

## City Manager's Report

#### CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

**April 2, 2021** 

#### **COVID-19 Update: Orange County Moves to Orange Tier**

This week, Orange County moved from Red Tier (Substantial Spread) to Orange Tier (Moderate Spread) as part of the California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy - a systematic plan to gradually and safely reopen the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are fewer than 3.9 new coronavirus cases per 100,000 people, allowing Orange County to shift to the less restrictive Orange Tier. Many establishments will be able to host at a larger capacity, and some indoor establishments may open with modifications. For the full list of guidelines, visit covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy.

#### **COVID-19 UPDATE: ORANGE COUNTY IN ORANGE TIER**

Amusement parks	Outdoor, 25% capacity
All retail	Indoors with modifications
Personal care (hair/nail salons)	Indoors with modifications
Museums, zoos, aquariums	Indoors, 50% capacity
Restaurants, churches, movies	Indoors, 50% capacity
Family entertainment centers	Indoors with social distancing, 25% capacity
Gyms	Indoors, 25% capacity
Breweries, wineries, distilleries	Outdoors and indoors, 25% capacity
Non-essential offices	Indoors with modifications
Bars	Outdoors with modifications
Colleges	Indoors with modifications; 50% cap or 200 people
Schools	May reopen fully for in-person instruction
Recreational Sports	Outdoor high-contact & indoor low-contact sports
Small Private Gatherings	Outdoors and indoors with modifications (masks and distancing required, only 3 households can attend, those at high risk should not attend)



#### Calling All Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19!



Applications Accepted Online From April 5-12, 2021

# COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM

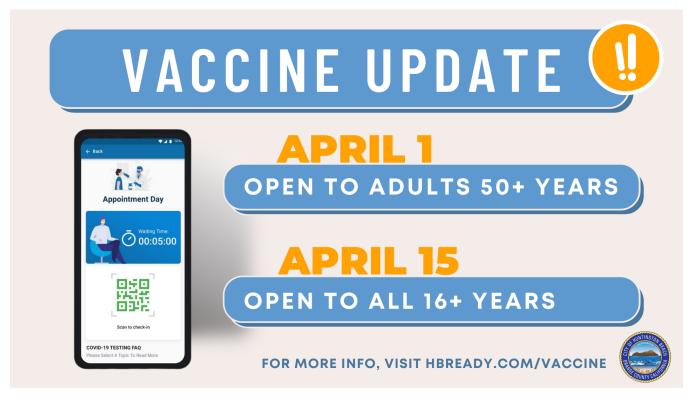
For guidelines and to apply: HBReady.com/biz-grants

STARTING APRIL 5, 2021 AT 8:00AM, eligible small businesses in Huntington Beach can apply for \$5,000 micro-grants through our COVID-19 Small Business Micro-Grant Program.

125 micro-grants will be distributed by lottery to eligible applicants for allowable expenses such as rent, utilities, or COVID-related personal protective equipment. Applications will be accepted from April 5 at 8:00 a.m. through April 12 at 5:00 p.m.

For eligibility guidelines, a list of required documents, and to apply, visit www.HBready.com/biz-grants.

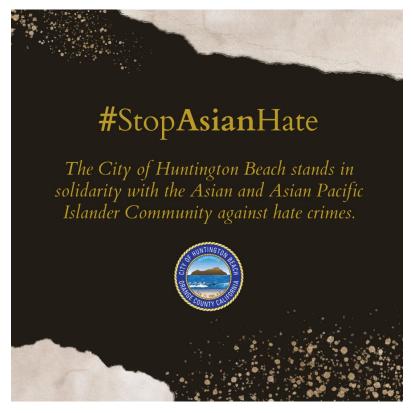
#### **Vaccine Eligibility Expanding in April**



Attention Surf City! Starting in April, COVID-19 vaccine eligibility will begin to expand:

- April 1 All individuals 50 years and older
- April 15 All individuals 16 years and older

To register, head to <u>Othena.com</u> or visit <u>www.HBReady.com/vaccine</u> to find a location near you. To learn about the safety of COVID-19, visit the <u>CDC's website on vaccine efficacy and safety.</u>



Since the start of COVID-19, the nation has seen a troubling rise in anti-Asian hate crimes. 3,800 incidents have been reported in the past year alone, ranging from physical assault to verbal harassment, and Asian women have been the primary targets.

