



As we head into 2009, Huntington Beach will celebrate its 100th year since incorporation. Today, “Surf City USA” is a city of diversity, growth and opportunity. Despite being home to nearly 200,000 residents, Huntington Beach retains its small-town feel and as most of its occupants would attest, a unique sense of community.

As Surf City gears up to celebrate its centennial, HB Magazine asked the following local business owners and residents to share their thoughts on what makes this great city so ... well, great.

“I discovered Huntington Beach while working in LA and living in Northern California. Being from the Midwest, I had to be by the ocean and since I fly, I like to shop for property near airports and at the time, HB had Meadowlark Airport. After living here for over 20 years, I’ve grown to enjoy our city as a great compromise between a too-organized Irvine and a little less LA than Long Beach. But the people of HB are what I would say makes our community special. Just a walk down Main St. on 4th of July and you will see what I mean. Our residents are a great mix of people - friendly, always willing to help and take the time to give back to our great community, this is HB!” – **Dennis Midden, BrewBakers**

“With all the wonderful things in Huntington Beach, the wonderful beaches, Central Park, the weather, the perfect location for getting anywhere in Southern California, etc, I must admit, the thing that I love the most about it is the people. I’ve been living here since 1980 and the amount of kind and beautiful people in our city never cease to amaze me.” – **Rick Streitfeld, ArtWindows.com**

“I love love love HB! HB has everything, starting with the beach and events that run throughout the year and great dining - like Chronic Tacos for “Taco Tuesday” Cafe Enchante for a great chai tea, Tuna Town for the best sushi, Fred’s for a great margarita and to sit around a fire pit with the ocean as your backdrop. The list goes on ...” – **Jenny Ewaski, BreakThru Design**

“I love our friendly, small town atmosphere.”
– **Joyce Riddell, HB Chamber of Commerce**

“Dog Beach!...naturally.” – **Chris Simms, The Lazy Dog Cafe**

“My favorite thing about Huntington Beach is the sense of community here. Even though HB is not a small city, it feels like one. I love the people... there is such a friendly feeling everywhere. Just go down to Surf City Nights on a Tuesday and you’ll know what I mean!” – **Victoria Alberty, The Local HB**

There are so many things that I love about living in Huntington Beach. As a runner, I find that there are such incredible places to do my runs, whether I want to do a hilly run, a fast flat run or something picturesque to keep my mind occupied. I have been running in HB for the entire 15 years we have lived in this awesome city and I never get bored! We indeed have it all, no matter if you are a runner, a walker, a bicyclist. Whatever you do, we live in the most gorgeous place in the country!” – **Carolyn Fetters, Tspot**

“Sugar Shack...of course!!” – **Eric Osborn, Osborn Insurance**

“My all time favorite restaurant would have to be Fred’s on Main Street. Where else can you go that has great food, a beautiful view of the HB Pier and a front row seat to the 4th of July fire-

works? I also love them because they are very community-oriented, they provide and donate continuously during the year to our HB Kiwanis Club for our Easter Event, Pancake Breakfast and our food booth at the Duck-a-thon." - **Jeanne Hexem, Independence Bank**

"The Cruise of Lights in the Huntington Harbour, the dog beach, the campfires on the beach, Huntington Surf and Sport, the U.S. Open of Surfing, the 4th of July Parade, the swap meet at Golden West College, the Taste of Huntington Beach ... the list is endless." - **Linda Martin, HB Chamber of Commerce**

"I love the HB's great wide beaches! Growing up on the East Coast, that's the first thing I remember seeing when I came to CA was how huge and beautiful the beaches are! Not to mention the great surfing!" - **Nancy Caruso, Edible Arrangements**

