



# City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

September 4, 2020

## CITY AND COUNTY BREAK GROUND ON 174-BED NAVIGATION CENTER



On August 27, the City hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for a Navigation Center on two adjacent parcels at 17631 Cameron Lane and 17642 Beach Boulevard. The Center is being developed in partnership with the County and will provide shelter and access to support services for up to 174 homeless adults living in the City.

Following its completion in November 2020, the City will contract with experienced operator, Mercy House, to provide on-site management.

At the groundbreaking, Mayor Lyn Semeta applauded the efforts of the City and County for their dedication to move forward with this much needed development. "The groundbreaking of our Navigation Center symbolizes a major step forward in the City's ongoing efforts to alleviate homelessness in Huntington Beach," said Mayor Semeta. "It demonstrates the City's sincere commitment to support the most vulnerable members of our community by providing individuals with a safe space to regain their footing on the path towards housing security. The Center will provide a secure place to sleep, as an alternative to camping in parks and other open spaces."

In April 2020, the City and County began developing a partnership to fund, design, and construct a Navigation Center for Huntington Beach's unsheltered individuals. The Center is intended to provide access to comprehensive support services for homeless individuals in Huntington Beach, including vocational training, mental health treatment, and transportation to necessary appointments. To enhance the safety of the surrounding neighborhood and prevent loitering off site, walk-ins will not be accepted, and all clients must be assessed and referred to the Center by the City's homeless outreach partners. The Navigation Center will also provide 24/7 onsite security and one access point off Beach Boulevard.

For more information, visit the City's new website [www.HBHomelessSolutions.com](http://www.HBHomelessSolutions.com) for more details about the future Navigation Center and regular construction updates.

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## Fire Department

### HUNTINGTON HARBOUR PATROLS



During the summer, the Huntington Beach Fire Department has seen an increase in residents and visitors using the Huntington Harbour waterways and beaches during COVID-19. This increase has led to an abundance of life safety issues, bridge jumping, and climbing on private docks.

In response, the Huntington Beach Fire Department's Marine Safety Division, for the first time in over 25 years, began staffing four beaches in the Huntington Harbour area, starting August 22. This implementation has made an immediate positive impact to safety in the area.

Since the Marine Safety Division deployed resources in Huntington Harbour, Marine Safety personnel have contacted and educated 1,904 people attempting to jump off harbour bridges or docks. 1,140 preventative actions were taken, including reinforcing rules for children under 13 years to wear United States Coast Guard approved life jackets on a moving vessel or while swimming in unsafe water conditions. Due to our presence, 99 people were rescued and pulled from the water, including kayakers, paddleboarders, and swimmers.



HBFD wants visitors and residents to enjoy Huntington Harbour in as safe a manner as possible. Prior to entering the waters, we ask that you take a self-assessment of your capabilities so you can return to shore safely. While it is state law for children under 13 years of age to wear a life jacket, we recommend that everyone practice this safety measure. We have seen many people overestimate their capabilities, grow fatigued, and require rescue. Don't

let yourself become a statistic; be aware of your capabilities and use supportive devices to help you enjoy our waters safely.

We want to thank Huntington Harbour residents and visitors for their positive response to our increased safety patrols. We continue to receive an outpouring of support, and we appreciate all the feedback we have received.





SENIOR CENTER IN  
CENTRAL PARK

# Fall Virtual Classes

REGISTER ONLINE  
August 25th  
[www.hbsands.org](http://www.hbsands.org)

Questions? Please call the Senior  
Center in Central Park at 714-536-5600

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## Public Works Department

### PLASTIC BAGS AND WRAPS - TO RECYCLE OR TRASH?

Did you know? Plastic bags that are thrown away in your blue curbside bins don't get recycled, since they jam sorting equipment at recycling facilities and lead to costly breakdowns.

Instead, drop them off at participating retailers (i.e. grocery stores) that offer plastic bag recycling stations. Bags that are dropped off at these stations will head to a facility that will properly recycle them.

