

## City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

February 19, 2021

## **2021** Fourth of July Fireworks Stand Application and Lottery Process

Fireworks Stand Application Period: March 1 through March 31

Get ready to celebrate the Fourth of July with safe and sane fireworks on July 4th from noon to 10pm!

Annually, the City conducts a lottery to issue permits to non-profit organizations to sell safe and sane fireworks as part of their fundraising efforts..

The maximum number of fireworks stand permits that may be issued during any one calendar year is 15, with a maximum number of five permits issued to qualified organizations in each of the following categories: civic organizations, high schools and youth sports. Qualified civic and youth sports organizations will participate in a fireworks stand

lottery held during the regular City Council meeting of April 19, 2021 at 6 p.m.

For more information, visit <a href="http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/fireworks.">http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/fireworks.</a>

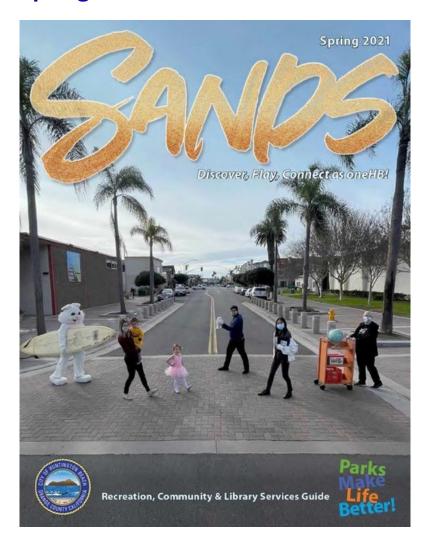
### **Second Supervisorial District Vacancy Election**

A Special Election will be held on March 9, 2021 within the Second Supervisorial District of the County of Orange Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy in the Office of Second District Supervisor.

For a map of all Vote Center locations in the County, visit <a href="https://www.ocvote.com/votecenter">www.ocvote.com/votecenter</a>. For a map of all ballot drop box locations in the County, visit <a href="https://www.ocvote.com/dropbox">www.ocvote.com/dropbox</a>.



### Spring 2021 SANDS



The spring issue of the SANDS is here! This issue:

- Highlights the recent merge of the Community & Library Services Department
- Provides information on how to get active this May for National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
- Shares exciting new upgrades to the City Gym & Pool
- Different ways our community can stay up-to-date with the latest City happenings
- How to get involved with the Huntington Beach Navigation Center.

We are happy to continue to offer recreational programming during this uncertain time.

To ensure classes can be offered based on state and county guidance, the registration window for spring is as follows:

- Registration for all in-person activities opens 14 days before the class begins at 8 a.m.
- Registration for all **online** activities opens Tuesday, March 9, at 8 a.m.
- Registration for all **events** opens 60 days before the date of the event.

The spring *SANDS* will be mailed to all Huntington Beach residents the week of February 22 and a brand new digital version is available on <a href="https://huntingtonbeachca.gov/sands">huntingtonbeachca.gov/sands</a>. Registration will be accepted online at <a href="https://huntingtonbeachca.gov/sands">hbsands.org</a> or by mail-in/drop-box to City Hall. Spring classes will begin Monday, March 22. For questions, please call the Community & Library Services Department at (714)-536-5486. We're excited for everyone to *Discover, Play, and Connect as OneHB*!



The Senior Center in Central Park helped more than 950 older adults book COVID-19 vaccination appointments here in Huntington Beach in early February. During the first wave, the Oak View Collaborative and the Senior Center in Central Park were able to connect with over 300 older adults who were challenged by service barriers such as mobility, transportation, language, or technology. The focus was to serve those who were not able to get to a super POD out of the area.

Hoag Community Health provided the leadership, vaccines and wonderful staff to manage and carry out the event. Centrally located, Ocean View High School provided the site and hardworking staff to ensure those visiting the campus had everything they needed for the day. Several passionate staff from organizations such as the Oak View Resource Center and the Senior Center reached out to community members and booked appointments directly. Seniors on the Go provided rides to and from the event for 40 passengers.

