



City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

October 16, 2020

Police Chief Robert Handy Set to Retire After Seven Years of Dedicated Service to the Huntington Beach

City of Huntington Beach Police Chief Robert Handy has announced his plans to retire after a distinguished 30-year law enforcement career. "After more than 30 years in policing – nine as a police chief and seven years here in Huntington Beach – it is time for me to focus on my health, family, and whatever comes next in life," said Chief Handy. "Serving the community here in Huntington Beach has been an incredible privilege for which I will always be grateful."

Chief Handy came to Huntington Beach in 2013 while the community was working to address civil disturbances during the US Open of Surfing, which had created widespread public safety concerns. Chief Handy led the City's police department in developing a balance between the needs of the business community to provide quality entertainment venues and events, while also maintaining the high quality-of-life standards that residents deserve and expect.

Over the years, Chief Handy has been instrumental in developing the protocols that have allowed the City to continue to safely host hundreds of special events, including the Great Pacific Airshow and the US Open of Surfing.

"During the past seven years, Chief Handy has left an indelible positive mark on Huntington Beach," said Mayor Lyn Semeta. "From the community-based policing practices that he instituted, to the technology improvements he championed, to the advancements we've made as a City in addressing homelessness – there is no doubt that Chief Handy has been the central figure driving our efforts to improve public safety here in Surf City, and our community will enjoy lasting benefits because of all his efforts. Chief Handy's presence will be missed at City Hall, and I wish he and his wonderful family the very best as he prepares for retirement."

During his time with the City, Chief Handy led numerous efforts to better engage the community, build trust, and improve levels of service to residents, businesses, and visitors. Those efforts have all served to improve public safety efforts in Huntington Beach, with citywide crime rates having fallen by 14 percent during Chief Handy's tenure. Downtown crime rates fell even further over that time period, declining by 36 percent.



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Library Services Department

It's finally here.

The Central Library now offers
"Grab & Go" Service to the public.



Central Library Reopens for Grab and Go Services

The Central Library is now open for limited services called "Grab and Go!" Services are limited to browsing our book and media collections, using our adult and teen computer labs (either by reservation or drop in), and utilizing our printing services (with a credit card or exact change only).

Also, the Research and Information Desk will now be located at the Borrower Services Desk, and a live librarian can place patron holds or answer questions about books or events in both Children's and Adult services. In-person help with

library card accounts will also be available at the Borrower Services Desk.

Lastly, there will be plenty of self-checkout stations available, and for those who prefer a contactless experience, sidewalk services will still be available for you. Please be mindful that all visits to the Library will be limited to one hour to safely accommodate all of our patrons.

"Grab and Go" hours of operation:

- ♦ Monday-Thursday, from 9am to 1pm and 2-6pm
- ♦ Friday-Saturday, from 9am to 1pm; closed on Sundays
- ♦ All branches will remain closed; however, the Banning branch and Central Library will continue to offer Sidewalk Service.

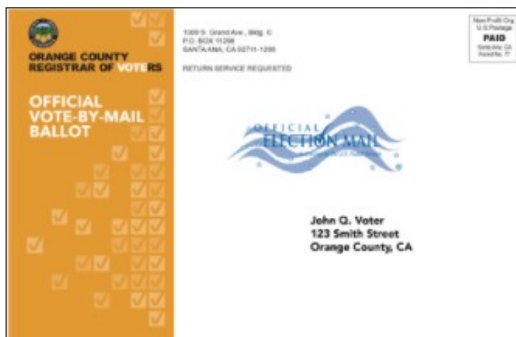
For more detailed information about "Grab and Go", visit the library's information page at hbpl.libguides.com/digital/express. The staff at the Central Library looks forward to the return of their valued patrons!

October 2, 2020

Public Information Office

Voting 2020 — More choices. More options.

Elections are no longer a one-day event. Voting begins the month before any election day when every voter will receive a vote-by-mail ballot. Take advantage of the alternatives available to avoid congestion – from voting at home, drive-thru ballot drop-off, in-person options, returning your ballot via the United States Postal Service, or personally deliver your ballot to the Orange County Registrar of Voters – the choice is yours.



