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Sister Cities 25th Anniversary Celebration



Mayor Coerper presents a gift from the Sister City Association to the delegation leader, Toshiaki Omi

The City of Huntington Beach is celebrating its 25th Anniversary with Sister City Anjo City, Japan. To commemorate the 25 years of cultural exchange, a luncheon was held on Monday, July 2nd at the Waterfront Hilton. Here four local artists displayed their works of art that will be sent to Anjo as part of the art exchange program that has existed for many years. The luncheon began with a Sister City greeting from Carmen Erber, President of the Huntington Beach Sister City Association. She introduced City Officials, including the City Council, and the Sister City Association Board.

Mayor Gil Coerper greeted those in attendance before Anjo City Treasurer and Delegation

Leader, Toshiaki Omi, addressed the audience. Darlene D. DeAngelo, Curator of the Huntington Beach Art Center, introduced the artists and presented the works of art that will travel to Anjo, Japan. Highlights of this 25th Anniversary Luncheon will be available in the August edition of Surf City Highlights, available at www.surfcity-hb.org and on HBTB Channel 3.



In keeping with the 25th Anniversary with Anjo, a delegation of 25 adults visited Huntington Beach from July 2nd to July 5th. These guests were hosted by Huntington Beach families. Other anniversary activities included a concert on Tuesday, July 3rd, where members of the delegation played the Japanese Koto and flute.

The Sister City Association of Huntington Beach has been operating since 1977. This non-profit organization provides cultural information and youth exchange programs with our Sister Cities, Anjo, Japan and Waitakere, New Zealand.



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The Association provides planned continuous contact between citizens on a variety of levels. This "citizen diplomacy" motivates friendship and respect for diversity. Over 200 students and many adults from our city have shared in a cultural exchange during the past 25 years. Through communications with citizens of our sister cities, participants discover each other's similarities and differences.



The chance of maintaining world peace comes through awareness and understanding created through involvement of people of goodwill in both countries. For more information on Huntington Beach's Sister City Program and Anjo, Japan, please visit www.hbsistercity.org.

Students perform at the council meeting

Huck Finn Fishing Derby will be held August 25th

Put on your best Huck Finn or Becky Thatcher clothes, grab your fishing pole, and join in the excitement at the Huck Finn Fishing Derby. Children up to age 15 are invited to the 45th Annual Huck Finn Fishing Derby on August 25, 2007 from 8 am to noon. This fun annual event takes place at the Huntington Beach Pier at Pacific Coast Highway and Main Street. Registration, which is free, begins at 8 am and runs until 9:15 am. The registration area is located on the pier.

The Fishing Derby will begin at 9:30 am. Participants must bring their own pole and tackle. A small amount of bait will be supplied to each child free. There are also a limited number of rods and reels available for use during the event. Last year, over 200 children participated in this unique and entertaining fishing event.

With each registration, children are eligible for prizes provided by contributing sponsors, so no one will go home empty handed. Kids are encouraged to don their best costumes and bring their lucky fishing poles, since prizes will also be awarded for the largest fish and best dressed Huck Finn or Becky Thatcher. This year's prizes include bikes, skateboards, gift certificates, fishing poles and fishing passes.

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“On Board” Exhibition Continues through September 9

The Huntington Beach Art Center explores the concepts of water, boards and surfing through the thought-provoking work of four international artists: Rob Sweere from the Netherlands, Nguyen Minh Thanh from Vietnam, and Alfredo Ramos Fernandez and Kasia Badach from Cuba.

The exhibition features various mediums including, photographs, video and installations, and is accompanied by a 24-page catalogue. For information, http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/recreation_culture/Art_Center.cfm, or 714-374-1650.

Artsy Summer Sundays

Sponsored by Target, Artsy Summer Sundays is a series of free, drop-in art workshops for children and their parents. Guest artists teach hands-on art to families in a comfortable setting at the HB Art Center. No registration is required. For information, call 714-374-1663.

August 12, 1 - 3 p.m.

Artist Carla Hubbard will share her California Snowflake project with families. California Snowflakes combine color theory and California culture.

August 26, 1 - 3 p.m.

Artist Amy Caterina, featured in last fall's exhibition *Manufactured*, will teach students to knit. Amy will introduce students to the idea of using the traditional craft of knitting to create contemporary fiber art sculptures.





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Friday Afternoon at the Movies

No lines, no tickets to purchase! Enjoy a free afternoon at the movies at Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center, 1706 Orange Avenue on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Complimentary popcorn and drinks make this a must see event. Movies are selected based on suggestions from the audience. Suggestion forms are located near the popcorn machine.



