



City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

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Three Food Drives on Saturday, May 9 for Community Members Affected by COVID-19

OneHB Connects – a partnership between the City of Huntington Beach and a collaborative group consisting of the Lutheran Disaster Response, Care Connections Network, Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, and Waste Not OC – was created to identify and meet the needs of seniors facing hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since its formation, OneHB Connects has provided over 3,000 meals per week to homebound seniors; developed a senior pen pal program; and provided referrals to critical senior care services.

Over the past month, OneHB Connects has recognized a growing food insecurity among the wider community during the pandemic. Responding to this need, OneHB Connects teamed up with local residents and organizations to host three food drives on Saturday, May 9 from 9 am to 1 pm at the following locations:

- St Peter's By-the-Sea Presbyterian Church: 16911 Bolsa Chica Street, #3570
- Senior Center in Central Park: 18041 Goldenwest Street
- Lutheran Church-Resurrection: 9812 Hamilton Avenue

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“ONEHB CONNECTS” FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, MAY 9
9AM-1 PM

We would like to invite and encourage our generous community to lift up their neighbors in need by donating essential canned foods or household items at these “drive-thru” locations in Huntington Beach.

- » **St Peter’s By-the-Sea Presbyterian Church**
16911 Bolsa Chica Street, #3570
- » **Senior Center in Central Park**
18041 Goldenwest Street
- » **Lutheran Church-Resurrection**
9812 Hamilton Avenue



At this time, we kindly ask that you donate only the following, non-perishable items that have been identified as the most essential items for our community:

- » *Peanut butter*
- » *Canned chicken*
- » *Canned tuna*
- » *Canned fruit*
- » *Canned vegetables*
- » *Rice*
- » *Pasta Sauce*
- » *Dried pasta*
- » *Toilet paper*
- » *Paper towels*
- » *Disinfectant wipes*
- » *Hand sanitizer*



If you would like to donate, please remember to:

- » **Remain in their vehicles** to ensure a contactless delivery,
 - » **Bag or box your donated goods** in advance, and
 - » **Place them in the trunk or passenger backseat** for staff to remove from your car.
- This will allow staff and participants to maintain proper social distance and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Donated items will be stored and distributed to Huntington Beach residents at various City and Interfaith Council locations. To request any items from these food banks, please call **714-536-5600** for requests related to older adults, and **714-752-0406** for all other requests.

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together we're
ONEHB
helping those in need

State Announces Move to an Early Phase Stage 3 Reopening Starting Today, May 8

Governor Newsom announced that California would be moving to an Early Phase Stage 2 reopening starting today, May 8. Under the directive, lower risk workplaces and businesses will be allowed to reopen initially. Then, within the next several weeks, if COVID-19 testing data continues to show a flattening of the curve, the State will be transitioning to a Later Phase Stage 2 reopening that will further loosen business and workplace restrictions.

"We are encouraged by the State's announcement today that certain businesses will now be opening," said Mayor Lyn Semeta. "With this transition, we're now starting the process of working to safely bring our economy back online, which is a long-awaited move that all of us here in Huntington Beach have been eagerly awaiting. I would urge everyone to continue to practice safe social distancing as businesses start to reopen in the coming days. All of us are anxious to see a rapid return to our pre-COVID-19 lives."

CAN Open Friday, May 8, With Modifications

According to the State, during the Early Phase Stage 2 reopening, effective Friday, May 8, curbside retail pickup / delivery will be allowed in industries including, but not limited to, the following:

Bookstores	Home and furnishing stores	Sporting goods stores
Jewelry stores	Toy stores	Antique stores
Clothing stores	Shoe stores	Music stores
Florists		

In addition, supply chains supporting the above businesses, in manufacturing and logistics sectors, can also reopen during the Early Phase Stage 2 reopening.