Find your nearest location here: [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps/find-drop-off-location/](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps/find-drop-off-location/)

If your nearest location suspended its drop off station due to COVID-19, please continue collecting your bags at home

until it reopens. These plastic products can be compressed and stored easily or reused for various purposes. If you must dispose plastic bags and wraps, please store them in one bag that is tossed in your brown curbside container or commercial dumpster.

Do not take any recyclables to a store/drop-off if you have reason to suspect anyone in your household has been exposed to COVID-19. This will help our community limit the spread of the virus.

For further information, email [trashinfo@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:trashinfo@surfcity-hb.org) or call 714-375-5010 and press 8.





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## Public Works Department

### Holiday Trash and Street Sweeping Schedule

#### Labor Day Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

Trash will not be collected on Monday, September 7, due to the observance of the Labor Day holiday. During that week only, trash collection will occur on the day after your regularly scheduled trash collection day. Your regular collection schedule resumes on Monday, September 14.

#### Street Sweeping

There will be no street sweeping on Monday, September 7 through Friday, September 11. Due to the Labor Day holiday trash collection schedule, trash bins are at the curb one day later than usual, which conflicts with scheduled sweeping days in many neighborhoods. Streets that are not swept due to the holiday will not be rescheduled.

If you have any questions about the holiday trash and street sweeping schedule, please contact the Public Works maintenance Division at 714-960-8861.



## OneHB



Show your HB pride by purchasing OneHB merchandise at [shop.onehb.org](https://shop.onehb.org). From sweatshirts to caps, we've got everything you need to run around town, doing errands or visiting the beach.

Proceeds from all merchandise sales and direct donations will support our OneHB Business Support Grants - a community campaign to provide \$5,000 micro-grants to help small businesses keep their doors open during and after COVID-19.

For more information about the OneHB program, visit [www.onehb.org](https://www.onehb.org). We recently awarded our first round of 20 grants, and applications for the second round will be released when sufficient funds are available.

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## SUMMER AQUATICS PROGRAM

by the numbers

176

Parent and child pairs that  
took swim lessons

220

Recreation swim participants

109

Aqua-exercise participants



## FALL AQUATICS PROGRAMS

American Red Cross swim lessons will be held at City Gym and Pool for children ages 6 months to 17 years. All swim lessons require a parent or guardian to be in the pool in order to provide hands-on swim instruction.

Modified recreational swim will be held on Fridays. Each reservation can bring up to 5 participants. Reservations are \$15 for a 50 minute period.

**TO VIEW THE SCHEDULE AND REGISTER  
FOR ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS. PLEASE  
VISIT [HBSANDS.ORG](https://hbsands.org)**

A variety of aqua-exercise classes occur throughout the day. Morning and evening classes are geared towards fitness and cardiovascular health, while afternoon classes are lighter exercise and stretching.



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## Community Services Department

### SENIOR SERVICES DURING COVID-19



Although gatherings at the Senior Center were canceled to protect our seniors from COVID-19, City staff sprang into action to provide engagement and recreational opportunities for our seniors who are safely isolating at home. Senior Services staff immediately developed weekly “recreation packets” to keep our seniors mentally and physically active at home. These packets include puzzles, activity sheets, word searches, crosswords, instructions for simple physical workouts, and relaxing coloring pages. These packets are often

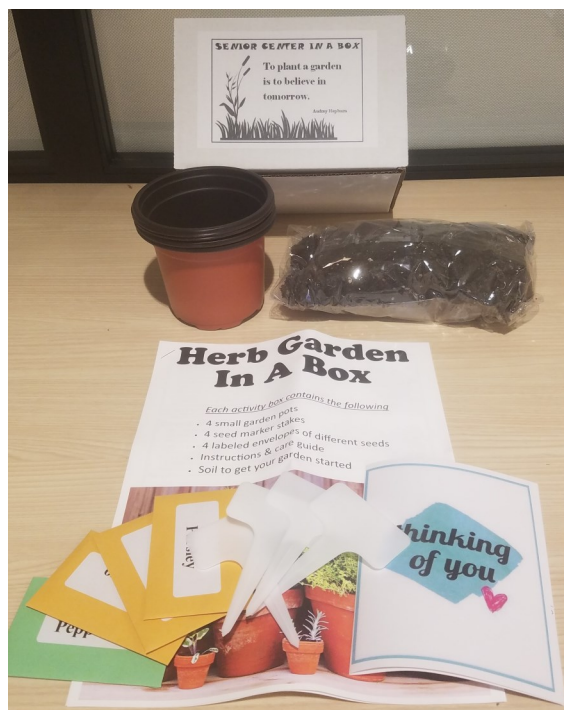
distributed along with our frozen meal pickups or home meal deliveries. Currently, we’re averaging 430 packets a week!

