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A MAN RIDES an e-bike on the bike path at the beach in Huntington Beach on Wednesday. The City Council reversed a 2017 ban on e-bikes at the beach.

E-bikes gain beach path access

The Huntington Beach City Council votes to allow the popular bicycles along the path, but more guidelines are needed.

BY MATT SZABO

The Huntington Beach City Council on Monday night unanimously voted to reverse a ban on e-bicycles on the bike path next to the beach.

Council members Mike Posey and Natalie Moser brought the item forward for consideration. It reverses a 2017 ban on e-bikes at the beach, which was put in place before their recent uptick in popularity during the coronavirus pandemic.

The 2017 code change stated no person

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JOSEPH ALI, the owner of Zack's in Huntington Beach, puts away a rental e-bike on Wednesday.

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Secondary students to return to full-day class

BY SARA CARDINE

Responding to parents' requests to see middle- and high-school students allowed back on campus full time, Newport-Mesa Unified School District officials have approved a return to full-day instruction for secondary students, with some minor modifications, starting the week of April 26.

In a special meeting Thursday evening, Supt. Russell Lee-Sung explained how district officials and site administrators had convened to discuss the option of increasing face time between students and teachers, who've been coming to campus part time under a hybrid learning

model since November. Answering the pleas of parents and as coronavirus cases continue to drop, Newport-Mesa Unified officials approve a four-day, in-person schedule.

"We have done our best in distance learning, but it has its limitations. If we can get kids back to in-person, that is our first objective," he explained.

Lee-Sung described a framework under which students would be allowed back into classrooms for full instruction four days per week, with one day of remote learning to be determined by each school site.

The news comes days after Gov. Gavin Newsom announced the state would be lifting its "Blue Print for a Safer Economy" shutdown guidelines as of

June 15, pending a continued decline in coronavirus cases as more COVID-19 vaccinations are distributed statewide.

As of Thursday, an online COVID-19 dashboard maintained by Newport-Mesa reported 14 coronavirus infections throughout the district.

Trustees voted March 30 to return elementary students to full-day instruction five days per week beginning April 21, after spring break. Learners in all grades will be seated 3 feet apart, in accordance with updated guidelines released last month by the Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention. "The transmission of COVID at our school sites is almost nonexistent," Lee-Sung said, adding that such trends nationwide are causing agencies like the CDC to revise standards on school reopening. "They're realizing school is a safe place for students and staff."

Some members of the public approved the transition. Jennifer Frank, an instructor at Orange Coast College and the mother of a freshman at Newport Harbor High School, said students are suffering from too much dis-

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Springtime abundance on display at C.M. farmers market

Springtime in Costa Mesa is in full bloom, and nowhere is that more apparent than at the Costa Mesa Certified Farmers Market on the O.C. fairgrounds where, on Thursday morning, stands were bursting with veritable rainbows of fresh produce.

For the past four decades, local shoppers have come out to the OC Fair & Event Center to stock up on fruits, vegetables and pantry staples from 37 area "certified producers." On Thursday, traffic was redirected to the center's Lot G, due to the opening of a vaccine site at the fairgrounds last week.

While the local market shuttered temporarily in March of last year due to the pandemic, it was able to reopen to the public on June 18 as an essential food provider and operates each Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Casey Anderson, chief executive for the O.C. Farm Bureau — which operates eight certified farmers markets countywide, including the Costa Mesa location — said customers



SHOPPERS EXPLORE the various vendors during the farmers market on Thursday at the O.C. fairgrounds.

and vendors are being asked to comply with coronavirus protocol during their visits.

In addition to practicing physical distancing and mask-wearing at all times, shoppers are prohibited from entering a market stall and handling produce directly and must make selections through the vendor.

It's a small price to pay

for being able to do one's shopping outdoors in the sunshine and something customers have been willing to do, based on the increased traffic many markets have been experiencing since the pandemic began.

Anderson said some farmers markets have seen an increase in sales of from 50% to 100% in the past year as more people view



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outdoor markets as a safe and enjoyable form of shopping.

"It's a place where you know you're buying fresh fruits and vegetables directly from the farm," he reasoned. "It's actually been a little bit surprising seeing how the community has come out in even greater support for local farmers markets."

— Sara Cardine



FACE SHIELDS for sale from Monique's Boutique at the Costa Mesa farmers market at the O.C. fairgrounds.

Virtual 'H8 Free HB' event is set for Sunday

City leaders will speak at the inclusion event, to be held on Zoom at the same time as a planned 'White Lives Matter' rally.

BY MATT SZABO

The city of Huntington Beach is co-sponsoring a virtual event on Sunday afternoon, at the same time that a "White Lives Matter" rally has been scheduled near the Huntington Beach Pier.

The virtual event, called "H8 Free HB," will be taking place on Zoom at 1 p.m. and can be accessed at bit.ly/31Uzn5T. It will be led by Don Han of OC Human Relations, as well as Mayor Kim Carr and Councilwoman Natalie Moser. The trio also led a virtual Town Hall last week on being an upstander, not a bystander.

Carr said that Sunday's presentation will be one hour and will include other elected officials, including state Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine). Min's district includes Costa Mesa, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach and Laguna Beach, along with other Orange County cities.

