



# City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

December 4, 2020



## Huntington Beach Awarded for OneHB Program

On November 19, 2020, the Orange County Business Council awarded the City of Huntington Beach with a “Red Tape to Red Carpet” award for its public-private partnership on the “OneHB” Business Support Campaign to help small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

Longtime Huntington Beach philanthropist and hotel developer Robert Mayer, Sr. provided an initial \$100,000 donation to OneHB to help launch the program and fund 20 one-time grants of \$5,000 each. OneHB is seeking other donations and selling “HB” branded apparel and yard signs which will continue to support future grants and help many Huntington Beach small businesses stay viable during this global pandemic.

“The OneHB campaign is a unique concept that brings philanthropy and community support together to help local small businesses that were in danger of closing due to the pandemic,” said OCBC President and CEO Lucy Dunn. “Through creative means, Huntington Beach found ways to work with community members and donors to raise money to provide qualified small businesses with micro-grants to help keep their doors open and keep local residents employed.”

“Huntington Beach has always been a generous and caring community,” said Mayor Lyn Semeta. “During the pandemic, the community took care of seniors with meal deliveries and activity kits, donated safety equipment to our firefighters, and so much more. From day one, we have also been committed to helping small businesses keep their doors open. The OneHB campaign not only generates dollars for small businesses, but also generates goodwill and provides another avenue for the community to come together.”

As additional contributions are received, the City will invite other small businesses to apply for future rounds of grant funding on [www.onehb.org](http://www.onehb.org). Grants may be used towards payroll, rent, utilities and other approved business expenses. *(Continued on Page 6)*

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## Public Information Office

### New Parking Meters Slated for Downtown HB



The downtown area in Huntington Beach will soon have a new look with an upgraded parking meter system. This past September, the City Council approved the purchase of 440 new MacKay parking meters, which includes 375 dual-space meters and 65 single-space meters that collectively cover a total of 815 parking spaces.

The City's current meter inventory is well beyond its average life expectancy, and the existing smart meters use 2G cellular network technology, which will soon be obsolete. The wireless technology is required in order to transmit payment information as well as operational statistics. The new meters will have 4G modems and will be able to accept credit cards, coin, and contactless NFC (Near Field Communication) payments. They also have the ability to expand to sensor technology and additional customer service friendly pay options.

As of last week, the Community and Library Services Department Parking Meter team completed the reconfiguration of meter poles in downtown. Several rusted iron-meter vaults have been replaced with

much cleaner looking poles in preparation for the deployment of the new dual space meters.

The City's Parking Meter team anticipates being able to install a portion of these new meters by approximately December 11. A total of 47 metered spaces will be upgraded in the 100 block of Main Street as well as along Walnut Street and Olive Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Installation of meters for these 47 spaces should take place over the course of a single day.

The remaining meters are expected to be received towards the end of December, which will allow the Parking Meter team to complete this upgrade throughout the downtown area, Pacific City, and Pacific Coast Highway.

For more information on Beach Parking and Camping within the City of Huntington Beach, feel free to visit the City's website or call 714-536-5281.

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Community Services Department

*Drive Thru*

# HOLIDAY EXPRESS

A WINTER WONDERLAND EXPERIENCE

December 17, 2020

10 AM – 12 PM

Senior Center in Central Park

limited supply available

Holiday stops include:

- CHRISTMAS IN A BOX
- HOLIDAY TREATS AND SNACKS
- MAKE YOUR OWN ORNAMENT KIT
- COFFEE AND SPECIAL HOLIDAY DRINKS
- PICTURES WITH SANTA
- NEW YEAR'S IN A BOX

