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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA



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26TH ANNUAL SURF CITY MARATHON THIS WEEKEND - FEB. 6

The 26th Annual Surf City Marathon and Half-Marathon takes place this Sunday, February 6, along the scenic Pacific Coast Highway, finishing just steps away from the beach. This year, more than 11,000 runners are set to run along the breathtaking coast of Huntington Beach, with approximately 2,000 volunteers cheering them on. At the finish line, signature surfboard medals and a music festival welcome the long-distance runners.

Marathon activities begin on Friday, February 4, and Saturday, February 5 with an Active Lifestyle Expo that is free to the public and features health and fitness vendors offering samples and products for purchase. Saturday, February 5, the day before the marathon, you can warm up with a beach mile race along the sand beginning at 11 a.m. The marathon, half-marathon, and 5k run will take place on Sunday, beginning at 6:30 a.m. The Surf City Marathon event weekend concludes in celebration with a finish line music festival and beer garden, included for all runners.

Watch for detours and road closures

For those not participating in the activities this weekend, plan accordingly for road closures, detours, and traffic along Pacific Coast Highway. Closures will begin on PCH as early as 1 a.m. and going until 2 p.m. The Huntington Beach Police Department will begin towing parked vehicles along these impacted streets at 12 a.m. on Sunday, February 6.

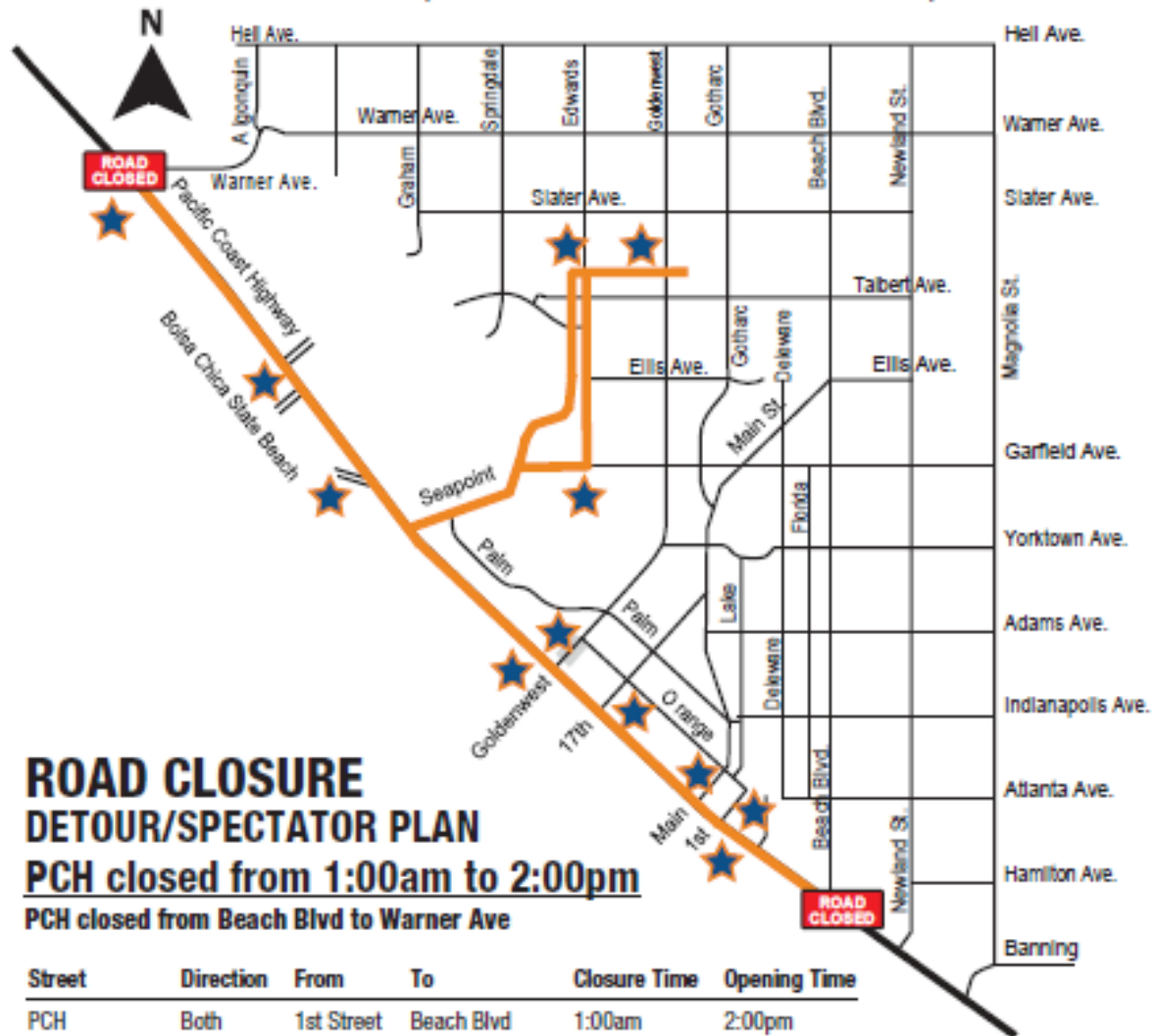
The following closures will take place on Sunday, February 6, during the marathon:

- Pacific Coast Highway (from 1st to Beach Blvd) 1 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Pacific Coast Highway (from Warner to 1st) 4 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Seapoint St. (from PCH to Garfield) 4 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Garfield St. (from Seapoint to Edwards) 4 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Edwards St. (from Garfield to Central Park Dr.) 4 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Goldenwest St. (from Ellis to Slater) 4 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Central Park Dr. (from Edwards to Central Park Dr.) 4 a.m. – 10 a.m.



ROAD CLOSURE

SURF CITY MARATHON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022



★ Recommended Spectator locations
 - Pedestrian Access from local neighborhoods

— Race Course

For more information go to: runsurfcity.com

Road closures and timing subject to change.



CITY FORMS COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER CANNABIS



Like many cities in California, Huntington Beach may consider a cannabis program to permit a limited number of retail stores and other cannabis industries to operate in the City. The City formed an ad-hoc committee that includes Council Members Rhonda Bolton, Dan Kalmick, and Erik Peterson to discuss and recommend program details to the City Council for further consideration at a future meeting.

In 2016, California voters approved Prop 64 (Adult Use of Marijuana Act) legalizing recreational adult (21+) cannabis use and allows certain cannabis industries to operate, provided they secure both state and local permits to do so. While cities like Santa Ana, Costa Mesa, and Stanton allow some form of cannabis operations in their jurisdiction, Huntington Beach currently does not.

The ad-hoc committee held its first meeting on January 24, 2022 and considered various cannabis industries from retail to manufacturing, buffer zones from sensitive uses like schools, taxation rates for cannabis businesses, and the number of permits that would be issued.

NEW STATE LAW REQUIRES FOOD RECYCLING



We are already recycling plastic, glass, paper and yard clippings, and we will soon add food to the list.

State law, SB 1383 went into effect January 1, 2022, and is designed to reduce methane emissions that can occur when food waste ends up in landfills.

Under this new law, food scraps will be recycled and used for compost. The City is working with its refuse provider, Republic Services, to develop an organics recycling program to begin later this year. In the coming months, the City will provide information to residents, businesses, and restaurants on how to collect their food waste and deposit it in a green waste container instead of their trash.

The new law also sets a statewide goal of recovering 20 percent of excess edible food from restaurants, hospitals, hotels and supermarkets to be sent to food banks. CalRecycle estimates that Californians send 11.2 billion pounds of food to landfills each year and some of that food can go to help the nearly-one-in-four Californians who don't know where their next meal is coming from. Huntington Beach will expand our existing edible food recovery program to help meet the statewide target.

The City anticipates having an organics recycling program fully implemented by the second half of 2022. The City will provide more information in the weeks and months ahead.

CITY'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM OFFERS HELP TO BUSINESSES



The City's Development Assistance Team (DAT) works to help businesses looking to build or set up shop in Surf City USA. The most challenging part of launching a business or developing a project could be making sure you are in compliance with city regulatory, permitting, and zoning requirements.

The DAT is an internal committee made up of experts in Planning, Building, Public Works, Transportation, Water, Fire, and Community Services. They contribute during the early stages of a proposed project to provide feedback and guide the project through approvals.

