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HUNTINGTON BEACH MODIFIES 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION TO SAFELY CONTINUE LONG-STANDING TRADITIONS

The Front Yard 4th of July Celebration will feature a new parade route and expanded decorating contest

Given that the State is still restricting large special events, the City of Huntington Beach and the 4th of July Executive Board have been working together to create a **modified** 4th of July Celebration to ensure residents can safely take part in this long-standing tradition. The Celebration will include a revised parade route from Downtown Huntington Beach to various residential neighborhoods, along with an expanded home decorating contest that will now be citywide and include businesses. These adjustments will promote social distancing and allow the parade to continue onward, while still embracing the spirit of this beloved event that began in 1904.

“Although the parade routes have changed, Huntington Beach’s patriotic spirit has never wavered, even during these challenging times,” says Mayor Lyn Semeta. “We will adjust and take part in this re-imagined celebration that will give us an opportunity to celebrate Independence Day in a way that honors our United States veterans and medical professionals who have emerged as heroes during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

In lieu of the traditional 4th of July parade along Pacific Coast Highway and Main Street, this year’s parade will tour various neighborhoods, as a salute to the front yard 4th of July celebrations that the 4th of July Board has made quintessential. Aptly named the OneHB Neighborhood Parade, this year’s parade will include two different routes that will travel throughout the City from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The exact routes will be formally announced on the morning of July 4th at www.hb4thofjuly.org and the City’s social media platforms.

The parade caravans will showcase our veterans, high school seniors, front line medical personnel, live entertainment and other community dignitaries. Other celebration highlights include the 4th of July Decorating Contest, based on the theme of “Surf City Dreaming”, and includes prize categories for best decorated business and best front yard float. Detailed guidelines will be available on www.hb4thofjuly.org. Also, this year, the City will ask the public to vote for the best entries via the City’s social media platforms. Follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook (@cityofhb) for more updates.

Please note that the Festival at the Pier, 4th of July Run, and Fire Works Show will remain canceled. However, residents may celebrate at home by purchasing Safe and Sane fireworks from one of many fireworks stands operated by non-profit organizations that use a share of their proceeds toward charitable causes, such as youth sports and public services.

Regardless of how we as a community celebrate Independence Day in Huntington Beach, we remind everyone to remain mindful of the State’s order to continue to maintain social distancing measures to continue to flatten the curve of COVID-19. For more information on our Front Yard 4th of July celebration, visit www.hb4thofJuly.org.

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