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Concours d'Elegance this weekend

The 22nd Annual Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance is a popular event with car, motorcycle and vintage bicycle enthusiasts descending on the picturesque lawns of Huntington Central Park. More than 60 classes and 450 entries are expected.

Musical entertainment, auto memorabilia, food vendors, merchants and youth activities are also highlights of the show. Proceeds benefit the Huntington Beach Library Children's Resource Center.



The event is held June 2 and 3 at the Huntington Beach Central Park between Goldenwest and Gothard Streets. The cost is \$10 per day per spectator; \$15 for two days; \$8 for seniors 62 plus years of age and children under 12 are free. The hours are 10 am to 5 pm. For more information go to www.hbconcours.org.

Surf City Nights to Continue Tuesdays 5 pm – 9 pm

Surf City Nights, a downtown street fair on Tuesday evenings has been a hit so far with families, couples, children, adults, and teens all the like. The event has been well received and attended with an estimated 2,000 visitors per week!

Several businesses have reported an increase of 30-35% in sales due to the event. Friends and family can enjoy a leisurely walk through the street fair that features a certified farmer's market, live entertainment, sidewalk sales, and outdoor grilling.



The farmer's market offers kettle corn, organic veggies/fruits, fresh cut flowers, spices, organic olive oil and more. After strolling through the market, many make a night of it by grabbing dinner at a downtown eatery and shopping at our local stores. The City Parking Garage offers two hours of free parking for this event (4 pm – 8:30 pm). Due to county health regulations, dogs are not allowed.



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HB Concert Band Summer Series starts June 24

The Huntington Beach Concert Band has announced its Summer Series of Free Concerts in Huntington Beach Central Park beginning June 24. The concerts are sponsored by the Huntington Beach Concert Band as a community service.

The 5 pm concerts are staged in the picturesque, natural-bowl setting behind Huntington Beach Central Library at 7111 Talbert Avenue at Golden West Street, Huntington Beach.

Director Thomas Ridley leads the 70-piece brass, wind and percussion ensemble in the kick-off June 24 concert that will feature a program of American patriotic, folk and march favorites, including: A Jefferson Portrait, America's Finest, America the Beautiful, Overture on An American Folk Tune, Sing We Liberty with narration, Strike Up the Band, Pride of the Wolverines, The Purple Carnival, Red White and Brass, Stars and Stripes Forever and Washington Post.

Music lovers are encouraged to bring picnic dinners and beach chairs or blankets to the late afternoon concerts. For additional concert series information call (714) 891-6856.

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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Registration for Summer Art Camp Begins June 5

Registration for the Huntington Beach Art Center’s popular Art at the Beach program begins June 5 for mail-in, and June 19 for walk-in. Art at the Beach is the Center’s annual summer camp designed to introduce youth ages 6 -12 to a variety of visual and performing arts, and recreational activities.

Camp projects include painting, drawing, drama and other media. Sessions include:

Feathers, Fur and Feet: Animals in Art	June 25 – 29
California Dreaming: Artists and Movements in California	July 9 – 13
Beyond the Primary: Power of Color	July 16 – 20
Where the Wild Things Are: Monsters, Monkeys, and Minotaurs Oh My!	July 23 – 27
Modern Marvels: Technology in Art	July 30 – Aug 3
Surfin’ USA: Art of the Tropics	Aug 6 – 10
Artible Edibles: Art is Food for the Soul	Aug 13 - 17

At the end of the summer, an exhibition featuring the campers’ artwork will take place at the Huntington Beach Civic Center.

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.

Campers may attend two of the seven sessions. All art materials and one camp t-shirt per youth is included in the fee.

Full-day campers must bring their own snacks, lunches and beverages.

For information and reservations, see the *Sands* brochure located on the City’s website at <http://www.surfcity-hb.org>, or call 714-374-1650.





