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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA



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HUNTINGTON BEACH PIER FESTIVAL WILL KICK OFF THE 4TH

The City of Huntington Beach will kick off its Surf City Dreamin' 4th of July Celebration with the Huntington Beach Pier Festival from July 2-4, 2021! This outdoor Festival will offer nonstop activities for visitors of every age – all from the vantage point of the renowned Huntington Beach Pier.

The Festival will open its doors on July 2 at 11 a.m. and will play host to more than fifty local vendors and food trucks, games, and a 12,000 square-foot beer and wine garden that offers the best seat in the house during the July 4 fireworks show.

Pier Plaza, as well as the Parking Lot at 6th Street and PCH will host various vendor booths showcasing a mix of retail offerings including high end surfboards from the iconic Huntington Surf and Sport, island home décor, modern swimwear, children's toys, pet products, handmade jewelry, and crafts. The area will also feature gourmet food trucks and carts, making this event a one-stop shop for all your weekend needs. Lastly, all vendors will be staged twelve feet apart in support of COVID-19 public health protocols.

The 12,000 square-foot beer and wine garden for adult attendees will feature premium brands, craft offerings, and a selection of amazing wines from Temecula, Napa, and Sonoma. Appearances by leading local bartenders and promotional giveaways from Festival sponsors will offer something new daily.

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4TH OF JULY (CONTINUED)

The all-new Amusements Area, located on the north side of 6th Street at Pacific Coast Highway is great for the entire family and will feature a 75-foot tall Ferris wheel, a 90-foot Monster Slide, traditional carnival games, and more. (See page 3 for more)

Additional entertainment will be hosted at the Main Stage on the Pier, featuring a daily roster of emcees

and DJs, including local TV host Matt Liffreing and on-air DJs from iHeart Media stations including KIIS-FM, AM 570 Sports, MyFM and KOST.

The event will also host hourly giveaways and trivia games. After sunset, lights hit the Main Stage as DJs from local music pioneers iHeartTheDJ and the OC Silent Disco host a unique music streaming and dance experience! Attendees may wear neon headphones and dancing on the stage lawn to their own private beat. Attendees can expect live performances by leading acts from the local music scene, as well as a performance of the “Star Spangled Banner” on July 4, just prior to the flyover and aerial acrobatics from the WWII-era AT-6/SNJ “Texan” training aircraft of the legendary Condor Squadron at approximately 5:25 p.m.

Finally, at approximately 9PM, our July 4 fireworks show will take center stage. The 26 minute long show will showcase premium pyrotechnics launched off the Huntington Beach Pier.

We invite you to join us on July 2-4 for this series of exciting events to kick off an incredible summer. There’s something for everyone at the largest 4th of July celebration this side of the Mississippi. For more updates, visit www.hb4thofjuly.org.



FIREWORKS STAND LOCATION MAP AVAILABLE ONLINE!


Interested in celebrating July 4th with safe and sane fireworks?

The City Clerk's Fireworks Information page located at <https://huntingtonbeachca.gov/fireworks> now provides a link to a map that shows the location of 15 active fireworks stands operated by the non-profit organizations successful in this year's fireworks lottery.

Safe and sane fireworks can be purchased July 1, 2, and 3 from Noon to 10 p.m., and on July 4 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Discharge of Safe and Sane Fireworks is only allowed on July 4 from noon to 10 p.m.

Enjoy, and be safe!!


PILOT PROGRAM: FREE ELECTRIC SHUTTLE SERVICE IN DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON BEACH




A FREE RIDE, AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.

Circuit is an award winning, 100% electric, eco-friendly shuttle service operating in 20+ cities nationwide, including Huntington Beach. Take a free ride anywhere in our Huntington Beach coverage area by downloading the Ride Circuit app or simply waving down a driver.


SERVICE AREA




MONDAY - SATURDAY: 10AM-10PM
SUNDAY: 10AM-9PM



GET IT ON




Download on the



POPULAR DESTINATIONS

- Huntington Beach Pier
- Main Street
- Pacific City
- Hyatt Regency
- Paséa Hotel
- The Waterfront by Hilton
- Kimpton Shorebreak



Starting July 12, the City will test a FREE transit service provider to provide a fleet of low-speed, street-legal, six-seat electric shuttles to ferry car-less people over short distances within the Huntington Beach downtown area. The HB shuttle service is a partnership with Circuit to increase mobility in our Downtown. One of the primary focuses of the program is to help reduce Downtown Huntington Beach's carbon footprint by deploying five all-electric vehicles to provide on-demand shuttle service to residents, workers and visitors Downtown. **(see page 26 for more)**



HIDDEN HUNTINGTON BEACH - DWYER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Does Ethel Dwyer haunt the local school that bears her name?