PIRATES OF THE CARRIBEAN—CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL AUGUST 3

The first in the Pirates series is a thrilling adventure with a twist. The roguish yet charming Captain Sparrow's (Johnny Depp) idyllic pirate life capsizes after his nemesis, the wily Captain Barbossa, steals his ship the Black Pearl, and later attacks the town of Port Royal, kidnapping the governor's beautiful daughter, Elizabeth. In a gallant attempt to rescue her and recapture the Black Pearl, Elizabeth's childhood friend Will Turner, joins forces with Jack. What Will doesn't know is that a cursed treasure has doomed Barbossa and his crew to live forever as the undead. PG 13 for action/adventure violence. 143 minutes.

BLUE HAWAII

AUGUST 17

Chad Gates (Elvis Presley) has just gotten out of the Army, and is happy to be back in Hawaii with his surf-board, his beach buddies, and his girlfriend. His father wants him to go to work at the Great Southern Hawaiian Fruit Company, but Chad is reluctant. So Chad goes to work as a tour guide at his girlfriend's agency. Elvis Presley was at his peak when he made "Blue Hawaii," which was a cut above the typical Elvis films that came later. This is a fun film with some great numbers including Rock A Hula; Can't Help Falling in Love and the Hawaiian Wedding Song. Angela Lansbury has a great turn as Elvis' southern mother. PG, 102 minutes.

ASTRONAUT FARMER

AUGUST 24

All systems are GO! for Charles Farmer. He's faced bank foreclosure, neighborhood naysayers and a government alarmed by his huge purchase of high-grade fuel, but now he's ready to blast into space inside the homemade rocket he built in his barn. Billy Bob Thornton portrays Charlie in this charmer about chasing dreams. . .and what it means to be a family. 10,000 pounds of rocket fuel alone can't lift Charlie into the heavens. The family joins Charlie in his dreams: they have liftoff, our spirits have uplift. Gravity cannot hold down our dreams. PG, 104 minutes

WILD HOGZ

AUGUST 31

Four middle-aged men decide to take a road trip from Cincinnati to the Pacific in order to get away from their lives which are leading them nowhere. Taking their motorcycles, these "Wild Hogs" tear up the road and eventually stop in New Mexico for a drink not knowing that the bar belongs to the "Del Fuegos", a mean biker gang. Starring Tim Allen, Martin Lawrence, John Travolta and William H. Macy. PG13, for crude and sexual content, and some violence. 100 minutes.



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Shipleigh Nature Center Lecture Series

On August 18th the worms are coming out at the Shipleigh Nature Center. At the “EEK a Worm—WOW, Compost” program, learn how “red wigglers” or worms convert kitchen waste into natural and toxic free fertilizer. This completely interactive program will include demonstrations on how to build compost at home.

Participants will not only learn about composting, they will be able to get up close and personal. Attendees will be able to feel worms, worms’ castings, and the compost they help create. You may even be able to take some worms home to help with your own home composting.



Volunteers provide tours of Shipleigh including this straw hut

The main goal of this outdoor program is to educate the public and encourage people to use composting at home. The Friends of Shipleigh Nature Center will also have some of the composting materials available for purchase to benefit the Nature Center and ensure the success of educational programs like this in the future. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase ready made composters at a discount or make their very own units out of materials provided for a fee.

The program will begin at 10 am and run until 11:30 am. After the program, be sure to check out all the open trails to view the numerous plants, birds and other creatures living in the Nature Center.

The Friends of Shipleigh Nature Center is presenting this program as part of their free seminars geared at teaching people about the ecosystem and composting. These seminars are sponsored by Rainbow Disposal Co., Inc. and the City of Huntington Beach. The first outdoor summer program took place on July 21st and was a great success. The program, California Gold: Decoding

the Mysteries of Recycling—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, discussed environmentally friendly gardening and organic resource management.

Shipleigh Nature Center is located within Huntington Central Park at 17829 Golden West St., just south of Slater Ave. Please call (714) 842-4772 or visit www.shipleighnature.org for more information and other upcoming events.



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Citizen's Academy allows a behind-the-scenes of the HB Police



The Huntington Beach Police Department is proud to offer the Citizen Police Academy to local residents. Designed to increase the understanding of the police department, the academy is conducted over a 12 week period. The next class starts Tuesday, September 18th and will end on December 4th. Classes run from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

The Citizen's Academy class is open to all residents of Huntington Beach or citizens who work within the city. The only additional requirements are that you

must be at least 18 years of age, have no outstanding warrants for your arrest and no pending criminal cases.

Classes will discuss all facets of the police department. Students will learn from department personnel who are experts in the areas of patrol and traffic operations, criminal law, community oriented policing, narcotics, SWAT, K-9, AERO operations and other fields. All students will participate in one ride-a-long during the academy. The program is designed to increase the understanding of the police department, and students learn from department personnel in a variety of areas including SWAT, narcotics K-9, community oriented policing, and other fields.