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Art Auction Fundraiser a Huge Success

The Huntington Beach Art Center held its Live Auction Party on May 19 attracting art lovers and supporters who bid on contemporary work starting as low as \$50. The highest bid of the night was for “Light Flyer 2007,” an acrylic on canvas painting by artist Jimi Gleason, which sold for \$4,500.

Over 50 additional pieces of artwork were auctioned that night or by silent bidding helping to raise much-needed funds for the Center’s exhibition and educational programs. The party also featured the Center’s popular *ArtiniTime* bar, fine food and wine from local restaurants, and the mesmerizing music of Glenn Hartman.

The auctioned artwork can be viewed on the Art Center web page at http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/recreation_culture/Art_Center.cfm.



“On Board” Exhibition Features New Works by International Artists

The Huntington Beach Art Center presents “On Board,” an exhibition featuring new works by artists Rob Sweere from the Netherlands, Nguyen Minh Thanh from Vietnam, and Alfredo Ramos and Kasia Badach from Cuba. The exhibition includes site specific installations related to the ocean, including surfing, and will involve public-related actions in Huntington Beach and other artists’ countries.

According to Art Center Curator Darlene D. DeAngelo, “Attendees will find one concept and three interpretations of that concept. All ideas started with the idea of surfing, and took off from there. The artists’ and their site-specific interpretations of surfing and boards created the exhibition.” A 20-page catalog accompanies the exhibition.

The public is invited to a free Opening Night Reception on Friday, June 22, 6 – 9 pm, at the Huntington Beach Art Center. The exhibition runs June 23 – September 9, in conjunction with Surf Fest 2007. For more information, please visit http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/recreation_culture/Art_Center.cfm or call 714-374-1650 for more information.



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Surf Fest 2007 Begins June 29 at the HB Art Center

The Huntington Beach Art Center is partnering with Big Red Productions to host its first surf film festival, taking place June 29 – September 7. The festival will explore the culture of surf and skate boarding through panel discussions and receptions with board shapers, skaters, authors and artists.

The films being featured will include: Chasing Dora, Dogtown and Z Boys, Layne Beachley or Sophia, Forgotten Coast, and Absolute Mexico. The Friday night film nights will be accompanied by receptions and autograph sessions with directors, producers and actors.

The festival runs in conjunction with the Art Center's international "On Board" exhibition and is sponsored by the Huntington Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau. For more information, visit the city's website at http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Residents/recreation_culture/Art_Center.cfm or call 714-374-1650.

Pier Swim set for June 16



The 57th Annual Huntington Beach Open "Rough Water" Pier Swim will be held Saturday, June 16. The event is sponsored by the Huntington Beach Community Services Department.

The first race is for ages 16-31 and will start at 8:45 am. The second race is for Masters through Ultra Masters and starts at approximately 9:30 am followed by the Junior Men and Junior Women, 12-15 years of age at 10:15 am

Trophies will be awarded, first through third places, in each of the eleven divisions with the Gene Belshe Memorial Perpetual Trophy going to

the winning team and a trophy to the first Huntington Beach boy and girl. This is one of the first regular ocean swims of the season. Almost 400 contestants participated last year.

The public is invited to participate or come and watch the competition. Pre-registration will be taken at 2000 Main St. in Community Services until June 7. The fee for pre-registration is \$17 with a shirt or \$13 without a shirt. Late registration will be taken at the beach on June 16 between 8:00 and 8:30 am for \$15 without a shirt. For further information, please call 536-5486.



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**SURF CITY™
Fest**
Father's Day Weekend

**Saturday-Sunday
June 16-17**

- Merchant Exhibits
- Live Entertainment
- Saturday Evening Outdoor Cinema
- Outdoor Dining
- Sunday Father's Day Specials on Main Street www.hbdowntown.com
- New Orleans Style Blues at Pier Plaza (Sunday)
- Red Bull's Illume Photography Exhibit at the Beach

**SURF CITY™
Fest**
Downtown Street Fair
Saturday-Sunday • June 16-17

Presented by Huntington Beach Downtown Improvement District, Huntington Beach Conference and Visitors Bureau and the City of Huntington Beach
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Using Illegal Fireworks? You will be caught and it will cost you more

By Kerry Hoey, Public Information Office

Huntington Beach is once again preparing for its Fourth of July Celebration which will start early with a parade and end with a dazzling fireworks display. Fireworks are enjoyable and exciting to watch, but each year illegal fireworks injure thousands of people, many of them children, and cause thousands of fires.

