

Fall
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City News

Huntington Beach

Senior Saturday Community Festival

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging is proud to announce its 24th Annual Senior Saturday Community Festival to be held at beautiful Pier Plaza in downtown Huntington Beach, on Saturday, September 8, 2012, from 9 a.m. – 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.



GO THE DISTANCE!

The Surf City Beach Derby and Project Self Sufficiency have teamed up for a fundraising event to help single parent families become self reliant. Derby runners, walkers, and program supporters can raise funds to assist families in transition with a “hand up” to get back on their feet. Your support provides individual case management for PSS participants; education and training support; transportation and housing assistance; food, clothing and household living supplies; and linkages to community networks of support. This assistance allows highly motivated, low-income single parents attend school and gives them the opportunity to work toward permanent independence.

Runners can raise funds from family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers through October 20th, with all funds raised through sponsorship of runners going directly to the Project Self Sufficiency Program. For more information on setting up your own fundraising website go to <http://surfcitybeachderby.kintera.org> or call 714-536-5439

For Families in Transition...The Surf City Beach Derby is returning to PCH on October 21, 2012



Rose Parade – 2013

Join the City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department for the spectacular 2013 Rose Parade. We have limited seating available at 2000 East Colorado Boulevard. All registrants under 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are \$115, which includes transportation and seating. Buses will depart on January 1, 2013, from the Civic Center, 2000 Main Street at 6:45 a.m. sharp and return at approximately 3:00 p.m. For further information, please call 714-536-9387. Sign up with Betty Hickey at Rodger's Senior Center 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach on Tuesday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Thursday or Friday 12:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Changes to the City Treasurer Position

As of March 2011, some changes were made in the office of the City Treasurer. Upon the election of the previous City Treasurer to County Treasurer, the City Council appointed a new City Treasurer, Alisa Cutchener. The position was also changed from full-time to part-time, creating a budget savings for the City. Per the City Charter, the City Treasurer is an elected official who serves a four-year term. Responsibilities of the City Treasurer include investment management of all City funds. Through prudent investment management, the City Treasurer ensures the City's cash liquidity needs are met and principal is preserved. The City Treasurer is also a member of the Deferred Compensation Committee and on the Board of the Supplemental Retirement Trust. To date, the City has not suffered any principal or interest losses due to credit issues. For additional information on this topic, please go to the City website at: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/elected_officials/city_treasurer/.



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: Wednesdays, September 19 – October 17, 2012
 For five weeks
 Time: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 Fee: Free

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



Huntington Beach Celebrates 30 years of Friendship with Anjo, Japan



Huntington Beach residents are invited to participate as part of a city delegation to visit Japan in October of 2012.

Sponsored by the Sister City Association of Huntington Beach, one feature of the trip will be a stay in Anjo, which has been a sister city to Huntington Beach for 30 years. Tour members will experience the warm hospitality of Anjo citizens and enjoy a home stay with a local family.

Our visit to other cities in Japan will provide much enrichment and education, based on centuries of charm, history and culture. Tokyo, the metropolitan capital of Asia; historical and beautiful Hiroshima, lovely and historic Kyoto, Okayama, and the renowned Korakuen Garden.

In 2002, and again in 2007, a delegation from Huntington Beach experienced an unforgettable trip to Japan. Participants included city officials (at their own expense) and more than 25 others from the city.

Watch the website for more detailed information at www.hbsistercity.org or call 714-846-0060.

Sunset Vista RV Camping Goes Online



Every year residents and visitors enjoy a stay at the beach by bringing their RV to the Sunset Vista RV Camping Facility. This facility located along Pacific Coast Hwy. between 1st St. and Huntington St. allows beach front vacations in the comfort of your RV. The City of Huntington Beach has now made it easier than ever to check out availability and to make reservations by implementing an online system. Sunset Vista is open from Oct. 1 through May 31 each year. This year reservations may be made 3 months prior to the desired arrival date.

Starting on July 1, 2012, at 8:00 am reservations may be made for the entire month of October 2012. More information is available on the city website: <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov> and reservations may be made at <http://sunsetvistacamping.huntingtonbeachca.gov>.



to benefit
Project Self Sufficiency

SAVE THE DATE October 14, 2012 • 2-5pm

Enjoy an afternoon of delicious WINE, tasty CHEESE, and decadent CHOCOLATE!

NEWLAND BARN

19820 Beach Boulevard, Huntington Beach CA

All proceeds benefit Project Self Sufficiency (PSS) participants who are highly motivated single parents earning their education to become self sufficient.

Tickets are available now \$30 pre-sale (\$40 at the door).

<http://www.winecheeseandchocolateplease.com>

Presented by: Project Self Sufficiency Foundation

Restoring Rare Dune Habitat by Austin Parker, Restoration Ecologist

The Bolsa Chica Conservancy in Huntington Beach needs your help! We are restoring Rabbit Island, a historic dune habitat at the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve. It is a 20-acre rare dune habitat that is surrounded by coastal salt marsh, but is infested with non-native Iceplant and other invasives. Iceplant has invaded the rare dune habitat that exhibits rare and endangered plants such as the coast woolly head. The restoration of this area is crucial for the health of the wetlands since it is prime habitat for threatened and endangered bird species such as the Belding's Savannah Sparrow, Western Snowy Plover, California Least Tern, and Clapper

Rails. Come join us and help remove these invasive plants and learn more about Bolsa Chica and our long-term effort to protect and restore it. Please wear proper attire for outdoor work. Work gloves and water will be provided. Space is limited so please be sure to reserve a spot. Volunteers are limited to individuals who are 15 years old and up.

Work Days: **September 14, 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.**
October 12, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
November 10, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Contact Austin Parker to RSVP or for more information Austin@bolsachica.org. 714-846-1114

Shipleigh Nature Center

Event details at www.shipleighnature.org 17851 Goldenwest St. Open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 714-842-4772.

Composting Seminar: Saturday, September 15 at 9 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.

Planet Water-Turn Off the Water: Saturday, September 22 at 1 p.m., sharp Fun for the whole family. Learn how to protect our most precious resource, **WATER**, for us and for our wildlife. Hands-on activities: stories – puppets – tours – exhibits.

Fall Native Plant Sale:

Saturday September 29 from 9 a.m. – 2 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.

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. - 5:00 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/ or call 714-536-5281.