal Cleanup Day is coming

Join thousand of Californians as they hit the beaches, lakes, and waterways Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon. In 2007 more than 60,000 volunteers worked together to collect more than 900,000 pounds of trash and recyclables. Since the first California Coastal Cleanup Day over 800,000 Californians removed more than 12 million pounds of debris from



our shoreline and waterways. In 1993 the Guinness book of world records recorded this third Saturday as “The largest garbage collection”. Volunteers wishing to help clean Huntington City Beach will be meeting on the north side of the HB Pier, bags and gloves will be provided, and free parking will be available in the City Beach parking lots on the north and south side of First St. For more information call 714 536 5614 or other cleanup locations call 1 800 COAST 4 U.



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## City Council Candidates will Address Local Issues

The Huntington Beach City Council Candidate Forum will be held on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 pm to 9:00. The forum will be held at City Council Chambers which are located at City Hall, 2000 Main St. Seven candidates are running to fill three positions on the City Council.

The Forum will be broadcast live on HBTv-3 starting at 7:00 pm. Candidates will make opening statements, and then the Moderator will ask questions. Answers will be timed and all candidates will have the opportunity to respond to each question.

The Huntington Beach members of the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women sponsor the event which provides a non-political, non-partisan format with questions directed to all candidates. Questions are submitted by groups in the community and additional questions from attendees will be reviewed for possible selection. The forum offers voters information on candidates' qualifications and experience as well as their answers to some of the "hot" issues in the City.

The program will also be available after September 22<sup>nd</sup> through rebroadcasts on HBTv-3 and also on the city website - [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org). Candidates will be available after the broadcast to meet with voters. Citizens are encouraged to attend and see it first-hand. For more information, email [karijac@gmail.com](mailto:karijac@gmail.com)

## 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.

Check the Centennial website, in the next couple of weeks, for other stores that will be featuring the Centennial Merchandise – [www.hb100years.org](http://www.hb100years.org)



The year 2009 will be an exciting year with events and activities planned throughout the year. What better way to celebrate than wearing a Centennial t-shirt or cap to show your pride in our City's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation? Stop by and check out the selection.



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## Huntington Beach Council on Aging Presents Senior Saturday 2008

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging is proud to announce its 20<sup>th</sup> annual "Senior Saturday Community Festival," to be held at Pier Plaza in downtown Huntington Beach, on Saturday, September 6, 2008, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Admission is free.



Approximately 75 sponsor booths will be at the event offering information, products and services geared toward seniors. This is an excellent opportunity for seniors and their families to spend an afternoon by the Pier while gathering pertinent information amid a festive atmosphere.



In addition to the sponsor booths, there will be a \$2 breakfast, \$2 lunch, giveaways, health information, free entertainment throughout the day and many more surprises.

Pier Plaza is located adjacent to the Huntington Beach Pier at the intersection of Main St. and Pacific Coast Highway. Shuttle service is provided from the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center at 17<sup>th</sup> and Orange.

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 Seniors Outreach Center. Bring your family and friends for a fun filled morning and afternoon. For more information, please call the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center at (714) 536-9387.

## The SoCal Indie Film Festival Returns

The SoCal Independent Film Festival returns to Huntington Beach for its 4<sup>th</sup> year with six days of award winning movies and screenplays; industry speakers; professional workshops' Q&A sessions with directors and actors; special guests and volunteer opportunities.

Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> is the Kick-off in Downtown with a "Big Screen" on Main Street during Surf City Nights. Opening Night, September 10<sup>th</sup> will be the world premiere of JACKSON, from writer, J.F. Lawton (Pretty Woman, Under Siege) Huntington Beach Central Library Theater. You can enjoy 120 films in 6 days in the 319 seat state-of-the-art Library Theater along with a variety of receptions and parties.

Join the Tarantino Retrospective! Panel discussions will review the impact of Tarantino movies on independent film. Special festival presentations of RESERVOIR DOGS on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and PULP FICTION on September 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit: [www.socalfilmfest.com](http://www.socalfilmfest.com).



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## Rose Float turns out to be a Popular Place

Have you ever wanted to ride on a float in the Tournament of Roses® Parade? Well, this is your opportunity. The Centennial Celebration Committee will hold a drawing to determine the float representatives that will ride on the Surf City float in the 120th Tournament of Roses® Parade.



As of August 25, more than 400 people have signed up for the opportunity to ride on the Surf City float in the Parade. Every day more people sign up for a chance to ride on the float, and you could be one of them. All you need to do is visit the Centennial Celebration website at [www.hb100years.org](http://www.hb100years.org) to enter your name for the opportunity drawing. Be sure to sign up by the **drawing deadline: Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.**



These float representatives will join the Mayor and other celebrated city notables portraying Huntington Beach living on the float itself. As a City of Huntington Beach float representative, you will ride on the Surf City float in the Parade and wave to hundreds of thousands of Parade guests, as well as the millions of television viewers around the world.

Eligible riders must be Huntington Beach Residents over the age of 12 on or before September 3, 2008,

and prepared to check-in at the float barn in Pasadena, CA by 6 am on the day of the Parade - New Year's Day, January 1, 2009. Riders must also be able to commit to the full length of the Parade, approximately 6 hours, as there will be no stops or opportunities for breaks along the Parade route. Again, the deadline to enter your name for the opportunity drawing is Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The City's float will capture the essence of living in Huntington Beach and embody "Surf City USA." Measuring 55-feet long and 30-feet high, the float features waves, surfboards, local ocean life such as fish, pelicans, seagulls, and dolphins, and a family with their dog barbecuing on a large surfboard. The float will also feature the Centennial Celebration logo and a stand for human riders, which will mimic the look of the famous Huntington Beach Pier. The surf- and family-oriented float was designed and will be built by Festival Artists, whose previous floats have won more than 75 awards at the Rose Parade.

To enter your name in the drawing, please visit [www.hb100years.org](http://www.hb100years.org). On this website, you can also sign up to volunteer for decorating the float and find further information on the Centennial Celebration, including sponsorship opportunities.



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## 2008 Small Business Assistance Fall Seminars

All seminars are held at the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce Office at 19891 Beach Blvd, Suite 140 – between Utica and Adams on the west side of Beach. Seminars are co-sponsored by the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce and the City of Huntington Beach Economic Development Department. Please park in back parking lot for direct access to the Chamber Office.

- 9/25 Starting & Running Your Own Business  
Everything you need to know about making your dream a reality
- 10/23 The Business Plan  
Your Plan for Success
- 11/20 Marketing 101  
Successfully Attract & Keep Customers
- 1/22 Starting & Running Your Own Business  
Everything you need to know about making your dream a reality



All seminars are held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fee \$20 per person. Please call the Chamber office at 714-536-8888 to make your reservation. Instructor Linda Hoitt.

## Travel Opportunity for Huntington Beach Youth

Applications are now being taken for student ambassadors to Japan or New Zealand. This is a unique opportunity for a reciprocal 2-week exchange; ambassadors travel to New Zealand over spring break, 2009 and to Japan in August, 2009. Students from both countries visit the Huntington Beach students the first two weeks in July.

For 26 years the Sister City Association of Huntington Beach has conducted this successful student exchange program; 4 students and a chaperone are sent to each city. Lifelong friendships have been formed and some students have made college and career decisions based on their experience. Families of selected students also benefit, as host family members are encouraged to participate in the activities. Entering freshmen, sophomores, or juniors who either live or attend school in Huntington Beach are eligible.