The Huntington Beach Fire and Police Departments want to ensure the safety of all its residents during the 4th of July holiday. They remind you that it is illegal to manufacture, possess, store, sell, and use fireworks in the City of Huntington Beach.

This includes so-called "safe and sane" fireworks and those purchased outside of the city or on the Internet. This year, the civil citation fines have been increased to \$500 for the first offense and \$1000 for additional offenses. By enforcing this code strictly, the Huntington Beach Police and Fire Departments will be hard at work on the Fourth of July to keep our city safe.

Anyone witnessing illegal fireworks or those in possession of fireworks, is asked to call the Huntington Beach Police Department (714) 960-8825.

Officers will increase their patrols several days before and during the holiday to ensure that those who continue to put the safety of their family and community in danger will be caught.

"There are no safe fireworks," stated Huntington Beach Fire Chief Duane Olson. "Fireworks are dangerous and illegal in the City of Huntington Beach. If you are caught using or possessing fireworks, of any kind, you will be fined \$500 the first time and \$1,000 for additional offenses. It is not worth the risk and the safety of your family and friends."



"If you want to celebrate the Fourth of July with a fireworks display, the best way to do that is by attending the public fireworks display conducted by professional pyrotechnicians," said Huntington Beach Police Chief Ken Small. "The police and fire departments are making an extra effort this year to enforce illegal firework violations due to the danger posed by illegal fireworks and the thousands of complaints we receive every year."



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Pier Plaza Presents

City of Huntington Beach

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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Marine Safety Open House held May 26 – 28

In an effort to promote National Beach Safety Week, the Huntington Beach Marine Safety Division hosted an Open House at Lifeguard Headquarters on Memorial Weekend, May 26-28, from 11am to 3 pm.

This event was coordinated with the United States Life Saving Association's efforts to promote beach safety education through the annual National Beach Safety Week scheduled for May 21-28, 2007.

The general public and the media attended the Open House located at Vincent G.

Moorhouse Lifeguard Headquarters, 103 Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. The event showcased a number of beach safety displays, brochures, coloring books and educational videos. Children were permitted to have their photos taken on a Honda Lifeguard Rescue PWC (Jet Ski).



As part of the National Beach Safety Awareness Week, various lifeguard agencies across the county and around the country proclaimed May 21-28 as National Beach Safety Week. The goal was to educate parents and children in preventing drowning and beach related accidents through these safety tips: Swim Near A Lifeguard, Learn To Swim, Never Swim Alone, Don't Fight The Current, Swim Sober, Leash Your Board, Don't Float Where You Can't Swim, Life Jackets = Boating Safety, Don't Dive Headfirst-Protect Your Neck, At Home-You're the Lifeguard.



Our coastline is a valuable and beautiful resource which attracts millions of people who visit our beaches for relaxation and recreation. In Huntington Beach, over 10 million people visit our beaches annually, and more than

2,000 of these people are rescued from the surf by our ocean lifeguards. For more information on HB Marine Safety, please visit our website at www.surfcity-hb.org/Visitors/beach_info/lifeguard_service.



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Bylines and Books: writings from the heart

Friday, June 8th, you are invited to join the Friends of the Library when they present two authors who tell it like it is with tender, and sometimes humorous, honesty.