All interested persons must complete an application. For more information or an application, contact: Officer Abrahams: (714)-375-5095 or email: jabrahams@hbpd.org. More information regarding the Citizen's Academy and the Huntington Beach Police Department is also available on the HBPD website at www.hbpd.org.

Great music featured at Concerts in the Park

Grab your picnic dinner and blankets! You only have one month left to enjoy the widely popular Concerts in the Park Summer Series. August will feature great jazz, Latin jazz, and classical music performances. Concerts are held every Sunday from 5 pm to 8 pm. As always, this event is free with plenty of parking available.

This is a very popular activity especially with families because they can picnic and enjoy a free, summer concert on the lawns behind Central Library. The August concert lineup is as follows: August 5 – Orange County Wind Ensemble, August 12 – Tom Kubis & the Golden West Jazz Orchestra, August 19 – Bob De Sena Latin Jazz Ensemble, and August 26 – Mike Henebry Orchestra.

For more information, call (714) 402-7158 or visit www.surfcityusa.com.



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Surf Fest 2007 features films, discussions and special guests

The HB Art Center, in partnership with Big Red Productions and independent curator/programmer Keiko Beatie, presents Surf Fest 2007, a series of films, panel discussions and receptions with shapers, skaters, authors, and actors. The festival is sponsored by the Huntington Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau. For information, visit http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/recreation_culture/Art_Center.cfm or call 714.374.1650.

Friday, August 10, 7:30 p.m. Movie: *Heart of the Sea*

An amazing story of one of surfing's water women, Rell Sunn, whose gift of aloha was shared with the children and community of Makaha. Fashion Show provided by Privacy Wear. Rell's daughter, Jan Sunn Carrea, and family guests will attend.

Tuesday, August 14, 8 p.m. Outdoor Parking Lot Movie: *The Forgotten Coast*

Six surfers travel to find adventure and waves. Directed by Justin Le Pera, and starring local surfers Brandon Tipton, Travis Potter, Micah Byrne, Ben Knight, Brett Schwartz, and Daniel Thomson. Fashion Show by Tavik opens the film.

Friday, August 24, 7:30 p.m. Movie: *Absolute Mexico*

Captured in High Definition Video, this film explores a Mexican community during a perfect swell. Director Josh Pomer and surfer Kenny "SkinDog Collins" won the Billabong XXL Big Wave Award with the footage from this film.



Thursday, August 30, 7:30 – 9 p.m. Skate Panel: *Concrete Execution; Skateboarding in the 21st Century*

Panelists: Ray Flores; Dale Smith, "Sausage Man," Largest Skateboard Collection in the World; Barb Odanaka, founder of the Skateboarding Moms' Rolling4Reading program; Geno, Sire Skateboards; and Studio 411, professional skaters.



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Trees keep our City green and beautiful

The City of Huntington Beach has an inventory of approximately 65,000 trees on public property throughout our community, which includes trees located in city parks, medians, landscape areas, and parkways (the area between sidewalk and curb).

The city's trees are important assets that beautify our community and provide significant environmental benefits. Our trees absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen, purifying our air.



The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining city-owned trees. The regular maintenance program includes pruning, planting, pest control, and removals. In addition, Tree Maintenance crews respond to requests for service from the public, investigating and resolving special service issues such as limbs down, dead or dying trees, and unauthorized removals.

Preservation of city trees is important for the beauty of our community and for the health of our environment. City ordinance prohibits the planting, trimming, spraying, and removing of trees from any public right-of-way, *including residential parkways*, without prior written authorization from the Tree Maintenance supervisor. Per Huntington Beach Municipal Code Ch. 9.52, damaging or performing an unauthorized removal of a city tree is a misdemeanor.

To request service or inquire about city trees and the tree maintenance program, please call the Public Works Maintenance Division at (714) 536-5480.

A Day to Remember – September 11

A moving Patriot Day Ceremony will be held at Huntington Beach Pier Plaza on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 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, and members of the Police Department will be acknowledged and commended by American Legion Post 133, Fire Chief Duane Olson, and Police Chief Kenneth Small.

For the 2007 Day of Remembrance, the Police and Fire Departments will offer assistance to the American Legion Post 133 in the planning of the ceremony. One speaker each from the Fire Department, the Police Department, and the military will be featured. For the first time, the ceremony will also recognize a Huntington Beach Fire Department employee and Police Department employee for Officers of the Year.