If you are ready to start a project or open a business in Huntington Beach, you are encouraged to reach out to us at permitcenter@surfcity-hb.org.

WE MEAN BUSINESS IN HB!



The City is committed to promoting and sustaining a strong and healthy business climate throughout the community. www.HBBiz.com is a one-stop shop for businesses looking to open or expand in Surf City.

The website helps businesses navigate the often-unfamiliar task of starting, expanding, or relocating a business. Assistance includes permitting, financing and workforce options, networking, professional development, and various support services and resources. The City's economic development team is on hand to guide you with site selection and walk businesses through the application and permitting process.

The website also features the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID), made up of approximately 300 local businesses that provide resources to enhance the City's downtown and market it to locals and visitors. You can learn more the City's downtown BID at www.hbdowntown.com.

With more than 10,000 businesses and 60,000 employees, Surf City is one of Orange County's leading business hubs. Whether you are looking for available commercial property or are interested in assistance through various business programs, go to www.HBBiz.com to learn more about doing business in Huntington Beach.

MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY PRESENTS



WATER AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

ALL Orange County students are invited to create posters that reflect the theme:

#OCISWATERSMART

CONTEST RULES

DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2022

WIN AN IPAD MINI

One **GRAND PRIZE** winner from each grade band: K-2 / 3-5 / 6-8 / 9-12 will win an iPad Mini!

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. or 12 x 18 in. paper.

Posters submitted with copyrighted characters or images (e.g. Mickey Mouse) will not be considered for a top prize. Children are allowed to use the Ricky Raindrop character in their artwork.
<https://bit.ly/RickyRaindropIMG>

SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK

PLEASE CLEARLY WRITE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE BACK OF YOUR POSTER

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| ✓ Student's Name | ✓ Teacher's Name |
| ✓ Grade Level | ✓ Teacher's Email |
| ✓ School Name | ✓ Parent's Name |
| ✓ School District | ✓ Parent's Email |
| | ✓ Parent's Phone |

★ All posters 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

TEACHERS

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

QUESTIONS?

info@mwdoc.com or 714-916-0763

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

To: MWD OC	
18700 Ward Street	
Fountain Valley, CA 92708	
Attn: Public Affairs	

TEMPORARY BRIDGE CLOSURE

Pedestrian bridge adjacent to John H. Eader Elementary School



The County of Orange has closed a pedestrian bridge spanning across Talbert Channel to prepare for a steel sheet pile operation. The closure began January 31, 2022 and will remain closed until late 2023. This County of Orange project is unrelated to the former "Trails to the Sea" project, which is no longer being considered.

For inquiries regarding this pedestrian bridge, please call 714-245-4500 or visit www.OCPublicWorks.com/HBT

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: HUNTINGTON LAKE ELEVATED PATHWAY



The City is pleased to announce a pathway construction project starting this month behind Huntington Lake. This project will build an elevated path that will be four feet wide, 300 feet in length, and include handrails on both sides. The path will provide access to Dog Park, the Urban Forest and the new playground at Central Park.

IN CONSTRUCTION: CENTRAL PARK RESTROOMS



The new Central Park restroom construction project is underway and anticipated for completion in late February. The restroom will include six new bathroom stalls and a drinking fountain.

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH



We are commemorating Go Red for Women, when the nation wears red to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death for women in the United States. This disease claims an estimated 300,000 women annually, more than all cancers combined. They include mothers, daughters, sisters, and best friends who may have benefitted from greater awareness related to cardiovascular health for women.

The City and its firefighters are taking a stand against cardiovascular disease by conducting outreach and education in our community. The entire month of February is nationally recognized as American Heart Month. we encourage you to visit our social media channels to find ways to care for your heart. Heart disease in women can look very different than what men may experience.

We ask women to live fiercely, remain relentless, and stand up against cardiovascular disease. Show your support by wearing red and reminding others to prioritize their heart health. For more information, click <https://www.goredforwomen.org/en/>.

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH - CONT'D

Signs and Symptoms of Stroke

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE SIGNS, CALL 9-1-1 AND GET TO A HOSPITAL RIGHT AWAY.

1. Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
2. Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
3. Sudden trouble seeing or blurred vision in one or both eyes
4. Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
5. Sudden severe headache with no known cause

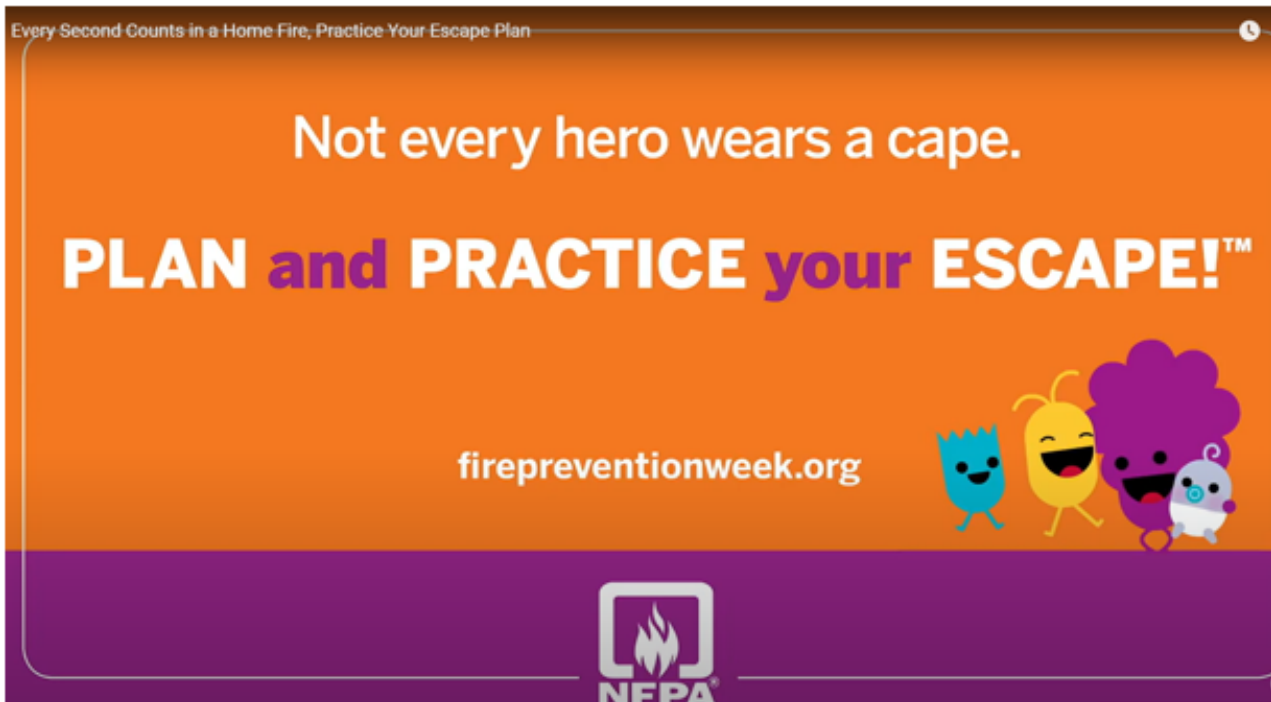
Signs and Symptoms of Heart Attack

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE SIGNS, CALL 9-1-1 AND GET TO A HOSPITAL RIGHT AWAY.

1. Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of your chest. It lasts more than a few minutes or goes away and comes back.
2. Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
3. Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort. Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.
4. As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort.

But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting and back or jaw pain.

CREATE A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN



Every second counts in a residential fire. Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Don't have an escape plan? The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has helpful tools to help create your own Fire Escape Plan. Creating and practicing an escape plan may seem unnecessary, but these actions can have heroic results.

Please help with our community risk reduction and remember that kitchen safety is important to prevent fires in your home. Here are some safety tips:

- Don't leave your cooking appliances unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, boiling, or broiling food.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- Be alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, do not use the stove or stovetop.

Check out the [video](#) from NFPA on practicing your fire escape plan. For more information, [read](#) about creating a home escape plan.



HBPD HOSTS FISH WITH THE FORCE EVENT



On January 28, the Huntington Beach Police Department hosted a fishing and environmental education event at Carr Park for kids from a local school. This event is a highlight for our officers and made possible thanks to the support of the Huntington Beach Police Community Foundation, the Huntington Beach Fishing and Recreation Club, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The purpose of the event is to familiarize our local youth with police officers and teach them about wildlife and environmental responsibility.