Hidden HB Season 2, Ep. 7 - Ghost in the Basement - explores the boiler room at Dwyer Middle School where rumor has it the former librarian/vice principal makes her presence known to this day.

Where to watch:

- Channel 3 at 12PM and 8:30PM
- On Demand: [youtube.com/cityofhb](https://www.youtube.com/c/cityofhb)
- Online: bitly.com/SurfCityTV at 12PM and 8:30PM

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY UPDATE



Last Friday, June 18, at 5 p.m, the City closed the application period for those seeking to fill the current vacancy that exists on the City Council. Nearly 200 applications were received, and a complete listing of applicants and their applications can be viewed on the [City Council website](#).

The City will coordinate the logistics related to the next several steps associated with the appointment consideration process, which will involve interviews with prospective candidates on July 9 and 10. Based on our current schedules to date, the final deliberations and appointment consideration is scheduled to occur at the July 20 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC ART IN CENTRAL PARK - UPDATE



During the past few months, staff has been working to coordinate the Public Art in Central Park project that contemplates adding a piece of iconic art in the area adjacent to the Central Library. On June 10, the City's Design Review Board considered the matter, and the prop-

posed Central Park Public Art project was recommended for approval. Given that action, the matter is being coordinated to return to City Council for final consideration in July / August.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE SERIES

PRESENTED BY
THE HUNTINGTON BEACH
HUMAN RELATIONS TASK FORCE IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH OC HUMAN RELATIONS

THREE SESSIONS:
THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND
THURSDAY, MAY 20TH
TUESDAY, JUNE 29TH***

JOIN US FOR SESSION #3:
COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY
TUESDAY, 6/29
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**** Please Note our last
session has been set for
a Tuesday evening*

Free Registration at:
<https://bit.ly/3vpoPs4>



FIREWORKS SAFETY



Fireworks are an iconic part of celebrating Independence Day, but it is important to keep in mind that fireworks can be dangerous. Every year thousands of burns and eye injuries are caused by fireworks.

So how can you stay safe and still have fun? Below are some safety tips:

- Use only "Safe and Sane" fireworks, purchased from a licensed booth and bearing the State Fire Marshal seal on July 4 from noon until 10pm.
- Read and follow all fireworks label directions.
- Keep a bucket of water, garden hose or fire extinguisher nearby.
- Never attempt to re-light or fix a "dud" firework.
- Children should be closely supervised around fireworks. Never allow children to handle or ignite fireworks.
- Properly dispose of fireworks by dousing spent or dud fireworks with water before placing in the trash.

Fireworks **MAY NOT** be discharged:

- On any beach, wetlands, or public parks
- All areas on the ocean side of Pacific Coast Highway (e.g. Sunset Beach)
- Within 10 ft of any residence, dwelling or other structure or oil wells
- Public property (except residential sidewalks, alleys, and streets)
- Properties located in commercial and industrial/manufacturing districts
- Within 300ft of fireworks stand or within 100ft of a gas station/flammables

It is legal to use "Safe and Sane" fireworks in the City on the 4th of July from noon to 10 p.m. Improper discharge of "Safe and Sane" fireworks or discharge of illegal fireworks are subject to a \$500 citation.

To report illegal fireworks, do not call 911! Report through the MyHB app, or starting July 1, call the Fireworks Hotline at (714) 536-LOUD (5683).



NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT DIVISION

We'll help you get down to business.

Did you know that our staff connects businesses to services and opportunities? These services are designed to help businesses succeed and grow:

- Search available commercial properties: [Surfcitylocator.com](https://surfcitylocator.com)
- Connect with Partner resources and programs such as Financial Assistance, Exporting & Trade, Local Resources and Business Organizations, and much more!
- Interested in becoming a City Vendor? Please take a look at the City's Bids and RFPs page.

Visit our Neighborhood Enhancement Division web page to learn more about how we can help your business: <https://www.hbbiz.com/services>

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH



CREATE YOUR NEW HB ACA PORTAL ACCOUNT TODAY!