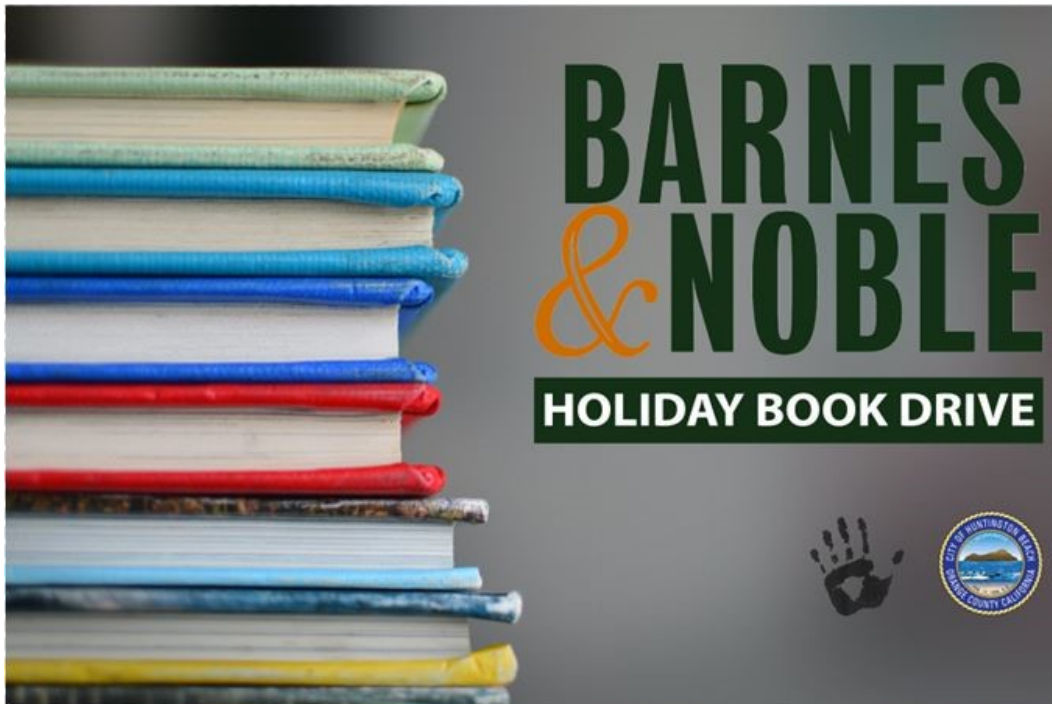
TAKE A BREAK FROM THIS HECTIC YEAR  
AND DRIVE ON BY FOR SOME HOLIDAY CHEER



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## Community Services Department

### Support Local Youth by Purchasing a Book at Barnes & Noble Huntington Beach



The City of Huntington Beach Children's Needs Task Force is proud to partner once again with our local Barnes & Noble at Bella Terra - Huntington Beach for their annual Holiday Book Drive. Barnes & Noble stores across the country invite customers to share the joy of reading by providing an opportunity for customers to donate books to children in need through locally designated schools and non-profit organizations.

Our goal is to get as many books as possible into the hands of children in Huntington Beach! Our store's book drive will benefit local students through the City of Huntington Beach Children's Needs Task Force.

To support the book drive, simply purchase any children's book at Barnes & Noble Huntington Beach at Bella Terra and leave it with the cashier for donation. City staff and the Children's Needs Task Force will separate books by grade and deliver books to schools and local non-profit 501(c)3 organizations. The Holiday Book Drive runs through Saturday, December 12, 2020.

Barnes & Noble: 7881 Edinger Ave., #110 Huntington Beach, CA 92647, (714)-897-8781