In early July, Senior Services staff developed the “Senior Center in a Box”, which is handed out twice a month to participants via drive thru. Each box contains an activity or project, along with a handwritten note from staff. Instructions on sharing their creations on the Senior Center’s Facebook page are also provided, as well as instructions on connecting with other participants online.

Past boxes have included:

- ♦ THINK - Activity puzzle box filled with different packs of various puzzles
- ♦ GROW - An herb garden in a box to grow four unique and edible herb plants.
- ♦ CREATE - Art in a Box provided a painting canvas challenge with necessary art supplies to create a unique masterpiece.
- ♦ WRITE - A letter writing and correspondence kit filled with supplies to write letters and create a gratitude journal.

Upcoming boxes will feature everything from Wellness to Wreath making. On distribution day, the Senior Services staff gather in front of the Senior Center with inspirational signs and music to create a fun drive-thru experience. For more information about virtual programming or distance recreation activities please call the Senior Center in Central Park front desk line at 714-536-5600 or visit the centers Facebook page or the senior services page on [www.HBsands.org](http://www.HBsands.org).



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THE HUNTINGTON BEACH COUNCIL ON AGING  
PRESENTS:

*Socially  
Distant*



# DRIVE IN CONCERT

@ SENIOR CENTER IN CENTRAL PARK

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

FEATURING  
THE "MIKE FLEETWOOD BAND"

\$25/Car

Purchase your ticket online @ [hbsands.org](https://hbsands.org)

#411229-5A @ 3:00-4:30pm

#411229-5B @ 6:00-7:30pm



Includes refreshment pack  
with treats upon entry

For questions call  
(714)536-5600.





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## Library Services Department



Welcome Lifelong Learners! Patrons can now achieve their learning and career goals with LIVE one-on-one academic coaching, a practice test center, and job-related online resources. For those who are going back to school, looking for a new job, or just want to brush up on an academic skill, the Library's **Brainfuse Adult Learning Center** is here to help! Access a wide collection of rich adult learning content to prepare for the High School Equivalency Exam (GED), or get live, professional assistance in resume/cover letter writing, U.S. citizenship preparation, Microsoft Office Essential Skills Series, and more! There are even career resources with links to both local job listings and nationwide job sites like Monster.com and ZipRecruiter. These resources can be accessed from home by visiting the library's website at [www.hbpl.org](http://www.hbpl.org) or by clicking on [HERE](#) and logging in using the barcode on your library card.

The Children's Library Fall Programming season starts on **Tuesday, September 1**, with new storytime videos from the library's favorite storytellers. On **Tuesdays**, Miss Barbara will present "Fairy Tale Fun". On **Wednesdays**, Miss Laura will be leading "Family Storytime" for all ages. On **Thursdays**, children and their families can rock out with Mr. Brian in the popular "Rock n Roll Reading". On **Fridays**, Miss Maribel entertains in English and Spanish for both "Bilingual and Spanish-only Storytimes." Finally, on **Saturdays**, kids of all ages can break out their glue and scissors to participate in step-by-step "Craft Storytimes"! To accommodate all schedules, Virtual Storytime videos are available 24/7 soon after their premieres, through the HBPL Storytime YouTube Channel at <https://bit.ly/HBPLkids>. For more information, please visit the children's department online calendar at <http://bit.ly/HBPLkidscl>.