- Submit **Permit Applications**
- **Payment** Processing
- Schedule **Inspections**
- **Record** Research
- Check Project **Status**
- Submit **Code Complaints**



INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY AFFECTS HUNTINGTON BEACH TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICES



The 2021 Independence Day holiday is observed on Monday, July 5. There is no trash or recycling service on Monday, July 5, and all collections for the week will be delayed by one day. Please be sure to set your containers out prior to 7 a.m. on collection day. Service can happen anytime between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Regular Collection Day	Mon 7/5	Tue 7/6	Wed 7/7	Thu 7/8	Fri 7/9
Holiday Collection	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat



OVERNIGHT FAMILY CAMPOUT

This great camping adventure includes activities such as a craft kit, a reptile show, entertainment provided by Tupua Productions, dinner and a movie, breakfast, and yoga in the park. Enjoy time in the sunshine with friends and family during this once a year event! Spaces are still available. Sign-up on HBSands.org today!

Campout Date:

Saturday, June 26 at noon until Sunday, June 27 at noon

Location:

Huntington Beach Central Park (off Gothard between Talbert and Slater)

Cost:

\$18 per space and \$12 per person

Registration:

HBSANDS.ORG or in person at Murdy Community Center

Class Number:

311203-1A

For questions, contact Murdy Community Center @ (714) 960-8895



70TH ANNUAL HB PIER SWIM

The 70th Annual HB Pier Swim, was billed as the “Socially Distant Pier Swim,” hosted on Saturday, June 12! The event was slimmed down to avoid crowds and keep the swimmers socially distant. Instead of the traditional three big races with over 100 people per race, there were nine different starting times to avoid crowds. Over 225 participants met the challenge of swimming around the pier, with Cameron Castro being the fastest swimmer of the day with a time of 9:33. Swim Long Beach was the team with the highest combined scores, and they will get their name engraved on the Gene Belshe Memorial Perpetual Trophy. A big thank you to the Marine Safety’s Beach Lifeguards, who were stationed in the water, on the beach, and on the pier to make sure that everyone made it around safely.

ADULT ARENA SOCCER SIGN-UPS



The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department offers year round adult arena soccer leagues at the award winning Central Park Sports Complex. Games will be played on artificial sports turf under the lights beginning the week of July 12. Team registration costs are \$400 per eight week season plus referee fees (\$25.00) per game paid directly to the official by each team.

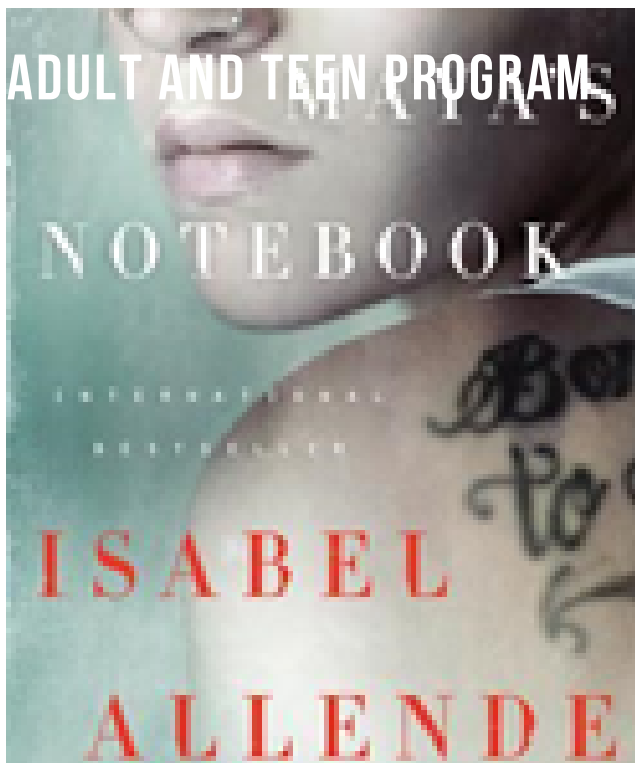
League play will be 6 v 6 including the goalie. Men's leagues are offered on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (Rec 28 plus) with Coed leagues being offered on Tuesday and Friday. All teams must have uniforms with numbers. Registration packets are available at City Hall starting, on the City website or by mail. For league information or to be placed on the individual players list, please call (714) 536-5230. The deadline to turn in team registration is July 6, 2021.