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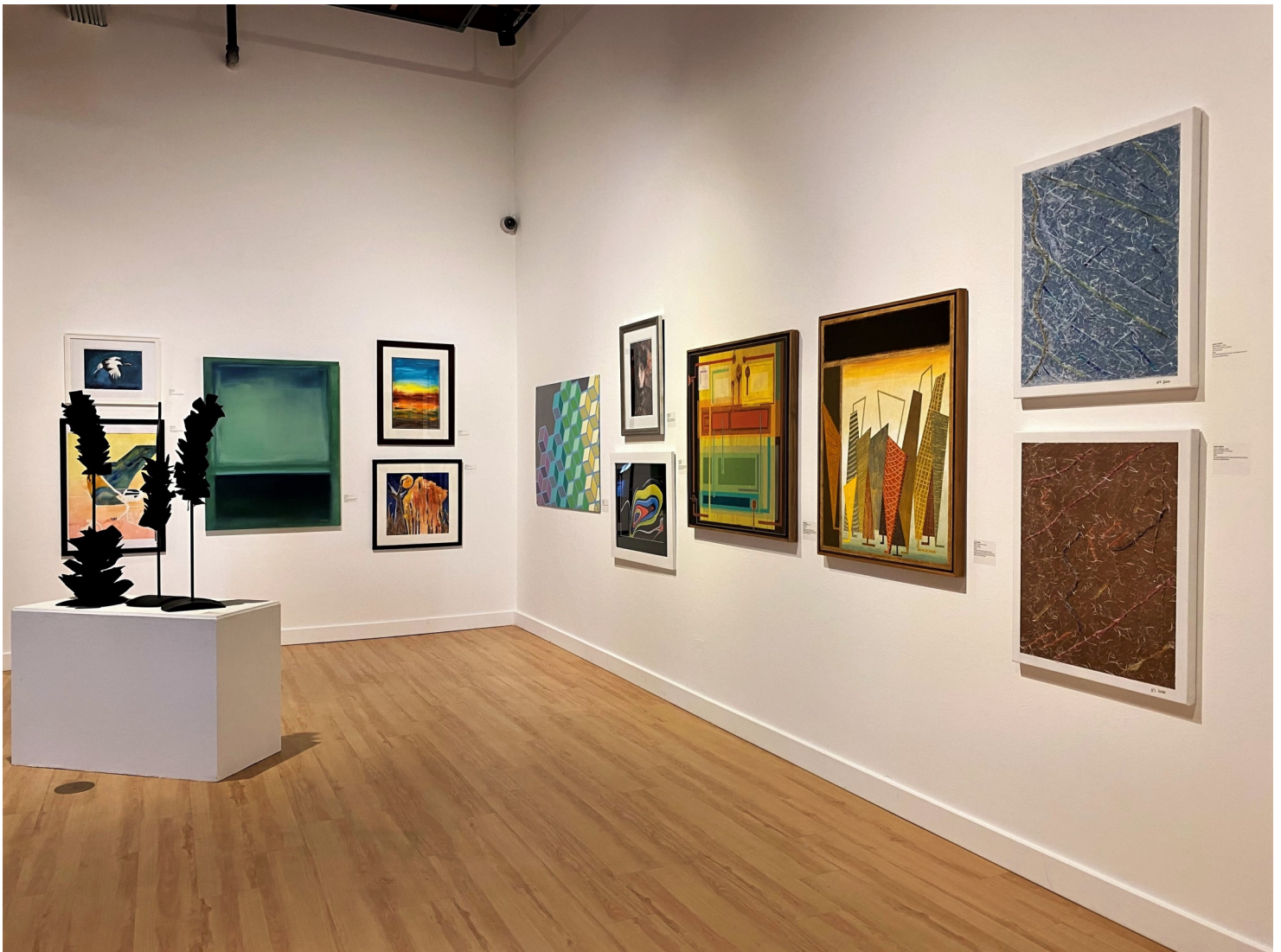
## Community Services Department

### Art Makes Great Gifts! Shop Local and Support Artists

[www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org)

Now through December 12, 2020

The Huntington Beach Art Center is proud to present two wonderful opportunities to support local artists and buy fantastic gifts for your friends and family! With the 2020 **Inspired** exhibition and **Surf City Arts Fest**, HBAC is offering hundreds of artworks for sale in a variety of media, styles, and price ranges. Featuring over 150 works from more than 85 members of the HBAC Artist Council, **Inspired** 2020 is presented in the galleries for virtual viewing on our website. **Surf City Arts Fest** features 31 California-based artists and over 160 artworks for sale; some are even able to be shipped directly to you! See all the available artworks at [www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org)!