Karen Stabiner is one of the most respected journalists on health, women’s and family issues. She is a frequent contributor to such major publications as *Vogue*, *O*, *Redbook*, *The New Yorker*, *Los Angeles Magazine*, *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times*. She is the author of the bestselling New York Times Notable Book *To Dance with the Devil: The New War on Breast Cancer*. Stabiner’s latest book is *The Empty Nest*, a collection of essays, which tells the truth about relationships, love and freedom after the kids fly the coop.
Photo by David Steiner



“*Nobody asked me, but...*” is **Stan Cohen’s** entry to the lives of Huntington Beach residents through his weekly byline in the *Orange County Register’s Wave*. Years in criminal investigation, working with the IRS and membership of local decision-making boards and commissions are reflected in his to-the-point writing style as he shares his observations on community issues and family life. Cohen’s book, *Nobody Asked Me, but... It isn’t Easy Being Jewish*, contains short stories about 26 years of his lifetime experiences.

Doors open at 11:30 am and the luncheon will begin at noon in room C/D of the Central Library. Prepaid reservations are \$18 and MUST BE RECEIVED by Monday, June 4th at 7111 Talbert Ave., 92648, or deliver directly to the Friends Gift Shop. For more information call (714) 375-8429.

New Search Engine makes it easier to maneuver City website

The City of Huntington Beach website has just added a new feature. Now, the convenience and accuracy of Google Search is available on the city’s website, www.surfcity-hb.org.

When you visit the website, you will now be able to search the site using the Google Web Search feature. This will provide users with faster, more accurate results using the most popular search engine.

Be sure to visit Huntington Beach’s website at www.surfcity-hb.org and use the new feature to discover everything the site has to offer.



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Council on Aging to hold its annual golf tournament June 22

Plans are underway for the Huntington Beach Council on Aging *On Course* Golf Tournament. The event, which raises funds for the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center is set for Friday, June 22, 2007 at Meadowlark Golf Course in Huntington Beach. Men and women of all ages are encouraged to grab your clubs and join us for a great day of golf while supporting a worthy cause.



Title sponsors, Orange Coast Memorial Hospital and Heritage Memorial Services are the frontrunners on the "Sponsorship Leader Board" with a \$2,500 pledge, but additional sponsors and golfers are needed.

With more than 55,000 seniors age 55 and older residing in the greater Huntington Beach area, the tournament helps support seniors and their families through many beneficial programs offered by the senior center.

"Seniors throughout the city rely on the programs funded through this tournament," said golf tournament chair, Chris Shinar. "We encourage local businesses and organizations to get involved and support the council on aging."

Sponsorship and golf packages range from \$100 - \$2,500 and include a host of benefits depending on the levels. To sponsor the event or for more information, please call Chris Shinar at (714) 378-7012.

Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center is a focal point for an array of free services important to the quality of life for all older Americans. The center offers opportunities for involvement and companionship with a wide range of social, recreational and educational activities.

City completes pipeline project

The City of Huntington Beach recently installed a 30-inch water pipeline inside a deteriorated 42-inch water pipeline using a trench-less technology. Four small holes were excavated and the new water pipe was pulled into place using a heavy duty hydraulic pipe puller capable of pulling 500,000 pounds. The waterline is located in western Huntington Beach, near Varsity Drive and Edwards Street. Over 3,800 feet of pipe was replaced. This technique resulted in cost savings of over one million dollars when compared to a traditional open trench pipe installation.





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Children’s Library events for June

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.

Family Evening Pajama Storytime

Tabby Storytime Theater

Thursday, June 14, 2007 7:00 PM - FREE

Come celebrate the upcoming Summer Reading Program with animal stories, songs, puppets and more! Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear. Refreshments provided by the National Charity League.

Festival of Folktales – Kick-off Celebration for the 2007 Summer Reading Program

Outside Courtyard

Tuesday, June 26, 2007 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Tickets \$.50 to \$2.00

The Friends of the Children’s Library is pleased to host the library’s ever-popular Festival of Folktales. This year’s entertainment includes adventure storytelling with “Follow the Trail to a Tale”; “The Art of Drumming” and “Sapadilla”, performing international music, Minikin Puppets performing “Aesop’s Fables”, Native American dancers, a mystery magic show with magician David Skale, a special storytime by the Library Fairy, a reading adventure balloon show with Annie Banannie, crafts, games and face painting.



