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2025 FEB



If you love to play, volunteer, meet new people, keep active, visit with friends, enjoy inspirational conversation, dance, give back to your community, workout, serve others, or just get out of the house, join us for something great at the Senior Center in Central Park.

UPCOMING FEATURED ACTIVITIES & EVENTS





) 2/22 Indoor Concert: A Tribute to Love by Nancy's Cabaret

2/25 Puzzle Swap: 4-6 p.m. on the 4th Tues. monthly

3/15 Rise and Walk: Sign up at the front desk or online at hbsands.org

Additional details on these and other programs, activities, events and services are available inside the Outlook or at the Senior Center in Central Park.

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HBCOA President's Message

I hope this greeting finds you warm, well, and in good spirits. February traditionally celebrates matters of the heart - with Valentine's Day reminding us to cherish our relationships with family and friends. Your presence and participation continue to make the Senior Center in Central Park a vibrant place where wisdom, experience, and friendship flourish.

This month's Outlook is filled with opportunities to connect with one another, and I encourage you to take advantage of all the Center has to offer. The Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) remains dedicated to our mission of providing access to services, programs, information, and education that empower older adults in Huntington Beach to age with dignity.

We deeply appreciate all who support our work – we simply could not provide these vital services without you. As we embrace this new month, I wish you a February filled with warmth, good health, and meaningful moments.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the Senior Center.

Warmest regards, Carolyn Ross, HBCOA Board President

> 2025 HBCOA Membership <u>3 ways to join or renew</u>

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- 2. Online: www.hbcoa.org/membership
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Renew each calendar year. Your HBCOA Card is valid through 12/31/2025. To receive your HBCOA card, pick it up at the Senior Center's Travel & Resource Room or include a self-addressed, stamped, envelope and it will be mailed to you. HBCOA Tax ID# 51-0179431

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

211OC <u>211OC.org</u> 949-646-4357 (or 211) provides resources on a variety of human service topics for all ages and OC cities

Adult Protective Services (APS) <u>ssa.ocgov.com</u> 800-451-5155 addresses abuse & neglect of elders & disabled adults

AlertOC <u>alertoc.org</u> 714-536-5978 mass emergency info & notification system

Alzheimer's Family Center <u>afscenter.org</u> 714-593-9630 dementia care & support

Aging and Disability Resource Connection adrcoc.org 714-480-6450 referrals related to caregiving, disabilities, and seniors

Be Well OC Mobile Crisis Response Team <u>bewelloc.org</u> 714-960-8825 in-community assessment & crisis stabilization services for mental health or substance use challenges

California Senior Medicare Patrol cahealthadvocates.org 855-613-7080 helps avoid, detect, & report healthcare fraud

Caregiver Resource Center OC <u>caregiveroc.org</u> 800-543-8312 caregiver support, respite care, and education

HB City Hall General Information www.huntingtonbeachca.gov 714-536-5511

HICAP <u>coasc.org/programs/hicap/</u>
714-560-0424 Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy for those with Medicare

HB Fire Department Home Safety Visit www.huntingtonbeachca.gov 714-536-5411 fire safety plan & detectors

Meals on Wheels Orange County (MOWOC)

www.mealsonwheelsoc.org Other cities: 714-823-3294 HB residents only: 714-374-1717

OC Links 855-625-4657 ochealthinfo.com/bhs/about/nit/oclinks 24/7 links to behavioral health & crisis help

OCTA Access 714-560-5956 octa.net/getting-around/bus/oc-access/overview/ OC transportation for persons unable to use the fixed bus system

Senior Lunch Café HB location 714-375-8404 donation lunch for those 60+, by MOWOC

Social Security Administration <u>ssa.gov</u> 800-772-1213, 17075 Newhope St #B, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES







February 12, 1:00 p.m.

She Came to Me

Celebrate Valentine's Day with this multigenerational romantic comedy. A composer (Peter Dinklage) suffering from creative block, finds inspiration after a chance encounter with an unusual woman (Marisa

Tomei). Teenagers fight to prove to their parents that love can last forever. A therapist, Anne Hathaway, finds love in an unexpected way. Golden Globe nominee. 1h 42m, R for some language.



February 26, 1:00 p.m.