HBPD IS HIRING



The Huntington Beach Police Department is hiring! We are looking for hardworking candidates ready and willing to be of service to the community.

The HBPD seeks individuals for various roles. To learn more, visit:

www.governmentjobs.com/careers/huntingtonbeach/

HBPD K-9 MARCO RETIRES



After eight years of serving Huntington Beach, K-9 Marco retired from the Huntington Beach Police Department. Marco joined his partner, Officer Wade Wilson, at the HBPD in late 2013. Since that time, he has done a tremendous job protecting the residents of Surf City. Not only was he trained in detecting illegal drugs and weapons, he also served as the Department's SWAT K-9.

In retirement, K-9 Marco will be enjoying plenty of walks, hikes and playtime. Congratulations, Marco!

RODGERS SENIORS' CENTER MEMORIAL AND PUBLIC PARK GROUNDBREAKING



On Friday, February 11, at 10 a.m., the City will remember the positive impacts that the Rodgers Seniors' Center has had on our senior community and celebrate the groundbreaking of the City's newest public park.

The Center served as an army barracks for the Santa Ana Air Force Base in 1948-1949, and was dedicated as the City's recreation center in 1949. It was later repurposed in 1975 as a senior recreation center. The Center was rededicated on April 27, 1984 and named for Michael E. Rodgers for his outstanding humanitarian efforts for the older adult community and a founder of the Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA).

On July 20, 2020, the City Council approved a plan to redevelop the site. A contract for construction was awarded on December 21, 2021 for the City to redevelop the Center into a new public park. The new park will include open green space, walking paths, a renovated clubhouse for community use, and added picnic and seating areas. Construction will begin this month, with an estimated completion of March 2023.

For more information visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/formerRSCProject.

CENTRAL LIBRARY NEWS

LOVE **YOUR**
LIBRARY 



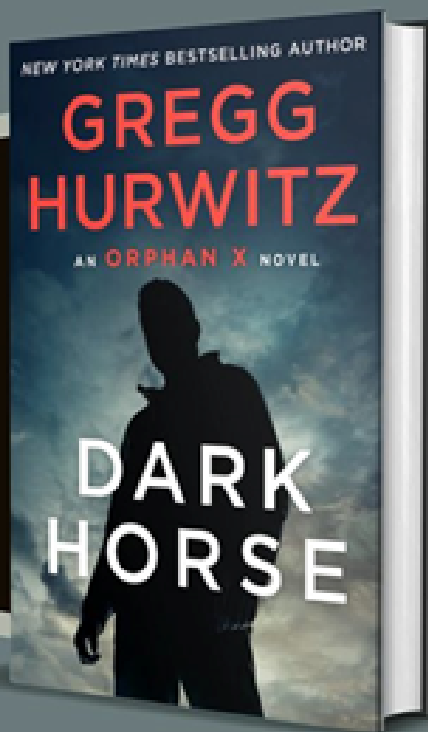
February is “Love your Library” month. This is the perfect opportunity to celebrate the one place in the community that offers so much more than books to borrow and take home. The library has quiet study spaces, perfect spots to hang out and relax, and lots of educational and entertaining programs and events. In fact, the Huntington Beach Public Library offers more than 300 free programs for families every year.

Honor your local library by:


- Signing up for a free library card
- Learning new technology at the library’s Makerspace
- Becoming a member of the Friends of the Children’s Library
- Learning about family history at the O.C. California Genealogical Society
- Tagging the library on social media during a future visit
- Getting a cup of coffee and relaxing by the indoor fountains
- Picking up a calendar of events from the children’s department
- Joining the Central Library’s monthly virtual Book Club

In addition, the library has an impressive collection of circulating items, including more than 180,000 books, movies, CDs, magazines, newspapers and then some. The Huntington Beach Library even has Wi-Fi “hotspots” for check-out to help people connect online. There are endless opportunities to be inspired and entertained. Be sure to stop by and discover a new favorite thing to love at your library.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY IN-PERSON EVENT RESERVATIONS BEGIN FEBRUARY 7