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## Community Development Department

### Funding Availability—Community Development Block Grant



The City of Huntington Beach (City) anticipates receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds from the United Department of Housing and Urban Development for qualifying projects and programs during the 2021-22 Fiscal Year. It is suggested that applicants review the Application Handbook posted online to ensure that all submissions are eligible, complete, and provided with the appropriate documentation: [www: https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/business/economic-development/cdbg/](https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/business/economic-development/cdbg/). Applications are available for any organization interested in requesting funding. Any eligible group may be submitted for consideration.

Application packets will be available beginning December 7, 2020, on the City's website at [www: https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/business/economic-development/cdbg/](https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/business/economic-development/cdbg/). All applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021. No late applications will be accepted.

For more information, please contact Robert Ramirez, Economic Development Project Manager, at [robert.ramirez@surcity-hb.org](mailto:robert.ramirez@surcity-hb.org).

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"Eighty percent of the businesses in Huntington Beach have five or fewer employees," said Huntington Beach Mayor Pro Tem Kim Carr. "Many of these shops work on razor thin margins where a \$5,000 micro-grant can make a big difference. If HB residents can come together to purchase a yard sign, a t-shirt or a sweatshirt at [www.onehb.org](http://www.onehb.org), we display our support while also helping to save our local small businesses."

OneHB is a collaboration of the City of Huntington Beach, the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Community for Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Opportunities (CIELO), and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

To learn more about the OneHB campaign or to make a donation or purchase merchandise, please visit [www.onehb.org](http://www.onehb.org).

## Police Department

### Holiday Online Shopping Tips

The Holidays are fast approaching, which means that shopping sprees have begun! Due to the current circumstances, many people may opt to shop online instead of shopping in stores this year. Avoid being a victim of theft or scams by following the safety tips we have listed below.



## Holiday Online-Shopping Safety TIPS

In 2019, the Huntington Beach Police Department reported 1,467 thefts from vehicles. This is an increase of 5% as compared to 2018. There were also 116 package thefts in 2019. Make your safety a priority and follow these tips.

1



### Shop Only From Secured Websites

To avoid scam websites, make sure the website URL is written as "https://". Also, look for the lock icon usually found on the left of the URL. The final 's' and the lock icon means the website is secured. Make sure the website has a Contact Us page and check the legitimacy of Customer Reviews!

2



### Avoid Scams & Too Good to be True Deals

Avoid purchasing products that are considered too good to be true! For example, a MacBook Pro would never cost \$200. Avoid scams from Craigslist, eBay, and other sites that could potentially have scammers.

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### Require Signatures for Deliveries

Whenever possible, require signatures for delivery packages. These will serve as proof of delivery. Most mail delivery companies will not drop off your packages without a signature and will try again on a different day.

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### Have Neighbors Secure Packages

If you do not require signatures, most deliveries will leave your package by your mail box or by your door. Unattended packages run the risk of theft. Therefore, you should ask your neighbors to secure your packages for you.

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2. Go and pickup

### Pick Up at the Store or at a Secure Pick-Up Location

Whenever possible, pick up your orders at the store itself or have your packages delivered at a secure pick-up location. For example, Amazon has many pick-up locations across the country.

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### Always Use a Secured Payment Method

Always use a Credit Card or PayPal when making online purchases. Credit cards provide much better protections against fraud than debit cards & PayPal has a money-back guarantee and doesn't require you to reveal personal financial details.



**HUNTINGTON BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS CALL 911**



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## Fire Department



## The 2020 Spark of Love Toy Drive On Now!

Yes, it's that time of year again...the Spark of Love Toy Drive. The Spark of Love program benefits local charity and non-profit groups in our local communities that provide toys to kids and teens who may otherwise not fully enjoy the magic of the holidays.

