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ON COURSE Golf Tournament

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Kick off your summer with a nice day on a beautiful golf course! The Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) cordially invites you to its 29th annual ON COURSE Golf Tournament with Title Sponsor First Bank, along with MemorialCare and Republic Services. Proceeds go toward the HBCOA mission to provide life-enriching services aimed at fostering independence and active aging for local seniors.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

When: Friday, June 25, 2021

Where: Meadowlark Golf Course (at Warner Avenue and Graham Street)

Format: Fun "scramble" style; no handicap is needed

Registration and Putting Contest: 10:30 a.m.

Delicious Boxed Lunch: 11 a.m.

Shotgun Start: 12 p.m.

Dinner Reception: Socially distanced gathering following the tournament

Cost: \$140/golfer (includes green fees, golf cart, lunch, and dinner)

Surprises: Raffle including a chance to win great prizes such as a Callaway golf bag, driver, or gift certificates to local businesses.

How to Sign-Up: Go to www.hbcoa.org/golf or call the HBCOA office at 714-374-1524 for further assistance.

WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED RECENTLY?

As you can imagine, Covid-19 severely impacted many seniors from all walks of life during the pandemic, and the demand for assistance rose significantly. Although the doors of the Huntington Beach Senior Center were closed to the public for over one year, there was considerable activity behind them as the staff handled the urgent needs of the growing number of local vulnerable seniors. Care managers were very busy handling concerns associated with nutrition and necessary supplies (face masks, gloves, and antibacterial products), and they made daily touch-base calls to seniors isolating at home. Transportation service requests via "Surf City Seniors on the Go" were prioritized for ongoing medical care appointments such as dialysis and cancer treatments, doctors' appointments, and grocery shopping needs. The vehicles continue to be sanitized after each ride, and precautions are being taken to keep within social distancing guidelines while transporting residents in cars. This includes keeping the windows down to increase air flow and sitting passengers in opposite corners from drivers.

All of this was an extraordinary feat, since the City was not allowing the use of volunteers. In addition, Meals on Wheels Orange County (formerly SeniorServ) continued to provide nutrition for hundreds of seniors weekly in a speedy and safe drive-by process in the Senior Center's parking lot. This was accomplished with the dedication of the City's Community Services Department. In a single month alone (April 2020), Meals On Wheels Orange County provided approximately 50,000 frozen meals throughout their 26 sites! The HBCOA helped to sponsor much-needed recreational activities that were provided during this time. From July to December of 2020, twice-monthly "Senior Center in a Box" kits were distributed in a special drive-through, and this continued through 2021. Over 4,500 kits have been given out.

Additionally, two outdoor drive-in concerts allowed more than 300 people to enjoy live music in a safe environment. A drive-through Resource Faire with a variety of vendors offered information on health and wellness while seniors remained safely in their vehicles, and a special holiday event (with refreshments, photo booth and recreation kits of small Christmas trees, New Year's Eve hats, etc.) closed out the year. Finally, beginning in January 2021, over 3,000 seniors who faced barriers getting a Covid-19 vaccination due to technology issues (lack of phone and/or computer), language or lack of transportation, were provided with assistance booking a vaccination appointment.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

HBCOA's many revenue-generating activities had been cancelled last year due to the temporary closure of the Senior Center. This is your opportunity to help us continue this vital work for the local senior community! So please join us at this year's ON COURSE Golf Tournament. Simply register at www.hbcoa.org/golf or call the HBCOA office at 714-374-1524 for further assistance. If you are interested in a sponsorship or would like to donate items for the golfer bags or silent auction, please contact Debbie Killey at 714-330-3069 or email info@hbcoa.org. HBCOA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization (Tax ID #51-0179431).