Lee

In this docudrama of American war correspondent and photographer, Lee Miller (Kate Winslet), Miller's singular talent and unbridled tenacity results in some of the 20th

century's most indelible images of war, including an iconic photo of Miller posing defiantly in Hitler's private bathtub. Golden Globe nominee. 1h 47m R for disturbing images, language & nudity.



MOVIE REFRESHMENTS

HBCOA Directors will provide snacks from the lounge before the movies. Stop by, chat with a director, and grab a nibble.

Donations are accepted and appreciated!

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Civic Center Community & Library Services

714-536-5486

Fitness / Wellness Center

714-374-1578

Home Delivered Meals

714-374-1717

Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA)

714-374-1524

Senior Café (in-person lunch)

714-375-8404

Senior Center Front Desk

714-536-5600

Senior Center Rentals & Marketing

714-374-1534

Transportation - Seniors on the Go!

714-374-1742

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Senior Supervisor's Message

Hello everyone,

As we move into February, I'm filled with gratitude for the vibrant community we continue to build together here at our center. The start of 2025 has already brought so many wonderful moments of connection and friendship among our participants.

This month, we're excited to embrace the spirit of togetherness with a special event: A Tribute to Love. Join us on Saturday, February 22, 2025, 4:00–6:00 p.m., for a two-hour musical performance produced by Nancy's Cabaret, highlighting performances of Broadway Musicals, and unforgettable crooners of the mid-20th century. For information on purchasing tickets, please contact the Senior Center in Central Park at 714–536–5600.

I want to especially acknowledge our dedicated volunteers and staff who make our center such a welcoming place. Their commitment to serving our community continues to inspire me daily. Whether they're greeting visitors at the front desk or helping in our kitchen, they truly are the heart of our center. I want to thank the HBCOA for their continued support of the Senior Center in Central Park and their devotion to providing older adults with life-enriching services aimed at fostering independence and active aging.

As the winter continues, please remember that we're here to support you. Our transportation services are available for those who need assistance getting to and from the center and our staff is always ready to help connect you with resources you might need. Stay warm, stay active, and most importantly, stay connected. Our doors are always open for you to join us for a warm meal, an engaging activity, or simply a friendly conversation.

Bill Sandoval – Senior Community & Library Services Supervisor

Senior Center in Central Park Remembers



Ed Quo 1935-2024

Ed Quo died at age 89, six weeks before his 90th birthday. He loved to cook and entertain as well as spend a lot of time at the Senior Center in Central Park. He was a bridge player

extraordinaire and looked forward to playing in bridge games and tournaments at the senior center each week. Friends and staff will miss his friendly smile and outgoing personality. PAGE 5 OUTLOOK ON ACTIVE AGING



TRAVEL & TRIPS

For more information visit <u>www.hbcoa.org</u> or call 714-374-1572. To register, visit the Travel & Resource Room, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Cachuma Lake Eagle Cruise Friday, February 21, 2025



North of Santa Barbara lies glimmering Cachuma Lake. Winter is an exciting time as both resident and migratory bald eagles can be seen. Meanwhile, red-tailed hawks scour the hills for prey and ospreys are on the hunt. Down at lake level, mallards, eared grebes, ruddy ducks, northern shovelers and wood ducks explore the bays and mud flats while great blue herons, great egrets and snowy egrets stalk the shoreline. Upon arrival, enjoy an included boxed lunch at the picnic tables, along with time at leisure to visit the nature center and explore the picturesque nature trails on the lake shore. In the afternoon enjoy a narrated lake cruise with a naturalist who will present on the area's natural and cultural riches. The flat bottomed, covered pontoon boat carries up to 24 guests and provides a gentle and relaxing experience. It has padded seats and is ideal for wildlife viewing. While this is the prime time to spot eagles and other wildlife at Cachuma Lake, wildlife is unpredictable and sightings are never certain. This tour involves moderate walking over uneven terrain. Registration closes February 2nd.

Member Price: \$129; Non-Member Price \$139 Depart: 8:00 am Return: 8:00 pm

Where in the World is your Outlook?

