FEBRUARY 18, 2022

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Happy 113th Birthday, HB!

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA

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HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY HALL REOPENS TO COMMUNITY

Huntington Beach City Hall and other City facilities reopened for in-person services on Wednesday, February 16. The following in-person services are available:

- **Passports**: In-person passport services will be available by appointment only, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays.
- **Permit Center**: In-person services will be available, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., excluding holidays. Residents and businesses are still encouraged to utilize the online Permit Center available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Staff is available to assist via phone at (714) 536-5241, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays.
- **Payment Center**: In-person payments will be accepted at City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays.
- **Huntington Beach Police Station Lobby**: The Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) has continued to provide critical public safety services (patrol, custody, and investigations) at normal staffing levels. The HBPD front lobby will reopen for in-person services, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Online police services will remain available. Reports may be taken over the phone at (714) 960-8811.
- **Beach Parking Pass Sales**: The sale and distribution of beach parking passes will be available in-person at 103 Pacific Coast Highway, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays.
- **Public Meetings**: All in-person board and commission meetings may resume as scheduled.

The City's parks and beaches have remained open, as well as its community centers, libraries, and other community facilities. Drop-in activities at the Senior Center in Central Park and the City Gym and Pool with resume on Tuesday, February 22.

Face masks are required within City facilities for individuals who are not fully vaccinated and in youth settings.

CULTURAL CINEMA SHOWCASE HONORS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Looking to immerse yourself in a creative and engaging cultural showcase? As a way to bridge humanity and the arts, the Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee is hosting a cultural showcase in honor of Black History Month. The community is invited to take part in this cultural showcase in a variety of ways, including:

- View family-friendly showcase content weekly on HBTV Channel 3 now through March 15.
- Register for the FREE virtual showcase available online February 18-20.
- Attend in-person on Thursday, March 24, at the Huntington Beach Public Library, located at 7111 Talbert Avenue. The in-person showcase will feature panelists and special guest moderator Kira Talise from HBO's "Insecure" created by Issa Rae.

Due to COVID-19, the Black History Month Cultural Showcase has been extended through March. Some of the 2022 Showcase films include *Marabou,* directed by Thomas Sideris (Greece); *There's A Method to My Madness,* directed by Liberty Novoselac (USA); and *Looking for Me,* directed by Asha Flowers (USA). To view the full list of in-person showings, click here.

Renamed and established in 2021, the Huntington Beach Human Relations Committee (HBHRC) "inspires and promotes mutual understanding, respect, safety and the wellbeing of all in our community through education and engagement." Through their mission, the HBHRC works closely with the Police Department to ensure mutual understanding, safety, and well-being of others are upheld in the community. By using the arts to promote human dignity, the Committee hopes to better our community.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Orange County Trauma Intervention Program (OC TIP) is looking for new volunteers to help survivors in the immediate aftermath of traumatic events.
Fires, traffic accidents, and other horrible events happen every day, and when they do, the hardworking and caring OC TIP volunteers are called to those emergency scenes to provide emotional support to first responders and victims No past experience or requirements are needed to join OC TIP. All you need is a lot of love to give your fellow citizens going through tough times, and time to attend all of the TIP Training Academy dates listed below:

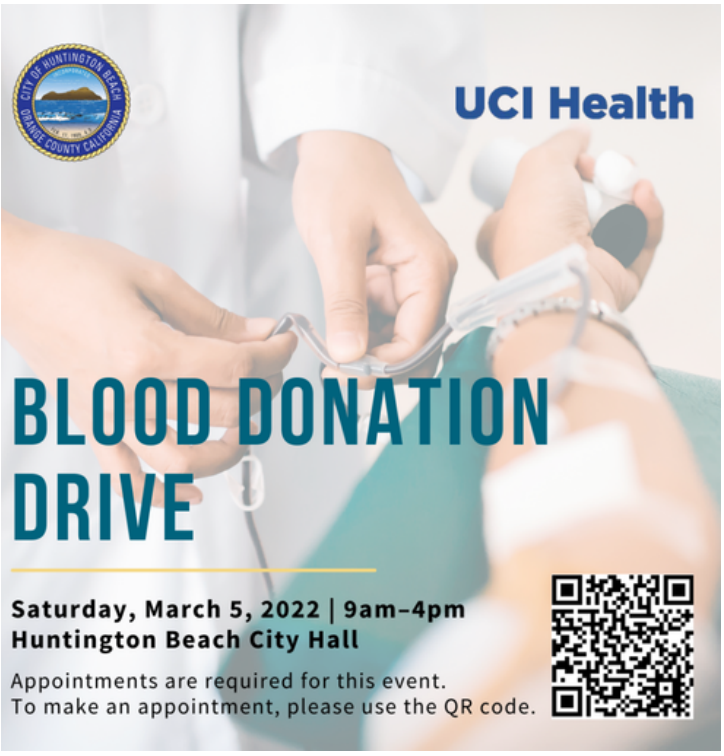
- 2/24/22 – 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- 2/25/22 – 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- 2/26/22 – 9 a.m.to 5 p.m.
- 2/27/22 – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 3/1/22 – 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- 3/3/22 – 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 3/4/22 – 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- 3/5/22 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9 will be the first monthly mandatory continuing education meeting from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monthly education meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month.

TIP volunteers are needed to help with sudden accidents or deaths, suicides, traffic accidents, or fires. If you have the fortitude, and want to help those who really need it, the Orange County Trauma Intervention Program would love to have you on board.

For more information reach out to tipvolunteeroc@gmail.com or call 949-354-3355, you can also register online here.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES BLOOD DRIVE DONATION EFFORTS



The American Red Cross declared the first ever national blood crisis. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Red Cross faces the challenge of a 10 percent overall decline in blood donation, and a 62 percent decline in blood drives. This substantial reduction leaves medical professionals in the difficult position of having to prioritize patients in need of blood transfusions. Patients whose blood needs are non-life threatening are often being forced to wait.

In response to this crisis, the Huntington Beach City Council directed City staff to work with the University of California, Irvine Health to host a blood drive at Huntington Beach City Hall (2000 Main Street) on Saturday, March 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to COVID-19 protocols, an appointment to donate is required, as walk-ups cannot be accommodated.

In addition to the blood drive, the City Council has asked staff to identify and promote additional opportunities for the community to participate in blood drives. We encourage everyone to continue following SurfCityBreak.com for additional blood donation opportunity in Orange County.

The most requested blood type is Type O. According to the American Red Cross, blood and/or platelets cannot be manufactured and are needed every two seconds in the United States. On average, 29,000 units of red blood cells, 5,000 units of platelets, and 6,500 units of plasma are needed every day. For more information on the importance of adequate blood supply, click here.

FREE OIL RECYCLING KITS

Did you know that used motor oil never expires? Used motor oil can be recycled and used again and again. Motor oil poured onto the ground, into storm drains, or into trash cans (even in sealed containers) leads to contamination of our soil and water. By properly recycling your used motor oil, you are protecting the environment and conserving a valuable resource.

To request a free oil recycling kit, **click here.**

SLATER AVENUE SEWER LIFT STATION

The Slater Avenue sewer lift station is in full operation and construction on the project is nearly complete. The City's contractor completed construction of the sewer lift station, as well as the underground conduit and foundations for the traffic pole and pedestrian push button post (at the northwest corner of Slater and Springdale) last week. The equipment installation, wiring, and activation for the traffic pole and push button were completed today. Demolition of the old lift station system and construction of a new concrete sidewalk will be taking place next week. Street repair and repaving will follow and be complete by the end of February.