Mayor Gil Coerper will offer the City Welcome. Along with planning the ceremony, the American Legion Post 133 pays tribute to the victims of 9/11 by performing a Posting of Colors at the beginning of the ceremony, and a Retirement of Colors at the end. Their Honor Guard also gives a Three Volley Rifle Salute. The ceremony ends with playing TAPS after the Rifle Salute, followed by Closing Prayer, the Retirement of the Colors, and more music from on the bagpipes. On September 11, at 11 am, join your fire and police departments and military personnel at Pier Plaza for this day to remember.



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Art at the Beach Spaces Still Available

Art at the Beach is the HB Art Center's annual summer camp designed to introduce youth ages 6 to 12 to a variety of activities. Camp projects include painting, drawing, drama and other media. An exhibition featuring the camper's artwork will take place at the Huntington Beach Civic Center August 25 - September 6. Available camp sessions include:

August 6 – 10, Surfin' USA: Art of the Tropics

Campers focus on artworks inspired by the ocean.

August 13 – 17, Artible Edibles: Art is Food for the Soul

Campers learn how food is an inspiration for many artists.

Teen Summer Art Camp for ages 13 to 15 takes place August 20 – 24. Teens will be venturing into the art world, taking field trips to galleries and museums, and creating art relating to what they have seen.



Camp fees are \$190 (\$170 HBAC members) for the one-week, full-day session; \$115 (\$100 HBAC members) for the one-week, half-day session. All materials and one camp t-shirt per youth are included in the fee. For information and reservations, see the *Sands* brochure located on the City's website at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org>, or call 714-374-1663.

National Night Out is August 7th

On Tuesday, August 7th, Huntington Beach residents are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 24th Annual National Night Out. A crime/drug prevention event, National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored by police departments all over the nation.

On August 7th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Huntington Beach residents are asked to turn on their porch lights and go outside to spend some time with their neighbors. Talk about starting a Neighborhood Watch Program or scheduling another meeting to meet new neighbors.

Even though crime is down, we need to be alert and aware so that we won't become victims. If you have a problem house with possible criminal activity, you can contact the Team COP North area officer at 375-5095, or south of Talbert at 375-5140. Working and communicating with your neighbors and police can make a big difference in your neighborhood, but it takes getting involved.

To schedule a Neighborhood Watch meeting, call 536-5993. Remember, it is everyone's job to keep crime out of their neighborhoods. Call today and do your part to keep Huntington Beach a safe place to live.



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Sunset RV Camping Facility Reservation Changes

Located within the Huntington Beach parking lot south of the pier, the Sunset Vista Campground is extremely popular with the RV community. Due to this popularity, some reservation policies have been changed for the 2007-2008 season. The changes to the Rules and Regulations have been adopted in order for everyone to have equal access.

Please note that reservations will now only be accepted **by mail**. Phone and walk-in reservations will no longer be accepted. The mail-in reservations must be received 14 days prior to entry date for processing. Any mail-in reservations received for the same day will be processed by lottery.



Sunset Vista is open October 1st 2007 through May 31st 2008. Reservations for October, November, December, and January will be accepted starting August 1st 2007. Reservations for February, March, April, and May will be accepted starting December 1st 2007. Only one campsite is allowed per reservation. The maximum stay per month is 14 days and five (5) days must elapse before re-entering. A confirmation receipt will be sent to you via US Mail and will need to be provided upon check-in. Changes to reservations are not permitted. If you need to cancel your reservation, it must be cancelled at least 30 days prior to entry date to be eligible for a refund. A \$10 administrative fee is charged for **every** cancellation.

A first night camping fee is required for all reservations and is applied to your stay. The nightly fee is \$45 for one RV and one car. Any additional vehicles must pay the current day-use fee. The maximum occupancy per campsite is one recreational vehicle, one extra vehicle, and eight (8) persons total. Any additional persons will also have to pay the current day-use fee. Also note that Sunset Vista accommodates self-contained RV's only. There is no tent camping allowed.

Front row parking spaces in the campground will only accommodate RV's up to 30 feet in length. Second row spaces will only accommodate RV's up to 45 feet in length. RV's over 45 feet are not allowed. The campground also offers outside showers and two restroom facilities. Water and electricity are available at each site, and the dump station is centrally located.

Check-in times are between 2 pm and 10 pm. Check-out time is at 12 Noon. Any failure to check-in on entry date will result in the cancellation of the entire stay and forfeiture of reservation fees. Please visit www.surfcity-hb.org for Reservation forms and for more information on the Sunset Vista Camping Facility. This information is also available on the Sunset Vista RV Phone Information Line at (714) 969-5621.



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Need a Passport?

The Huntington Beach City Clerk's Office offers
Passport Acceptance Services and is conveniently
located

at the Civic Center, 2nd floor,
2000 Main Street at Yorktown Avenue

Passport Acceptance Hours are 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Monday through Friday (excluding holidays)

Services Include:

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

For more information, contact (714) 374-1600
or access the City's website at www.surfcity-hb.org



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Bolsa Chica Restoration Day

Your opportunity to have tons of fun while helping out your community and learning about wildlife is here at Bolsa Chica Restoration Days. All you need to bring is a willingness to have a great time and sunscreen.



