

**Fall  
2013**

# City News

## Huntington Beach

### THE AGE WAVE

#### Are You Ready For The Ride?

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IS THE KEY TO  
THE FUTURE OF VOLUNTEERISM

The class is free come join us and learn about the following:

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

**Starts: Wednesday October 2 - 30, 2013**

**For five weeks**

**Time: 9-11:30 a.m.**

**Fee: Free**

**For Volunteers and Potential Volunteers**

Contact: Diane Swarts, Volunteer Services Coordinator,  
714-374-1544 for additional information or to enroll.

### Halloween Pumpkin Carving & Costume Contest

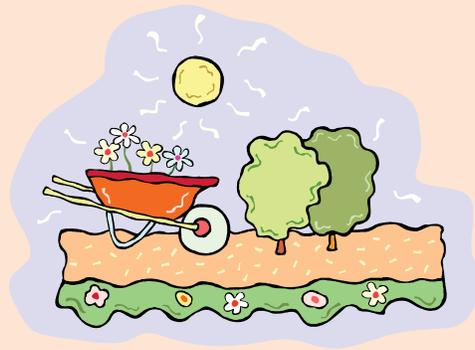
Enjoy a fun night with the happy haunts of the spooky City Gym & Pool! From 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, participate in a Halloween pumpkin carving and costume contest. Dress up in your scariest costume and get ready to make a jack-o-lantern come to life! Make your way through the fun and festive Halloween maze or participate in games such as Wrap the Mummy (with toilet paper!) and Zombie Relays. Create lasting memories at the Halloween craft booth and then help yourself to pumpkin cookies and witch's apples! Register in-person at the City Gym & Pool beginning August 13. We look forward to seeing all the boo-tiful costumes and pumpkin designs!

### Do You Love Gardening?

Did you know that Huntington Beach has its own Community Garden? Plots are available for a small annual fee. Enjoy growing organic fruits, vegetables and flowers that you can share with family and friends. Visit the HBCG website for more information:

[www.HuntingtonBeachCommunityGarden.com](http://www.HuntingtonBeachCommunityGarden.com)

Huntington Beach Community Garden  
P.O. Box 5891, Huntington Beach CA 92615



## Student Opportunity—Youth Ambassadors to Japan

The Sister City Association of Huntington Beach is looking for four students to become Youth Ambassadors to Japan and experience what may be the adventure of a lifetime! High school freshmen, sophomores and juniors who live or attend one of the Huntington Beach Union High School District schools are eligible. The program is a **two-week reciprocal exchange**. Ambassadors host a student from Anjo, Japan the first 2 weeks in July, and travel with their chaperone to Japan in early August.

2014 will mark the 32nd year of the successful student exchange with Anjo. In addition to the travel opportunity, the experience provides students with the understanding of foreign culture and a wonderful opportunity to broaden their horizons. The home stay provides much more than if Japan were visited as a tourist.

Strong friendships have been formed between former ambassadors and their Japanese counterparts; the experience even influenced career decisions for several students. Families of selected students benefit also, as host family members are encouraged to participate in the activities.

Applications will be available after September 1, 2013, at City Hall, Huntington Beach Central Library, and at the individual high schools after the start of the school year. Deadline for applications: Friday, February 14, 2014.

For more information or an application for the student exchange, please contact Carmen Erber at [gerber@socal.rr.com](mailto:gerber@socal.rr.com) at 714-846-7685, or Laurie Frymire, Communications Officer, City of Huntington Beach, at [lfrymire@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:lfrymire@surfcity-hb.org) at 714-536-5577.



## Stress-Free Travel Starts at City Hall!

### City of Huntington Beach Passport Facility

Ready for a vacation? Tired of long lines? Your time is precious, and that is why our agents strive to make your passport application process as quick and easy as possible.

City Hall offices are open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (except holidays). Photo services are available - standard fees apply.