Email a photo of you pictured with your Outlook to Teri.Simonis@surfcity-hb.org



Colorful Songs Review Monday, March 17, 2025

Gather up your "lucky charms" and get your "smiling Irish eyes" onboard for this St. Patrick's Day tradition that celebrates popular Irish music and and Irish three-course lunch with wine at Almansor Court in Alhambra, a beautiful venue overlooking the golf course, lakes, and The Colorful Songs Revue will entertain the young-at-heart with classic songs like "Danny Boy," "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," and "My Wild Irish Rose." Last years lucky travelers said that this trip was a "Great St. Patrick's day show" and "wonderful from start to finish." Purchase your tickets soon for a shamrockin' good afternoon! Registration closes March 3rd.

Member Price: \$159; Non-Member Price: \$169 Depart: 10:30 a.m. Return: 5:00 p.m.



NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Tuesday, March 25, 2025

JPL's Pasadena campus is Nasa's lead center for robotic exploration of our solar system. From the Explorer Voyager to Cassini and the Mars rovers, the majority of unmanned spacecraft and robots sent into space were built at JPL. Prior to the JPL guided tour, enjoy time and lunch on your own in charming Old Pasadena. This trip and tour involves extensive walking and periods of standing and stairs. Your full legal name, as it appears on the government ID that you will present to JPL security on the day of the tour, is required when you book your trip. Registration ends March 3rd. Member Price: \$99 Non-Member Price: \$109 Depart: 9:30 a.m. Return: 6:00 p.m.

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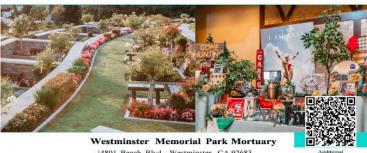


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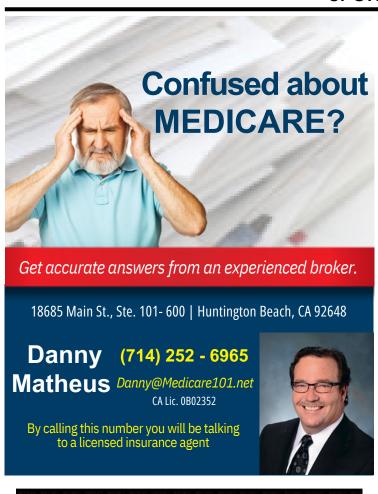
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RECREATION





Upcoming Special Event



A Tribute to Love - Saturday, February 22nd, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Join us on Saturday, February 22nd, for a two-hour musical performance titled "A Tribute to Love". This special concert, produced by Nancy's Cabaret, will feature four professional performers who will take the audience on a captivating journey through the most beloved songs of love from Broadway musicals, iconic movie moments, and the unforgettable crooners of the mid-20th century. The HBCOA will offer light snacks and refreshments to go along with the event.

Tickets go on sale Thursday, January 30th, and cost \$25 per person. (HBCOA members, show your card for a \$5 discount.)

February Highlights

Drum Circle Group

Join Lee for this free drum circle class on Tuesday, February 11th at 12:30 p.m. Bring your own drum or borrow one of Lee's!

Surf City Gardeners - February 12

Amazing Avocados! Avocados provide us with delicious and nutritious butter fruits and evergreen trees. Learn all about them including how to choose the right one among the varieties, and how to grow and maintain one of these SoCal favorites.

9:00-10:30 a.m., drop in.

Senior Center in Central Park will be closed Feb. 17 in observance of

February Calendar



Thu. February 6 - HBCOA Board Meeting
Tue. February 11 - Drum Circle
Wed. February 12 - Surf City Gardeners
Wed. February 12 - HBCOA Movie, She Came to Me
Fri. February 14 - Valentine's Lunch, Meals on Wheels OC
Mon. February 17 - Closed for Presidents' Day
Wed. February 19 - Chair Volleyball
Fri. February 22 - Nancy's Cabaret Tribute to Love
Mon. February 24 - Big Band Swing Dance
Tue. February 25 - Puzzle Swap
Fri. February 21 - HBCOA Trip, Lake Cachuma
Wed. February 26 - HBCOA Movie, Lee

NEW CLASS - ARTS & CRAFTS FOR BEGINNERS

We're expanding our creative horizons with new art classes in our lineup! After the incredible success of our *Acrylic Painting* class with the talented Anjanette, we knew we had to bring her back for more. Introducing *Arts & Crafts for Beginners*—a brand-new class designed to spark your creativity and explore a variety of fun, hands-on projects!