The City of Huntington Beach recognizes the fear and concerns that Asian and Asian Pacific Islander (AAPI) residents are experiencing and stands in solidarity with them. We denounce any and all acts of hate and violence against any individual, regardless of their ethnicity, and we wish to assure all AAPIs that they remain a valuable and integral part of our City.

Please join us in supporting the AAPI community by doing the following:

- 1. Be vigilant for hate crimes in action.
- 2. To report a crime in progress, call 911.
- 3. To report a non-emergency hate crime, call HBPD Dispatch at (714) 960-8825.

Visit the City's Diversity, Equality and Inclusion page to learn about our work to create a welcoming and safe environment for our entire community:

http://ow.ly/lj7u50E4rFT







#### **Hidden Huntington Beach - Episode 2 Now Playing!**



Mysterious marking at the Huntington Beach Equestrian Center... Don't miss this new episode of Hidden Huntington Beach showing now as we share and decode these "hidden" symbols.

Where to watch:

youtube.com/cityofhb bitly.com/SurfCityTV at noon and 8:30 p.m.

#### **Community Development Department**



## The City of Huntington Beach is beginning the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element!

Please join us remotely to learn about what happens when the City updates its Housing Element, why the City is required to do so, and what opportunities community members have to give feedback.

#### The virtual meeting will focus on:

- Housing needs and services within Huntington Beach
- Opportunities to provide housing at all income levels in the community
- · Identifying constraints to building and accessing housing
- Upcoming community engagement opportunities

WHEN: Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6 PM

WHERE: A Zoom link will be available on the City's Housing Element Update webpage

**WEBSITE:** huntingtonbeachca.gov/housingelement

For questions, please contact: housingelement@surfcity-hb.org



#### **Community Development Department**



# ¡La ciudad de Huntington Beach está iniciando el proceso para actualizar el Elemento de Vivienda 2021-2029!

Únase a nosotros de forma remota para conocer qué sucede cuando la ciudad actualiza su Elemento de Vivienda, por qué la ciudad debe hacerlo y qué oportunidades tienen los miembros de la comunidad para proporcionar sus comentarios.

#### La reunión virtual se enfocará en lo siguiente:

- Necesidades de vivienda y servicios dentro de Huntington Beach
- Oportunidades para proporcionar vivienda a todos los niveles de ingreso en la comunidad
- Identificar las limitaciones para la construcción y el acceso a la vivienda
- Próximas oportunidades de participación comunitaria

FECHA: Jueves, 22 de abril del 2021 a las 6 PM

LUGAR: Un enlace de Zoom estará disponible en la Actualización del Elemento de

Vivienda en la página web de la ciudad

SITIO WEB: huntingtonbeachca.gov/housingelement

Si tiene preguntas, por favor comuníquese a: housingelement@surfcity-hb.org



#### **Police Department**

#### **DUI Enforcement**



The Huntington Beach Police Department is committed to keeping our roadways safe and free of impaired drivers. To ensure the safety of our roadways, our department holds various DUI/ Driver's License Checkpoints throughout the year. Recently, Huntington the Beach Department conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint and as a result of the checkpoint, three drivers were arrested for DUI (two for alcohol DUI and one for DUI drugs), seven drivers were cited for being unlicensed, and three drivers were cited for additional violations. If you consume alcohol or any substance that can impair your ability to drive a motor vehicle,

please have a sober driver who can take you home, use a ride-share vehicle, call a taxi, or use other safe means of transportation. There is no excuse to drive while under the influence.

#### **Dog Walker Watch Program**



Police Department and Community Services Department hosted their first Dog Walker Watch Program on Tuesday, March 23! The presentation was held through Zoom and it included guest speakers from OC Animal Care Center and our very own 9-1-1 Dispatcher. During the presentation, provided we information about how to identify suspicious activity, how to be a responsible dog owner and we provided resources that will help citizens the adequate report specific issues to department. We look forward to hosting more presentations in the near future! Don't miss out on the next presentation, sign up by scanning the QR code shown in the picture or go the following website: huntingtonbeachca.gov/dww

#### **Police Department**

#### **Bicycle Safety Education**



These past few days, the Huntington Beach Police Department, hosted two separate events geared towards bicycle and pedestrian safety. During Sunday's "Bicycle Rodeo" at the beach, and Tuesday's Surf City Nights "Safety Tent," officers handed out a variety of reflectors, bicycle lights, coloring books with a safety message, and bicycle helmets, while speaking to adults and kids about bicycle safety to over 300 citizens. Those who dared also participated in a slow speed obstacle course at the "Bicycle Rodeo," where the slowest time, without putting a foot down, won for the day!