**Location:** 2000 Main Street @ Main/Yorktown, 2nd Floor

**Phone:** 714-374-1600

**Website:** [www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/passports](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/passports)



## Senior Saturday Community Festival

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging is proud to announce its 25th annual Senior Saturday Community Festival to be held at beautiful Pier Plaza in downtown Huntington Beach, on Saturday, September 7, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free!

Approximately 75 sponsor booths will offer information, products and services geared toward Baby Boomers as well as the older adult population. This is an excellent opportunity for Boomers, seniors and their families to spend a Saturday 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 and free entertainment throughout the day.

Pier Plaza is located adjacent to the Huntington Beach Pier at the intersection of Main St. and Pacific Coast Highway. Free shuttle service to and from the event is provided from City Hall at 2000 Main and the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center, 1706 Orange Avenue.

The Huntington Beach 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.



## 10 Miler and 10K on Pacific Coast Highway



10 Mile • 10K • 5K • Kids Run

October 27, 2013

All courses start on Pacific Coast Highway in front of the Hyatt Regency Resort and finish near the Hilton Waterfront Resort on Pacific Coast Highway at Huntington Street. Register at [www.surfcity10.com](http://www.surfcity10.com).

Surf City 10 and Project Self Sufficiency have teamed up to 'GO THE DISTANCE!' and support single parent families earning their education to become self-sufficient.

### GO THE DISTANCE! ~ EMPOWERING SINGLE PARENTS TO ACHIEVE

By participating in this local fundraising event, you will be supporting close to 50 families in Huntington Beach who are currently pursuing their education or training to better the lives of their families by becoming economically independent.

Participants need your support to be able to continue in school and to keep up with basic needs such as reliable transportation, affordable child care, and food. JOIN US or SPONSOR US; either way, get involved and make a difference.

Register your support by sponsoring a runner or forming your own team to help PSS at [www.surfcity10.kintera.org](http://www.surfcity10.kintera.org).



## Beach Information

**City Beach:** Encompassing 3.5 miles from Beach Boulevard to the west city limits, the city boasts one of the world's finest beaches. The beachfront includes the municipal pier, food and rental concessions, restrooms, showers, volleyball nets, fire rings, and a 2,200 space beach parking lot plus additional parking on Pacific Coast Highway and adjacent streets. New buildings on the municipal pier, a new Visitors Kiosk at Pier Plaza, and new restrooms along Blufftop Park north of the Pier will enhance beach visits for both residents and visitors. Lifeguard service is provided during daylight hours 365 days a year. The number and location of lifeguards on duty varies depending on season, weather and surf conditions. Please note posted signage for information. Curfew is 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and is strictly enforced. Beach Headquarters: 103 Pacific Coast Highway. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Phone: 714 536-5281 Emergencies: call 911.



For information on Municipal Beach Parking Pass, Main Promenade Parking Structure, Day Use Parking, Pier Plaza Parking, and Sunset Vista RV Park, please visit [www.surfcity-hb.org/visitors/parking/](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/visitors/parking/) or call 714 536-5281.

## Shipleigh Nature Center

### ■ Composting Seminar

Saturday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m. Learn all about Composting and Vermicomposting (worm composting) and how to turn kitchen scraps and backyard cuttings into "black gold" for your garden. Registration is \$10 per attendee. HB residents get a \$50 voucher toward the purchase of either type of composting bin.

### ■ Fall Native Plant Sale

Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For all you water conscious residents who have already killed the grass or are thinking about doing it, now is the time to put in water-saving California Natives. Begin this Fall-Winter planting season with the **best ever selection of California Native Plants** (over **100 species** to choose from). Get help and advice from Shipleigh Nursery Volunteers on which plants would be right for your garden. Peruse the exhibits on the Monarch Butterfly habitat, container gardening with Native Plants and waterwise gardens.

### ■ Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Second Saturdays

Besides the regular hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shipleigh is open on the Second Saturday of each month until 4 p.m. Educational programs for kids and families are held on these Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

See [www.shipleighnature.org](http://www.shipleighnature.org) for all event details.

17851 Goldenwest St. 714-842-4772.

Open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and

on the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