We are in need of new, unwrapped toys for our annual toy drive! Your donations will touch the lives of many families, especially during these challenging times. All toys collected in the City of Huntington Beach will be distributed only within the Huntington Beach community.

We are now accepting toy donations at each of your neighborhood fire stations, Marine Safety Headquarters, and City Hall. The earlier in the season you donate, the more impact your donation will have. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, donation boxes will be placed outside to reduce contact and maintain physical distancing guidelines. Please wear your masks when making your donations.

The HBFD is encouraging the community to use our socially distant options to bring some holiday cheer to the children of Huntington Beach. Community members may make monetary donations through the Huntington Beach Fire Outreach Foundation. Donations can be made via credit card or PayPal at <https://www.hbfof.org/donate.html>. Select the "Donate" button and type "Spark of Love" in the notes section. Checks can be mailed to address listed below. Make checks payable to the HBFOF and add Spark of Love to the notes section.

**HB Fire Outreach Foundation  
6771 Warner Ave PO Box 1903  
Huntington Beach CA 92647**

We thank you for your generosity and support as we make the holidays a little brighter for City of Huntington Beach!



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## Library Services Department


Oak View Branch Library

# CURBSIDE PICKUP SERVICE

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:00 PM 4:00 PM**

Reserve library items with your library card, and pick them up, when they are available for you at Oak View Branch Library.

**INOW AVAILABLE AT  
OAK VIEW  
BRANCH LIBRARY!**



The **Oak View Branch Library** has begun offering **Curbside Pickup** and **Shelf Help Services** at their location! To pick items up at the Oak View branch, go to [hbpl.org](http://hbpl.org), or call the Oak View library staff at (714) 375-5068. For those who need help picking out something to read, the library is also offering the popular Shelf Help Service. Print out the form here <https://libraryaware.com/26NFBX>, complete it and drop it off in the Oak View Branch's Book Drop! Patrons will be sent a confirmation alerting them when their items are ready for pickup. Upon arrival at the Oak View branch, they should call (714) 375-5068 and provide their library card number. They can then pick up their items on a table in front of the library's main entrance. Oak View Branch Library sidewalk services are **available on Tuesdays and Thursdays between Noon to 4 p.m.**



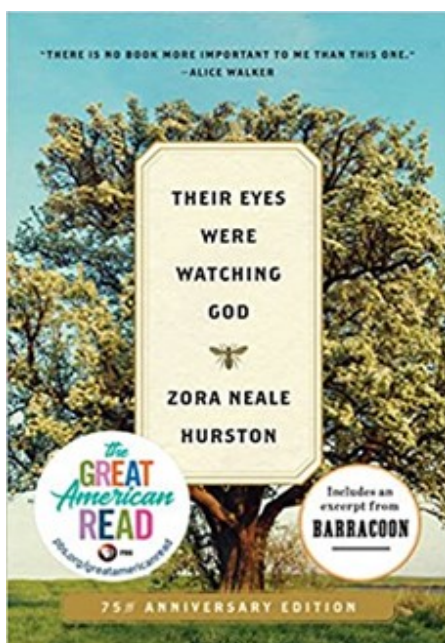
Join the **Huntington Beach Public Library's** teen expert Vivian Nguyen for this online event "**Teens Stand Up to Stress.**" Attendees will learn the secrets to reducing everyday stress in this interactive presentation, which will take place on **Friday, December 18 at 3 p.m.** All participants will be entered into a raffle to receive a "Stress Less" goodie bag, courtesy of the HBPL TeenSpace. This is an online event. The event URL will be sent to the e-mail provided during registration, which can be completed by following this link <https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7307629>.