Another opportunity was provided the second week of February and hosted by Huntington Beach Hospital. Senior Center staff, with less than 48 hours' notice, reached out to over 1,000 older adults in HB and worked tirelessly to book over 600 appointments. Seniors on the Go again provided rides, focusing on those who are challenged by mobility and/or transportation. The booster shots will be coordinated in much the same way, by appointment only, for both these events in late February/early March. Collaborating agencies included: Huntington Beach Hospital, Hoag Hospital, Hoag Community Medicine, Oak View Family Resource Center, Oak View Elementary School, Ocean View High School, OV School District and HB School District, Senior Center in Central Park, Seniors on the Go Transportation, HB Police Department, and HB Fire Department.

### **Police Department**

### **Hoag Hospital Distributes 306 COVID-19 Vaccines**



On Saturday, February 6, the Huntington Beach Police Department, the Senior Center, local community partners, and Hoag Hospital partnered to bring 300 COVID-19 vaccines to seniors in our city who are 65 years and older. Seniors are not only part of the vulnerable population but they also face various challenges that make it difficult to access the COVID-19 vaccine. The lack of email access, transportation, and for some seniors the lack of translation, creates a barrier to access the opportunity to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

The OC Health Care Agency reports that only nine percent of Hispanics who are 65 years and older in Orange County have received the COVID-19. Keeping those challenges in mind, we dedicated our efforts to

collaborate with local partners and Hoag Hospital to host this one-day event where 306 seniors were able to take advantage of this great opportunity. We thank all our community partners, including all the volunteers who donated their time to make this event successful.



### **Police Department**





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### **Calling All High School Seniors!**



The Huntington Beach Police and Community Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2021 Jake Olson "Courage" Scholarship. All high school seniors attending school or living within the City of Huntington Beach are eligible to apply. The deadline to submit your application is Friday, February 26, 2021. All entries must be submitted electronically. The \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to four recipients.

To learn more about this opportunity, please click on the link below for more information and to learn about Jake Olson and his incredible story: https://www.hbpcf.org/scholarship

### **Fire Department**

## Marine Safety Division Invites 45 Candidates to 2021 Ocean Lifeguard Academy

The Huntington Beach Fire Department's Marine Safety Division recently held seasonal lifeguard tryouts. These seasonal lifeguards will work in towers and protect residents and visitors during our busy summer season. A total of 79 people were invited to participate, 60 went into oral boards, and 51 completed the process.

On the day of the event, the invited participants were placed in a holding area where each participant was registered, given a specific colored cap, numbered, and given a timing chip. The events were competitive but more importantly participants were kept safe by COVID-19 protocols.

There were three events: a pier swim, which is approximately 800 yards; a bait house swim that's approximately 600 yards; and a run-swim-run. We thank all the participants who came out to participate. Ultimately, a total of 45 candidates were invited to participate in the 2021 Ocean Lifeguard Academy. We are very excited they are joining our team!



### **Fire Department**

### **Community Risk Reduction**

Did you know that more than 73% of burn injuries occur in the home? We want to reduce the risk to our community and we are asking you to take some time and read about burn prevention provided by the American Burn Association.

Here's a few tips to get you started in creating a safe home environment for your children:

- Talk to your children in an age- appropriate manner about the dangers of fire play.
- Set a good example by using lighters in a safe manner and keep them out of reach when not using.
- Store accelerants such as gasoline and propane outside of the home and locked up.
- Do not leave children unattended around open flames such as candles and BBQ grills.

Visit <a href="http://ameriburn.org/prevention/prevention-resources/">http://ameriburn.org/prevention/prevention-resources/</a> to learn tips to keep you and your family safe from getting burned.



### **Public Works Department**

### MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY presents...



## ater Awareness OSTER CONTEST

ALL ORANGE COUNTY STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12 ARE INVITED TO CREATE POSTERS THAT REFLECT THE THEME:

TOGETHER



One grand prize winner per grade division: K-2 / 3-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 will win an iPad!



PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH YOUR EMAIL SUBMISSION:

- ★ Student's Name
- ◆ Grade Level
- ★ School Name
- ◆ School District
- ★ Teacher's Name

SEND CONTEST

**ENTRIES TO:** 

- ★ Teacher's Email
- Parent's Name
- ★ Parent's Email
- ◆ Parent's Phone

### TEACHERS!

Make it a class project and be entered to win a FREE virtual, interactive water lesson for your students!

## **CONTEST RULES**

### ★ DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2021 ★

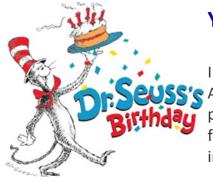
- Now open to all Orange County children; however, only students in grades K-12 are eligible to receive a Grand Prize. All Pre-K entries will receive a personal letter from Ricky Raindrop.
- Submissions must reflect the student's own ability.
- Posters must be drawn horizontally on 8.5 x 11 in. paper.
- ORIGINAL ARTWORK ONLY. Posters submitted with copyrighted characters or images (e.g. Mickey Mouse) will not be accepted. Students are allowed to use the Ricky Raindrop character in their artwork. https://bit.ly/RickyRaindropIMG

All artwork will be the exclusive property of the Municipal Water District of Orange County for reproduction or promotional purposes, and may be published at mwdoc.com

QUESTION (714) 593-5004



POSTERCONTEST



### **Youth Services – Children's Programs**

In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, the "Kids Take & Make Explorers Activity Kit" will celebrate Read Across America week, which takes place the first week of March. These popular activity kits are designed for children to encourage exploration, hands-on activity, and intentional interaction.



Registration for the March 1 kit will open at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 21. Kit pickup will take place at the Central Library during Sidewalk Service hours (Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Kits must be picked up during the week of March 1-6; no late pickups are allowed without prior arrangements with Children's Library staff. Kits are limited to 50 per week due to supply availability, so please limit registration to a maximum of four kits per family. To register for the March 1 Dr. Seuss Activity Kit, go to https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7351447.

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

### March 1—6: DIY Boba Tea

For all teens in grades 6-12 who are missing their favorite boba tea shop right now, the TeenSpace has it covered! Also known as bubble tea, this drink made with milky tea and chewy tapioca pearls is both popular and addictively delicious. The March 1



DIY Boba Tea kit contains everything needed to whip up a delicious boba milk tea at home; also included is a bit of history on the origins of this tasty treat.

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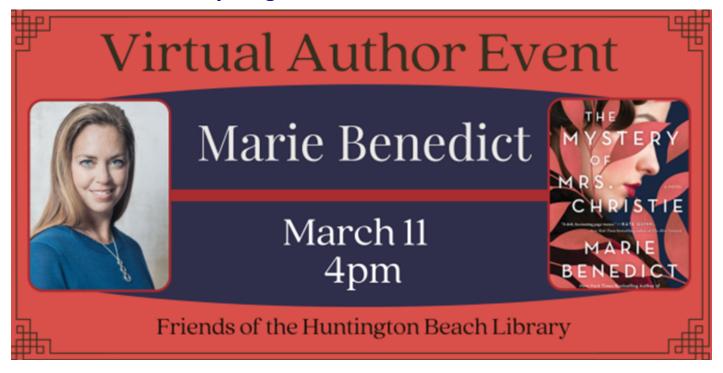
The Huntington Beach Art Center's Valentine Love and March Madness Membership Drive will take place between February 15 and March 31, 2021. Now is the time to join or renew a membership to the Huntington Beach Art Center at any level in February and March. Membership privileges include:

- Invitations to exhibitions and events
- Special discounts on classes and workshops
- ◆ A custom HBAC tote bag sent by mail
- A thirteen month membership to the Art Center
- An entry into the April 6th drawing to win one of two Pedego HB Free One Day Electric Bike Rental gift certificates (\$100 value).