In 2020, 11 pedestrians and bicyclists were killed and 188 pedestrians and bicyclists were injured in traffic collisions in Huntington Beach. The Huntington Beach Police Department would like to remind everyone to be safe, be mindful of your surroundings and we encourage everyone to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle (if you are under the age of 18, a helmet is legally required).

The California Office of Traffic Safety sponsored both the DUI enforcement and the Bicycle Safety education events.



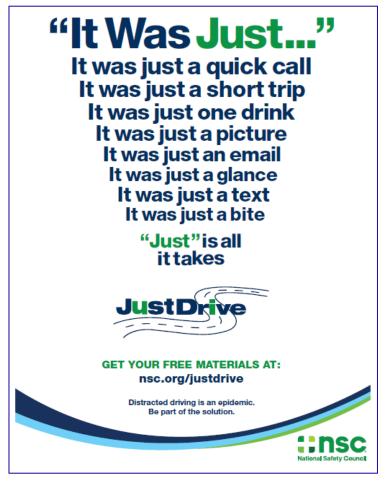
#### **Fire Department**

#### **Distracted Driving Awareness Month**

Put down the phone and pay attention; April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on our roads. While drivers texting behind the wheel tops what seems like an endless list of distractions, other risky actions include talking — whether it be on the phone or to others in the car, setting your navigation, adjusting what you're listening to, drinking coffee, applying makeup, and more. By driving distracted, you're robbing yourself of seconds that you may need to avoid a close call or deadly crash.

During Distracted Driving Awareness Month, is a good time to regroup and take responsibility for the choices we make when we're on the road. Follow these safety tips for a safe ride every time:

• Need to send a text? Pull over and park your car in a safe location. Only then is it safe to send or read a text.



- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter." Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not scroll through apps, including social media, while driving. Cell phone use can be habit-forming. Struggling to not text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of the vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

Distracted driving is becoming a complex issue in our world with nearly 9 people being killed in a car crash per day. This April for Distracted Driving Awareness Month, take the National Safety Council #JustDrive pledge and commit to driving distraction-free: nsc.org/pledge.

#### Would You Like to Take a Survey?

Help Us Design the Future of Huntington Beach Public Library! We're developing plans for what the Library should look like, in order to meet the needs of our community. You can help by sharing your thoughts in this short survey (in Spanish and English)!

Click here to help improve your libraries: <a href="http://ow.ly/gCJf50E9QD0">http://ow.ly/gCJf50E9QD0</a>



#### **Softball Registration is Here!**



Registration for the Spring/ Summer 2021 Adult Softball leagues is now underway. The registration deadline is April 5, 2021. Senior Men's leagues are offered on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights; Senior Coed leagues are offered on Tuesday nights; Senior Women's leagues are offered on Monday and Thursday nights; Men's leagues are offered on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays; Coed leagues are offered on Sunday afternoons and evenings and Wednesday nights.

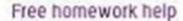
The leagues will start play April 12 and will concluded in July. Registration packets are available on the City Adult Softball page or can be mailed out. For more details or information, please contact the Community and Library Services office at 714-536-5230.

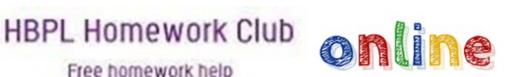
#### Oak View Branch News



Join other craft enthusiasts at the Oak View Branch library for an interactive and seasonally appropriate workshop on Paper Flower Making – in Spanish! On Monday, April 5 at 4:00 pm., via a virtual Zoom session, participants ages 14 and up will learn how to make easy yet beautiful paper flowers. This program will be in Spanish only. Once registered, instructions will be sent on how to pick-up the provided materials, as well as how to log into the Zoom session. For more information, please call 714 375-5068.

iUnase a una sesion virtual en Zoom de una Taller de Flores de Papel -- en Español. El lunes, 5 de abril a las 4 p.m., aprender hacer lindas flores en papel! Edades a partir de 14 años en adelante. Este programa será en Español. Una vez que usted se haya registrado, recibirá instrucciones de como recoger sus materiales y la información de cómo conectarse a la sesión de Zoom.