Come to hear 2008 ambassadors share their experiences and answer questions on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at City Hall. Complete information is available at [hbsistercity.org](http://hbsistercity.org). Applications are available at city hall, the library Resource Center on Talbert Avenue, and high schools. Application deadline is Friday, November 21, 2008. Questions? Call Carmen Erber at 846-7685 or Gisela Campagne at 374-5397.



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## Huntington Beach residents can help make victims whole

The Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force (HRTF) works with the Huntington Beach Police Department on the prevention and response to hate crimes and hate incidents, as well as providing programs on diversity and understanding. With a population over 200,000 and an average of 16 million beach visitors every year, Huntington Beach welcomes into the community people of every ethnicity, creed and uniqueness.

The majority of Huntington Beach residents and visitors enjoy a positive experience in the community and there are a relatively low number of hate crimes. However, when there is an alleged occurrence, the Police Department places a high priority on investigating and reporting these types of crimes immediately to the Orange County District Attorney's Office. The City determined this zero tolerance approach twelve years ago when the City Council signed the Declaration of Human Dignity, [http://www.surfcity-hb.org/government/boards\\_commissions/files/declaration.pdf](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/government/boards_commissions/files/declaration.pdf).

Hate crimes that involve property destruction often occur without witnesses, making restitution difficult. Consequently, victims without resources may be put in a position of living with the damage and will constantly be reminded of the crime. This prolongs recovery, both materially and psychologically.

In response to this need in our community, the HRTF worked with the Police Department to create *Making Victims Whole*. When a victim needs help painting over graffiti, replacing glass, replacing damaged landscaping, or other property damage, an offer of assistance from HRTF can provide important relief.



The *Making Victims Whole* program provides a network of Huntington Beach businesses, individuals and organizations that assist with victim recovery. Financial or in-kind "on call" contributions —large or small—help our community respond to this unique call for assistance. Referrals to these services are made at the recommendation of the Huntington Beach Police Department and first responders to the hate crime. You may never be called upon. However, if there is a need, your pledge to help can make a difference.

Join others in the community providing support to victims of hate crimes by completing and returning this support form to the Huntington Beach Community Services Department, [http://www.surfcity-hb.org/government/boards\\_commissions/files/makingvictimswholeform.pdf](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/government/boards_commissions/files/makingvictimswholeform.pdf).

The HRTF welcomes the public to its meetings, and meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. at Huntington Beach City Hall, 2000 Main Street. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department, 714-374-5307, or visit the HRTF web page at [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org) under "Boards and Commissions."



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## THE AGE WAVE: Are You Ready for the Ride?

Huntington Beach Senior Services is offering a free five-week class, *The Age Wave: Are you ready for the Ride* to prepare volunteers and caregivers.

The class will be held Wednesdays September 24—October 22, 2008 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue in Huntington Beach. Huntington Beach Senior Services staff will cover the following topics:

- Active Aging
- Aging Network & Community Resources
- Boomers Redefining Aging
- Communication
- Elder Abuse, Signs & Symptoms
- Grief & Loss
- Myths and Realities of Aging
- Maintaining Boundaries
- Special Needs of the Homebound Elderly
- *Free CPR Class Included*



Volunteers are essential to the success of Huntington Beach Senior Services. Volunteers donate close to 50,000 hours each year. Volunteers transport seniors, package and deliver meals, visit the homebound, provide information and referrals, and much more. By offering this class, *The Age Wave-Are you Ready for the Ride*, Huntington Beach Senior Services prepares volunteers to better serve this section of our community. Some of the volunteer positions in Senior Services require this training including Friendly Visitors and Volunteer Escorts. Friendly Visitors visit with senior clients who have limited social contact. Volunteer Escorts work through the transportation program to assist frail seniors on their errands, shopping or to the doctor's office.



Whether you plan to volunteer in the senior community or care for an aging loved one, this class prepares volunteers and caregivers to better serve seniors. The Age Wave is an expected 64% increase in the senior population over the next few years. In Huntington Beach, there will be 53,000 seniors who are parents, neighbors, friends and loved ones. Are you ready?

For additional information or to enroll please contact: Diane Swarts, Volunteer Services Coordinator, [dswarts@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:dswarts@surfcity-hb.org) (714) 374-1544



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## A Day to Remember – September 11

A moving Patriot Day Ceremony will be held at Huntington Beach Pier Plaza on Thursday, September 11, 2008 to remember those involved in the tragedy of September 11, 2001 and to commemorate the efforts of those who risked their lives. The valor, dedication, and heroism of Veterans, members of the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Marine Safety Division will be acknowledged and commended by American Legion Post 133, Fire Chief Duane Olson, Police Captain Craig Junginger and Marine Safety Chief Kyle Lindo.



Gunnery Sergeant Paul Walters from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment U.S. Marines will be a featured speaker. The ceremony will also recognize a Huntington Beach Fire Department employee, Police Department employee and Marine Safety employee for First Responder Awards.

Mayor Debbie Cook will offer the City Welcome. The American Legion Post 133, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11548 and the Jewish War Veterans Post 595 pay tribute to the victims of 9/11 throughout the ceremony with singing, prayer and the playing of bagpipes. The HB Police Department Honor Guard will give a Three Volley Rifle Salute. On September 11, at 6 pm, join your Fire, Police and Marine Safety departments and military personnel at Pier Plaza for this day to remember.

## What happens when Huntington Beach Reads One Book?

*“One book calls to another unexpectedly, creating alliances across different cultures and centuries.”*

The Library at Night, Alberto Manguel

When author Greg Mortenson, *Three Cups of Tea*, visited Huntington Beach in early 2008, it was the culmination of a months-long effort by the Huntington Beach Reads One Book committee to create a program that introduced the world’s humanity through the pages of a book. Mortenson’s account of his work in Central Asia touched and motivated local students and residents, who turned their reading experience into action. A Huntington Beach church school collected money to build a school, a group of Huntington Beach elementary students collected their pennies to support children they have never met, and a Huntington Beach civic organization shipped thousands of pounds of needed clothing and blankets into Afghanistan.

“We knew the book was a powerful statement about the common ground we have as human beings, and that one person can make a difference,” said Fred Provencher, chairman of the Huntington Beach Reads One Book committee. “Our program is intended to introduce diverse



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people and cultures through great books, and then see what happens. To see this ripple effect of people reaching out to others is incredibly gratifying!”

## *Huntington Beach residents respond to HB Reads One*



Sts. Simon and Jude School collected about \$10,000.00 to support the construction of a new school in rural Central Asia, through Mortenson’s humanitarian organization. Sts. Simon and Jude’s librarian, Lynne Deakers, is on the Huntington Beach Reads One Book committee and introduced the book as an inspiration for their international outreach. The Sts. Simon and Jude group, [www.ssj.org](http://www.ssj.org), met Greg Mortenson at the Huntington Beach Reads One Book author event in February before fundraising for Mortenson’s

Central Asia Institute, [www.ikat.org](http://www.ikat.org).

The “K-Kids” at Hope View Elementary School—a group of young students associated with the Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach—collected their pennies to raise \$600.00 to help children in Afghanistan. The Hope View K-Kids presented their donation in June 2008 to Zohra Daoud, a representative for the Afghan Women’s Association of Southern California, [www.afghwoman.org](http://www.afghwoman.org). Now a Southern California resident, Zohra is the first and only Miss Afghanistan (she was awarded the title in 1972, just prior to the Soviet occupation). Gathered on the Hope View playground, [www.ovsd.org](http://www.ovsd.org), the students talked with Zohra and learned more about Afghanistan.

