

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021



# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA



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## BE WELL OC IN HUNTINGTON BEACH - PRESS CONFERENCE



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## PATRIOT DAY CEREMONY



On Saturday, September 11, the City of Huntington Beach paid tribute to the lives lost and impacted on 9/11. The Fire Department raised the flag and Mayor Carr led the crowd in a 20 second moment of silence to commemorate the 20 year anniversary of this fateful event. Although our nation has changed in many ways since that day, our strength will never waiver. We will always remember this day together.

## BLESSING OF THE WAVES



Thank you to our HB community members who attended the 2021 Blessing of the Waves on Sunday, September 12!

Mayor Kim Carr and our community partners kicked off the event with music, song and dance, followed by the 13th Annual Paddle out with hundreds of surfers who took to the water. The Blessing of the Waves is held annually to focus on the importance of the ocean and the natural environment, both worldwide and in Huntington Beach.

The Blessing of the Waves was originally conceived as a Catholic-led event through the Diocese of Orange prior to the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council assuming responsibility in 2013.



## NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



National Hispanic Heritage Month takes place from September 15-October 15, and during this time, the City will be highlighting key Hispanic Americans who made contributions to HB!

If you visit Arevalos Park on 10441 Shalom Drive, you will learn that it was named after a quiet, hard working man named Andres R. Arevalos. Born in Mexico in 1888, Arevalos migrated to this region in 1903.

He and his wife eventually migrated to Fountain Valley in 1908 and became a true pioneer of the Colonia Juarez Barrio, which grew over the next 30 years. Arevalos also contributed to the industries that supported our community, including working 20 years on the Pacific Electric Railroad labor crew and building a small farm that spanned an area across both Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. This farm was directly across the street from where Arevalos Park stands today.

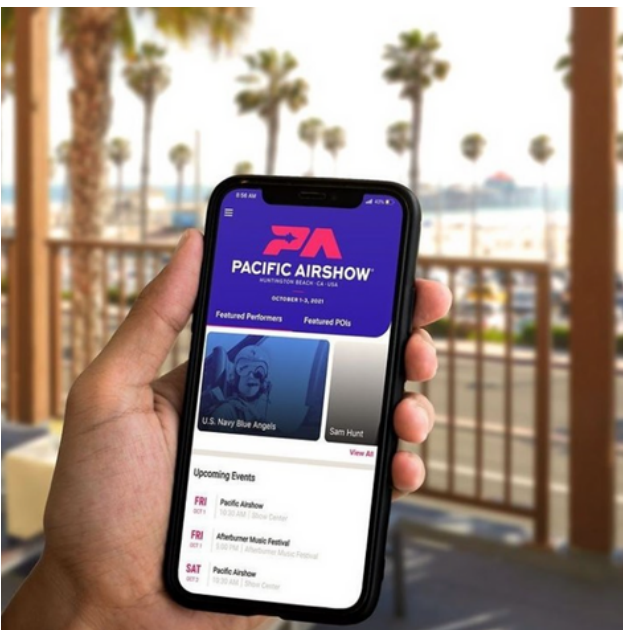
When the park was dedicated with Arevalos' name, it came as a great surprise to him, but not to those who honored him. They celebrated his pioneering spirit, his commitment to family, and for being a fine representative to other Hispanic Americans in the area.

## HUNTINGTON BEACH MARATHON



The 25th Annual Surf City USA Marathon and Half Marathon took place on Friday and Saturday, 9/10-9/11. Thousands of residents and visitors saw an amazing turn out of athletes and even more beautiful weather to help commence the event!

## PACIFIC AIRSHOW MOBILE APP



The Pacific Airshow is scheduled for October 1-3, 2021, and we can't wait to catch the airshow and the Aftr Brnr evening concerts - right on the sand.

Learn more about these incredible events by downloading the Pacific Airshow mobile app for updates to our schedule, performers, local eats and more!



## PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE



The final live webinar for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update is Thursday, September 23. Be sure to register in advance to participate!

[Click here](#) to register in advance!

Website: [bit.ly/HBParksMasterPlan2021](https://bit.ly/HBParksMasterPlan2021)

Workshop 2 Video: <https://youtu.be/oDsS6VHIHGA>

## NOTICE OF VACANCIES - ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

### ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD NOTICE OF VACANCY

The City of Huntington Beach Environmental Board is now accepting applications for four vacant positions!