Bonus Tip: Since this class is fresh off the easel, you won't find it in the Winter 2025 SANDS magazine. But don't worry—you can register now at HBSANDS.org!

The class takes place Fridays, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in room EMG2. The cost is \$131 per session. The session runs February 14 - March 14.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS





Healthy Heart Habits



Taking steps to nurture your heart can make a lasting impact on your overall health and energy levels for years to come. Here are some practical tips and essential habits you can incorporate into your daily routine to boost your heart health:

- Regular physical activity. A good goal is 150 minutes of moderate intensity a week.
- Eating a healthy balanced diet that includes fruit and vegetables, whole grains, healthy fats and lean protein.
- Maintaining quality of sleep
- Staying hydrated
- Staying socially active
- Practicing relaxation techniques, such as deep breathing, meditation, or yoga.

By making heart-healthy choices—whether through nutritious eating, regular exercise or stress management—you can enjoy a more vibrant, active life. Remember, small daily habits can lead to big, lasting benefits. Keep your heart strong, your body energized, and your mind at peace as you continue on your journey to a healthier tomorrow.

Here's to a lifetime of heart health!





RISE AND WALK!
SATURDAY
MARCH 15

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

ONE TO THREE MILE WALK
SNACKS, REFRESHMENTS, MUSIC
TEE-SHIRTS, FINISHERS MEDAL & MORE!
RSVP AT FRONT DESK



The Senior Center will be CLOSED on

Monday, Feb. 17th

in observance of Presidents' Day



CHAIR VOLLEVRALL





Wednesday Feb. 19th 12:00-1:00PM

Enjoy an afternoon of chair volleyball! Have fun & make new friends.

Play with a beach ball while seated. Wear comfortable attire.

No experience needed. Drop in. No RSVP required.

Located in Parkview Room



HOAG IN FEBRUARY



Blood Pressure Screenings Wednesday, Feb. 5th 9:00-11:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21st 9:00-11:00 a.m. Drop-in

Memory Screenings

Wednesday, Feb. 12th & 19th Fee: \$45 By appointment only. Call 949-764-6288 for an appointment.

Lectures

Osteoporosis Thursday, Feb. 13th 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Art4Healing Thursday, Feb. 20th 9:30-10:30 a.m.



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VOLUNTEER SERVICES



Volunteer Hours

As always we would like to thank our volunteers for all their hard work throughout the year! Please be sure you are recording all your volunteer hours for the time you put into supporting the Senior Center in Central Park. Hours can be entered either before or after your shifts. There are several reasons why it is important to log your hours:

- 1. This helps us keep track of volunteer activity, which volunteers are active, and where.

 Volunteers automatically become inactive if there are no recorded hours during a calendar year.
- 2. Volunteer hours help us with our volunteer statistics plus they promote our awesome volunteer program!
- 3. Regularly inputting your volunteer hours allows you to be a part of volunteer appreciation programs (i.e. birthday cards, giveaways, events, and more!)

You can enter hours at either of the the check-in kiosk in the lobby of the senior center or, if you are a Home Delivered Meals (HDM) volunteer, you can enter your hours at the kiosk in the HDM Kitchen. We want to make sure your time here is being accounted for!



Spring Boutique

Tuesday, March 4th 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Senior Center Lobby

Stop by to purchase beautifully handmade gifts for either you or a loved one to enjoy! Proceeds help support Senior Center in Central Park activities and Holiday Meals.

All purchases are cash or check only.

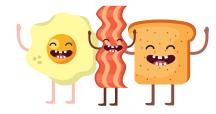


Save the Date!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Saturday, April 26th Senior Center in Central Park

All volunteers who served at least 20 hours in 2024 will be invited!



W_{e Appreciate Our} Vol_{unteers} a Whole **Brunch!**

Reminder:

Monday Volunteers

We are closed on Monday, February 17th for President's Day.