The Oak View Branch Library offers free online homework help and reading support for students in K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade with their online homework club. The service is on a first come, first served basis, and the sessions take place during Zoom meetings. The Online Homework Club Program meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-5p.m., and Wednesdays from 1-4:30 pm. Students must register in advance, but daily attendance is not required. To get an application and learn how to connect online via Zoom, please email the Homework Club Coordinator at marina.iturbide@surfcity-hb.org or stop by the Oak view Branch Library during Curbside Service hours (Tuesdays & Thursdays 12 pm-4 pm) to pick one up. For additional information, please call 714-375-5068.

#### **Youth Services Department – Teen Programs**



All teens are invited to join the Central Library's Teen Librarian Christany for the next Online Teen Book Club on Saturday, April 10 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. This is the perfect way to get some great recommendations for books to add to the TBR pile! Our hip teen librarian will both share book trailers and suggest some awesome new reads, including graphic novels, manga, and webcomics. What's neat about this book club is that participants are not required to read any specific book – instead, the goal is to share newly discovered titles online with other group members. Coverage of diverse books from all genres is

sure to get every participant excited about discovering their next favorite book! The Teen Book Club is held the second Saturday of every month.

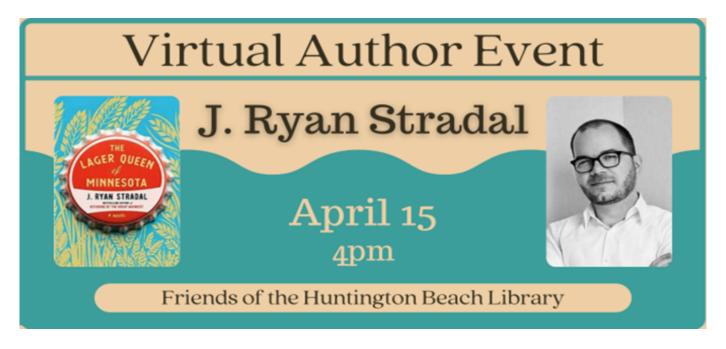
#### **Adult Department**



Join other like-minded entrepreneurs for an online introduction to **SCORE Orange County**, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping small businesses thrive. On **April 7 at 5:30 p.m.**,

SCORE mentor William (Bill) Spear will lead an hour-long presentation covering SCORE's many free services, and show how they can help people either start a new business or improve an existing one. SCORE is the nation's largest network of volunteer expert business mentors, and is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Registration is required. A Zoom link will be sent via e-mail after registration. To sign-up, follow this link: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/nj.1007/html">https://doi.org/10.1007/nj.1007/n

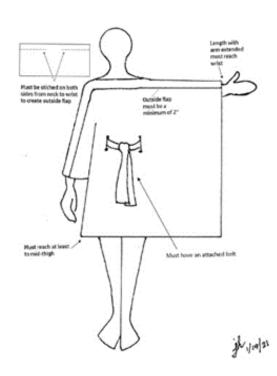
#### **Friends of the Library Programs**



The Friends of the Huntington Beach Library are pleased to present the next virtual author talk in this popular online series. The featured author on Thursday, April 15, at 4 p.m. will be J. Ryan Stradal. Mr. Stradal's national bestseller The Lager Queen of Minnesota, his second novel, won the 2020 WILLA Award for best contemporary fiction. This deeply affecting family saga tells the story of two sisters eager to make their mark in the world, despite the odds stacked against them. After their father leaves his farm entirely to the younger sibling, can the resulting split in the family ever be mended? The author will be on hand to share his latest news, as well as answer questions about his work, his future writing plans and personal life -- which includes a fondness for craft beer! Join from the comfort of home via Zoom. While this event is free, there is limited space. Visit https://bit.ly/39zLN7r to register.