LIBRARY SERVICES EVENTS



Adults ages 18 and up are invited to reserve a “Bibliotherapy Bag” to pick up at the library! The first session will take place all day on Thursday, July 1. These bags are packed full of art, writing and other fun activities for adults to do over the summer, either as part of the Summer Reading Program or not! Those interested should ask the library staff for more information on how to participate. During registration, it is suggested that participants connect with the library’s Shelf Help Librarians so they can get help finding the perfect uplifting books for their therapy bag.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Bags can be picked up anytime on Thursday, July 1 during library open hours.



Join other bibliophiles ages 18 and up for the next online meeting of the “Central Library Book Club”, coming up on Tuesday, July 6 at 7 p.m. This month’s pick is Maya’s Notebook, by Isabel Allende. The library-sponsored book club meets on the first Tuesday of every month, and participants have the opportunity to share their thoughts about the featured book. Registration is required for this virtual event, as there are only a limited number of “seats” available. The event URL will be sent to the e-mail address provided during registration, which can be completed by clicking [here](#).

YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT – TEEN EVENTS



Join the TeenSpace's "Graphic Novel Book Club", new for this summer! This online chat is all about graphic novels, comics and manga, and the first meeting will take place online on Wednesday, June 30 at 4 p.m. Teen Librarian Christany will share recommendations for some awesome graphic novels, manga, and webcomics created just for teens. Many a title is sure to be added to the TBR pile!!

What's great about this book club is that readers are not required to read a specific book before the group meets. Instead, teens may share their most recent read online with other members! Register for this virtual event [here](#). The event URL will be sent to the e-mail provided during registration.



Teens ages 12 and up are invited to celebrate the colors and flavors of summer during the virtual TeenSpace culinary event "Cooking, Live! For Teens", coming up on Thursday, July 8 at 6 p.m. The TeenSpace will be selecting a simple recipe from a cookbook available on Hoopla, (one of the library's digital e-book services) and the ingredients list and book title

will be sent to the email provided during registration. Participants are required to have all ingredients and equipment ready before the event goes live. Novice chefs need not worry; the recipe will not require any advance expertise or fancy equipment. Since there are a limited number of spots available for this online event, advance registration is required. Those interested may sign up [here](#).

YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT – TWEEN NEWS



The Children's Librarians are pleased to present the "Wise Owl TWEEN Book Club", especially for kids ages 8 to 12!

The first session of this special book club will meet online on Thursday, July 1, at 2 p.m., followed by a second session at the end of the month on July 29.

This summer's book club picks are *Doodleville* and *Cardboard Kingdom*, by Chad Sell. Sell will be online at each of our summer club meetings to share his process as an author and illustrator, teach a short drawing lesson, and respond to member questions. The first 30 registrants will receive a free copy of each book activity kit for each session!

Registration for this online event, which opens on Saturday, June 19, is required, as there are a limited number of "seats" available. Interested tweens may sign up for both events [here](#) and an e-mail with the link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to them prior to each session. Books and activity kits can be picked up in advance at the Central Library starting on Saturday, June 26.

YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT - CHILDREN'S EVENT



The next session of the summer "Creativity Corner" program is fast approaching! Week 2 features a letter writing project: "Color a Smile."

Curious? Click <https://colorasmile.org/> to find out more. These projects are intended for kids ages 4 to 12 and can be completed in person (masks and social distancing required) around the fish tank outside the children's department.

They take anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes to complete, and are available only while supplies last. No registration is required. This session will take place every day during the week of June 28 at various times – see the library calendar to find out when by clicking [here](#).

OAK VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY EVENT



Join other art enthusiasts online for a “Paper Flower Class” offered by the Oak View branch library staff via Zoom, intended for tweens, teens and adults! On Wednesday, June 30 at 2 p.m. attendees will learn how to make a variety of beautiful paper flowers. All materials will be available for pick-up in advance; instructions on how to do this will be provided upon registration. The link to this online event will be sent to the e-mail address provided during registration, which can be done online at: <https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7921507>

PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE



The City of Huntington Beach Community & Library Services Department, in collaboration with RJM Design Group is excited to embark upon the process of updating our Parks & Recreation Master Plan! Read **the current Master Plan** which was approved by City Council in 2016, with direction for staff to update in five years. Well, it's already 2021, and the new Master Plan will help guide park and recreation development for the next 10 to 15 years! With the help of community and stake-

holder input, it will provide a clear road map and enable the City to plan for future budgets and meet the community's evolving needs. Community engagement will be a primary focus through various opportunities including workshops and surveys. Our first virtual workshop will be held on Thursday, June 24 at 6 p.m! If you can't attend, don't worry, a recording of the first meeting will be available online, including an opportunity to submit your input.