Current Volunteer Opportunities

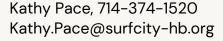
- Transportation Drivers
- Home Delivered Meals
- Travel & Resource Room Volunteers

Upcoming Events

- 2/22/25 Nancy's Cabaret
- 3/15/25 Rise and Walk

Contact the Volunteer Team

Caryn Kawamoto, 714-374-1544 Caryn.Kawamoto@surfcity-hb.org





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SOCIAL SERVICES



One on One Services

Available to Huntington Beach residents aged 60 or older. Call for an appointment 714-374-1572.

Notary: Provided by a senior center volunteer, up to two documents per person

Tech Coach: Provided by a senior center volunteer, 30-45 minute appointments available to help with your smartphone, laptop, or tablet

Legal Consultation: Provided by a local non-profit, 20-30 minute consultations

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy: Provided by Council on Aging Southern California, unbiased Medicare information to help beneficiaries understand their coverage and options



Wheelchairs & Walkers Available

Senior Center in Central Park lends out gently used mobility equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers to older adult Huntington Beach residents and visitors. Call 714-374-1572 to check to see if we have what you need and set up an appointment time. Sponsored by the HBCOA.

Support Groups & Consultations

Call 714-374-1572 or stop by the Travel & Resource Room, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, to find out more about services available through our Care Management Team. The Care Management Team provides services to under-supported older adults. The Travel & Resource room also has information on caregiver, mental health, and grief education and support groups.

Nutrition



The Senior Center in Central Park partners with Meals on Wheels Orange County to provide an in person lunch at the Senior Cafe' most weekdays. See page 18 for more information and the menu. Huntington Beach older adults who are homebound and struggle to maintain nutrition may call 714-374-1717 to learn more about Home Delivered Meals and other nutrition resources.

Care Management Services are made possible through the City of Huntington Beach, support from amazing volunteers, and generous donations by MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center, HBCOA, and DreamCatchers Auxiliary of Assistance League Huntington Beach.

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TRANSPORTATION







<u>Transportation Services 714-374-1742</u>

Senior Services provides Transportation each weekday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to Huntington Beach residents 60+ for all their ride needs within Huntington Beach and to the Social Security office in Fountain Valley. The Surf City Seniors on the Go! shuttle brings older adults to the Senior Center in Central Park for the Meals on Wheels Orange County Senior Lunch Cafe, classes, and activities. Medical transportation is also available to Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, and to MemorialCare Orange Coast Medical Center.

Volunteer Escorts provide extra assistance on shopping group trips. For more information, ask the dispatchers.

Transportation appointments fill quickly. Please give as much notice as possible. Five days notice is required to guarantee a ride. Same day service is offered on a space available basis. 24 hour notice is requested for cancellations.

Call between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to schedule your ride. New clients are registered by phone. Although there is no charge to seniors for transportation, donations are appreciated.

Transportation services are made possible through your donations, HBCOA, City funds, and grants from Hoag, and OCTA.

Holiday Closure Notice

Surf City Seniors on the Go!
Transportation will be closed on

Monday, February 17 in observance of
Presidents Day. There will be no rides,
reminder calls, or bookings made on that day.
The message and cancellation lines are available
24/7 for your needs. Have a safe and happy
holiday

After-Hours Transportation

For transportation needs outside the regular hours of *Surf City Seniors on the Go!*, consider using the Orange County Transit Authority's Access bus program. For an application or questions about the program, contact OCTA at 714-560-5956 or www.octa.net.



The Many Options of Transportation

Surf City Seniors on the Go transportation is not just for medical appointments or grocery shopping trips. They are also your provider for all your daily transportation needs about town. You can schedule a day out, have a nice lunch, or enjoy a visit with friends. Use transportation to drop by one of the many city recreation centers, libraries, or points of interest. Whatever the transportation request, odds are that Surf City Seniors on the Go! can take you there. Call 714-374-1742





We are more than happy to introduce our new Transportation Dispatcher, Mary St. John.

Mary joined our team as a front desk volunteer in 2020. She was amazing with our clients and provided excellent customer service. She is now ready to place your ride reservations. If you reach Mary on the phone, say, "Hi"!