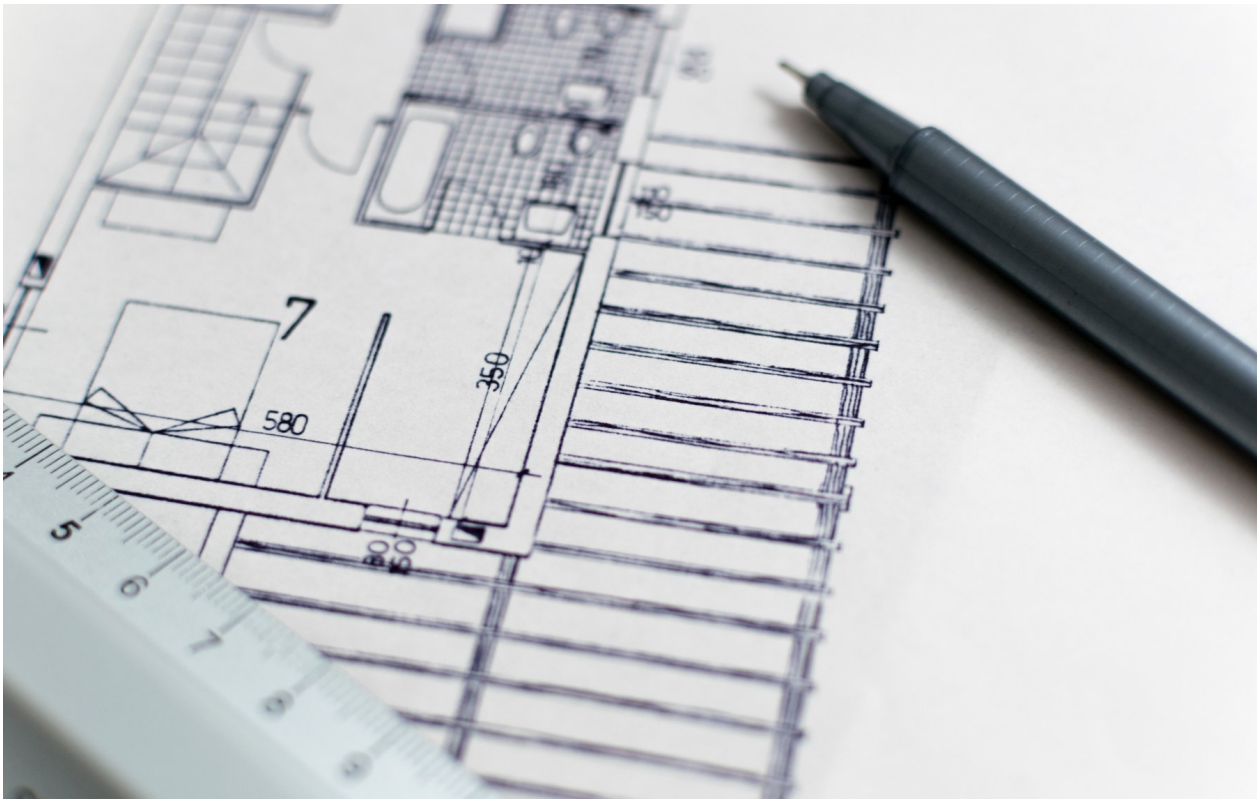
PHASE TWO: BLUFF TOP IMPROVEMENTS

Bluff Top improvements are well underway along Pacific Coast Highway between 11th Street and Seapoint Street. Phase one, which consisted of railing replacement along the bluff, is now complete. Phase two of the project is estimated to start this month.

Phase two includes a new sidewalk adjacent to Pacific Coast Highway, path maintenance, and landscape improvements throughout the space. The upcoming construction will result in the closure of the Bluff Top upper path. The lower trail and access to the beach will remain open. The sidewalk addition will result in 20 palm trees that currently line the path to be relocated to Huntington and Bolsa Chica State beaches. A biological survey will be done for every impacted tree. All trees removed will be replaced, resulting in almost double the number of trees currently within the area.

Phase two construction is expected to be complete before summer. Please be careful when walking or biking in the area while construction is taking place.

HOW TO VIEW, LOCATE, AND RECEIVE COPIES OF PLANS



Three research kiosks are available to assist our residents with viewing and obtaining plans. The kiosks can be found on the third floor of City Hall for public use during regular business hours. To utilize these kiosks, please check in online using Qless.

Locating plans through the kiosk is easy when searching by any of the following:

- Street Address
- Tract Number
- Permit Number Associated to the Plans

Plans may not be available through the kiosk depending on when the location was constructed. In compliance with Health and Safety Code 19851, the duplication of plans requires that an authorization form be completed and returned to the Permit Center. This form is available on our website and at City Hall.