The Kiwanis Club of Huntington Beach—one of the major sponsors of Huntington Beach Reads One Book—undertook a humanitarian airlift to southern Afghanistan, collecting thousands of pounds of warm clothing, blankets and toys for children. The airlift ultimately brought together Kiwanis from Huntington Beach and elsewhere in Southern California, Afghan Americans from around Southern California, and humanitarian volunteer groups. The Kiwanis arranged for the airlift to be transported by the U.S. military out of Ft. Bragg and the supplies are now on the ground in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Photos of the supplies loaded into trucks for transport to the military base are at [www.hbkiwanis.org](http://www.hbkiwanis.org).





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## What will happen with “The kids from nowhere”?

The next book to be featured by Huntington Beach Reads One Book is *the kids from nowhere* by George Guthridge, which can be found at the Huntington Beach Library and at Barnes & Noble in the Bella Terra Mall. Readers are taken to an entirely different world culture with Guthridge’s real-life experience in a remote village on St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea. Part of the United States, the tiny village of Gambell, Alaska, is closer to Siberia.

The native Yupik reveal an ancient lifestyle more dependent on the seasons and whale migration, than western technology. Why learn about physics, literature, or business when it does not seem to affect the life they see for themselves? To reach the Yupik, Guthridge must begin to understand them and find a connection to those who think the world has forgotten them.

Like Greg Mortenson in *Three Cups of Tea*, Guthridge recognizes the beauty, the flaws, and the wisdom in the people he meets. His world is changed forever. Having left behind the bustle of mainland urban life to work with the Yupik, he finds himself seeing things through their eyes. Once you meet *the kids from nowhere*, you will remember them always.

In the coming months, Huntington Beach Reads One Book will announce programs and events that bring the people and the culture of *the kids from nowhere* to life. In early 2009, George Guthridge will visit Huntington Beach to meet readers. We’ll find out what happens next when Huntington Beach Reads One Book!



Huntington Beach Reads One Book is endorsed by the City Council as a joint project of the City’s Human Relations Task Force and the Library Board of Trustees. Learn more at [www.hbread.org](http://www.hbread.org), send an email to [info@hbread.org](mailto:info@hbread.org), or call 714-374-5307.

Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, and Huntington Beach Reads committee chairman, Fred Provencher

What did you do after reading *Three Cups of Tea*?

If your Huntington Beach organization or group took action after reading *Three Cups of Tea*, we’d like to know! Drop us a line at [info@hbread.org](mailto:info@hbread.org).



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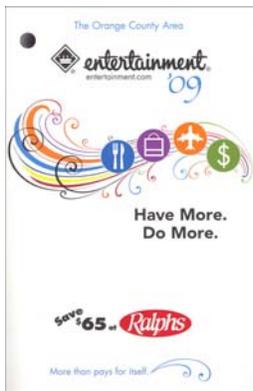
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## Entertainment Coupon Books are Back

Once again, Entertainment Coupon Books are being made available! These Books offer great values in the way of significantly reduced rates for Hotels, Movies, Theatres (including our very own H.B. Playhouse), Restaurants and Attractions of all sorts plus many new activities and offerings not previously included. Needless to add, they make great gifts at Holiday time and save previous time shopping for “stuff” that all too often gets returned anyway!



It might even pay dividends to keep one handy when planning on getting the most out of one’s vacation as well. While most attractions are Orange County-based, many of the locales and best values offered have sites in other counties and even other states (including Hawaii). All coupons are “good” thru November 2009, so the sooner a Book is acquired, the longer one has to contemplate at one’s leisure and enjoy accordingly.

Books will not be available much beyond Thanksgiving, so if you are thinking of acquiring one for yourself or for a gift, suggest you do not put that thought off too long!

Prices remain \$ 35.00. Those interested may contact: City Yard-Julie Bott @ 5522, or Arnie Ross @ 5238. Sample Books are available for your review.

## Firefighters Cook for Auction Winner



On Friday, July 18, 2008 Huntington Beach Fire Station #6 - Edwards cooked dinner for six women who were the proud winners of a silent auction that was held to benefit the charity American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

The Relay for Life was held in the City of Huntington Beach on June 21-22. They won the silent auction that included dinner at a fire station cooked by the Huntington Beach Firefighter’s Association. Firefighter Paramedic Clint King cooked the winners BBQ steak and chicken breast stuffed with spinach.

Ambulance Operator Bryce Anderson provided most of the entertainment by making each lady a balloon hat. The winners later dressed up in firefighter and hazardous materials safety gear and posed for a photo session displaying their balloon hats.





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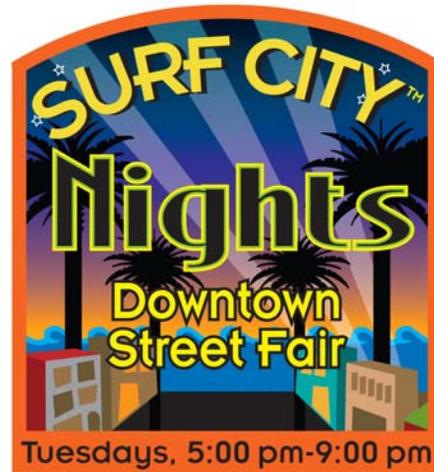
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## Surf City Nights Idol Singing Competition Grand Finale

The Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District Organization (HBDBID) and the Music Factory ([www.themusicfactoryoc.com](http://www.themusicfactoryoc.com)) have been steadily building momentum for their Surf City Nights Idol singing competition, leading up to the contest's September 9 Grand Finale, to be held at 7 p.m. at 301 Main Street in Huntington Beach.

Prizes for the competition include three months of voice lessons from the Music Factory, a guitar and amp package from the Huntington Beach Rock and Roll Emporium and \$500 cash from the HBDBID, which will now be matched with another \$500 for the other age group winner from the Auto Dealer Association. The overall winner will have the opportunity to launch his or her career with a recording and production package from the Music Factory. The Music Factory's professional musicians will provide their songwriting and production expertise.



From June through August, hopefuls have had the chance to audition at select Surf City Nights events, held every Tuesday evening on Main Street in Huntington Beach. The best vocalists from each group will compete at the Surf City Nights Grand Finale. The two age groups are 11 – 17 and 18 plus.

“We conceived Surf City Nights Idol to bring a new dimension to our already popular Tuesday night events,” said Connie Pedenko, Executive Director of the HBDBID. “We couldn't be more thrilled with the excitement generated by contestants, sponsors and audiences alike. It will be exciting to feature the biggest show yet at the Grand Finale.”

Every Tuesday night from 5 – 9 p.m., Surf City Nights offers free family entertainment, Farmer's Market, outdoor food booths, two hours free parking in the City garage at 200 Main Street and street closure of Main Street between Pacific Coast Highway and Orange Avenues. This popular outdoor entertainment for tourists and residents of the local area who enjoy the warm nights of Huntington Beach includes activities for the kids, specials from downtown restaurants and sidewalk sales from retailers. For more information, go to [www.hbdowntown.com](http://www.hbdowntown.com).

The Music Factory was built on the unique philosophy that teachers who have proven themselves through firsthand experience in the music industry provide the most effective and practical learning opportunities. Their instructors, with experience in writing, recording, touring and formal music education, offer Music Factory students, of all abilities, ages and disciplines, a complete and comprehensive program of music instruction. For more information, go to [www.musicfactoryoc.com](http://www.musicfactoryoc.com).