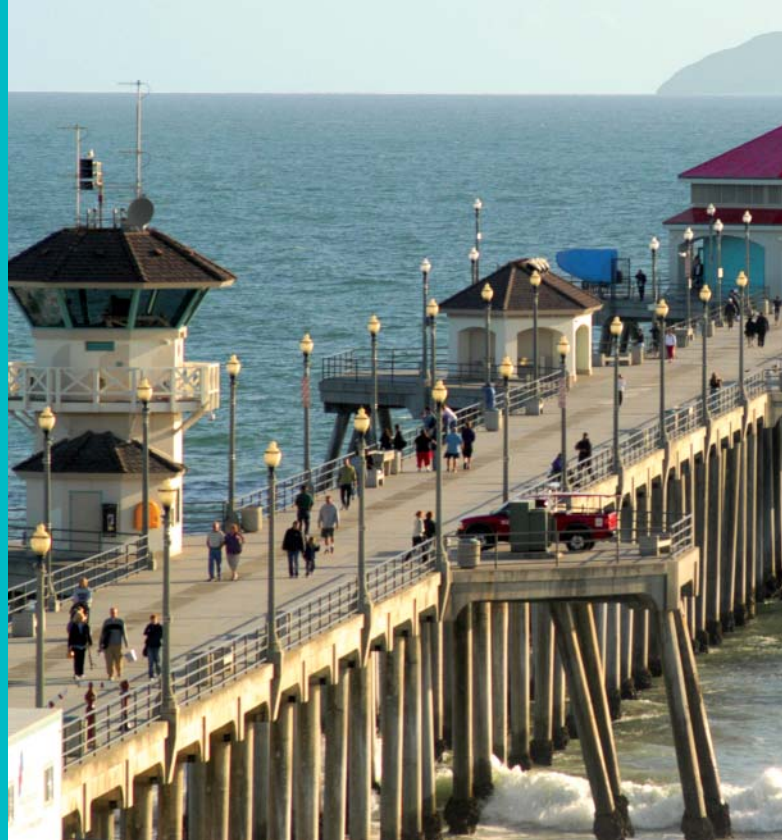
"HB is an altogether great place to be outdoors. The green space is huge and peaceful, providing us with a sanctuary of rest from our busy lifestyles." - **Mark Chapman, Caught in the Moment Photography**

"I love that HB has such a small town local feel to it. People who are from here usually stay here -my wife is living proof of that. HB also has so much to offer for families from sports, to parks, to restaurants. One of my kids favorites is Ruby's at the the pier." - **Ken Earwood, Titan Financial Services**

"Our favorite thing about HB is the ongoing community spirit! Anywhere you look, there is something happening - 24/7." - **Ken Evans and Lincoln Chew, Carousel Press**

"I love the fact that HB has one of the best Frisbee golf courses in the world (and I think the first in the nation). What a way to relax and have fun." - **Jason Scheurer, Living Green Homes Construction and Development**

"There are so many wonderful places and events taking place in H.B. that it is almost impossible to say what is my favorite. I have been really thinking about this and I would say what is best about H.B. are the people. Without the thousands of dedicated volunteers in this city we would not have Central Park, the library,



the wetlands, the senior center, the Community Care Health Center, the Boys and Girls Club and the list goes on and on." - **Shirley Detloff**

"It's easy to write about the "best restaurant," "the best shopping experience," but writing about the "best mortuary" takes some thinking and sensitivity. And, that is just what they do at Heritage Memorial Services. They are thoughtful and sensitive at a very difficult time.

Being that they are the only family owned and run mortuary that I am aware of in Orange County, it is more than a business. When you step through their front door you begin the 'Heritage Experience.' Dennis and Linda Gallagher have invited you into their 'home.'

When a dear friend passed, I suggested that the family use Heritage Memorial. From the time we walked through the door and throughout the experience, we were special. Yes, there can be a "best mortuary" and Heritage stands alone in that category." - **Ellie Nixon, LivHome**

Cruise of Lights *By Eva Kilgore*

Each year, thousands of people are treated to the Huntington Harbour boat parade. Elaborately decorated vessels cruise the waterways in procession, to the delight of those watching from decks, docks, balconies, bridges, and beaches.

John Ochs will lead the parade this year, and his theme is Centennial Celebration-kicking off the 100-year-celebration of the city of Huntington Beach. Sponsored by the Huntington Harbour Philharmonic Committee, boats are judged on use of lights, tribute to theme, most religious, most contemporary, sweepstakes, and more.

Now in its 46th year, the Cruise of Lights has taken close to 20,000 visitors each year from as far away as China on narrated, 45-minute tours of the Harbour to view thousands of lights on homes and boats. Funds benefit music programs for over 250,000 OC students from K-12. For dates, times and prices, please visit www.hhboatparade.org or call (714) 840-7542.