CANNOT Open on Friday, May 8

- Hospitality services, such as bars and lounges
- Dine-in restaurants (other facility amenities, like bars or gaming areas, are not permitted)
- Destination retail, including shopping malls and swap meets
- Personal services, including car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening
- Personal services such as nail salons, tattoo parlors, gyms and fitness studios
- Office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Schools and childcare facilities
- Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces
- Entertainment venues, such as movie theaters, gaming facilities, and pro sports
- Indoor museums, kids museums and gallery spaces, zoos, and libraries
- Community centers, including public pools, playgrounds, and picnic areas
- Religious services and cultural ceremonies
- Nightclubs
- Concert venues
- Festivals
- Theme parks
- Hotels/lodging for leisure and tourism

In addition, based on the Governor's announcement, given that the threat of COVID-19 is still present, all Early Phase Stage 2 businesses must also take steps to reduce the possibility of infection by performing a detailed risk assessment and developing a plan to protect others; train employees to limit the spread and screen for symptoms; and implement disinfecting, social distancing, and other preventative protocols.

More detailed guidance specific to your industry regarding the Early Phase Stage 2 reopening plan and a checklist that must be completed prior to reopening can be found online at the following address: <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>

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Moving ahead, the announcement today from the State also included a reference to a Later Phase Stage 2 reopening. If the data shows that the COVID-19 curve continues to be flattened in the coming weeks, the State will be transitioning to a Later Phase Stage 2 status. Under that protocol, the following businesses will be allowed to reopen:

WILL EVENTUALLY be Opened During a Later Phase Stage 2 Reopening

- Destination retail, including shopping malls and swap meets
- Personal services, limited to: car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening
- Office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Dine-in restaurants (other facility amenities, like bars or gaming areas, are not permitted)
- Schools and childcare facilities
- Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces

As policies are updated or modified, they will be posted on the City's HB Ready website at www.HBready.com. For questions about City policies and services, please call our Call Center at (714) 536-5511.



Beach Open for Recreational Use

As of May 5, the City reopened our beaches and beach bike pathway for active recreation only. "We're delighted to be reopening our beaches for active recreation, which will allow our community to once again enjoy the recreational and mental health benefits from spending time at the Pacific Ocean," said Mayor Lyn Semeta. "The new active recreation rules that we're instituting will allow for continued beach access in a manner that emphasizes the need to practice safe social distancing."

The decision to reopen the beaches in Surf City was made after extensive discussions with other local area cities and State representatives, including those at the California Natural Resources Agency and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Of note, the State beaches (Huntington State Beach and Bolsa Chica State Beach) also reopened with active recreation protocols consistent with those being implemented by the City.

Allowed Beach Activities: Active recreation activities only at open beaches

- ◆ Physical distancing requirements will remain in-place. (Unless you actively recreating with members within your same household)
- ◆ Beaches (excluding Huntington Harbor) and beach pathways will be open
- ◆ Walking, running, hiking, bicycle riding, etc. (where normally allowed) will be facilitated.
- ◆ Ocean will be open to swimming, surfing, bodysurfing, boogie boarding, kite surfing, paddle boarding, skim boarding, kayaking, and other similar ocean activities.
- ◆ Fishing will be allowed from the beach and other ocean access locations, in those places where fishing activities are normally allowed, so long as social distancing requirements are abided by.
- ◆ Beaches and the ocean will be closed to passive games, fire pit activity, loitering of any kind sunbathing, and any passive gatherings of people.

Under the new active recreation rules, beaches and the ocean will be closed to passive games, loitering, sunbathing, and any gatherings of people (even if engaged in active recreation) outside of those within their immediate household.

At this time, the following amenities at the beach will remain closed to facilitate enhanced social distancing practices:

- Huntington Beach Pier
- Beach playground
- Open grass and picnic areas adjacent to the beach bike path
- Huntington Harbor beaches will remain closed, including:
 - Davenport Beach
 - Humboldt Beach
 - Trinidad Beach
 - Seabridge Park Beach
- All harbor beaches along Pacific Coast Highway in Sunset Beach

New signage highlighting the active recreation requirement at City beaches will be installed in the coming days. Of note, tampering with the signs is considered a misdemeanor subject to fines or arrest by the Huntington Beach Police Department.