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## Excessive Noise Reports

The Huntington Beach Police Department wants everyone to enjoy a high quality of life here in HB. To help ensure this peaceful atmosphere, the HBPD will now be targeting illegally modified and suped-up vehicles that emit excessive noise on city streets.

The Huntington Beach Police Department has received complaints about the excessive noise created by loud or modified exhaust systems from some passenger vehicles, light trucks, and motorcycles. The excessive noise is primarily a nuisance which impacts the quality of life.

The Huntington Beach Police Department is committed to resolving problems identified by members of the community. In response to the complaints from the community, the Huntington Beach Police Department will be increasing their enforcement efforts regarding loud or modified exhaust violations.

Beginning immediately, officers will be targeting all motor vehicles emitting excessive noise on city streets. The drivers of vehicles that have been illegally modified or defective will be subject to citations and/or fines, as defined in the California Vehicle Code. All patrol and traffic officers have recently received training to recognize illegal exhaust systems. This will allow officers to utilize their knowledge so that the department can take a unified and proactive approach to reduce noise violations. Additional officers will periodically be assigned to target violators.

The goal is to gain voluntary compliance by the owner of any offending vehicle. Anyone who is unsure if their vehicle is in compliance with the law should contact the vehicle’s manufacturer or a certified automobile repair station. The HBPD also encourages drivers to consider the conditions around them and show respect for a peaceful environment.

## Hoarding- Public Educational Event

The Orange County Task Force on Hoarding will be featuring the movie premier of *My Mother’s Garden* at the Huntington Beach Central Library and Cultural Center Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. The film provides a first hand glimpse of how “hoarding” impacts the person who hoards, her family, and the entire community. Immediately following the film Cynthia Lester, the Film Director, and a host of community experts will discuss the film, community resources, service strategies, and gaps in services for people and families challenged by compulsive hoarding





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behaviors. Tickets are \$5 at the door starting at 8:30 am the day of the event only.

## Save your pennies for the 2008 Pennies for Prevention campaign

During the month of October schools and businesses in Huntington Beach will be collecting coins for anti-drug and anti-violence education. To get your business, organization or neighborhood involved contact Barbara @ 714-493-6169. Everyone is invited to participate.

The funds are used for anti-drug and anti-violence preventive programs both at schools and throughout the city. The P.R.I.D.E. Foundation returns \$1 for each pound of coins collected at the schools for site based prevention programs. In addition The P.R.I.D.E. Foundation supports other important city-wide programs including parent education forums, Red Ribbon Week, and Every 15 Minutes.

Donations can be dropped off at a HB Police Substation or a HB Fire Station October 1-23<sup>rd</sup>. On Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 10-3 PM, the final collection site will be at Civic Center Plaza, 2000 Main Street, HB (corner of Main and Yorktown).

The P.R.I.D.E. Foundation thanks the organizations that support this important event, including the City of Huntington Beach, the Huntington Beach Police Department, Mandic Motors, Union Bank, the Orange County Teachers Federal Credit Union, as well as students and staff from Golden West College Criminal Justice Department. Working together we can make a difference for the youth of Huntington Beach.

## City Staff members, friends and family are commended for their Volunteer Efforts

Gus Santos, of the Huntington Beach Building & Safety Department, spearheaded a volunteer effort made up of Building & Safety employees. He contacted Huntington Beach Senior Services for a community service project.

The Care Management team selected Joe, an elderly man who lives alone in Huntington Beach who needed some home repairs to continue living safely in his home. On Saturday, August 2, the Building & Safety team of skilled and hard-working individuals worked to provide necessary home improvements for Joe. Ten enthusiastic volunteers labored from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and completed all of their intended projects.



They installed grab bars in the bathroom, replaced two leaking faucets, cleaned up the yard, replaced a broken garbage disposal, replaced outdated and unsafe electrical sockets, removed a broken and unsafe wheelchair ramp, and built a new ramp for safe access out of the home. Joe's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday is this month. He considers this a fantastic birthday gift and couldn't be happier with all the group accomplished! The caring volunteers were: Gus Santos, Brian Hatfield, Jasmine Tavakoli,



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Jacob Caraig, Jim Brown, Ruben Solorzano, Emily Caraig, Brennen Chavez, Gerald Caraig and Robin Ortega (not pictured).

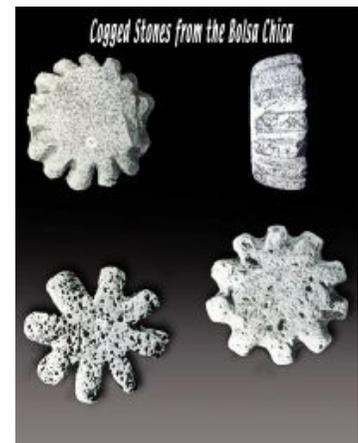
## Special Speaker at Bolsa Chica Land Trust Forum

The Bolsa Chica Land Trust is pleased to present guest speaker Richard Fitzgerald on Thursday, October 2. He will be speaking on the Archeology of Bolsa Chica, including ORA-83.

Mr. Fitzgerald holds a B.A. in anthropology from San Francisco State University and a Masters degree from San Jose State University. He has worked for the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, and Caltrans before joining California State Parks as its Senior State Archaeologist.

In addition to Mr. Fitzgerald's presentation, attendees will get an update on the current controversy over the archaeological remains found at Bolsa Chica, and have a first look at the photos in the special "Centennial Edition" of the 2009 "Wings over Bolsa" calendar.

The event is free; light refreshments will be served. The evening begins at 7pm at the Huntington Beach Public Library, 7111 Talbert Ave, Room C/D. For more information please call the Bolsa Chica Land Trust at 714-846-1001 or visit [www.bolsachicalandtrust.org](http://www.bolsachicalandtrust.org).



## West Nile Virus Update; Summer, 2008

This year West Nile virus (WNV) represents a more serious threat to the residents of Orange County than in any year since its arrival in 2003. Dead birds that have been reported by the public and collected by Orange County Vector Control District or one of the cooperating animal control agencies have been found positive for WNV in numbers never seen before. WNV positive dead birds have been reported from all parts of the County.

There is a growing number of mosquito breeding sites like neglected pools associated with foreclosures. These neglected pools are often the focus of news coverage, but they can be dealt with very effectively, once located. The public has done a great job of reporting neglected pools. There are other, lesser known breeding sources that are being managed as well. For example, the District has two crews that are working seven days a week injecting mosquito control material into underground storm sewers through the holes in manhole covers. High



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traffic streets are treated on weekend mornings. This is in addition to crews that treat over 500 miles of street gutters that hold water and produce mosquitoes. There are other crews that treat over 300 miles of open flood channels. All of these treatments are repeated on a ten day cycle.

These focused control efforts by vector control have kept the mosquito populations suppressed. Mosquito trap counts are well within levels seen in past years, the problem lies in the WNV infection rate among those mosquitoes (the infection rate is the number of infected mosquitoes as a percentage of all mosquitoes tested).

Currently, the WNV infection rate for the mosquito population is twice as high as staff has ever seen before. This means that even though there may not be any more mosquitoes than in past years, the mosquitoes that are present are more than twice as likely to be carrying WNV.



Under these conditions it is even more important for the public to take the personal protective steps such as wearing repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or IR3535 when outdoors at dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active. Sponsors of outdoor events in the evening should recommend attendees wear a repellent. Residents should also repair and replace window screens.