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Even though the **Huntington Beach Children's Library** will miss Ballet Etudes' annual presentation of "The Nutcracker Ballet" this year, they will still offer something fun to celebrate this beloved holiday-themed ballet! **Nutcracker Quick Crafts** will include quick and easy crafts, games, and activities all geared towards kids ages 6 to 12. Required **registration** to reserve a bag for pickup at the Central Library begins at **3 p.m. on Thursday, December 3**. Then, children can pick up their bag at the Central Library from **Monday, December 7, through Saturday, December 12**, during Sidewalk Service hours (**Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**). Bags must be picked up during these hours; no late pickups are allowed without prior arrangements with Children's Library staff. Nutcracker Quick Crafts are limited to 100 registrations due to supply availability, and registration is limited to a maximum of four kits per family. If registration is already full, the Quick Craft instructions can be downloaded from the Children's Library website, <https://hbpl.libguides.com/kids/home/>, starting Monday, December 7.



Join other book lovers for the virtual **Main Street Library Book Club**, to be held online on **Thursday, December 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** This month the featured book is "Their Eyes were Watching God," by Zora Neale Hurston. Written in 1937, this ground-breaking novel was out of print for almost 30 years due to the rejection of its strong black female protagonist. Since its 1978 reissue, Hurston's classic has become one of the most widely read and highly acclaimed novels in the canon of African-American literature. Register for this online event at <https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/6799741>. A link to the event URL will be sent to the e-mail used during registration.

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## Public Information Office

### Regional Stay At Home Order Effective Sunday, 12/6

The Southern California Region's ICU bed capacity dropped below 15%, triggering the State's Regional Stay Home Order. The Order is intended to reduce gatherings and other interactions that can spread COVID-19 and overwhelm our hospital systems. The Order goes into effect December 6, 2020 and will remain in effect for at least 3 weeks and until ICU capacity meets or exceeds 15%. For more information, please visit [www.HBReady.com/Reopen](http://www.HBReady.com/Reopen).

#### REGIONAL STAY AT HOME ORDER



#### NEW RESTRICTION SUMMARY:

- Closes the following sectors:
  - Indoor and outdoor playgrounds
  - Indoor recreational facilities
  - Hair and nail salons, barbershops
  - Personal care and limited services
  - Museums, zoos, aquariums
  - Movie, family entertainment centers
  - Cardrooms, satellite wagering
  - Live audience sports
  - Amusement parks
  - Bars, wineries, breweries, distilleries
- Avoid gathering with other households to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Travel is limited for critical services only.

#### ALLOWED TO STAY OPEN WITH 100% MASKING & PHYSICAL DISTANCING:

- Childcare and pre-K
- Critical infrastructure sectors
- Schools that are currently open
- Non-urgent medical and dental care
- Park, trails, beaches, excluding campground stays
- Restaurants: takeout, pickup and delivery only
- Retail/shopping centers: 20% max capacity with no food, drink sales
- Hotels and lodging: essential travel only
- Offices: remote only, except critical sectors where remote is not possible
- Places of worship and political expression: outdoor only
- Entertainment production incl. professional sports: no live audiences



**THE ORDER WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR AT LEAST 3 WEEKS. AFTER THAT PERIOD, IT WILL BE LIFTED WHEN A REGION'S PROJECTED ICU CAPACITY MEETS OR EXCEEDS 15%**



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## Public Information Office

### Huntington Beach Launches '12 Blocks of Cheer' Holiday



**Visit Huntington Beach (VHB)**, the official destination marketing organization of Huntington Beach, announced the launch of its campaign, '[12 Blocks of Cheer](https://12BlocksofCheer.com)' for the upcoming holiday season. The program will serve to promote a collection of Huntington Beach events, attractions, retail and dining discounts, seasonal menus, shopping experiences, and photo opportunities from Nov. 26, 2020 to Jan. 3, 2021.