COUNTY OF ORANGE AWARDED MORE THAN $3 MILLION TO SUPPORT UNDERSERVED SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Huntington Beach small underserved businesses impacted by COVID-19 are eligible to receive funding thanks to a grant $3 million grant awarded to the County of Orange. The funding can be used by HB small businesses to purchase new equipment, pay off debt incurred due to the pandemic, and more. View more information about this program and apply here.

For questions about the program or assistance submitting an application, call the Orange County Business and Economic Recovery Call Center at (714) 480-6500.

HBFD TEACHES HANDS ONLY CPR AS PART OF THE MARATHON

Well done to those who took the time to learn Hands Only CPR with our Huntington Beach Fire Department during the Surf City Marathon's LifeStyle Expo. Representatives from HBFD trained 155 people on this CPR technique over the course of the two-day Expo.

To learn more about Hands Only CPR, please visit the American Heart Association website.

For those interested in participating in the next Hands Only CPR training, sign-up for email updates through our Surf City Break website to be notified of the next opportunity.

CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE

IT'S TIME TO ADD "CLOSE YOUR DOOR" TO YOUR FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

You know how important it is to have working smoke alarms, escape plans, and a designated meeting place in case of a fire. But did you know that closing your doors in your home is also important for your safety? Closed doors can reduce fire growth, limit damage to your home, keep temperatures down, and can even save your life if you become trapped.

DID YOU KNOW?

Because of synthetic materials, furniture and construction, fire spreads faster than ever before.*

*NIST Technical Note 1455-1, February 2008

MAKE A 900 DEGREE DIFFERENCE - A closed door can mean reducing 1,000 degrees down to 100 degrees.

TAKE IT DOWN A NOTCH - During a fire, a closed door can keep carbon monoxide levels at 1,000 PPM versus 10,000 PPM if the door is left open.

TAKE A BREATHER - A fire needs oxygen to burn. A closed door keeps more oxygen in the room and away from the fire. When you exit a fire, make sure to close your door behind you to slow down its growth.

DOZE SAFELY - 50% of house fires happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Closing your doors before you hit the hay helps keep you safe.

Learn more at **closeyourdoor.org**

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RODGERS SENIORS' CENTER MEMORIAL AND PUBLIC PARK GROUNDBREAKING

On Friday, February 11, the community came together to remember the positive impacts that the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center has had on the community. This event also served as a way to celebrate the groundbreaking of the City's newest public park.

Hosted by Mayor Barbara Delgleize, the City's official archivist, Kathie Schey, and Senior Supervisor of the Senior Center in Central Park, Randy Pesqueria spoke on the historical significance of the Center. American Legion Post 133, who will continue to call the existing outreach building home, lowered the American flag for the last time. In the OneHB spirit, City Council, members of the Community and Library Services Commission, and City staff officially broke ground on the park.

The new public park is expected to open March 2023. It will include open green space, new walking paths, a renovated clubhouse for community use, and added picnic and seating areas.

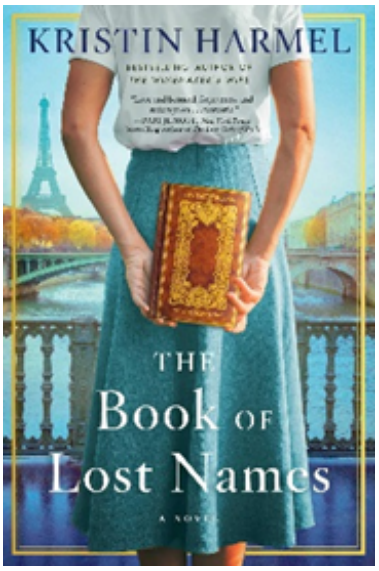
For more information visit the former Rodgers Seniors' Center webpage.
Watch the full ceremony here.

CITY HALL AND OTHER FACILITIES CLOSED TO OBSERVE PRESIDENT'S DAY ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022

On Monday, February 21, 2022, City Hall, Libraries, Community Centers, and other City facilities will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day. While refuse and recycling services will still take place as scheduled, street sweeping service and associated enforcement will not.