Window screens are a real benefit, and a one-time fix will protect the entire household for years. After these individual protection steps have been taken, residents should look to protect the neighborhood by eliminating any standing water they can, and reporting any body of water that cannot be dumped, like a neglected pool to OCVCD. The mosquito species most likely to transmit WNV here in Orange County is the Southern House Mosquito. This species is a *backyard breeder and an indoor feeder*. The Southern House Mosquito is the species that flies into your bedroom and wakes you up at two o'clock in the morning, buzzing in your ear. This one species alone is enough reason to check your backyard for standing water and replace window screens.

West Nile virus is a serious disease that can be avoided. Interviews with victims reveal that some slept with their windows open and had no screens, and others slept outdoors without repellent. Outdoor dining, and visiting with neighbors were common practices. This year the percentage of WNV cases that progress to the neuroinvasive form has grown as well.

In 2008, the percentage of symptomatic West Nile virus victims that ultimately suffer from meningitis or encephalitis is over 70 percent. The increase in the likelihood of being bitten by an infected mosquito combined with the increase in the chances the disease will be the more serious form makes it even more important for the public to take their role seriously and protect themselves—it will make a difference.



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## Water Conservation Still Needs to Continue

Water conservation continues to be a part of every Californian's lifestyle. Efficient use of water is not only a concern in California and the U.S., but around the world as well.

September brings "A Taste of New Zealand" to Huntington Beach. Keeping with this theme, we decided to have our sister city in New Zealand share some thoughts and tips on water conservation. The relationship between Waitakere City and Huntington Beach began in the mid-1970s with a lifeguard exchange program. The sister city relationship was formalized in 1984.



Frances Harrison, Public Affairs Advisor, Environment, Waitakere City Council says "in Waitakere, we have discovered that to be able to sustainably manage water we need to conserve water, manage storm water and recycle and reuse water. We can't survive without water! We need to look at global examples of water conservation and management." There is no shortage of rain in Waitakere. However, there are significant costs to store, treat and deliver water to citizen's homes.

In Waitakere, surveys have shown that over 20% of a household's water is used in the garden. Here in Huntington Beach, that percentage is over 50%. However, one thing remains true in either hemisphere, it's a great place to stop wasting your water and money.

Here are some top tips for outdoor water savings in Waitakere:

- Don't overwater your lawn. Lawns usually only need watering every 4-5 days in summer. Try the spring test: If the grass springs back when you walk on it, don't water it. However, if you need to, place a bucket where you are watering. When it is one centimeter full, the lawn has had enough water.
- Keep your lawn fairly long — taller grass holds moisture better and protects the roots.
- Watering by hand or a well-designed irrigation system saves water best.
- Use a simple and inexpensive tap timer on manually-operated sprinkler systems so you don't overwater. Time your sprinklers to a maximum of 30 minutes once or twice a week in dry weather.
- Water the garden in the evening or early morning, when the air is calm. Heat and wind cause water to evaporate quickly.
- Use mulch to minimize evaporation. Mulch helps the soil retain moisture, inhibits weed growth and prevents erosion.

It's interesting that water conservation in New Zealand sounds similar to conservation efforts in California. What's remarkable is they are so water conscious in a part of the world that has an annual rainfall average of 50.8 inches. There are definitely lessons in water conservation to be



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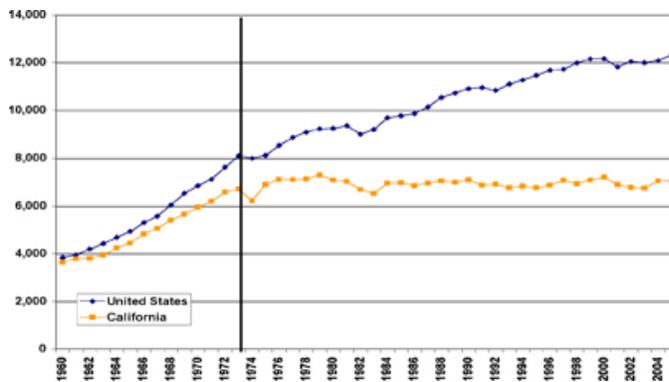
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taken from our sister city in New Zealand. Special thanks to Frances Harrison, Public Affairs Advisor, Environment, Waitakere City Council for her time and contribution to this article.

## Energy Bills

Increasing energy costs are in the news lately and a proposed 16% increase in electric rates in 2009 will make paying that electricity bill even more costly. Californians have been leading the nation in energy efficiency for many years and to keep utility bills affordable we will need to extend that leadership. The graph below demonstrates California's leadership in electricity use per person.

Figure ES-2: California Holds the Line on Electricity Consumption  
(Per Capita Electricity Sales in kilowatt hours per person)



The good news is that Huntington Beach is also taking a leadership role in implementing [best practices](#) for local government energy management and helping the community to do the same.

The first priority to minimize energy expenses is to understand the Southern California Edison (SCE) bill and the five residential usage tiers set by the PUC. Residential utility bills are priced based on

Source: California Energy Commission

the quantity used, the more power that your home uses the more you pay for each additional billing unit known as a Kilowatt-hour (KWh). For example, in the summer the Tier 1

energy cost is roughly 12 cents per KWh. Compare that rate to the Tier 5 rate of 31 cents per KWh and you can quickly see that using more than the recommended level of electricity in your home is almost 3 times more expensive.

The next step is to examine your utility bill and determine how much energy you need to reduce to remain in the more reasonably priced Tiers 2 or 3. Eliminating the need to purchase those high priced KWh will produce the largest savings on your utility bills.

[SCE](#) and [So Cal Gas \(SCG\)](#) provide online home energy and water efficiency surveys designed to help narrow down your search to eliminate the [energy hogs](#) in your home. [Flex your power](#) has a [video](#) of a professional energy audit that provides some insight into a high-end professional assessment. The California Energy Commission provides a tip sheet [here](#) and an online home energy audit [here](#).



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## Low-cost actions that will reduce your bills

Turn off and unplug any unnecessary devices. If you want to go the extra mile, purchase a [smart power strip](#) that automatically stops electricity use if devices like cell phones and ipods aren't actively being charged.

[SCE](#) will pay you \$50 to get rid of your 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> refrigerator or freezer, and it will save the expensive tiers of energy, environment and your bank account balance every month. If your primary refrigerator/freezer was made prior to 2001, you could save money by upgrading to a current energy star model. If you are considering replacing your primary [refrigerator/freezer](#) (SCE offers incentives) then consider [Energy Star](#) units that save energy when compared to standard refrigerators.



Install Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) that are available at any lighting and hardware retailers and many drug stores. Regular incandescent light bulbs use electricity and create 95% heat (waste) and 5% light. CFLs produce the same amount and quality of light using 75% less electricity. Replace all of your lights, except lighting circuits with dimmers or where the bulbs are in enclosed spaces. [Rainbow Disposal](#) collects used CFLs at their facility located at 17121 Nichols St. in Huntington Beach.

- Change air filters in your home's Heating and/or Air Conditioning (HVAC) system. The fan will not work as hard and use less energy.
- Set water heater temperature down to 120 degrees.
- Set computer sleep settings Start>Control Panel>Power Options. Turn off power to computers at night.
- Test for air leaks by holding a lit incense stick next to windows, doors, electrical boxes, plumbing fixtures, electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures, attic hatches and other locations where there is a possible air path to the outside. If the smoke stream travels horizontally, you have located an air leak that may need caulking, sealing or weather stripping.