On the fourth Saturday of every month from 9 am to noon, local residents work with the enthusiastic staff of the Bolsa Chica Conservancy to help restore the natural habitat of the Bolsa Chica. Families and friends remove trash and non-native plant species all the while

enjoying a beautiful day in the sun. This program helps raise public awareness and understanding about the Bolsa Chica Wetlands and its importance to the community. After the restoration activities, be sure to visit the Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center. This is the only wetlands interpretive center in the region and houses two touch tanks containing coral, hermit crab and starfish.

The Bolsa Chica Wetlands Interpretive Center is located at 3842 Warner Avenue, which is at the southeast corner of Warner Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway. A second parking lot is located on the east side of PCH, one mile south of Warner. The Interpretive Center is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday from 9 am to noon, and Sunday from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Restoration days are every last Saturday of the month. This event is always free. Participants for Service Days meet at the Interpretive Center in the North Parking Lot of the Bolsa Chica Wetlands at 3842 Warner Ave. For more information, please call (714) 846-1114 or visit www.bolsachica.org.

The Bolsa Chica Conservancy is a non-profit, non-political organization established to ensure the preservation, restoration and enhancement of the Bolsa Chica Wetlands in Huntington Beach. The Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve extends along the east side of Pacific Coast Highway in the city of Huntington Beach from Warner Avenue to Seapoint Avenue. It is open to the public daily from sunrise to sunset.



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Surviving and Thriving: stories of strength and perseverance



Friday, September 28 at 12 noon, you are invited to join the Friends of the Library when they present two authors who tell true stories of life trials that have generated an inner strength to rise above their depressed events to flourish in life. They will share their struggles and triumphs.

One of the authors featured is **Susanne M. Reyto**. Ms. Reyto is the author of the book, *Pursuit of Freedom – A True Story of the Enduring Power of Hope and Dreams*. This book tells the remarkable account of life beginning with Nazism, followed by the first decade of Communism in Hungary.



Dinah Lenney, is the other notable author who will be featured at the luncheon. Ms. Lenney is the author of the book, *Bigger Than Life*, a story of what the murder of her politician father, Nelson Gross, did to the surviving family. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the authors.

Doors open at 11:30 and the luncheon will begin at noon in room C/D of the Huntington Beach Central Library. Prepaid reservations are \$18 and must be received by Monday, September 24. Please make check payable to FOTL and mail to 7111 Talbert Ave., 92648, or deliver directly to the Friends Gift Shop. For more information call (714) 375-8429.

State update from Senator Tom Harman

Most parents dream that their children will one day obtain college degrees – but this takes a great deal of financial planning.

The State of California’s Student Aid Commission maintains information for students and parents on resources that are available to reward students’ academic achievement or assist students from low-income families. By logging onto www.csac.ca.gov, students and parents can play a more active role by getting involved in the application processes for CalGrants, merit-based scholarships, and scholarships available for students seeking vocational education opportunities. In addition to financial assistance provided by the state, the Commission’s website also serves as a clearinghouse for numerous private-sector educational resources, such as the common www.fastweb.com.

As fall approaches and students file back into the schools, hopefully more Huntington Beach students will participate in the opportunities that the California offers to help college-bound kids.



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Fire Fighter Association undertakes restoration project

In the 1920's The City of Huntington Beach grew rapidly due to booming oil production. The need to replace fire department equipment became apparent and a Seagrave Metropolitan fire engine was purchased new in 1927. It had a six-cylinder engine and four stage, 400 gallon-per-minute pump. After use, this historic piece of equipment was stored until the early 1970's when it was given to the Travel Land Museum in Los Angeles. That is until last year when the Huntington Beach Fire Department traded a forklift to the Museum in return for this amazing piece of local history.



The fire engine now sits inoperable in the Training Tower. Two months ago, the HB Fire Fighters Association took over the project of refurbishing the engine to its original, running condition. Their goal is to have the restoration project completed by April 1, 2009 in time for the City's and Fire Department's 100th Anniversary and in time to display the engine in the Annual 4th of July Parade. This two-year goal may be ambitious, but Randy Babbitt of the Huntington Beach Fire Department and the Seagrave Restoration Committee, believes that having the engine in

running order with the original details and equipment will be more than possible with community support.



"This engine is a visible part of our city's history," said Babbitt. "We know that the community will be as excited as we are to make this a reality." When completed, the fire engine will become a community owned piece of equipment and put on display where it can be appreciated by the public.