This is one of the library’s best-attended events each year. It’s also the opening day of the Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is “Get a Clue @ your Library”, and for our young adult readers, it’s “You Never Know (YNK) @ your Library.” Enjoy the Festival of Folktales and register for this summer’s reading program! Tickets can be purchased in advance in the Children’s Department or on the day of the Festival from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. Tickets for games, face painting and crafts are \$.50 to \$2.00. Hamburgers, hotdogs, tacos, and other goodies will be available for cash purchase.

Summer Reading Program 2007

June 26 – August 24 – FREE -- Central Library and all branches

For ages 2 – 12 “Get a Clue @ your Library” and

for ages 13 and up “You Never Know (YNK) @ your Library”

Join the Library’s Summer Reading Program! Children 2 years and older can register at the Central Library or at any of our four branch libraries. Registration is open June 26 through August 4. For more information call (714) 375-5107





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Drivers for Meals program needed – great summer job

Huntington Beach Senior Services needs substitute volunteer drivers in the Meals to the Home program. A Meals to the Home Volunteer delivers meals in his/her own vehicle on two-hour shift, one or more days each week.

The Huntington Beach Meals to the Home program provides three meals per day to 160 qualified clients. Monday – Friday, at 9:30 am, volunteers pick-up coolers packed with breakfast, lunch, and dinner from Seniors' Outreach center, 1718 Orange Avenue to deliver by 11:30 am. Meal routes are structured by residential area throughout the city. In 2006 102,000 meals were delivered to the city's frail elderly and Senior Services anticipates a larger demand for services in 2007.

This a great community service opportunity for high school or college students on summer vacation. Delivering Meals to the Home can be a family activity as well. Many elders look forward to the brief visits of children helping their parents deliver meals. You must be 16 years old and have a valid driver's license to volunteer. Fingerprinting and background check are required. To volunteer or for more information, contact Diane Swarts 714-374-1544.

Library honors volunteers

The Huntington Beach Public Library annually honors the hundreds of dedicated volunteers with a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. This year's theme, "Our Volunteers Rock!" was based on the "good ole days" of the 1950's. During 2006 over 400 volunteers contributed 46,572 hours to the library which equates to over \$1.3 million in personnel savings.



The various volunteer groups include Branch and Central Library volunteers, the Concours d'Elegance, the Friends of the Library, the Friends of the Children's Library, the Genealogy Society and the Literacy volunteers.

The Volunteer of the Year was Joann Craft who has been a volunteer for Oak View Branch Library since 1999 and volunteered a total of 277 hours during 2006. She volunteers at the "Homework Club" where there are over 265 children enrolled and serves an average of 55 students a day. The "Homework Club" is a program designed to help students complete their homework assignments. Since most of the parents from the Oak View community are not fluent in English, this program is of great help to the community and to the accomplishments of the students.

Joann has an important role in the success of Homework Club. Her students look forward to being helped by such a caring individual. When needed, Joann will make special arrangements with the students on days in which the Homework Club is closed. Joann has helped fill out many college applications, as well as many scholarship applications. Thanks to Joann's efforts, many students from the Oak View Community receive the help they need and are destined for success.



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A Grant Could Help You Pay for Your Community Project

By Senator Tom Harman

If you have a great idea that will help our community, you've worked out a strategy, and now need funding, you may find that financial assistance is just a touch of your keyboard away!

Community organizations provide much needed jobs and vital services to the most vulnerable members of our community. Today's budget difficulties create a multitude of funding challenges for non-profits, many of which rely upon grant funding.

The California Legislature continues to work on funding opportunities for Californians through grants and supporting public/private partnerships. Local and federal governments, even the courts, are also involved in funding grant opportunities. Private groups are establishing clearinghouses where organizations can get information and begin the on-line application process.



Sacramento, CA

Finding out about grants is challenging, so the State of California has established a website to assist in the search. www.getgrants.ca.gov provides a database of California state grants as well as links to federal, public, and private grant opportunities.