When major home systems need to be replaced such as [roofs](#), [furnaces](#), [water heaters](#), [air conditioners](#), dishwashers, clothes washers & dryers, [refrigerators](#), windows and skylights make "energy efficiency performance" one of the criteria in your purchase decision. The utility websites and the Energy Star website linked to above provide a tremendous amount of information to help make energy-wise purchases.

Finally, if you have eliminated all of the unnecessary and wasteful uses of energy in your home and still end up purchasing the most expensive tiers of energy, consider a solar electric or solar hot water system.

The City of Huntington Beach is extending its leadership in stewardship of energy resources and citizens can look for updates on the city's efforts to reduce energy waste on the [HB Goes Green](#) section of the city's website.



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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

Administrative Environmental Specialist (**Closes 9/10/08**)  
 Communications Operator (Experienced)  
 Director of Library Services (**Closes 9/12/08**)  
 Economic Development Project Manager  
 Facilities Maintenance Technician (**Closes 9/4/08**)  
 Housing Manager  
 Police Officer (Experienced)  
 Senior Civil Engineer (**Closes 9/12/08**)

### Part Time Opportunities

Aquatic Personnel  
 Arts Development coordinator  
 Library Page  
 Maintenance Worker Assistant (II, III, IV)  
 Police Cadet  
 Recreation Leader (Youth Sports)  
 Rideshare Coordinator (**with benefits**)



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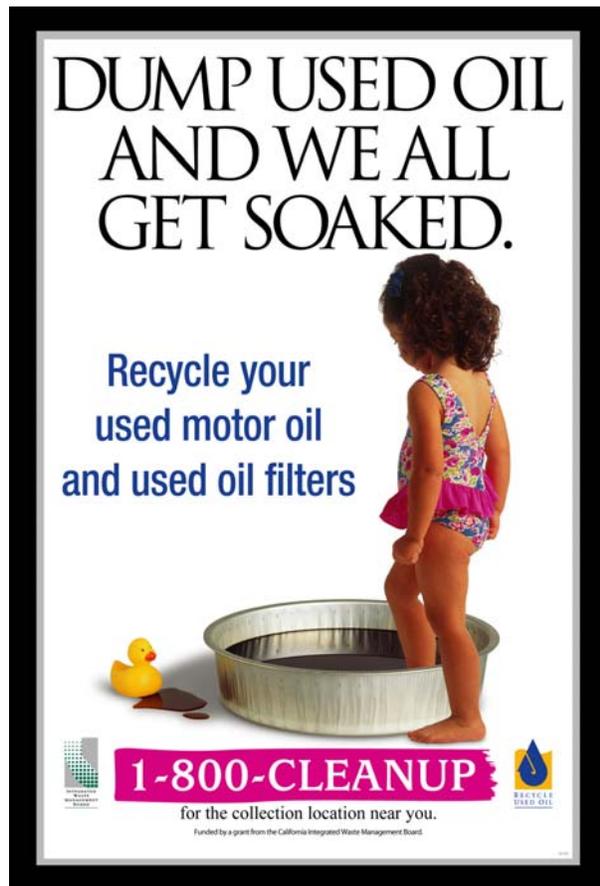
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## Free Used Oil & Oil Filter Disposal for Huntington Beach Residents

Are you a “do-it-yourself” mechanic who needs to dispose of used motor oil & used oil filters? Then take advantage of our Used Oil & Oil Filter collection program. You can arrange for pick-up at your home by calling our residential “curbside” collection service at [1-800-449-7587](tel:1-800-449-7587), or you can drop off used oil and filters at most area auto parts stores where you buy your new oil; look for the blue and yellow “Used Oil Collection Center” logo in the store’s window. The service is free to local residents, funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

### What Happens to My Used Oil?

- Used oil collected from consumers is recycled into re-refined oil.
- One gallon of used oil can produce 2.5 quarts of re-refined oil, and at only 1/3 the energy cost of refining the same amount of motor oil from crude oil.
- Re-refined oil is the same quality as virgin oil. The re-refining process cleans up the used oil and reformulates it with necessary additives so it meets the same SAE & API standards as virgin oils.
- The State of California’s General Services Agency purchases approximately 189,000 gallons of re-refined oil per year for use in the State’s fleet vehicles.
- Improperly disposed motor oil releases about 20 times more oil into the environment than spills from all modes of oil transportation combined—tankers, pipelines, barges, rail, and trucks.



The City’s Used Oil & Oil Filter collection program collects over 1,000 gallons per year from residential pick-up service, and another 20,000 gallons per year from drop-off locations

at auto parts stores and auto service centers, keeping it from being illegally disposed and ending up on our local beaches or in our wetlands.



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## Stress-Free Travel Starts Here



### 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



Hours: Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
(excluding holidays)

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

#### 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>.

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## Online Banking and Your Utility Bill

Most financial institutions offer some form of “no cost” online banking service with which to pay your bills. You may think payments made by online banking are automatically transmitted electronically, but this isn’t always the case. Several well known banks send a paper check to your payee after you’ve made your payment online. With today’s technology, few payments are ever processed manually. To ensure your check can be posted to your account accurately, it is very important for you to double check that the account number you have entered for your payment matches the account number on your statement exactly. In the case of Municipal Service Payments to the City of Huntington Beach, this includes a series of numbers, a dash, and another series of numbers (i.e. 12345-123456). It’s also important to check that the payee for these payments matches what is shown on the payment coupon, which is the “City of Huntington Beach.”



*Even if you’ve been using your bank’s online banking service for sometime now, you need to double check to ensure the account number and payee is correct and complete. Changes in how banks process on-line payments have resulted in rejected payments, even if you have had your payment posted with an incomplete account number in the past.*

In addition to checking your account numbers and payees for accuracy, you should also be sure to schedule your online payments at least 10 days before they are due. That way, if a check is sent, there is sufficient time for the payee to receive the check, and apply the funds to your account.

The City of Huntington Beach offers three convenient alternatives to using your online banking service to pay your City of Huntington Beach Municipal Services Statement:

- Try our online “ePay” service at [www.surfcity-hb.org/payments](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/payments) and pay by MasterCard or Visa. Payments by ePay are credited to your account the next business day!
- Pay by credit card using our voice automated “PhonePay” system at 877-309-4915. If you have any problems with using this service, call Official Payments customer services representatives at 888-357-8394 and they can assist you in making the payment. Payments by PhonePay are credited to your account the next business day!
- To pay using your bank checking account, sign up for the “AutoPay” program and we can deduct your amount due every month directly from your account automatically. Download an application at [www.surfcity-hb.org/payments](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/payments). The amount due will be automatically withdrawn from your account approximately 10 days after your statement is mailed to you.

Find out more about these three options at [www.surfcity-hb.org/payments](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/payments), or visit us at 2000 Main Street on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor at our cashiering windows and receive a free “stress reliever” when you turn in your AutoPay application!



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## Fourth Annual Plein Air Festival

The 4th Annual Plein Air Painting Festival kicks off August 23 with more than 35 artists painting locations in Huntington Beach in preparation for the festival's art exhibition and sale. The festival's goal is to celebrate the natural beauty of Huntington Beach and to raise funds through the sale of artwork for the benefit of the Huntington Beach Art Center's exhibition and education programs.