The City will maintain enhanced communication with the public to share details about the active recreation rules, with City lifeguards and law enforcement personnel set to make hourly public announcements about the need to engage in active recreation and social distancing while at the beach. The COVID-19 pandemic is constantly evolving, and the City is working to adapt to these changes and meet the needs of its community. As policies are updated or modified, they will be posted on the City's HB Ready website at www.HBready.com. For questions about City policies and services, please call our Call Center at (714) 536-5511.

START APPLYING NOW!

LISC OC Small Business Relief Program

15 - \$5,000 grants to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 Crisis



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
COVID-19 PUBLIC INFORMATION

\$5,000 Micro Grants Available to Orange County Small Businesses

The California State University, Fullerton Small Business Development Center Network is teaming up with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation Los Angeles (LISC) and Wells Fargo for their LISC OC Small Business Relief Program to offer grants to micro-businesses in Orange County.

Thanks to support from Wells Fargo, LISC LA is providing 15 – \$5,000 grants to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 Crisis. The application will open from May 8, 2020 at 9am PST and close May 9, 2020 at 9am PST. You can preview the application questions [here](#).

Eligibility

Micro-businesses and enterprises affected by Covid-19 in Orange County, especially those in underserved communities, including entrepreneurs of color, women- and veteran-owned businesses that often lack access to flexible, affordable capital.

Businesses must have at least two employees and a maximum of five Full-Time Employees or 10 Part-Time Employees. Applications will be reviewed based on criteria designed to prioritize particularly challenged businesses, and the final grantees will be randomly selected from the top scoring applicants. Businesses must be located in Orange County.

You can also access more information for COVID-19 Business Resources and Business Relief with the links below:

[HB Ready – Comprehensive Resource List – Click on Business Relief](#)

[HB Ready – Business Support](#)

[Huntington Beach Business Development – COVID-19 Business Resources](#)

Fire Department

Fire Permit Services – Available Now

Due to COVID-19, all routine (non-construction) fire and life safety inspections including operational permit inspections are now on hold. All businesses are expected to maintain a safe work environment, including all fire safety provisions, at all times.

However, that does not mean we are not working hard for the community. The Fire Department has embraced the tools of technology to serve the community in new, exciting ways.

PLAN SUBMITTAL PROCESS

The Huntington Beach Fire Department (HBFD) has collaborated with Community Development and Public Works to create a portal to allow for electronic plan submittals. New applications and resubmittals must be submitted electronically to the HBFD.

Please follow the HBFD's Fire Prevention website links below:

[Electronic Plan Submittal Instructions](#)

[Huntington Beach Plan Submission Portal](#)
[Online-Payment-Instructions](#)

INSPECTION PROCESS

The HBFD is offering inspection services for projects that have been issued a fire construction permit. To schedule an inspection please [click here](#) or e-mail fireinspection@surfcity-hb.org. Someone will be in touch with you to schedule an inspection. All inspections are being conducted through video chat. Please review the guide below for the HBFD's requirements for video inspection:

[Video Inspection Guide](#)

For any questions related to plan checks or fire construction inspections, feel free to email Fire Protection Analyst Steve Eros at Steve.Eros@surfcity-hb.org



STAY UP TO DATE WITH SOCIAL MEDIA

We want to remind you that you can access our social media channels for more immediate information. Please find the links below to our social media accounts:

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/cityofhbpio>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/cityofhb>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/cityofhb/>

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/surfcitypio>

For more information about City updates and services during the pandemic, please call our HB Ready Call Center at (714) 536-5511 or visit our COVID-19 website at www.HBready.com. In addition, a comprehensive list of resources for residents, businesses, volunteers, and other groups adversely impacted by COVID-19 is now available at hbready.com/resource-sheet.