Navigation of www.getgrants.ca.gov is easy. Simply scroll through the list on the center section of the home page. You may also search by category or topic by clicking the links listed on the left-hand side of the homepage. You can also search by keyword by typing one in the box on the right-hand side of the homepage.

The *categories* links on the left-hand side of the homepage provide access to federal and state grant categories and the *topics* links will assist you in locating grants by topic such as agriculture, civic affairs, education, and health, just to name a few.

Following the Related Websites link on the left-hand side of the main menu will lead you to even more grant opportunities, including a link to the federal site, www.grants.gov, which provides an access point for over 900 grant programs offered by 26 federal grant-making agencies. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if I can be of assistance to you or your organization in attempting to secure grant funding.



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City to welcome delegation from Japan

A delegation of 25 adults from Anjo, Japan will visit Huntington Beach from July 2-5 in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the initial sister city agreement between Anjo and our city. All of the guests will enjoy home stays with Huntington Beach families.

At a luncheon in their honor at the Waterfront Hilton, four local artists will display a work that will be a gift to Anjo as part of our ongoing art exchange. Contributing artists are Ruth Geller, Robin T. Repp, Robert H. Repp, and Krol Boller.



Among the guests will be six musicians who play the Japanese koto, and a flutist. They will perform before the city council meeting on Monday, July 2, and at a free full-length concert the evening of July 3 at the Central Library. The time for that event is 7:30 pm, and light refreshments will be offered.

Annual July Fourth events will be grand

The 103rd Annual Huntington Beach 4th of July festivities kick off early this year with a huge Pier Plaza Expo beginning on Sunday July 1 and running 4 days from 10 am to 10 pm. There will be plenty of entertainment too with the Navy Rock and Roll Band, "The Destroyers" playing in the afternoon on July 1st.

On the morning of the 4th, plan to rise early to participate in the Surf City 5K Run and Fitness Expo whose headquarters will be at 17th and Main. If you're hungry, head over to Lake Park to feast on the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast where tickets will only be \$5. Then get a good spot on the curb for the Annual 4th of July parade which steps off at 10 am sharp. More than 300 entries will march down Main Street. This year's Celebrity Grand Marshal is none other than Honorary Mayor of Hollywood, Johnny Grant! Another treat is the Sports Grand Marshals – members of the US Water Polo Team.



After the parade make your way down to the Pier for more fun and entertainment all afternoon at the Expo and get ready for Fireworks Over the Ocean at 8:00 pm. Come help us celebrate a "Salute to the American Spirit" this 4th of July.



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The Huntington Beach City Clerk's Office located at the Huntington Beach Civic Center, 2nd Floor, 2000 Main Street (at Yorktown Avenue), offers passport acceptance services that include:

- ✓ Processing of 1st time passports and passport renewals
- ✓ Standard fee application
- ✓ Convenient, friendly service with no long lines!

Passport Photo Services Available On-Site!



Passport acceptance facilities accept your application for Passport and forward all forms and documents to the *United States Department of State ... They Process Your Passport.*

Due to the Heavy volume of applications, turn-around times for processing passports have changed:

Routine Service:	10-12 Weeks
Expedite Service:	3-4 Weeks

If you have questions or need further assistance, the National Passport Center can be reached at (877) 487-2778, or visit their website at www.Travel.State.gov

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (excluding holidays)
For more information, contact (714) 374-1600 or visit our website at www.surfcity-hb.org



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It is worth the trip to visit Shipley Nature Center

Have you been to the Shipley Nature Center lately? If not, you are missing out on a natural jewel right here in Huntington Beach. The nature center is not only a sanctuary for the local wildlife, but it is also a haven for the residents and visitors of Orange County, offering educational programs, summer day camps, native plant sales, volunteer opportunities, special activities and fun for the whole family.