In order to bring the fire engine back to its original state, the HBFD will have to strip the Seagrave to the frame and rebuild the entire fire engine, since many of the original parts were either changed out during service or while on display at the Museum.

The Restoration Project will involve researching historical archives to ensure authenticity of restoration; locating missing parts and accessories including original tools; locating experienced vendors to rebuild mechanical components; locating skilled body, paint, and finish shops to return fire engine to its original state; and finally, finding a permanent home where the public can enjoy the finished fire engine.



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The Huntington Beach Fire Fighters Association, in association with the Huntington Beach Fire Department, now face the challenge of raising the approximately \$110,000 needed to fund the restoration project. The HBFA is currently getting the word out regarding the project to local businesses, individuals, schools, community leaders and community groups in order to raise awareness and support.

The Seagrave Restoration Project awareness campaign, entitled "Preserving our Past... Preserving our Future," is under way and the Restoration Committee will hold public events in the future, such as a Name the Fire Engine Contest, to raise awareness and funds for the project. Look for events from the HB Fire Department and Fire Association this summer for your chance to support this piece of local history.

Make plans for the Annual Distance Derby Run/Walk

On August 18, 2007, the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department will hold its 53rd Annual Distance Derby, the oldest run/walk in Orange County. The 10 mile run will begin at 7 AM at beautiful Pier Plaza and head south for 2.5 miles along the service road. At 8:30 am the 5 mile run/walk will begin followed by the Surf Kids Fun Run at 10 am. The event takes place on a flat course with a spectacular view of the ocean!

Again in 2007, race proceeds will go to support Project Self-Sufficiency. Project Self-Sufficiency (PS-S) is a city program that provides support for low-income, single parents and their children. To participate in the PS-S program, parents must be: single, attend school/occupational skills training, live or work in Huntington Beach and be highly motivated to work toward achieving a career that will support their family.



There are many opportunities for businesses and non-profit organizations to become involved in this fabulous community event through volunteer service or event sponsorship. If you are interested in being an event sponsor or a volunteer, please contact the Huntington Beach Community Services Department at 536-5486, or to register for the event, visit www.active.com



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Pier Plaza Presents

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Summer Sunday Concert Series

at the Huntington Beach Pier

Sponsored by



Farmers & Merchants Bank

Concerts start at 1:00 PM

May 13
Mothers Day
Swing Kings
▪ Swing



June 17
Fathers Day
Bob Malone
▪ New Orleans style Blues

June 24
Mariachi Divas
▪ Mariachi



July 8
Lee Rocker
▪ Rockabilly

July 15
Venice
▪ Rock



August 12
Andre Thierry and Zydeco Magic
▪ Zydeco

August 19
Teresa James and the Rhythm Tramps



▪ Texas Blues/Rock with a Louisiana flavor



For information contact the Community Services Department at 714-536-5486



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August busy month for Children's 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 for a listing of our regularly scheduled storytimes.

Special Upcoming Events for August 2007:

2007 Summer Reading Program

Last chance to sign up is August 4!!

Children's Department at the Central Library, and all branches

Tuesday, June 26, 2007 – Friday, August 24, 2007

FREE

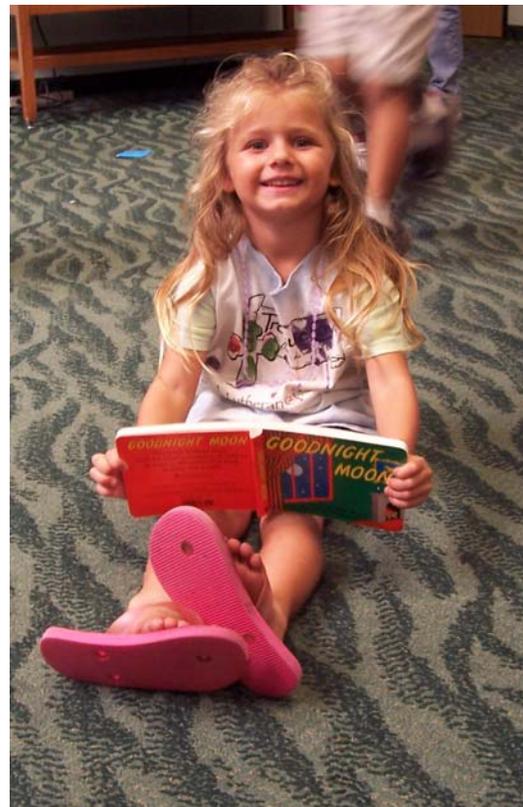
Come sign up for the Summer Reading Program before August 4, 2007. Children between the ages of 2 and 12 can participate. They can get prizes for visiting the library!