Fire Department

Snowy Plover Shore Bird Nesting Sites

Approximately eight Snowy Plover nesting sites on the beaches in Huntington Beach have been discovered! One site is on our City beach, three on Huntington State Beach and four on Bolsa Chica State Beach. All locations are surrounded by a fence to discourage beach goers from disturbing the nests. Biologists on site have advised that the chicks are starting to hatch and are extremely vulnerable. The baby chicks will be walking/running between the nest and the waterline for approximately one month, until they are able to fly. When threatened, the chicks freeze and are vulnerable to being run over or stepped on as they are difficult to see in the sand.



Since 1993, the U.S. Pacific Coast population of Snowy Plovers has been listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The Snowy Plover's nesting season occurs during the summer months when people visit beaches the most. Human activities, such as walking, jogging, running pets, horseback riding and vehicle use, are key factors in the ongoing decline in breeding sites and populations.

As part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Snowy Plover Recovery Plan, California State Park employees, biologists and volunteers fence off some vulnerable nesting areas during breeding seasons to fend off people and predators, and keep a watchful eye on Snowy Plover nests.

Police Department



These unprecedented times have called for our Department to quickly adapt to new protocols and work diligently to keep our community safe. It is not only during this time that our officers work tirelessly, their efforts extend beyond!

Our officers often work long hours and continuously put themselves in the line of duty to protect our city. In honor of National Police Week (May 10 - May 15) and National Police Officers Memorial Day (May 13, 2020), we would like to thank all our officers who have been our essential front line workers during this pandemic and who risk their lives throughout the year.

Thank you for your dedication, commitment and honor to serve our community!

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HB Art Center

Artist Spotlight

Each week we turn the Artist Spotlight on HBAC instructors and Artist Council members to see what they are up to while practicing their own social distancing. Get to know Anne Marie Price and Gia Moody for some fun, funky art projects to do from home.



Anne Marie Price is a fixture at the Art Center and we are lucky to have her teaching Mosaic on Stone live and in-person when the studio is open. Anne Marie is a member of the Artist Council and a frequent exhibitor in the annual Inspired and Centered on the Center exhibitions hosted at the Art Center.

Self-taught, Anne Marie is an award-winning teacher and working artist. Most recently she was awarded the Olive Stack Artist Residency in Listowel, Ireland and worked on the Isidora Paz López "Vogeltreppe" Mosaic Project in Pirmasens, Germany.

Anne Marie is offering online courses, Mosaic on Stone and Making a Mosaic Surfboard for purchase on Mosaic Arts Online. The course includes instructional videos and downloadable PDFs to use at your own pace. For more information on Anne Marie visit www.annemarieprice.com



Gia Moody (kids art) trained at the New York Academy of Art, MFA, in the classical traditions. She continued her studies at the Laguna College of Art and Design in Laguna Beach and studies regularly with local plein air painters.

Gia's work has been shown in Los Angeles, New York, Virginia and throughout Orange County. She is a member of Laguna Plein Air Painters Association as well as the California Art Club in Los Angeles. Gia currently teaches Interior Design at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.

On Saturdays through May from 11 am-12pm, Gia will teach a Kids Art class on ZOOM. Geared toward kids age 6-12, students will learn how to make a Matisse-inspired garden collage with paper in the first class. Teacher and students will read and learn about the famous French artist and what was so special about how he made his art. Register here: https://cccconfer.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpdeqprjktHNbdgq2QoJttCTDfDv_acwnh

A worksheet guide and materials list will be emailed to enrolled students. Gia is offering weekly Saturday morning sessions. The cost is \$10 per class or \$45 for the whole series in May. You can learn more at: <https://giamoody.fineartstudioonline.com/>

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19 SERVICE UPDATES

Effective May 1, we are reinstating the 10-4 bulk item collection service.

- Residential customers can schedule free bulk item collection for large items 4 times per year and up to 10 items per pickup.
- Commercial and multi-family customers with dumpster service can have bulk items collected for a fee of \$26 per item.

Please call 714.847.3581 to schedule.



We'll handle it from here.®



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Helpline	(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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