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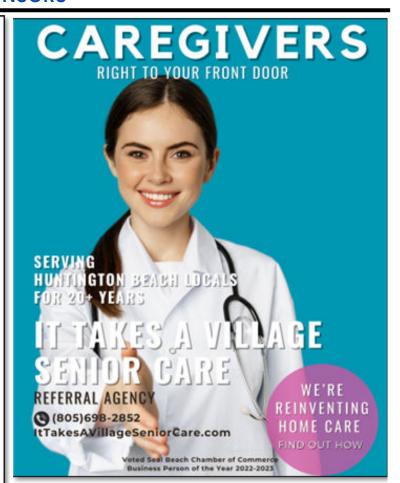
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Cultivating Self-Love and Resilience

by Lena Balakhaneh, MSW Intern



When a community experiences a significant loss, individuals may feel a shared sense of sadness, anger, fear, and helplessness. This is called collective grief. The recent devastating fires in Los Angeles have left a profound impact on our community, leaving many feeling a deep sense of collective grief. The loss of homes, the displacement of families, and the trauma experienced by those directly affected have left a heavy weight on our hearts.

In our fast-paced world, we frequently prioritize the demands of others, neglecting the vital need for self-care. However, self-love is not a form of selfishness. It is a cornerstone of a fulfilling life. Imagine yourself as a delicate ecosystem. Just as a thriving ecosystem requires sunlight, water, and nourishing soil, your inner world also needs nurturing. Self-love is the act of tending to this inner ecosystem – fostering kindness, compassion, and self-acceptance within yourself, much like a gardener tends to precious plants. When we take time for fostering self-love, we ensure that our inner gardens are beautiful and thriving.

Cultivating self-love involves treating yourself with the same kindness and compassion you would offer a dear friend. This includes practicing self-compassion, forgiving yourself for past mistakes, and acknowledging your strengths and accomplishments. Engage in activities that bring you joy, such as spending time in nature, pursuing hobbies, or simply relaxing with a good book.

Remember, you are not alone in this. Let us continue to nurture love for ourselves and for each other, appreciating the incredible ways in which our communities support one another. By witnessing the resilience and strength of our communities and by treating ourselves with love and kindness, we can navigate these challenging times with greater compassion, emerging as an even stronger community.

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The Huntington Beach Council on Aging needs your help to Support the Senior Center in Central Park!

The Huntington Beach Council on Aging (HBCOA) is a nonprofit that provides funding for events, programs, and services for the Huntington Beach Senior Center in Central Park. Your membership in the HBCOA or your donation to the Evergreen program helps the Senior Center in Central Park continue providing vital services, engaging activities, and life-changing programs for older adults in Huntington Beach. With your support, the HBCOA can ensure older adults remain connected, healthy, and supported. How Your Contribution Makes a Difference:

Social Services



Care Managers help provide older adults access to critical resources to meet their physical, social, and nutritional needs. Your generosity ensures we can meet the growing demand for these services.

- \$100: Covers a month of mileage reimbursement for Home Delivered Meals volunteers or maintenance on six wheelchairs
- \$250: Provides 10 hours of care management services to an at-risk, low-income older adult or sponsors a year of emergency response buttons for low-income older adults living on their own
- \$500: Supports 26 rides for Surf City Seniors on the Go! This program provides nonemergency rides each weekday to Huntington Beach residents 60+ to destinations within Huntington Beach and select nearby locations allowing older adults to remain independent
- \$1,000: Supports pro bono legal consultations for 15 Huntington Beach older adult residents

Activities That Enrich Lives

Your gift keeps older adults socially connected and engaged, supporting mental health and well-being.



- \$100: A free Drum Circle class for 80 older adults
- \$250: A free craft class for 30 participants per session
- \$500: Dessert for 200 participants at luncheons and events for older adults
- \$1,000: Provides appreciation programing for 40 volunteers for a year



Why Your Support Matters

Older adults enrich our community with their contributions, wisdom, and connections, making them an invaluable resource. Together, we can keep our older adult community thriving and supported.

Join the HBCOA today in supporting older adults Visit hbcoa.org/membership, mail the membership application on page 2 in this newsletter, or join inperson at the Senior Center in Central Park, 18O41 Goldenwest St.

Thank you for being a champion for older adults in Huntington Beach!