If you are interested, please apply by **September 27, 2021!**

Applications are available at:  
<http://ow.ly/4rnm50Ga47R>

[www.huntingtonbeachca.gov](http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov)



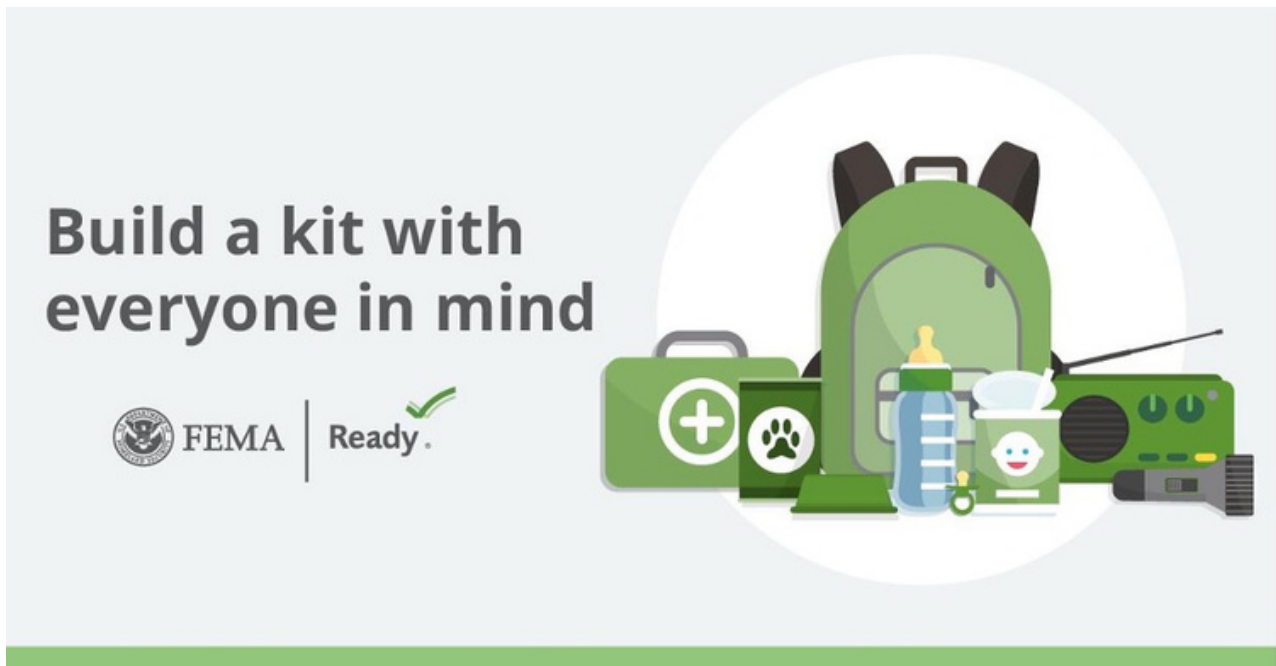
There are currently four vacancies on the Huntington Beach Environmental Board, which is a volunteer board consisting of nine residents appointed by the City Council. This Board has the duty to advise the City Council on environmental challenges and opportunities as it relates to sustainability, economic impact, and ecological issues.

Individuals interested in applying must complete an application by September 27, 2021. An application is available on the City of Huntington Beach website: <http://ow.ly/4rnm50Ga47R>

All vacancy applicants shall be residents of Huntington Beach. The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in Room B-8, Lower Level of City Hall. For more information, please contact Staff Liaison Tess Nguyen at 714-374-1744 or [tnguyen@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:tnguyen@surfcity-hb.org).



## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



National Preparedness Month (NPM) is observed in September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for unexpected disasters and emergencies. The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."(<https://www.ready.gov/september>)

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for several days. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. (<https://www.ready.gov/kit>)

Disaster may also strike when you are at work or traveling, so make sure each of your vehicles contains a "go bag" – a portable emergency kit for your car. Consider items necessary for immediate safety if you must evacuate quickly while in your car. Assemble these items in a backpack or other type of container that you can lift and carry quickly. Each member of your family should have a "go bag" with an identification tag. (<http://www.readyoc.org/prepare/make-kit.html>)

For more information on what should be in your kit or "go bag", please visit: [ReadyOC.org](http://ReadyOC.org). For more information on Emergency Preparedness, please visit the [City's website!](#)

## MARINE SAFETY EDUCATION

Registration is Open for the HBFD Fall 2021 After School Beach Safety Program! The October classes are geared to children aged 9 to 15 and will be after school from 3:30pm-6:00pm. This is a Beach Safety program that teaches beach and ocean safety, and basic ocean lifesaving skills, including but not limited to:

- Body surfing
- Wave knowledge
- Ocean ecology
- Beach hazards
- Board handling

The classes will cover all the safety guidelines for some of the activities done at the beach, like swimming and running.

