

Newsletter #1 -Huntington Beach Pier Icon Ruby's Diner bid goodbye

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Huntington Beach pier Icon Ruby's Diner bid goodbye

The iconic Ruby's Diner situated at the end of Huntington Beach Pier permanently closed Friday morning, February 26, 2021.

Erica Hernandez dined at Ruby's Diner every single time she visited the well known beach.

"I love to take a walk down the beach pier to relax and regroup after a long week. And Ruby's Diner gave the classic American dining experience that was both great for fun times with friends and fun dates," Hernandez, 29, said.

When told the news of the diner's closing, she said she wished she went on a date with her boyfriend at the restaurant before it closed.

"Nick loves classical American diner food and it would've been a perfect place for a date." She explained.

The original Ruby's Diner in Balboa Pier remains open. After original operators filing for bankruptcy in 2018, 14 Ruby's Diners remain in Southern California.

The Uniqueness in Ruby's Diner laid in the fact that it was a diner surrounded by ocean views. The diner also had reasonable pricing that suited average consumers comfortably.

Ruby's Diner will be replaced by a restaurant that serves seafood.

Disneyland ride capacity plummet under COVID-19 restrictions

Coronavirus closure had a lot of businesses including small and large companies make changes. Disneyland temporarily shut down for the first time. The theme park anticipated ride capacity plummet under COVID-19 restrictions as it reopens April 30, 2021.

Melanie Vazquez had always been a loyal Disney fan and got married 4 months before COVID outbreak.

"I have loved Disney ever since I was a little girl. It is the common passion for Disney my husband shares with me that makes our marriage special." Vazquez, 29, said.

When asked her opinions about COVID's impact on Disneyland and Disney California Adventures, she said it was a pity.

“Aaron and I had moved to Florida a month before California Disney closures. Florida opened up a while ago. But I still miss the California Disney firework that I got proposed to in front of.” She explained.

Current updated guidelines would keep a vast amount of California theme park rides capacity low. Popular Disneyland and Disney California Adventures attractions such as Pirates of the Caribbean and It’s a Small World will be affected. Some rides will remain closed.

California theme parks can reopen starting on April 1, at 15% attendance capacity in the red/substantial tier 2, 25% capacity in the orange/moderate tier 3 and 35% capacity in the least-restrictive yellow/minimal tier 4.

Time limits will also be imposed on indoor attractions.

Most of Disneyland’s indoor attractions including the recently built Star Wars rides and Disneyland’s firework show will be impacted. The firework shows will not return immediately.

Outdoor attractions will be significantly less impacted. The rides can average 1000-3000 riders.

Disneyland, California Adventure Park to reopen April 30

Orange County anticipating Coronavirus cases shrinkage and to move into the Orange tier next week

Coronavirus was declared a pandemic March 2020. Lockdown was enforced. Different color coded tiers were used as a guideline for restrictions.

A week into entering the red tier in which restaurants, movie theaters and gyms invite customers back indoors, Orange County is to move towards the less restrictive orange tier for the first time.

Mary Drelling, a gym enthusiast, had been using home gym since lockdown. She expressed excitement towards gym re-opening.

“I definitely do not mind masking if we have the opportunity to safely access local gyms.”

Orange County anticipates to keep the local COVID-19 case rates low and be able to move to the orange tier March 31.

The change of tiers would allow more companies and businesses that do not serve food to reopen with masking rules in place. Which would bring in an economic boost with more job availability. The California Department of Public Health continues to encourage working from home.

Erica Hernandez had been teaching from home since COVID lockdown began.

“It is definitely different not being able to be in person with the children. However, I am glad I am still able to give them a good education safely from home.”

The current numbers of confirmed cases are respectively 249,760 in Orange County; 3547,278 in California; and 29,708,385 in the United States. The current numbers of deaths are respectively 4635 in Orange County; 56,545 in California; and 540,503 in the United States.

The number of both confirmed cases and deaths had been significantly lowered.

Summarize and explain newsworthiness

Newsletter #1, 2 and 3 were all newsworthy. Reasons being, they were all COVID related. And gave a great perspective of how being in lockdown had affected our lives. How individuals and people as a whole in our local community had been adapting.