Rudy's Radical Science "The Mystery of Chemistry"

Tabby Storytime Theater

Wednesday, August 8, 2007 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

\$3 per child \$5 per adult



Watch dry ice turn milk into ice cream within seconds! See different chemicals change color right before your eyes! Come to this special summer program to learn how science can be both fun and amazing. Tickets on sale now. Advance ticket purchase is highly recommended!

Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Tabby Storytime Theater

Thursday, August 9, 2007 7:00 PM

FREE

Come "Get a Clue at your library" with summertime stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.



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Huntington Beach Council on Aging presents Senior Saturday

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging is proud to announce its 20th Annual "Senior Saturday Community Festival," to be held at Pier Plaza in downtown Huntington Beach, on Saturday,



September 8, 2007, 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.

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.

Library Film program continues with study of Johnny Depp



So far we have had three very successful screenings in our **Huntington Beach Public Library** film program: **Not Just a Pirate: the Films of Johnny Depp**. Hopefully you have joined us to discover the talents and non-pirating skills of this talented actor. On **August 18th**, we will have our final film in this series.

Finding Neverland will be shown at 2 pm in the "C" room at the Central Library. This film is inspired by true events and centers on the relationship between J.M.Barrie and the family Davies.

This relationship influenced Barrie to write ***Peter Pan***, his most famous play.



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THE AGE WAVE: Are You Ready for the Ride?

Huntington Beach Senior Services believes that Civic Engagement is the key to the future of volunteerism and, to support this belief, is offering a free 5-week volunteering & caregiving class, The Age Wave-Are You Ready for the Ride.

The class will be held Wednesdays beginning January 31st from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Rodgers Seniors' Center and includes CPR training. Huntington Beach Senior Services staff will cover the following topics:

- ❑ Myths and Realities of Aging
- ❑ Maintaining Boundaries
- ❑ Basic Communication & Active Listening
- ❑ Understanding the Grieving Process
- ❑ Baby Boomers Redefining Aging
- ❑ Signs & Symptoms of Abuse
- ❑ Special Needs of the Homebound Elderly
- ❑ The Aging Network & Community Resources



Volunteers are essential to the success of Huntington Beach Senior Services. Last year volunteers donated over 38,000 hours.

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 the newly created Volunteer Escort. Friendly Visitors visit with senior clients who have limited social contact.

The groundbreaking Volunteer Escorts will 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.

For additional information or to enroll please contact: Diane Swarts, Volunteer Services Coordinator, (714) 374-1544



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Huntington Beach “Reads One Book” Program

The Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force and the Huntington Beach Library Board of Trustees have selected ***Three Cups of Tea*** by Greg Mortenson and award-winning journalist David Oliver Relin for a city-wide **Huntington Beach Reads One Book** project.

The story of American Greg Mortenson—a mountain climber turned humanitarian—is an engaging tale of his introduction to a culture very different from his own and a chronicle about how one person can make a difference. Read the book summary and about Mortenson’s work at www.threecupsoftea.com.

Many cities throughout the nation have chosen the Reads One Book format to promote reading and diversity in their communities.

The idea: all adult readers, students and families in Huntington Beach read the same book at the same time. This creates a city-wide conversation and understanding about the issues raised in the book.

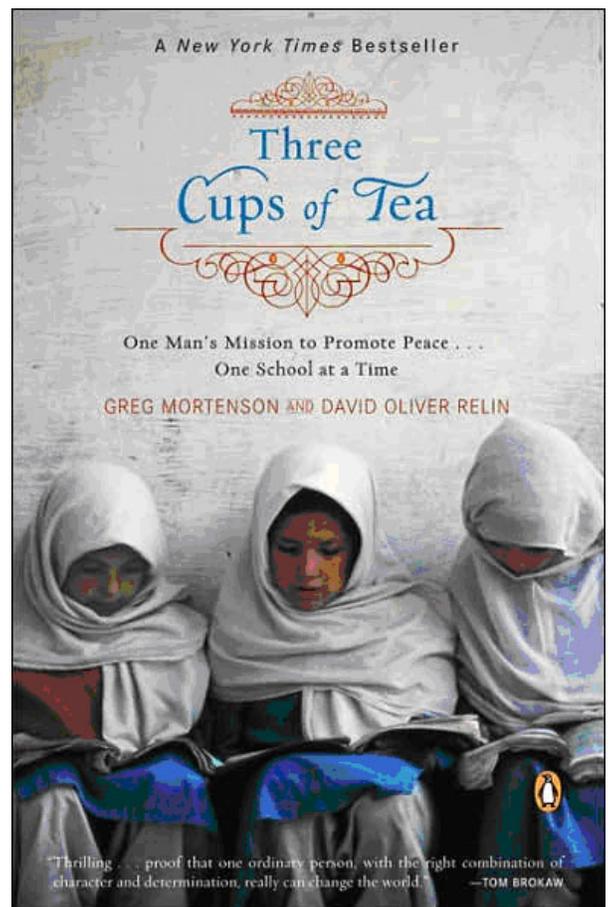
Residents are invited to read the book this Fall, and participate in events and discussion groups.