"I expect there to be a lot of elected officials on a regional level, coming together to denounce hate," Carr said. "It's a virtual event to counter what we've heard will happen at the pier. I think it just sends a strong message to the community, that Huntington Beach does not stand for hate. There are more of us that are coming out and saying that than the people who want the 'White Lives Matter' rally at the pier.

"Out of all of the emails I've received, I haven't received one email in support of that rally. It's all been the exact opposite. People don't want that in Huntington Beach, and I completely agree with them."

Moser said that Sunday's virtual H8 Free HB event, along with a pro-diversity event at Central Park on April 18 that city staff is putting together, are aiming for unity.

"Whether or not that ['White Lives Matter'] rally takes place, I think that it brought all of this to the forefront," she said.

"Whether people in Huntington Beach or outside of Huntington Beach think that this is OK to do in Huntington Beach, we're sending a message that it's not. This Sunday's event is specifically meant to really explicitly send that message."

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Fire chief and son each have their own battles to win

BY ANDREW TURNER

Newport Beach Fire Chief Jeff Boyles fondly recalls nights spent watching the high school football programs in the city while a member of the department.

On Friday night, however, his rooting interest will lie elsewhere, perhaps for the last time.

His older son Braeden is a senior quarterback for Edison High, which will play host to Corona del Mar at 7 p.m. at Huntington Beach High School.

After the coronavirus pandemic threatened to eliminate the season outright, the six-game schedule that came about more than beat the alternative, each game precious to both father and son.

Various efforts went into trying to bring back school-based athletics. There were rallies as part of the "Let Them Play" movement held at both CdM and Edison on Jan. 15.

Helping to roll out the COVID-19 vaccine was the way that Jeff knew he could help with that process. Jeff tried to keep Braeden's spirits up, but he said that the time that coincided with the Let Them Play rallies coming to local schools was when it looked most bleak for a season.

"In about mid-January



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EDISON HIGH SCHOOL senior quarterback Braeden Boyles stands with his dad, Newport Beach Fire Chief Jeff Boyles, at the Corona del Mar station on Tuesday. Both strong programs, Edison plays Corona del Mar in football this week.

when we hit that real high peak [in coronavirus case rates], even I went into a funk," said Jeff, a 27-year firefighter who became Newport Beach's fire chief in 2019. "I couldn't even really look [Braeden] in the face anymore and say, 'I

think it's going to happen,' because I was thinking, 'This isn't going to happen anymore.'

"Then all of the sudden, it just started dropping off, and the Super PODs opened, and we were pushing them and pushing

them, and we were cranking. I mean it was seven days a week, sunup to sundown, and then I kind of circled back with him, like, 'Hey, I think we're going to get there.'"

Jeff said he pulls for the Newport Beach schools when his son is not playing against them, and the opposite is true for Newport Beach Councilman Will O'Neill. Jeff added that O'Neill made mention of his son as "The Fire Chief's son," recently on Poorman's Morning Rush, a radio show hosted by Jim 'Poorman' Trenton on KOCI 101.5.

Make no mistake, O'Neill said he will be keeping his loyalties with the city by rooting for Corona del Mar on Friday night.

With respect to the pandemic and the return of sports, O'Neill said that youth sports are important because they provide struc-

ture and team-building exercises, and they equip one with the understanding of how to handle loss.

"There are so many people who experienced what I would call real loss this past year," O'Neill said. "My guess is that a lot of people learned how to cope with what they've been experiencing this past year when they were going through adolescence and when they were learning how to lose on a much smaller scale."

Braeden became the starting quarterback at Edison midway through his sophomore year. Since suffering a playoff defeat to San Juan Hills that season, he said he has always looked forward to big games and chances at redemption.

In facing the Sea Kings on Friday, the Chargers quarterback will have his last opportunity to earn a

victory against every team in the Sunset League during his prep career.

A loss at Los Alamitos likely took Edison out of the league championship hunt in a year without a postseason. Nevertheless, marquee matchups like those against CdM and Los Alamitos have always been special to Braeden.

"It's pretty cool because the feel of the game is just rivalry," he said. "I know it's not [CdM's] rivalry game, but the close league games, the big matchups in league — Los Al, CdM — obviously Fountain Valley is our rivalry game, but those two games, it's always really intense, and you can feel it."

Protocols for youth sports resulted in practices being held in pods, which made for some interesting happenings once football was on the path to starting the season.

"Once the season got confirmed and we started playing, there were incoming sophomores that I hadn't even met yet, and we were about to start our season in two weeks, and I hadn't even met some of these kids," Braeden added. "That was just so weird because usually by a few days into spring ball, these younger kids come in, and it's like a family [and] we all know each other by name."

Eleven players have made at least one catch for the Chargers this season, but junior Nico Brown has distinguished himself as the Chargers' number one receiving threat.

"I remember Nico Brown coming to lift at my house every day, even when I wasn't," Braeden said of Brown, who has received a couple of college offers (from Dartmouth and Pennsylvania) in the past two weeks. "I'd walk downstairs, and he's lifting in my garage. He knows the code to my front door now."

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