In addition to their fall virtual storytimes, the Youth Services Department has put together a series of **Take-Home Activity Kits** for preschool, elementary, and teenage kids as part of its Fall Programming series. Kits include craft and game supplies, step-by-step instructions for activities, plus links and suggestions to expand learning via online resources and books at the library.

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The Human Relations Task Force invites you to participate in the Huntington Beach Cultural Cinema Showcase - a celebration of cultures locally and from around the world! Our showcase seeks films and photographs celebrating Asian-Pacific and Hispanic-Latinx heritage! We encourage you to submit your short film or photographs for consideration. For more information, email [HRTFshowcase@gmail.com](mailto:HRTFshowcase@gmail.com) or visit: <https://www.FilmFreeway.com/CityofHuntingtonBeachCulturalShowcase>

HB Human Relations Task Force Presents

# CULTURAL CINEMA SHOWCASE



## HISPANIC-LATINX HERITAGE

Featuring Independent Short Films  
and Photographs Celebrating and Highlighting  
Hispanic-Latinx Americans

For Submission Guidelines or to Submit a project, please visit:  
<https://www.filmfreeway.com/CityofHuntingtonBeachCulturalShowcase>

**Submission Deadline: Sept 18, 2020**  
**Virtual Screening: October 16, 2020**  
**Online Filmmaker Panel: October 17, 2020**



HB Human Relations Task Force Presents

# CULTURAL CINEMA SHOWCASE



## ASIAN-PACIFIC HERITAGE

Featuring Independent Short Films and  
Photographs Celebrating and  
Highlighting Asian-Pacific Americans\*\*

For Submission Guidelines or to Submit a project, please visit:  
<https://www.filmfreeway.com/CityofHuntingtonBeachCulturalShowcase>

*\*\*Note: This event is normally held in May but was rescheduled due to COVID-19*

**Submission Deadline: Sept 18, 2020**  
**Virtual Screening: October 23, 2020**  
**Online Filmmaker Panel: October 24, 2020**





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## Police Department

### HBPD RECOGNIZES HOMELESS TASK FORCE CASE MANAGER, LISA ROBERTS

Since its formation in 2015, the Huntington Beach Homeless Task Force worked tirelessly to address homelessness in our city. Over the years, their team has helped over 260 individuals transition off the streets. The Homeless Task Force is comprised of one Coordinator, four Case Managers and four Huntington Beach Police Officers. Together they connect with individuals who are in need of resources and offer personalized housing plans for those in need.

Recently Lisa Roberts, Case Manager for the Homeless Task Force, was honored as the Huntington Beach Police Department's Employee of the Month. Lisa has been a tremendous asset to the Homeless Task Force and is an integral part of the team. Having practiced law for over a decade, building relationships comes naturally for her. Furthermore, she has developed alliances with local housing nonprofits, government entities and valuable Huntington Beach residents all of which offer support and help create long term solutions.



*Assistant Chief of Police Kelly Rodriguez presents the HBPD Employee of the Month Award to Lisa Roberts*

Lisa's most recent success story includes working with her peers in placing two of their clients into permanent supportive apartment units. Permanent supportive housing is specifically designed to house chronically homeless individuals with disabilities. Although the process to place homeless individuals into housing can take months, Lisa and the Homeless Task Force team continue to work diligently to place individuals into long term housing and they do so with a friendly smile.

Congratulations Lisa!

To learn more about the Homeless Task Force team and how you can help, visit:

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

To learn about our future Navigation Center for the homeless, visit:

[www.HBHomelessSolutions.com](http://www.HBHomelessSolutions.com)

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## COVID-19 CREATIVITY - VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

During these unprecedented times, the Huntington Beach Art Center reached out to the art community, asking how COVID-19 has affected their creativity. 197 artists from 11 countries responded with 319 works that were surprising and revealing about the times we now live in. We're delighted to share these works with you, which are available in a virtual exhibition until 9/30:

[www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org/covid-19-creativity](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org/covid-19-creativity)





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### 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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