Seasonal offerings include socially distanced photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, outdoor movie screenings, holiday carolers, magical snowfall, Huntington Harbour [private holiday boat tours](#), and the following signature events:

- ♦ Nov. 20 – Dec. 24: [Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus](#) at Bella Terra
- ♦ Nov. 21 – Jan. 3: [The Ice Rink](#) at Paséa Hotel & Spa
- ♦ Nov. 21 – Dec. 27: Annual Sandcastle Display at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa
- ♦ Nov. 21 – Jan. 3: Downtown [Main Street](#) Holiday Lights
- ♦ Dec. 1 - 30: [Candlelight Open Air Dinners](#) at SeaLegs at the Beach
- ♦ Dec. 6: Surf City Marketplace [Spread the Light and Share the Love](#), proceeds benefit Huntington Beach [Waymakers OC Youth Shelter](#)
- ♦ Weekly: Tuesday Night [Surf City Farmers' Market](#) in Downtown Huntington Beach

For more information on holiday happenings in Huntington Beach, visit [12BlocksofCheer.com](https://12BlocksofCheer.com). Find a selection of hi-resolution imagery [here](#) and campaign logo [here](#).

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# ORANGE COUNTY RESTAURANT OUTDOOR DINING GRANT PROGRAM

The OC Restaurant Outdoor Dining Grant Program is administering \$1,000 grants on a **first-come, first-served** basis to support 1,000 Orange County restaurants offering outdoor dining.



### APPLICATION PERIOD

Beginning Friday, November 20 at 9 a.m.

### RESTAURANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be located in Orange County and been impacted by COVID-19
- Must have been operational on or before March 9, 2020
- Must be in good standing with the Orange County Health Care Agency
- Must be currently open for business
- Must submit receipts for purchase(s) through the County's online portal by December 30, 2020

*Please note: Bars, breweries, food trucks, distilleries or wineries, and restaurants engaged in illegal activities or in adult entertainment, gambling, or cannabis are ineligible.*

### USE OF FUNDING

Restaurants must use the \$1,000 grant solely to purchase outdoor heaters/warmers, lighting, and canopies/tents to provide for outdoor dining.

Purchases must be made between November 16, 2020 and December 23, 2020.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Applicants need to download, complete and upload these documents with their application submittal:

- Business owner's valid government photo ID (i.e. Driver's License)
- Restaurant's valid health permit issued by Orange County Environmental Health
- [W9 Form](#)
- [Grant Agreement](#)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, VISIT  
[OCONESTOP.COM/SMALL-BUSINESS-RELIEF-PROGRAMS](https://oconestop.com/small-business-relief-programs)**

## CALIFORNIA CITRUS IS AT CRITICAL RISK

A fatal citrus plant disease called Huanglongbing (HLB) is threatening commercial and backyard citrus trees throughout California. The Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) is a pest that can transmit the incurable citrus plant disease as it feeds on the leaves of citrus trees.



A tiny beneficial wasp called *Tamarixia radiata*, is being used to reduce populations of Asian citrus psyllid in urban areas of California. *Tamarixia radiata* is an environmentally friendly and economical way of targeting ACP.



*Tamarixia radiata* in a vial



*Tamarixia radiata* released



Parasitized ACP nymph

This natural predator lays their eggs in ACP nymphs. When the *Tamarixia* hatch, they eat their way out of the Asian citrus psyllid, causing the pest to die. Studies found that *Tamarixia* parasitizes an average of 20 percent of ACP nymphs in urban areas of California.

## BIOLOGICAL CONTROL

The goal of the biological control program across California is to reduce densities of ACP, so there are fewer psyllids that may be able to find and spread HLB.

While effective at reducing ACP populations, the *Tamarixia* biological control will not stop HLB on its own. There are many other activities in place — like quarantines, treatment and tree removal — that also help prevent the spread of the disease. Additional support from the community and routine backyard citrus tree care are critical in helping California citrus thrive.

Learn more at [CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org](https://CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org).



## CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

### City Hall Directory

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

