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HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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Photo: LA Times

BEACHES REOPEN AFTER OIL SPILL

The City of Huntington Beach and California State Parks reopened both City and State beaches in Huntington Beach on Monday, October 11. The joint decision to reopen comes after coastal ocean and wetlands water quality testing results showed non-detectable amounts of oil associated toxins in our ocean water.

As an additional safety measure, the City of Huntington Beach hired an independent contractor to provide ocean and wetlands water quality testing. The contractor tested 40 different sites along the Huntington Beach coast and wetlands from the Santa Ana River Jetty through Sunset Beach. All samples were tested for Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) as a way to determine the levels of oil present in the ocean. The testing results for all but one of the 40 tested locations came back with a non-detectable amount of PAH and TPH. The only location where oil was detected was a non-toxic level located in the water just north of Warner Avenue.

“The health and safety of our residents and visitors is of the utmost importance. We understand the significance our beaches have on tourism, our economy, and our overall livelihood here in Huntington Beach,” said Huntington Beach Mayor, Kim Carr. “It is important that our decision to reopen our shoreline and water be based on data and that we continue to monitor the water quality going forward.”

Moving ahead, water quality testing will continue twice a week for at least the next two weeks, and those test results will also be published to the City’s oil spill [webpage](#) along with the current report.

Beachgoers are advised to avoid areas where an oil smell is present. Further, we expect to see oiled materials and tar balls wash up on the beach, and individuals are advised not to handle or ingest any oil materials. If you do see oil or tar balls on the beach, please contact beach cleanup teams at tarballreports@wildlife.ca.gov.

HIDDEN HUNTINGTON BEACH - PUNK ROOTS IN HB



Huntington Beach has punk rock roots right here in Surf City. The band "The Crowd" started with guys from Edison High School who played at many house parties in the late 70's and early 80's. In this last episode of Season 2, host Chris Epting takes us down the punk rock road with musical memories from Safari Sam's to the Golden Bear. Watch [here](#).

HB LISTENS EVENT OCTOBER 26

HB LISTENS: COMMUNITY WELLNESS


THUR. OCTOBER 28TH 6-8PM




HB CENTRAL LIBRARY ROOM B

7111 TALBERT AVE HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT HB LISTENS EVENT, "COMMUNITY WELLNESS," AN EVENING OF DIALOGUE WITH HB RESIDENTS ABOUT THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF WELLNESS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

THIS EVENT IS FREE, BUT PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. RSVP LINK BELOW:



HB Listens is an interactive program focused on bringing people together to engage in open, positive conversations about a range of topics. Be part of the conversation! To learn more about the City's Human Relations Task Force, please visit the City's website! RSVP [here](#).

GREAT SHAKE OUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL OCTOBER 21



What are Great Shake Out Earthquake Drills?

Everyone, everywhere, should know how to protect themselves during earthquakes, whether they live, work, or travel to an area where earthquakes are common.

Great Earthquake Drills are annual opportunities to learn and practice earthquake safety with millions of people worldwide!

Each year, Shake Out participants in schools, businesses, non-profits, government agencies, neighborhoods, organizations, and households all across the world practice "Drop, Cover and Hold On" and other aspects of their emergency plans.

Shake Out encourages people and organizations to be prepared to survive and to recover quickly when the next big earthquake happens.

Shake Out began in Southern California in 2008. Since then Shake Out has grown to include participation across the United States and several other countries. More than 66 million people worldwide participated in 2019.

The 2021 International Shake Out Day is October 21.

Participation is free and may take only a few minutes, depending on drill plans. Learn more and register to participate at [ShakeOut.org](https://www.ShakeOut.org).

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT DIVISION: DOWNTOWN BID ANNUAL REPORT FY 2020-2021



The Huntington Beach Downtown Business Improvement District (HBDBID) was established in 2004 to strengthen and improve the experience of downtown Huntington Beach for residents and visitors alike. Approximately 260 member businesses work in partnership to provide programs and services that enhance the downtown area. Activities for FY 2020-21 can be found in their recently approved [Annual Report](#), which include safety and maintenance services, beautification projects, special events, marketing, and member communication. In addition to organizing Surf City Nights every Tuesday evening, the HBDBID will host the return of past successful events, including Chili at the Beach, Halloween on Main Street, and a holiday tree lighting ceremony. New businesses to the downtown area include: Flaming Burger, Mahkin Thai and Sushi, SMKFLWR, and EV Rideables (relocation), with many more gearing to open up later this year – Handel's Homemade Ice Cream, Inis Fragrances, Two Hands Corn Dogs, Red Persimmon Nail & Spa, Local Motion, Four Sons Brewing, Chicken in a Barrel, Hummus Bean and Top Dog Barkery (relocation).

For more information, please visit hbdowntown.com or follow @hbdowntownusa (Instagram) and @huntingtonbeachbid (Facebook).

SHIPLEY NATURE CENTER



Volunteers are encouraged to join us to work in the habitat on the 2nd Saturday each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Come and make some new friends while helping to beautify Shipley. We need you to help us on trail maintenance, sign renovation and weed removal. Your leader will instruct you how to safely perform the task assigned to you. These tasks ensure the health of the habitat and the safety of the visitors.

Make sure to wear closed-toed shoes. Bring your own work gloves. Tools will be provided. You may want to wear a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and long sleeves/pants for protection. Bring a water bottle so that you stay hydrated for the two hours of volunteering. We have a water refill station onsite for your convenience. Safety is important. We appreciate your time!

Please note that volunteers must be 14 years of age or older. Persons under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult. All volunteers are required to complete and sign an application. You may start the process now by filling in the online [Volunteer Application](#) and bring the completed application with you or, you may complete an application the day of the event.