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
GREGG HURWITZ
AN ORPHAN X NOVEL
DARK HORSE



GREGG HURWITZ

THURSDAY
MARCH 10, 2022
7:00 PM

FRIENDS OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH LIBRARY

Attention all *Orphan X* fans! Tickets for the next evening author event, hosted by the Friends of the Huntington Beach Library, will go on sale Monday, February 7. Best-selling thriller author Gregg Hurwitz will discuss his latest work *Dark Horse*, the seventh installment in the popular action-packed ORPHAN X series on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Joining Mr. Hurwitz is special guest moderator, noir crime writer and host of the *Writer Types* podcast, Eric Beetner. Enjoy coffee, a dessert bar, and door prizes during the event, with book sales and signings taking place after the presentation. The cost is \$20 for FOTL members and \$30 for non-members.

To register by mail, click [here](#) for a printable registration form, or register in person at the Friends Gift Shop inside the Central Library. For more information, follow this [link](#).

CRAFTER'S CORNER EVENT



Adults ages 18 and up are invited to join other creative types for the first Crafters Corner on Wednesday, February 9 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. Follow along with library crafter Marina as she demonstrates how to make a petal gift box, as well as a button and string envelope, from the comfort of home. To sign up and reserve a materials bag, click [here](#). Registered participants can pick up materials at Central Library February 2-7. Zoom login information will be included in the materials bag. Be sure to pick up the materials before February 8. Unclaimed bags will be made available to other library patrons. Please contact Marina with any questions at marina.iturbide@surfcity-hb.org.



Bibliotherapy Bags are available on a first come, first served basis starting February 14. Fill out an information card and exchange it for a bag at the Information/Reference Services Desk at the Central Library.

Join other like-minded souls for a virtual Bibliotherapy Tea Time on Thursday, February 24 at 7 p.m. For more information, please follow this [link](#).

ALL-AGES WINTER READING CHALLENGE



There is still time to take part in the Huntington Beach Public Library's Winter Reading Challenge. Adults will be challenged to read three books, while teens and kids can read in small segments equaling 600 minutes (or by coloring the snowflakes on their reading log). Prizes include a reusable Winter Reading tote bag, a coupon for a free book from the Used Bookstore, and other goodies, (while supplies last).

Kids can pick up a reading log at any library location. To join the fun and register, click [here](#). Prizes must be redeemed in person at any HBPL branch. For more information, please call 714 375-5107.

ALL AGES BIRD APPRECIATION EVENT



The Great Backyard Bird Count takes place February 18 - 21 as the world comes together to celebrate birds.

People of all ages spend time in their favorite places watching, counting, and keeping track of as many birds as possible. The Huntington Beach Public Library will take part in this event by hosting a birdhouse design contest for the community.

Between February 7 - 13, community members may submit their birdhouse entry to the Children's Desk at the

Central Library. All entries will be displayed between February 14 - 21. To enter, click [here](#) or to learn more about the event, click [here](#).

CHILDREN'S EVENTS



Starting Saturday, February 5, students from Huntington Beach High School will teach virtual STEMup4youth Coding Classes at beginner and intermediate levels. Classes will take place on three consecutive Saturdays: February 5, March 5, and April 2. Participants will be registered for all classes when they sign up for the February class. Beginning level class sessions will take place from 11 to 11:45 a.m., and the intermediate classes will be held from 12 to 12:45 p.m.

This is an online event. The event URL will be sent to the e-mail address provided during registration. To sign up for the beginning coding class, click [here](#). To sign up for the intermediate coding class, please follow this [link](#).



FEBRUARY 2022 EVENTS IN HUNTINGTON BEACH

02-28: Centered on the Center	Arts Center
05: Vintage VW Bus Show	21291 PCH
05: Tour of Bolsa Chica Wetlands	Ecological Reserve
06: Surf City Marathon	PCH (around Pier)
12: Chili at the Beach	Main Street
12-13: Revolution in the Park	Central Park
14: Valentine's Day	Everywhere
15: Grommets Kids Club	Pacific City
Tues: Surf City Nights	Downtown
Weds: Surf City Cruise Night	Lake Park
Sat-Sun: Live Music at Pacific City	Pacific City
Select Dates: Dog Beach Cleanup	Dog Beach



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