This Festival is an invitational event bringing exceptionally fine Plein Air artists together for a painting competition in the city. This year, the festival will also present lectures by Susan Cohn and Michael Kouri, as well as a Painting in the Streets event that invites the public to view the creation of Plein Air artwork before it is put on display. The full schedule of events for the festival is as follows:

August 23 – September 9  
Artists paint at various city locations

September 11  
Susan Cohn will present "Personalizing Your Space; How to Collect the Right Art" from 7 – 9 p.m. Admission: Free

September 12  
Preview Reception  
6 – 7 p.m. Members Only  
7 – 9 p.m. Admission: Free

September 13  
Painting in the Streets  
10 a.m. – 4p.m.

September 13  
Public Reception  
6 – 9 p.m. Admission: Free.  
Michael Kouri will present "Ghostly Encounters with California Impressionist Painters" from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

September 13 – 21  
*Plein Air Painters* Exhibition



For more information about any of the Plein Air Festival events, please call 714.374.1650.



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## Susan Cohn's Collecting Secret

Starting an art collection can be intimidating, and continuing one can be even more so. As part of the 2008 Plein Air Festival the Huntington Beach Art Center has invited Susan Cohn to present a lecture entitled, "Personalizing Your Space; How to Collect the Right Art," that will give valuable information to both new and seasoned collectors. The lecture will take place on September 11, from 7 – 9 p.m. at the HBAC. Admission for the event is free; Refreshments will be served.



Designed to educate and entertain, Susan's lecture will reveal how to tame the intimidation of art collecting, whether you are working with a small budget or a large one. She will cover everything from places to find artwork to examples of what to buy, drawing on her personal experiences as an artist and collector. The audience will get a chance to be involved in the discussion and ask direct questions during the question and answer period of the lecture.

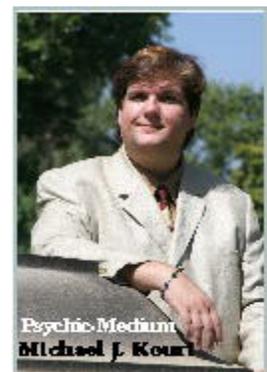
Susan Cohn is a professional artist, lecturer, and teacher. Her personal experiences in the many facets of the art world create an entertaining and informational lecture that no aspiring collector should miss.

For more information about Susan Cohn's lecture "Personalizing Your Space; How to Collect the Right Art," call 714.374.1650. The HBAC is located at 538 Main St.

## Michael Kouri Presents: "Ghostly Encounters with California Impressionist Painters"

As part of the 2008 Plein Air Festival, the Huntington Beach Art Center has invited noted psychic medium Michael Kouri to give a lecture during our public reception. Entitled "Ghostly Encounters with California Impressionist Painters," the lecture will be on September 13, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Admission for the lecture will be free.

Michael has been using his gift to allow people to get a glimpse into the world of the paranormal by leading walking tours of haunted locations in Los Angeles and Orange County. He has written several books as well as appeared on a countless number of radio and television programs. Kouri's lecture will focus on his encounters with California impressionist painters to reveal the world of hidden art that most cannot see. The Huntington Beach Art Center is proud to bring this unique perspective to the 2008 Plein Air Festival.



For more information regarding Michael Kouri's "Ghostly Encounters with California Impressionist Painters" please call 714.374.1650.



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## New Classes at the HBAC for the Fall

The Huntington Beach Art Center is now enrolling for a fall classes. The HBAC has added a myriad of new classes, ranging from “Street Art/ Surf Art” to “Experimental Art for Teens” and the return of our popular “Everyday Photography on Location.” These additions, along with our old favorites like “Watercolor” and “Polynesian Dance,” create an opportunity for everyone to get involved with the arts.



For your young artist, make sure to check out our “Creative Art for Toddlers” that focuses on allowing 2 – 4 year olds to experiment with different art materials in order to let their imaginations run wild.

Join hundreds of local art enthusiasts by signing up for one or more of the Art Center’s many educational classes. The classes are designed for people of all ages at the beginner to intermediate levels. There’s a class for everyone! Art Center members receive discounts on events, classes, tours and workshops. Call 714.374.1650 for more information, or check out the Sands Brochure at the city’s website [www.surfcity-hb.org](http://www.surfcity-hb.org).

## The Monarchs Have Arrived at Shipley Nature Center

If you like butterflies, come visit the Monarch Waystation at Shipley Nature Center. The area planted with *Asclepias fascicularis* or Narrow-leaf Milkweed is Monarch heaven. As you walk through, you will see the caterpillars chomping away on the milkweed, the Monarch’s host plant. The caterpillars form chrysalises and emerge as Monarchs. Hundreds of Monarchs can be seen during the day throughout the trails. Inside the Interpretive Center is a display with live caterpillars and chrysalises to see close up and, if you are lucky, you can hold a Monarch on your finger before he flies off. Other butterflies to be seen are the Gulf Fritillary, the Tiger Swallowtail, the Mourning Cloak, the Red Admiral, skippers and many more.



### Upcoming events

Have you started thinking about converting your garden to California Friendly Plants? The Fall planting season for California Native Plants is from October through March. So mark your calendar for Shipley’s Annual Fall Plant Sale on October 11<sup>th</sup> and get off to a good start.

Shipley Restoration Day – The first Saturday of every month from 9:00 am to noon is Restoration as Recreation Day at Shipley. Come to volunteer and help keep Shipley in top shape for residents and visitors.

Open Monday-Saturday 9 am to 1 pm. Located in Huntington Central Park. Parking at 17851 Goldenwest Street near Talbert. There is no fee to visit the Center, but donations are welcome! For additional information, visit [www.shipleynature.org](http://www.shipleynature.org), call 714 842-4772 or email [info@shipleynature.org](mailto:info@shipleynature.org).



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## Huntington Beach Public Library

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.

### Special Upcoming Events for September 2008:

"Library Kids Lead the Way" Fall Reading Program

Central Library and all branches

Starts September 15 and ends October 12

FREE

Join our Back-to-School reading program called "Library Kids Lead the Way". Read five books, 250 pages or spend 2 hours reading and earn a prize! Listening to stories also counts. Pick up a fun reading log to record your progress at the children's information desk or branch library starting on September 15.

Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Tabby Storytime Theater

Thursday, September 11, 2008 7:00 PM

FREE

Library Kids will Lead the Way to help Miss Barbara celebrate autumn and going back to school! Enjoy stories, songs, puppets and more. Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.

Juggler David Cousin

Central Library Theater

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 4:00 PM

Tickets \$3 Children \$5 Adults

Come see internationally known juggler David Cousin perform at the Huntington Beach Public Library! Mr. Cousin is a holder of five world records in juggling. His comedy juggling show consists of audience involvement, interaction and music. Tickets are on sale now! Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended.



DAVID COUSIN

Remember:

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day.

For more information call (714) 375-5107



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## Friends of the Library Authors' Luncheon

You are invited to attend the Friends of the Library luncheon on Thursday, September 25 where they will present authors, Kate Jacobs and Jane Porter.

Kate Jacob's book, *Comfort Food*, tells the story of a 50 year old Chef, Augusta (Gus) Simpson, who is competing with Cooking Channel hip chefs and extreme theme programs for younger viewers. With the threat of cancellation hovering over her longest-running TV series, "Cooking with Gusto," Gus calls on friends and family to design a new format. Tempers flare and tensions mount. Through it all, these interconnected friends discover new truths about themselves and their relationships, while Gus gets a mid-life shot at romance.