We look forward to meeting you and appreciate your interest in helping us provide nature education and encourage stewardship in this very urbanized part of Southern California. We greatly appreciate your energy, enthusiasm, and hard work.

CENTRAL LIBRARY NEWS

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

Oct. 17-23, 2021



www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/folweek



Now is the perfect time to become a member of one of the library's philanthropic "Friends" groups, as the library celebrates "National Friends of the Library Week" October 17 through 23! The Friends of the Library, who support events and programming for adults and the branches, celebrate its 50th anniversary this year. The organization generously donates money to the library system to purchase new books and digital resources, to supporting the Career Online High School – all through their various fundraising events like the popular Author Luncheons, as well as the profits from the used book sale and gift shop!

The Friends of the Children's Library supports the children's department by providing funds for their many monthly and yearly programs like the Author's Festival and the Taste of Huntington Beach, as well as supplying money for new books and other educational resources. For more information, or to sign up to be a member, please visit the FOTL at www.fothb.com or www.fotcl.org.

YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT - CHILDREN ACTIVITIES



Children of all ages are invited to learn about the art of storytelling through movement at the second “Dance Along with Ballet Etudes” session. This unique new free event will be presented on Saturday, October 23 from 11 to 11:30 a.m. by dancers from Ballet Etudes, and will take place in the Tabby Theater at the Central Library. These talented dancers will demonstrate various ballet positions and movements, and then help children try them out for

themselves! For more information about Ballet Etudes, the Huntington Academy of Dance's resident non-profit youth ballet company, click [here](http://balletetudes.com) balletetudes.com.



Come get into the Halloween spirit at the “Monster Mash Storytime and Library Trick-or-Treat Night,” on Thursday, October 28 at 7 p.m. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and come to the (possibly haunted) Central Library for a special Halloween-themed storytime, featuring all of the children’s library favorite storytellers! There will be kid-friendly spooky tales and creepy songs to sing, all followed by trick-or-treating inside the library! This program is for all ages, but is best for children ages 3

to 8 and their families. Space at Monster Mash Storytime will be limited due to COVID capacity precautions. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. All storytime participants over the age of 2 are required to wear a mask – (either over or under their Halloween costume mask!) For more information on this and other events, click [here](#).

YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT - CHILDREN AND TEENS

Children of all ages are invited to participate in the third annual "No-Carve Pumpkin Decorating Contest." Pumpkins may be dropped off at the Children's Library desk beginning Friday, October 22, through Sunday, October 24, along with the required contest entry form. Pumpkins will be displayed in the Children's Library from October 25 through 29 for judging, and the winners will receive a spooky surprise! (Participants who would like to keep their pumpkin can pick them up on October 30.) There is but one rule - instead of the traditional knife, kids can only use paints, markers, crayons, yarn, glitter, or whatever else they want to transform an ordinary pumpkin into their favorite book character. For those who don't have a favorite book character, a library or book-themed decoration is also acceptable. The required entry forms are available at the Children's desk or [online](#).

YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT – YOUNG ADULT AND TWEEN

On Tuesday, October 26, all tweens and teens are invited to participate in either of two, age-specific Haunted Library Escape Rooms. Inside, they will join other library patrons in solving puzzles to uncover the mystery of this spooky, library-themed, escape room! Both groups are appropriate for ages 11 and up, but anyone under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. (Children under age 11 are not allowed.)

The first group is a “Family Room” open to participants 11 and up, including a mix of tweens, teens and adults. There are two, 45-minute sessions available at 4 and 7 p.m. The second group is for teens aged 13-17 ONLY, and will take place during two sessions from 5 to 5:45 p.m. and 6 to 6:45 p.m. Siblings ages 11 and up are permitted with a teen registration. Registration is required and space is limited. Those who have already participated in any other Haunted Library Escape Room at the library are kindly discouraged from registering to allow others an opportunity to enjoy this spooky excursion as well. Click [here](#) to register for either group.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS – VIRTUAL EVENT



Save the date!

On Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 5 p.m., the Literacy Volunteers-HBPL (Huntington Beach Public Library) will host a virtual version of the 8th Annual “Wine and Words” fundraiser.

The Literacy Volunteers are a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of others. Besides having some enticing wines to drink (chez vous) and live auction items at the event, attendees will hear heartfelt stories in literacy learners’ own words.

Also, international best-selling author Kaira Rouda will speak about her writing,

including her latest work *The Next Wife*, recently published in May of this year. She will have her books for sale through a partnership with Lido Books. There is no cost for this virtual event. Registration details will be available soon, along with information on auction items bidding. Stay tuned!

HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE



Huntington Beach Police Department **OPEN HOUSE**





Visit the Huntington Beach Police Department, meet our officers and staff from different divisions.

We will have activities, static displays, information booths, HBPD merchandise for sale and more!



Location:
Huntington Beach Police Department
2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Follow us:   



Our Annual Huntington Beach Police Department Open House is on Saturday, October 23 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.! Get to know more about our departments and enjoy the various static displays. There will also be activities and resource booths available for the entire family to enjoy!

HBPD DRUG TAKE BACK OCTOBER 23



During the HBPD Open House, there will be an opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted or unused medication. As a friendly reminder, please remove all unwanted or unused medication from its original packaging and seal it in a Ziploc bag. No needles, ointment, or syrups will be accepted during this event.

HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT RAISING MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



Join us on Tuesday, October 19 at the Surf City Nights in downtown Huntington Beach as the Huntington Beach Police Department continues to fundraise for the annual Pink Patch Project. The Pink Patch Project is a law enforcement, nationwide effort to raise breast cancer awareness. A portion of merchandise sales benefits a local non-profit to further support cancer research, cancer treatment and awareness.



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