Classes are open to any skill level. Beach safety is for everyone. Current and former Junior Lifeguards are welcome.

To register or for more class information, [please visit our website!](#)





## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SECOND BLOCK OF MAIN ST EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31, 2021



On September 7th the City Council voted 7-0 to extend the temporary closure of the second block of Main Street to vehicular traffic through December 31, 2021, allowing local residents and visitors to continue taking advantage of expanded outdoor dining and retail opportunities. The expansion of outdoor dining areas and increased pedestrian zones have added liveliness and interest to downtown and a desire to imagine potential permanent improvements. The City has hired Studio One Eleven to study potential streetscape configurations of Main Street and enhanced downtown connectivity strategies and will begin to solicit public input in the coming weeks.

## LITERACY DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS



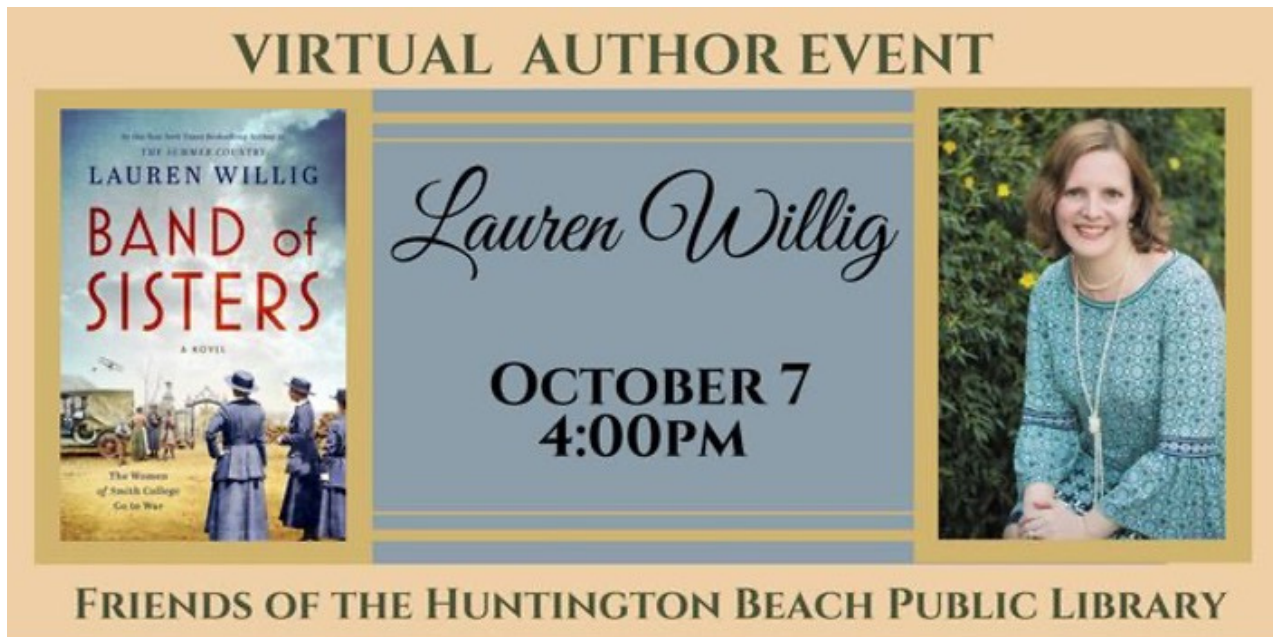
The Huntington Beach Library Literacy Volunteers are always looking for new literacy tutors for either the Adult Literacy Program at the Central Library and the Oak View Literacy Program at the Oak View Branch Library.

To get started, all interested individuals must watch an online Tutor Orientation and then successfully complete a 15 hour Training Workshop. They will then be matched with one adult student and begin the tutoring experience!