Ms. Jacob's novels explore the richness of women's relationships. The *Friday Night Knitting Club*, a #1 New York Times bestseller, is optioned by Universal Studios for Julia Roberts to star and produce. A former magazine writer and editor in New York, Jacob now lives in Thousand Oaks, California with her husband and Springer Spaniel, Baxter.

Jane Porter's book, *Mrs. Perfect*, reveals the life of Taylor Young, a woman who seems to have the perfect life – a handsome, wealthy husband, three beautiful children, and a dream house in an upper-crust neighborhood. Then, a devastating secret bursts Taylor's fairy-tale bubble, stripping her of the role that defined her. Her neurotic fussiness provides both vicarious thrills and laughs before Taylor moves onto self awareness and a new kind of empowerment.

Ms. Porter is the author of four novels and more than twenty-five bestselling Harlequin titles. *Mrs. Perfect* is the sequel to her critically acclaimed novel, *Odd Mom Out*, *Flirting with Forty*, presently being optioned by Sony Pictures for a Lifetime TV movie, starring Heather Locklear and set to air in December 2008. Ms. Porter and her two sons live in Bellevue, Washington.

Doors open at 11:30 and the luncheon begins at noon in room C/D of the Huntington Beach Central Library. Tickets are \$18 per person and payment must be received by Monday, September 22. Please make check payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Avenue, 92648, or deliver directly to the Friends Gift Shop. For more information call (714) 375-8429.



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## True Hauntings

of Huntington Beach & Beyond

Featuring world renowned Psychic-Medium & Parapsychological Investigator

**Michael J. Kouri**

**7 pm • Saturday  
September 27, 2008  
Huntington Beach Central Library  
7111 Talbert Avenue**

Meet a real, world renowned Psychic-Medium and Parapsychological Investigator presenting a special fundraising lecture for the Huntington Beach Centennial. See images of real ghosts Michael has captured on film during his career and hear of his unusual encounters with these supernatural specters who haunt all over the world.

Michael has been the featured guest on national and international radio and television shows – including The View and America's Most Haunted Places, Coast-to-Coast AM, KROQ and many more.

He has investigated thousands of truly haunted sites from ships to piers, schools and beaches from San Clemente to Long Beach.

Be one of the first people to buy a copy of Michael's newest book – *True Hauntings of Huntington Beach and Beyond*. A portion of the proceeds from each ticket will benefit the Huntington Beach Centennial Committee Rose Parade Float fund.

Special Event presented by  
**City of Huntington Beach Centennial Committee**

**\$20 per adult** (17 years and older)

Pre-paid by September 25

**\$25 thereafter and at the door**

**\$15 Students** (9-17 years old)

Tickets are non-refundable. This is the only public event where the books will be available

For reservations, call **(626) 791-1129**

or email [icghosts2@hotmail.com](mailto:icghosts2@hotmail.com)

Seating is limited—make your reservation soon!





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## Youth Sports for the fall

### FLAG FOOTBALL

All youth in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades who are interested in playing flag football may sign up at either Murdy or Edison Community Centers beginning Saturday, August 9 for the City's recreation based league. Sign-ups will continue on a daily basis until evaluations on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This 10-week program will have two weeks of pre-season play (evaluations and a practice game) and a six week league, with the top teams in each division going to playoffs, scheduled for Sat, Nov. 1 and 8 (weather permitting). League play will require teams from each center playing games at both Edison and Murdy Centers regardless of their "home" league location. FEE: \$45, team shirt included.

### YOUTH INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

All boys and girls in grades 5 through 8 who are interested in playing indoor volleyball may sign up at either Murdy or Edison Community Centers or the City Gym and Pool beginning August 9. Sign-ups for this nine- week recreation based league will continue on a daily basis until evaluations on Saturday, September 6. League will be played indoors at the City Gym and Pool. All teams will play in an end of the league tournament. FEE: \$45, team shirt included.

## Friday Afternoon at the Movies is FREE

*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.

### Reign Over Me – September 5

Everyone who Charlie Fineman (Adam Sandler) loved, his wife, his 3 daughters, even the family poodle, died on American Airline's flight 11 when it crashed into the World Trade Center.

To cope with his devastating loss, Charlie blocks out memories of his family and instead mindlessly scooters around the city listening obsessively to his iPod. Nearly run over by Charlie, Alan Johnson (Don Cheadle) rekindles the friendship they once shared as college roommates. He intends to push Charlie from his emotional abyss back into the world but the renewed friendship forces Alan to confront the emptiness in his own life despite his picture perfect profession and wife, Janeane (Jada Pinkett Smith).





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Alan encourages Charlie to seek help from therapist Angela Oakhurst (Liv Taylor) yet when she explains that Charlie's recovery will be "not on our time, but on Charlie's time," Alan must learn to accept her advice. R for language and some sexual references. 124 minutes

## The Other Boleyn Girl – September 19

In an age where a woman's worth is determined by men, one sister followed the rules and the other reinvents them. This opulent historical drama stars Natalie Portman as Anne Boleyn and Scarlett Johansson as her sister, Mary, beautiful sisters vying for the heart of the powerful, but intemperate, King Henry VIII (Eric Bana).



A sumptuous and sensual tale of intrigue, romance and betrayal, the two sisters driven by their father's blind ambition, compete to become the monarch's mistress but because Mary is already married, only Anne can become his queen. Anne is both mother and politician, friend and fiend, but mainly, she's just a young woman who has gotten in way, way over her head and the cost of Anne's successful scheming is steep. PG-13 for mature themes, sexual content and violent images. 115 minutes

## Young at Heart – September 26



Rock 'n Roll will never die as long as rock stars take their walkers on tour. This a documentary about the Young at Heart Chorus, a group of singers in their 70s, 80s, and 90s. Their exacting choirmaster, Bob Cilman, pairs these big band era singers with contemporary rock songs and achieves poignant results.

When older adults croon lyrics from the Who's "My Generation," James Brown's "I feel good!" and the Bee Gee's "Stayin' Alive", the perspective of the songs changes and the meaning is powerful and fresh. When the oldest member of the choir, 92 year old Eileen Hall, belts out the Clash's "Should I Stay of Should I go?", she looks every bit her age but is lit with a fire from within. These songsters refuse to let age and ill health defeat them. Eileen knows that the show must go on and says, "Just pull me off the stage and keep on going." PG-for some mild language and innuendo. 93 minutes

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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## Art Weir Receives August Mayor's Award



On August 18, 2009, Equipment and Auto Maintenance Crew Leader Art Weir was presented the Mayor's Award at the City Council Meeting. Art Weir has been with the City of Huntington Beach Fire Department for 35 years and has received great praise for his work and his work ethic.

Art Weir started as a temporary Mechanic II in 1971. Two years later, he moved to Pump and Valve maintenance mechanic. Art is not only a great mechanic; he is a great guy to work with. He is always honest, straight forward and upfront. His work is outstanding and his crew is well-trained. Art has been there when there were major problems like in 2000, when several pumps went out in four of the new engines. His diligence led to the manufacturer replacing the fire pumps on the engines.

In 2002, Art was commended for his plan for constructing new storage areas on some new fire apparatus. He maintains a high work standard and is very effective and creative. Art was joined by his wife, one of his daughters and granddaughter for the photo with the Fire Chief and Mayor.



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## September 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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### September 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	September 2 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast September 3 @ 7pm September 15 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast September 16 @ 10 am & September 17 @ 7pm
Planning Commission Meeting	September 9 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast August 11 @ 7 pm September 23 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast September 25 @ 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.