Each annual membership provides valuable support for the HBAC's annual programs and exhibitions. Although doors are still closed to the public, the Art Center has moved their exhibits online. Members can visit <a href="www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org">www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org</a> to see the **2021 Centered on the Center** open-call, a non-juried exhibition celebrating the Center's 25<sup>th</sup> year, the latest Artist Council programming, and hear from artists and neighbors in online videos and blog updates. There is something new every week.

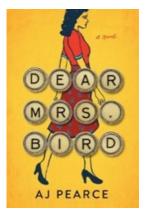
For memberships that don't end in February or March, it is still possible to reap the benefits of the membership drive. Renew now to #ShowYourHBLove, and members will get the extra 13 months added to their account starting when their current membership ends – plus the tote bag, and an entry into the drawing. For more information on how to renew, visit: www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org or call (714) 374-1650.

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



Join the Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 4 p.m. for a live Zoom talk with New York Times bestselling author Marie Benedict. Ms. Benedict will discuss her latest work of historical fiction, <u>The Mystery of Mrs. Christie</u>, an exploration of the untold story of Agatha Christie's mysterious eleven-day disappearance in December of 1926. Benedict brings us into the world of the famed novelist to imagine why such a brilliant woman would find herself at the center of such a murky story. Registration begins February 12. To register for this free event, visit <a href="https://www.fotlhb.com/programs--special-events">https://www.fotlhb.com/programs--special-events</a> 1.html.

### **Adult Services Programs**



The next online Central Library Book Club will take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 7 to 8 p.m. This library-sponsored book club takes place on the first Tuesday of every month, and is intended for adults ages 18 and up. This month's book is <u>Dear Mrs. Bird</u>, by A.J. Pearce. Join other bibliophiles to discuss this charming debut novel set in London during World War II about an adventurous young woman who becomes a secret advice columnist. This enormously moving story is for fans of <u>The Guernsey Literary</u>, <u>Potato Peel Pie Society</u>, and <u>Lilac Girls</u>. To register, please go to <a href="https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7326114">https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7326114</a>.

### **Literacy Department Programs**

Join the Literacy Volunteers of Huntington Beach Public Library on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. for a special evening with *USA Today* best-seller Abbi Waxman, author of <u>I was Told it Would Get Easier</u>. Mother-daughter duo Jessica and Emily Burnstein are touring the east coast looking at prospective colleges. Neither of them know that they both have very different ideas of how this college tour should go – and soon, their carefully mapped-out college tour turns into a series of off-roading misadventures. Abbi will do a reading of her book, followed by a Q & A session. This virtual event is free to attend; donations are appreciated. Registration opens soon.

For more information, please visit the literacy department's webpage at <a href="https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/library/literacy\_programs/">https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/library/literacy\_programs/</a>





The HBPL Adult Literacy Department is offering Online Citizenship Classes for those wanting to become a U.S. citizen. This online course will help learners prepare for the Naturalization Exam, by providing information on each of the questions included. These two-hour virtual classes offered online via Zoom will begin on Wednesday, March 10, at 10 a.m., and meet once a week for 13 weeks.

Registration is required online. Receive a link to the Zoom meeting prior to the event at <a href="https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/library/events">https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/library/events</a> news/.

### **Public Information Office**



HBTV-3 is seeking talented local chefs and restaurant managers from all types of backgrounds and with a range of cooking styles to be broadcasted in our new show, Chefs of Huntington Beach! If cooking is your passion, you cannot miss out on this FREE opportunity to showcase your restaurant! For more details and the application, head to www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/chefsofhb



What's Surf City without surfing? Check out Episode 2 of Surf Scene, as PT Townend interviews legendary surfers Joey Hawkins and John "Bam Bam" Parmeter!

#### Watch on:

- HBTV Streaming everyday at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- YouTube https://bit.ly/3ptmhql

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### **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
<b>Business Licenses</b>	(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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