For more information, including a schedule of available training sessions, please e-mail [literacy@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:literacy@surfcity-hb.org) or call the Central Library office at (714) 375-5102 or (714) 375-5104 for the Oak View branch program.



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY EVENT



Join the Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 4:00 pm for a live Zoom talk with New York Times bestselling historical novelist Lauren Willig.

Based on a true story, Willig unearths the buried records of the Smith Relief Unit in her sweeping novel *Band of Sisters*. This group of young women from Smith College gave up their safety and affluence and risked their lives working as humanitarians in France at the height of World War I. Willig's book is a skillful blend of *Call the Midwife* and *The Alice Network*. Registration begins on September 9, and can be completed by following [this Eventbrite link](#).

For more information on future author events, visit the Friends' new, revised website at [www.fotlhb.com](http://www.fotlhb.com).

## YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT - YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

BE SOCIAL MEDIA SMART AND LEARN ABOUT NEW A CAREER OPTION!



Huntington Beach teens between the ages of 14 to 18 who want to be more productive while scrolling through their social media accounts are welcome to attend the upcoming Teen Social Media Marketing Workshop, comprised of four sessions taking place on Sundays, September 19, 26, October 3 and October 10 between 2:00 and 3:00 pm. The first class, on September 19, will introduce teens to the marketing aspect of social media and show them how “S.M.” can become a real career in today’s work industry.

They will also discover one of the most important skills in customer service – the need to identify the specific target audience to whom they want to sell their ideas and products. This online event will teach teens about the business side of popular social media platforms and provide ways for them to help give back to their community – or even grow their own small business! This is a virtual event with a limited amount of “seating”, so advanced registration is required. Click on the following link to sign up <https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/8224144>. The event URL will be sent to the e-mail used during registration.

## YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT - CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

### IN PERSON PROGRAMMING RETURNS TO THE CENTRAL LIBRARY



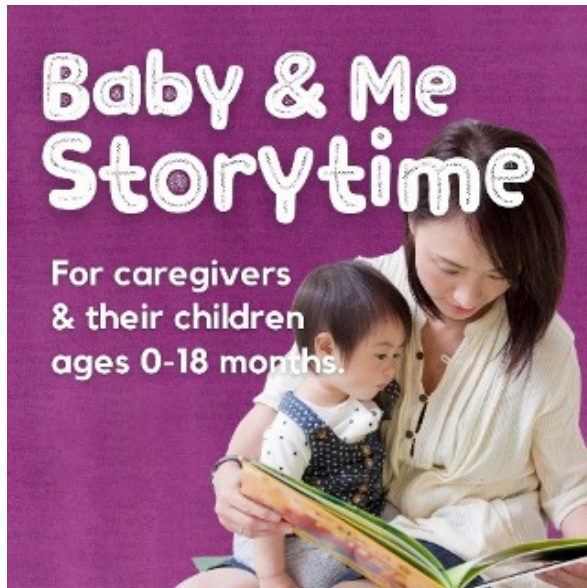
Along with the new Fall season comes the return of In-person Storytimes to the Huntington Beach Central Library! To keep things safe for staff and participants, attendance will be limited to the first 50 guests. Plus, to help promote social distancing, free tickets are now required for all storytimes, which will take place in the Talbert Room. Tickets will be available in the Children's Department just prior to storytime.

As a reminder, masks are required for all attendees over the age of two.

Afterwards, families are invited to stick around and play with fun and educational toys, socialize, and interact -- at the library's new Stay & Play. To see a schedule of all upcoming storytimes, please visit <https://hbpl.libcal.com/calendar/events> and filter by "Children". For those not ready to return to in-person storytime, the children's department will continue to post a new Virtual Storytime video to the Children's Library YouTube Channel every Monday at 10am. For a list of all HBPL virtual storytimes, click here <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqxtabbOxTa9w1AttaahbiQ>.



## YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT - CHILDREN ACTIVITIES



The Children's Department of the Huntington Beach Library will be offering a new short-format storytime just for babies! Starting on Wednesday, September 22 at 10:00 am, join Miss Melissa for the first Baby and Me Storytime – a lapsit program for pre-walkers and their caregivers. Short board-book stories, rhymes, tickles, songs and fingerplays will kick-start these littlest readers on their way to literacy – all in a fun and secure environment. This storytime will take place in the Talbert Room of the Central Library, and is especially for babies aged 0-18 months. The required tickets will be available (free of charge) in the Children's Department just prior to storytime, and all attendees over the age of two are required to wear a mask.