Carolyn Ross, President, HBCOA







<u>Senior Lunch Menu – February 2025</u> day Wednesday Thursda

Monday Tuesday

Voluntary Contribution - \$3.00

Meal Cost for Under Age 60 - \$5.00



		Meatless Meal		
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Pork Carnitas Verde Sauce Green Peas Cilantro Lime Rice WG Tortilla (1) RS Ambrosia 1% Milk	Chicken Pasta w/Poppy Seed Dressing Spring Mix Balsamic Dressing WW Dinner Roll w/Smart Balance Fresh Orange 1% Milk	Salisbury Steak Brown Gravy Winter Veg Blend Sweet Potatoes WW Bread w/Smart Balance Canned Peaches 1% Milk	Turkey Roast Mushroom Gravy Capri Veg Blend Rice Pilaf WW Dinner Roll w/Smart Balance Mandarin Orange 1% Milk	Chicken Strips Lemongrass Sauce Oriental Veg Blend Brown Rice Tropical Fruit Mix 1% Milk
10	11	12	13	**14**
Chicken Salad w/Citrus Dressing California Veg Blend Tortilla Soup WW Dinner Roll w/Smart Balance Canned Pears 1% Milk 17 HAPPY ** PRESIDENT'S ** DAY **	Vegetable Lasagna Chicken Meatballs Black Bean & Lentil Salad WW Dinner Roll w/Smart Balance Mandarin Orange 1% Milk **18** *President's Day Celebration* Roast Beef Mushroom Gravy Pea's & Carrot Veg WW Dinner Roll w/ Smart Balance Cherry Pie Pineapple Chunk 1% Milk	Orange Sauce Oriental Veg Blend Wild Rice Pilaf WW Dinner Roll w/Smart Balance Tropical Fruit Mix 1% Milk 19 Cubed Beef Stroganoff Sauce Winter Veg Blend Egg Noodles WW Dinner Roll w/Smart Balance Mandarin Orange 1% Milk	Pork Carnitas Ranchera Sauce Peas & Carrots Tomato Cilantro Rice WG Tortilla (1) Fresh Orange 1% Milk 20 Chicken Meatballs Sweet Citrus Glaze Oriental Veg Blend Quinoa Pilaf Fresh Orange 1% Milk	Chicken Breast Alfredo Sauce Fettuccini Pasta Italian Vegetables Strawberry Cake Fresh Apple 1% Milk Tinga Chicken California Veg Blend Cilantro Lime Rice WG Tortilla SF Pudding RS Ambrosia 1% Milk
24	25	26	27	28
Diced Chicken Parmesan & Sundried Tomato Sauce Carrots Tri-Color Pasta WW Dinner Roll w/Smart Balance Tropical Fruit Mix 1% Milk	Barbacoa Beef Oregon Bean Medley Cilantro Lime Rice WG Tortilla Fresh Orange 1% Milk	Tuna Salad Corn, Lima Beans & Tomato Salad WW Dinner Roll w/Smart Balance Mandarin Orange 1% Milk	Diced Chicken Breast Asian Sauce Oriental Veg Blend Egg Noodles WW Crackers (4pk) Canned Peaches SF Pudding 1% Milk	Cubed Beef Ranchera Sauce Broccoli Mexican Rice WG Tortilla Fresh Orange 1% Milk

All meals comply with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) 2020-2025 & Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) for older adults as determined by the California Dept. of Human Services Agency & the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Meals on Wheels Orange County Lunch Program may change the menu for reason of quality control, price or vendor problems. This project is funded in parts through funds from the Federal Older Americans Act as allocated by the Orange County Board of Supervisors. Sugar free desserts and water packed fruits are used throughout the menu to accommodate diabetics. 1% Milk served daily. indicates sodium content over 1,000 mg. * indicates a special event or Holiday and the menu MAY exceed 1,000 mg. Low Cholesterol, 0% trans-fat buttery spread served with bread & rolls. Weekly average lunch meal provides >550 calories. Please note condiments are not analyzed and may increase sodium.

Www.MealsOnWheelsOC.org

Arrive by 11:15. Lunch served 11:30am-12pm. Registration required. Questions, call 714-375-8404.