All City facilities and services will resume their regularly scheduled operations on Tuesday, February 22, 2022

BOOK CLUB VIRTUAL EVENT



The next pick for the Central Library's Adult Book Club is *The Book of Lost Names*, by Kristin Harmel. Kristin's work of historical fiction is inspired by a true story from World War II about a young woman named Eve who helps hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis with her talent for forgery. To preview the discussion questions and sign-up for the event, visit the event webpage.

Please note, the previously-scheduled book, *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, was postponed till November due to a long wait list.

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

Join thriller author Gregg Hurwitz and noir crime writer Eric Beetner on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. for a lively discussion on Mr. Hurwitz's latest work *Dark Horse*, the 7th installment in the popular action-packed *ORPHAN X* series.

Tickets for the event are on sale now. Enjoy coffee, a dessert bar and door prizes. A book sales and signing will be available after the presentation. The cost to attend 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, visit the event webpage.

ADULT AND TEEN SPECIAL EVENT

In honor of February's "Great Backyard Bird Count," teens and adults are invited to attend "Birding 101."

During the virtual presentation on Wednesday, February 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., local residents Babs Levitan and Ron Krasnitz will demonstrate how to identify and find various birds in our community. Register by clicking the link.

The next Wise Owl Tween Book Club, for tweens ages 8-12 years old, will be Thursday, February 24, at 4 p.m. February's book club pick is *A Good Kind of Trouble*, by Lisa Moore Ramée. Registration for this online event is required and now open. Take-home kits are available to pick up from the Central Library. Kits contain a fun craft and snacks to enjoy before or during the event.

Tweens are encouraged to complete the craft and finish reading the book prior to the event so they can ask the author questions. Seats for this popular event are filling up fast, so those interested are encouraged to register soon. Information on future book club events and author visits can be found on the Library's online calendar.

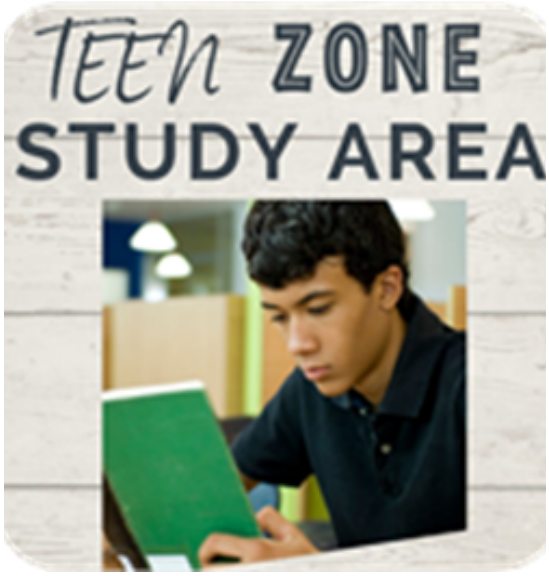
CHILDREN'S IN-PERSON CRAFT PROGRAM AND ONLINE STORY TIMES

Children ages 4-12 are invited to the Central Library's Creativity Corner where they can create a new project each week for the remainder of the Winter Program Session, March 30, 2022. The in-person crafts will take place every Sunday and Monday in February from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., near the Children's Library fish tank. Craft projects will vary and may include paint dotter art, collage, lacing, googly eyes, and more.

There is no need to register, and projects take anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes to complete, while supplies last. We ask that participating, families still maintain social distancing and proper mask usage.

In addition, story time fans can visit the library's YouTube channel to view an impressive collection of online story times given by a variety of in-house storytellers, such as Miss Kari and Miss Maribel await.

OAK VIEW BRANCH LIBRARY NEWS



Students in grades 6 through 12 in need of a quiet place to study are welcome at the Teen Study Area at the Oak View Branch Library. Those looking for somewhere to study alone, work on a school project with classmates, or use a public computer to get homework done will find that this is the perfect place. There is no need to register to participate in this program. Study hours are Monday through Thursday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, please call 714-375-5068.

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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