The Library will also be offering four fun September StoryWalks throughout the city of Huntington Beach! A StoryWalk® is a fun way to take family reading time outside, and features a different picture book to experience in a new and exciting way. Instead of turning actual book pages, families take a walk while “reading the story page-by-page”, which are posted on signs along the trail.

Explore the beautiful parks of Huntington Beach by visiting all four of September StoryWalk® locations from Saturday, September 4, through Thursday, September 30. To locate the closest StoryWalk®, pick up a map from any HB city library branch or community center, or download the map by clicking here [https://hbpl.libguides.com/ld.php?content\\_id=63065534](https://hbpl.libguides.com/ld.php?content_id=63065534). Then, once at the location, look for the StoryWalk® signs to get started! For more information, [visit the StoryWalk page](#).

## TOGETHER AGAIN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

HIGHLIGHTS RECONNECTION AND COMMUNITY AT THE SENIOR CENTER IN CENTRAL PARK, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 10 am – 2 pm.



The Senior Center in Central Park and the Huntington Beach Council on Aging are presenting a community festival highlighting senior service providers, community groups, city departments, healthy foods and a diverse lineup of entertainment. Together Again will offer seniors a chance to reconnect with friends and discover new resources in the community. Vendor booths and tables will be located in and around the Center, located at 18041 Goldenwest Street in Huntington Beach.

Presentations from sponsors include Handling Stress, Sex, and Aging and practical matters with Advance Care Directives. Major festival sponsors include MemorialCare Medical Group, Hoag, Aetna Medicare, Huntington Beach Hospital, Optum, and MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center. Other sponsors include Pinnacle Strategies Insurance & Financial Services, Encompass Heath Rehabilitation Hospital of Tustin and CalOptima. The Huntington Beach Council on Aging will begin their membership campaign for 2022 at the event.

Participating community groups include the LGBTQ Center OC, Assistance League of HB, OC Bar Association, Huntington Beach Symphony Orchestra and the Braille Institute. City services, including the HB Fire Department, Public Works and HBPD. Senior Center groups including the Woodcarvers Club, Fish and Rec Club and the Handicrafters will be located in the lobby.

Together Again will also feature a diverse lineup of entertainment including local reggae, surf and rock favorites, Cali Conscious. The Dixiedelics jazz band will kick things off. Local favorites, TUPUA, will perform Polynesian dancing. Red Boy Productions will feature Native American dancing and drumming. Proceeds from the event will help fund social service programs at the Senior Center including direct services to the homebound and elderly and transportation. Admission is FREE with free parking available at the HB Library across the street from the Senior Center. Shuttle service will be available. For more information, go to [hbcoa.org](http://hbcoa.org) or contact the Center at 714-536-5600.

## SEPTEMBER IS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH



The Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) is participating in Pedestrian Safety Month throughout the month of September. As part of Pedestrian Safety Month, the HBPD is participating in community-oriented initiatives to raise awareness about pedestrian safety.

To learn more about Pedestrian Safety Month and what you can do to remain safe, please visit our [website](#).



## HBCPD HONORS THOSE KILLED IN SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 ATTACKS



On Saturday, Chief Harvey joined members of the Huntington Beach Police Department and participated in the 9/11 Honor Challenge hosted by Operation Open Water at Huntington Beach High School. The purpose of the challenge is to honor the men and women who were killed in the attack on September 11, 2001.

The challenge consisted of:

- 2,763 yard run to honor the 2,763 people in the World Trade Center.
- 343 yard fire hose drag in honor of the 343 firefighters and emergency medical service people.
- 110 flights of stairs. The number of flights in the World Trade Center.
- 189 seconds of plank to honor those in the Pentagon attack.
- 60 burpees to honor law enforcement and port authority officers.
- 44 push ups to honor the passengers on flight 93.

## HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING!

# Join the Huntington Beach Police Dept



Learn more at:  
[www.hbpd.org/careers](http://www.hbpd.org/careers)



The Huntington Beach Police Department is now hiring! We are looking for hardworking candidates ready and willing to be of service to the Huntington Beach community. The HBPD is currently seeking to fill the following roles:

- [Police Recruit](#)
- [Police Officer \(Experienced\)](#)
- [Communications Operator \(Trainee\)](#)
- [Communications Operator \(Experienced\)](#)

To learn more, visit [www.hbpd.org/careers](http://www.hbpd.org/careers)



## BLUFF TOP PARK GROUNDBREAKING



On September 14, the City of Huntington Beach broke ground on phase 1 of the Bluff Top Park improvement project! This capital project will take shape over two phases, beginning with the installation of wooden lodge pole fencing along the bluff tops and new metal railing along the staircases.

Phase 1 construction begins on September 14, 2021 and will wrap up in November 2021, for a total Phase 1 project cost of \$1.2 million. Phase 2 includes widening the park pathway and trail, replacing the access ramps leading towards the trail, and enhancing landscaping throughout. Construction will take place from January to April 2022 for a total cost of \$2.5 million.

The City wishes to acknowledge and thank Assemblymember Petrie-Norris for appropriating \$1.7 million in state funding towards this capital project that will preserve an important coastal amenity in the State of California. The remaining funds have been budgeted through the City's Park Development Impact Fund.



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Be Well OC in Huntington Beach supplements existing City services without duplication. Therefore, these services help free up law enforcement officers to focus on crime prevention, proactive law enforcement, and quality of life issues, while also enabling officers to be more readily available for in-progress calls in which they are needed most urgently. In addition, the Be Well OC program also provides added services including referrals, transportation to services, and additional follow-up support and case management.

"One in five adults experience a mental health challenge every year. For many, it's hard to find the right help at the right time in the right place," said Marshall Moncrief, CEO of Be Well OC. "This program is designed to bring the right support, when it's needed, directly to the person in need. This will improve outcomes for the community and support law enforcement and EMS so they can focus on calls where they are needed most. A better experience for everyone while lowering costs." (turn to page 23)

## BE WELL OC IN (CONT'D FROM PAGE 22)

The Be Well OC team is prepared to help with many non-emergency and non-medical situations, which may include:

- Mental health challenges
- Suicidal ideation
- Drug and alcohol use and addiction
- Non-violent domestic issues and disputes
- Welfare checks
- Death notifications
- Public assistance including lack of basic needs (food, shelter, water, clothing), failure to conduct basic self-hygiene, failure to thrive
- Homelessness, in conjunction / collaboration with the Huntington Beach Homeless Task Force

Currently, Be Well OC in Huntington Beach is available seven-days a week, 12-hours per day, and the City of Huntington Beach plans to expand this service to 24-hour coverage by Winter 2021-22. When an individual calls 911 or the non-emergency line, the dispatcher will triage the call and deploy the Be Well OC team when applicable. Additionally, Police and Fire personnel may request Be Well OC assistance for pertinent incidents.

For more information on the Be Well OC program in Huntington Beach, visit [www.bewellhb.com](http://www.bewellhb.com).

## US OPEN OF SURFING - SEPTEMBER 20-26



The US Open of Surfing Huntington Beach presented by Shiseido will be the opening stop on the 2021 WSL Challenger Series and runs from September 20 - 26. Some of the top competitors from around the world will compete at the iconic Huntington Beach Pier for 10,000 valuable points toward Championship Tour (CT) qualification. The Challenger Series is the second of three competitive tiers for the world's best surfers, the 96-man and 64-woman fields are made up of CT surfers with the remainder drawn from the seven WSL Regional Qualifying Series around the world. Surfers compete for a chance to advance to the elite CT by finishing in the Top 12 men's and Top 6 women's spots by the end of this year's condensed four-event season.

For details and event schedules, [visit the World Surf League website.](#)





**Senior Center in Central Park**  
18041 Goldenwest ST, HB CA 92648

# TOGETHER AGAIN COMMUNITY EVENT

Saturday, September 25th  
10am-2pm

## ABOUT THE EVENT

Join us for a day of fun, excitement, and reconnection with your community. Celebrating 5 years of active aging, the Senior Center and the HBCOA are excited to welcome the world back. It is more important now than ever to engage and connect with your community along your aging journey.

## WHAT THE EVENT OFFERS

- Presentations
- Resources
- Entertainment
- Food
- FREE TO ATTEND !!!

**CONTACT US NOW**  
for more information:

**(714) 536-5600**





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