A website dedicated to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan has been developed. We are working on an official URL for it, but for now, check it out at **<http://bit.ly/HBParksMasterPlan2021>**. Feel free to visit the website regularly to stay up to date with the progress being made, and additional dates for upcoming workshops and surveys. For those in the community that do not have internet access, there will be plenty of opportunities to participate via paper surveys at our many facilities, pop-up in person events, and of course, Commission and Council meetings.

We anticipate the Parks & Recreation Master Plan will be taken to Commission and then to City Council for approval in late 2021. As we all know, Parks Make Life Better!, and we look forward to working alongside the Huntington Beach community and continue to enhance quality of life through outstanding programs, services, and facilities!



#MYPARKS ANDRECSTORY



JULY IS PARKS AND REC MONTH

Every July, the National Parks and Recreation Association (NRPA), along with numerous municipalities and agencies across America, celebrate Parks and Recreation Month. We take this month to recognize the importance of parks and recreation and the role it plays in establishing and maintaining quality of life for residents and visitors and by contributing to the physical, economic, and environmental well-being of Huntington Beach.

City parks and open spaces have been proven to enhance physical and psychological health, strengthen local communities, and make our cities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work. Parks and recreation facilities provide residents and visitors opportunities for physical activity that help people of all ages lead a more active lifestyle. There are multiple social, environmental, economic, and health-related benefits parks bring to a community.

This year's theme for Park and Recreation Month is "Our Park and Recreation Story," and we want to highlight the stories of how our communities are more strong, vibrant and resilient because of parks and recreation. This year's theme is especially fitting for Huntington Beach, as we recently merged the Community Services and Library Services Departments, and are in the process of writing a new story for Surf City. This July, we will be promoting Parks and Rec Month and encourage our Surf City community to share YOUR parks and recreation stories on social media! Be sure to tag **@hbcommunityservices** and use the hashtag **#MyParksAndRecStory!**

DOG WALKER WATCH - UPCOMING TRAINING SESSIONS



**Join the
Huntington Beach
Dog Walker Watch Program**

This program encourages neighbors to assist the police department as an extra set of eyes and ears by becoming more sensitive to suspicious activity.

Learn the skills and abilities to become more aware and observant to surroundings!

Help be our eyes in your neighborhoods and parks!

For more information, call 714-960-8811 or visit huntingtonbeachca.gov/dww

The City's Dog Walker Watch Program conducted its first training in March 2021, where we trained the first cohort of over 20 Dog Walker Watchers! Watchers were trained on how to become more aware of potentially suspicious activity in their neighborhood and help keep Surf City safe. The second training is will be in person and is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Park. Moving forward, trainings will be held every-other-month at different City parks to reach different areas of the community.

For more information about the Dog Walker Watch program, please visit huntingtonbeachca.gov/dww. If you are interested in participating in the program, call (714)-960-8811, or visit <https://bit.ly/3ivu44t>.

HBPD PURCHASES NEW HELICOPTERS



On June 22, Interim Chief Julian Harvey signed the purchase agreement for new HBPD helicopters.

No denying that our mechanics have taken outstanding care of our Air Support fleet over the years, but when our helicopters get to be older than some of our Officers, it's time for an upgrade! After a thorough and intensive two year search, we are happy to announce the purchase of new MD530F helicopters from MDHI Incorporated. We are looking forward to the arrival of the new fleet in 2022!

WE'RE HIRING OFFICERS!



We are looking for hardworking candidates ready and willing to be of service to the Huntington Beach community.

The HBPD is currently seeking individuals for the following roles:

- Police Recruit
- Police Officer (Experienced)
- Communications Operator (Trainee)
- Communications Operator (Experienced)

To learn more, visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/jobs

SAVE THE DATE - HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT



The National Night Out Event is a community-building campaign that encourages neighbors, businesses and law enforcement to build and maintain positive partnerships. The safety of our community is undoubtedly our top priority and the key to building safe communities starts with getting to know your local officers, the businesses in your area, and your neighbors. In addition, it is a great way to learn and share about the resources offered in our city and/or county.

Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Time: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Event Address: TBD

For any questions, contact Virginia Clara at 714-536-5245 or vclara@hbpd.org

HBPD MEET AND GREET AT THE PIER



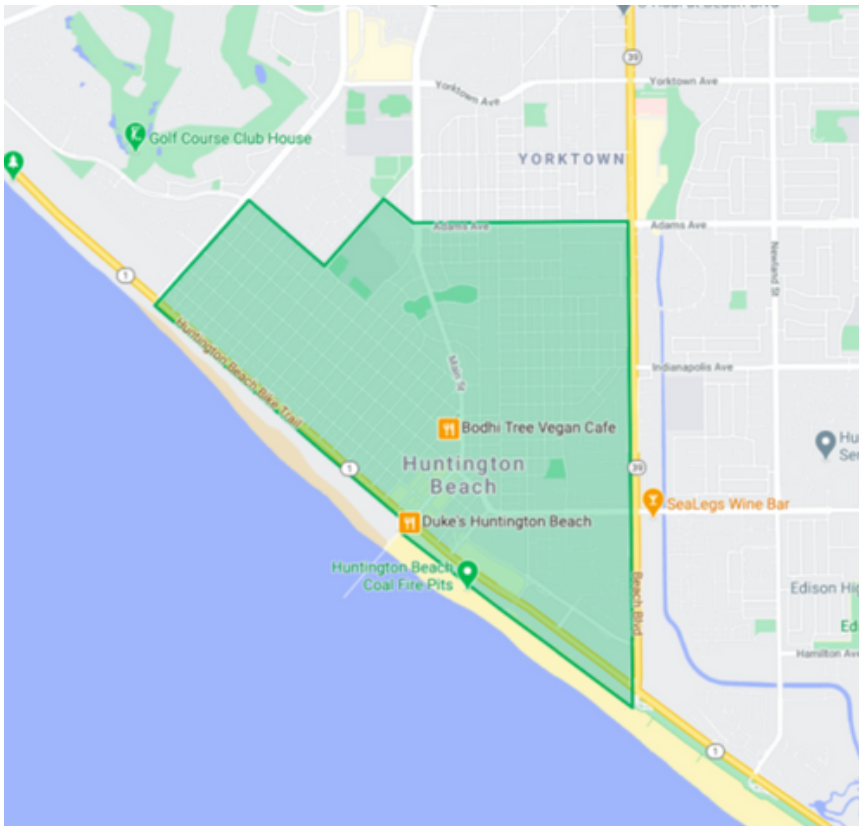
Thank you Huntington Beach Police Department for the community "Meet & Greet" at the HB Pier on Saturday, June 19. Always a treat to see Police Service Dog, Knight and Mounted Enforcement Horse, Rowdy.

CASEY WHEAT INDUCTED INTO THE SURFERS' HALL OF FAME



A truly beautiful and touching ceremony today to honor and celebrate local surfing legend, Casey Wheat. Thank you Huntington Surf and Sport, Aaron Pai and the entire HB surfing community for allowing me to speak at the Surfers' Hall Of Fame Induction and pay tribute to one of HB's favorite sons. God bless Casey and the entire Wheat family.

PILOT PROGRAM - FREE SHUTTLE (CONT'D)



The service area covers a 1.5 mile stretch and 0.4 acres of downtown and hotels to provide a free ride to all who use it. In addition to hailing down one of these vehicles, a ride can be requested on your smartphone through the Ride Circuit app.

Anyone requesting a ride can expect a driver to arrive within 8-10 minutes.

This goal of the program is to increase mobility for people who live, work and visit downtown by offering another more flexible option. These shuttles move people from anywhere in the downtown area at no charge, using electric golf carts. This micro-mobility option will not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions but encourage visitors to “park once” and explore all that Huntington Beach has to offer. Features of this program include ADA options, powered lithium batteries: 80+ Miles per charge, and 6 Seaters, which means everyone gets their own door.

Service Start Date: July 12, 2021 (through December 12, 2021)
Hours of operation: Mon-Sat 10am-10pm, Sunday 10am-9pm



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CITY MANAGER
WWW.HUNTINGTONBEACHCA.GOV

CITY HALL DIRECTORY

General Info.....	(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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