The program culminates with a special visit by author Greg Mortenson in February 2008.

The Huntington Beach City Council has endorsed the Reads One Book project. The Human Relations Task Force and Library Board of Trustees are seeking sponsorship to help underwrite program elements, such as printed materials, book purchases for student groups, author travel and honorarium, and related events.

Program volunteers also are needed to help plan and implement events.

Please contact program chairman, Fred Provencher, at 714.960.1985 or email Creel@socal.rr.com for further information.





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FULL-TIME VACANCIES	Closes
Senior Vehicle Body Technician	8/6/07
Media Services Specialist	8/8/07
Communications 9-1-1 Operator (Trainee)	8/10/07
Crime Scene Investigator	8/16/07
Police Recruit (Trainee)	10/27/07
Police Recruit (Academy Trained)	10/27/07
Police Officer (Experienced)	10/27/07
Building Inspector I/II/III	OUF
Personnel Analyst, Principal/Senior	OUF
Senior Traffic Engineer	OUF
Sr. Information Systems Analyst	TBD
Beach Maintenance Operations Mgr.	TBD
Director of Public Works	TBD
Planning Manager	TBD
Economic Development Project Mgr.	TBD
Accounting Technician II	TBD
Code Enforcement Officer I	TBD
Civil Engineering Assistant	TBD
Housing and Real Estate Manager	TBD

PART-TIME VACANCIES (Continuous Filing)
Temporary Office Worker/Office Asst. (Temp / On Call)
Recreation Leader I, II
Aquatics Lifeguards (Pool)
Aquatics Instructors (Pool)
Senior Services Aide - DRIVER
Crossing Guard
Maintenance Worker Assistant
Parking Attendant
Parking & Traffic Control Officer
Police Cadet
Beach Operations Mechanic Assistant

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Fire Marshal Jacques Pelletier receives Mayor's Award for June

Jacques Pelletier, Division Chief/Fire Marshal, was the Fire Department's choice to receive the prestigious Mayor's award on July 2, 2007. Fire Marshal Pelletier started his career with the Huntington Beach Fire Department as a firefighter in 1977 and began a steady rise through the ranks to paramedic; fire protection specialist; captain; training officer; battalion chief; division chief/operations, and was last appointed as division chief/fire marshal in 2007.

During his thirty years with the department, he has been instrumental in the development of many innovative programs and policies for EMS, training and operations. He also championed the use of advanced paramedic technologies such as the latest endotracheal intubation techniques and the use of a new 12-lead EKG system. Additionally, he was part of the team that earned the department the prestigious ISO Class I status, making the department one of only 42 cities nationwide to receive such an honor. Fire Marshal Pelletier is a devoted family man (shown above), and a true professional dedicated to faithfully serving the citizens of our city.



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Acting Senior Planner Ricky Ramos receives July Mayor's Award

On July 16th, Ricky Ramos, Acting Senior Planner in the Planning Department, received the Mayor's Award. The Award recognizes city employees who demonstrate exceptional customer service and professional standards. He is shown above with the Mayor, Planning Director Scott Hess and Principal Planner Mary Beth Broeren.

Ricky began his career with Huntington Beach in 1997 as an Assistant Planner. He was promoted to Associate Planner in 2000 and has been an Acting Senior Planner since 2006. Ricky came to work for the City having completed a BA in Geography and a Masters Degree in Urban Planning both from U.C.L.A. Ricky has worked in both Current and Advance Planning and has a broad understanding of issues facing the city, having served as liaison to the Environmental Board and the Zoning Administrator and processed a myriad of complex planning projects. After having worked for the City of Huntington Beach for over 10 years, Ricky is well deserving of this award.



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Scenes from July activities – Fourth of July and the July 26th
Cattle Drive – Look for video clips in this month’s edition
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August 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

August Television Schedule for Channel Three

Community Bulletin Board

Daily - **Be sure to check out the new look to the Channel 3 Bulletin Board!**

City Council Meetings

August 6 @ 6:00 pm
Rebroadcast August 7 @ 10 am & August 8 @ 7 pm

August 20 @ 6:00 pm
Rebroadcast Aug. 21 @ 10 am & Aug. 22 @ 7 pm

Planning Commission Mtgs

August 14 @ 7 pm
Rebroadcast August 16 @ 7 pm

August 28 @ 7 pm
Rebroadcast August 30 @ 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. Click on Government then Public Information Office. You can download or view the schedule.