Opened in 1974, the Shipley Nature Center is an 18-acre fenced natural area within Huntington Beach Central Park. Named after former Mayor Donald D. Shipley, the center is operated by the Friends of Shipley Nature Center. The Nature Center includes 4,000 feet of trails that meander through several habitats, including oak woodlands, Torrey pines, meadows, and Blackbird Pond, a natural freshwater wetland with mature willows and sycamores. Within the Nature Center is a 1,500 sq. ft. Interpretive Building with exhibits on local wildlife and ecology.

The **California Native Plant Sale** continues at Shipley Nature Center located in Huntington Central Park Mon-

Sat from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. A great selection of California Native Plants is available for drought tolerant gardens. Stroll through the eight habitats and see how California Native Plants provide food, shelter and beauty for our local birds, butterflies and wildlife and conserve water at the same time.

The Friends of the Shipley Nature Center are always looking for more volunteers. Are you creative, love to talk about nature, enjoy meeting great people? Then check out the volunteer opportunities at Shipley Nature Center. Come on in and chat or call Carol to find out more about how you can become a part of the Shipley Team.

Join **Shipley Restoration Days** on the first Saturday of every month from 9:00 am to noon when volunteers come together to weed, water, plant, clear brush, tend the compost and vermiculture bins, perform trail and building maintenance and do anything else needed to keep Shipley Nature Center open to the public. Please wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring garden gloves, tools and drinking water.

Friends of the Shipley Nature Center are also looking for a few Good Artists. They need your help to design displays and educational literature, as well as your artistic ideas to create fun and exciting craft projects for our young visitors. Contact the Nature Center in person, by phone or email the center at info@shipleynature.org, if you are interested.

Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

There is free parking at the Shipley parking lot at 17829 Goldenwest near Talbert. Follow the path from the parking lot into the park to the green Shipley Nature Center gates. For information call 714-842-4772, check the website at www.shipleynature.org or email them at info@shipleynature.org.



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Patty Esparza is honored with May Mayor's Award

Patty Esparza, Senior Deputy City Clerk, was honored as a Mayor's Award recipient on May 21, 2007. Patty was hired as a Deputy City Clerk in September, 2003, and was promoted to Senior Deputy Clerk in October, 2006. Patty is responsible for administrative aspects related to the organization and proofreading of staff reports for the City Council agenda.

She composes the agenda and ensures posting requirements are met in compliance with State law. She completes follow-up duties of Council action by relaying instruction information in letter form, including executed agreements, resolutions and ordinances, and performs a high volume of legal action for acceptance, certification, publication and recording of documents.

Patty recently obtained certification as a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC). Her high level of professionalism makes her an outstanding example of a dedicated public servant. She is shown above with family, fellow staff members and Mayor Coerper at the May 21, 2007 City Council Meeting.



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New Programs continue on HBTv3



The City of Huntington Beach television, HBTv Channel 3, continues to provide new programming continued from May. The new additions have featured exercise programs, cooking and gardening shows, environmental programs with Huell Howser, and programs highlighting California and Huntington Beach.

The popular Classic Arts Showcase continues as a featured program. The Classic Arts Showcase features a spectrum of classic arts disciplines including ballet, dance, museum and folk art, documentaries, opera, and theatrical, musical, and vocal performances. As always, the Bulletin Board runs throughout the day, everyday, between regularly scheduled programs. The Bulletin Board features information about Huntington Beach, city organizations, as well as upcoming events around town.

To find the monthly schedule and more information about each new program, please visit the Program Guide on the City of Huntington Beach website at www.surfcity-hb.org, click on the Government box, then go to departments and then Public Information Office. If you would like to add an event or other listing to the HBTv Channel 3 Bulletin Board, please e-mail Laurie Payne with the Public Information Office at lpayne@surfcity-hb.org.

June 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

May 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	June 4 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast June 5 @ 10 am & June 6 @ 7 pm June 18 @ 6:00 pm Rebroadcast June 19 @ 10 am & June 20 @ 7 pm
Planning Commission Mtgs	June 26 @ 7 pm Rebroadcast June 28 @ 7 pm

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