MONDAYS

8:00 Nature Meditation Walk

8:30 Better Life Boxing

8:30 Table Tennis*

8:30 Hawaiian Hula Basics

9:00 Zumba Gold Dance Fitness

9:30 Ukulele Beginner

10:00 Yoga Chair

10:00 Cut Cable: Streaming TV (2/10)

10:30 Hawaiian Hula Intermediate

10:45 Ukulele Advanced

11:00 Senior Café Lunch*

11:00 Beg. Acrylic Painting

11:30 Balance and Stability

12:00 Ukulele Intermediate

12:30 Party Bridge & Chess*

12:30 Senior Fitness

2:00 Bridge for Beginners

2:00 Line Dancing Level 1

2:00 Zumba Gold Dance Fitness

3:00 Quilting with Brandi*

3:30 Line Dance Level 3

4:00 Waltz & Swing

5:00 Merengue & ChaCha

6:00 NAMI*

6:30 Tai Chi Chuan

7:00 Big Band Swing Dance* (2/24)

THURSDAYS

8:00 Outlook Assembly (2/27)

8:30 Table Tennis*

8:15 Tai Chi Chuan, Beginner

9:15 Tai Chi Chuan, Intermediate

9:30 Hoag Lecture* (2/13 Art for Healing, 2/20 Osteoporosis)

10:00 Intro to Genealogy (2/20, 2/27)

10:00 Yoga with Diane

10:45 Flex & Stretch

11:00 Senior Café Lunch*

11:30 Zumba Chair

12:30 Canasta, Chess, Scrabble,

Gin & Cribbage*

1:00 Balance & Stability

1:30 Line Dance Level 2

2:00 Tech Club * 1/9

3:00 Line Dance Level 1

6:00 Belly Dancing Beginning

6:00 Woodcarvers*

6:45 Belly Dancing Intermediate



TUESDAYS

8:15 Pilates Mat

8:15 Senior Cardiofit

9:00 Pilates Chair

9:30 Duplicate Bridge*

9:30 Flex & Stretch

10:00 Digital Photo (2/18, 2/25)

10:30 Yoga: SCICP

11:00 Senior Café Lunch*

12:30 Drum Circle* (2/11)

12:00 Scrabble*

1:30 Shanti *

1:30 Essentrics Aging Backwards 12:00 Chair Volleyball* (2/19)

2:30 Line Dance Beginner

3:00 Yoga with Diane Outdoor

3:00 Bridge Intermediate

4:00 Line Dance Beginner

4:00 Puzzle Swap* (2/25)

5:30 Alzheimer's Caregiver*

5:30 Family Martial Arts

6:30 Sr./Adult Martial Arts



8:00 HBCOA Trip -Lake Cachuma

8:15 Senior Cardiofit

8:30 Mexican Train*

9:00 Blood Pressure* 2/21)

9:00 TOPS*

9:00 Zumba Gold & Toning

9:30 Dup. Bridge, Rummy Cube*

9:30 Circuit Training

10:00 Yoga

10:30 HandyCrafters*

11:00 Arts & Crafts for Beginners

11:00 Senior Café Lunch*

11:00 Senior Fitness

11:30 Flex & Stretch

12:00 Backgammon*

1:00 Pilates Chair

1:30 Line Dance Level 2-3



WEDNESDAYS

8:00 AARP Tax Appointments*

8:30 Wednesday Walkers*

9:00 Blood Pressure Screening* (2/5)

9:00 Zumba Gold Dance Fitness

10:00 Surf City Gardeners* (2/12)

10:00 Fishing Club* (2/5)

10:00 Young At Heart Singers*

10:30 Cardkateers* (2/5, 2/19)

11:00 Senior Café Lunch*

11:00 Line Dance Level 1

12:00 Line Dance Level 2

12:00 Line Dance Level 2

1:00 Movies* (2/12 She Came to

Me, 2/26 Lee)

1:00 Line Dance 3

5:30 FireMed CPR (2/5)

6:00 Bridge for Beginners



SATURDAYS

9:30 FireMed CPR (2/22)

10:00 Family Martial Arts

11:00 Sr. Martial Arts

4:00 Nancy's Cabaret, A

Tribute to Love (2/22)

For specific dates, prices, and locations of activities please stop by our front desk or browse the City's SANDS magazine (hbsands.org)

* NO OR LOW-COST TO ATTEND

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