#### **Art Center Design Competition**





Join the Huntington Beach Art Center both online and in person for the **2021** Judith Hendler Design Competition "The Cocoon Cloak." This exhibit will explore the intersection of fashion and environmental sustainability. In a series of essays found on the Art Center's blog, *The Muse*, fashion design college student Loren Blackwood explores the history behind the "Cocoon Cloak" design, and the impacts of sustainable changes in the fashion industry. Learn about the evolution of simple garments such as the caftan, tunic, and poncho across the globe, and see what steps some designers and companies are taking to make their clothing more eco-friendly.

For more information, please visit:

https://bit.ly/3sJYtjT

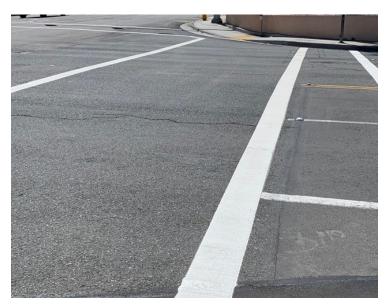
Visit the Art Center between **May 1 and June 12** to see the actual "Cocoon Cloaks" made by local Community College fashion design students and members of The Huntington Beach Art Center.

#### **Public Works Department**

#### **Capital Improvement Updates**

#### **Fiber Optic Installations**

This past week a contract was approved to install fiber optic cable on Gothard Street, Garfield Avenue and Murdy Park. A pre-construction meeting is now scheduled for this project. It is anticipated that construction will being in April and extend through this summer.



#### **Newland / Slater Traffic Signal**

Traffic crosswalks were striped at the intersection along with some biking legends and limit lines. The project is scheduled to be completed in March.



#### **Goldenwest / Heil Traffic Signal**

The project has been informally accepted and the Contractor will begin working on punch list items for close-out.

#### **Public Works Department**



#### **Sunset Beach Water Main Replacement**

New water line installation is in full swing at the alley between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> street, between Pecan and Acacia Avenue. This project is scheduled to be completed in early May.



#### **Saybrook Sewer Lift Station**

The sewer lift station at Saybrook and Heil is under construction. Reviews for the major excavation work for the lift station has been completed, which will enable the contractor to start excavation at towards the end of March. This project is scheduled to be completed Fall 2021.



#### **Zone-3 ADA Curb Ramps**

A total of 118 new ADA-compliant curb ramps have been installed to date. This project is on track to install a total of 238 new ramps in the Zone-3 maintenance area. Project completion is expected in May 2021.

#### **Public Works Department**



#### Arterial Rehabilitation Project – Newland, Brookhurst, Garfield, Atlanta

The contractor continued working on tree removals and sidewalk panel saw cuts in preparation for the pavement rehabilitation. Work is currently being performed on the west side of Newland and Brookhurst. This work will be under construction through the Summer 2021.



#### Slater Sewer Lift Station

This project replaces an existing outdated sewer lift station that will add reliability and capacity. The project is proceeding with sewer manhole work in the travel lanes. This project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2021.



#### **Maintenance/Beach Operations**

The Sunset Beach berm is slated for removal starting Monday, April 5, 2021

#### The Mayor's Corner - By Kim Carr



#### **Beach Bike Path Safety**

On Friday, March 26, Mayor Carr biked along the City's beautiful beach path with road and electric bike enthusiasts. Together, they discussed ways to make the beach path safer including adding more signage, enforcing speed limits, breaks in the path to reduce people speeding and long-term ideas like adding lanes for walkers or bikes only. The Mayor was joined by Police Chief Harvey, Fire Chief Haberle, Public Works Director Sean Crumby and many others from the City who met to listen and discuss solutions.



#### **Community Events**



https://ghbic.org/ and https://www.justserve.org/

#### CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

#### **City Hall Directory**

Helpline	(714) 536-5511
City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 374-1600
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5202
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Business Development	(714) 536-5582
Finance Department	(714) 536-5630
Business Licenses	(714) 536-5267
Fire Department	(714) 536-5411
Human Resources	(714) 536-5492
Information Services	(714) 536-5515
Library Services	(714) 842-4481
Community Development	(714) 536-5271
Code Enforcement	(714) 375-5155
Police Department	(714) 960-8811
Public Works	(714) 536-5431
Graffiti Removal	(714) 960-8861



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