- Fill out your vote-by-mail ballot and mail it to the County Registrar's Office; the ballot must be signed, dated, and postmarked before or on Election Day (November 3).
- [Click here to track the delivery](#) of your Vote-By-Mail ballot from mailbox to the Registrar's Office.



- Ballot drop boxes are a great way to deliver your ballot to the County without having to stop into a Vote Center.
- [Find your nearest drop box location!](#)



- Deliver your ballot or vote in person at any Vote Center in the County from 10/30-11/2 (8am-8pm) and 11/3 (7am-8pm).
- [Find your nearest Vote Center!](#)

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I-405 Improvement Project Opens McFadden Avenue and Bushard Street Bridges

The I-405 Improvement Project reached two major milestones this week with the opening of the Bushard Street and McFadden Avenue bridges.

Bushard Street opened to traffic on Monday, Oct. 12, and McFadden Avenue is scheduled to open today. The two bridges are among 18 that will be built, widened, or replaced to improve traffic and capacity for expected growth in population, jobs and housing.



Election 2020: Candidate Statements

Get informed, before you vote! Learn more about the 2020 City Council candidates and their platforms, which are now airing on Surf City 3 and [our YouTube channel](#).



October 16, 2020

Police Department

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and each year the Huntington Beach Police Department participates in the Pink Patch Project to raise funds for local charities. Our officers will wear pink patches, and some may wear ribbons, pins, or bracelets this month to display their support to anyone that is battling breast cancer or has overcome it. If you would also like to participate in this cause, you can purchase similar items from HBPD by emailing Community Relations Specialist, Virginia Clara, at vclara@hbpd.org or simply encouraging the women in your family to schedule a mammogram today. All proceeds raised through the sale of merchandise will be donated to a local charity.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



*Supporting the Fighters,
Admiring the Survivors,
Honoring the Taken,
And never, ever giving up Hope.*



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Fire Department

HBFD Supports the Fight Against Breast Cancer

In our continuing support of the battle against breast cancer as well as celebrating cancer survivors, Huntington Beach Fire would like to heighten awareness within our community.

Throughout the month of October our Firefighters will be wearing their “Huntington Beach Firefighters Care” pink t-shirts while on duty. Our primary goal is to support those personally affected by cancer and to reach out to our community with the lifesaving message that early detection and treatment can save lives.



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Fire Department

Drop, Cover and Hold



On Thursday 10/15/20 at 10:15 A.M., people from around the country participated in the the Great ShakeOut Drill. It is that time of year again to practice the Drop, Cover, and Hold On during an earthquake. It is important to practice Drop, Cover and Hold On because you may only have seconds to protect yourself when an earthquake strikes.

In most situations, you will reduce your chance of injury if you do the following.

- o DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!)
- o TAKE COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table
- o HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops

We encourage all Huntington Beach residents, businesses, and schools to participate. If you did not get an opportunity to practice on 10/15, make time this week to practice and make sure you have a plan in place if an earthquake does happen. Learn more at www.shakeout.org.

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Public Information Office

Human Relations Task Force Hosts Cultural Cinema Showcases Featuring Hispanic-Latinx & Asian Pacific Heritages



The Eyes of the Land



The Blue Cape

10/16/20 – 10/25/20

Free tickets and registration at

<https://bit.ly/3iMBzm9>

The Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force (HRTF) promotes and celebrates diversity in Huntington Beach. Community-wide efforts to ensure that everyone is treated with courtesy and respect, regardless of racial background, nationality, religious practice, sexual orientation, or gender, is an important element in building a better City.

In support of this mission, the HRTF hosts a series of cultural cinema showcases annually, using the arts as a bridge to promote human dignity. These showcases celebrate and highlight diversity in the cinematic arts during cultural heritage months including: Black History Month in February, Asian Pacific Heritage Month in May, Hispanic-Latinx Heritage Month in September, and Native Americans-First Nations Heritage in November.

Due to COVID-19, our showcases will be going virtual this month, featuring a combination of Asian-Pacific Heritage and Hispanic-Latinx films from around the world! We've received over 800 submittals from nations such as Japan, China, Singapore, the Philippines, India, Colombia, Mexico, New Zealand and many more, and the HRTF has curated the top 20 percent in genres including narrative, documentary, animation, experimental and super shorts. Some of our films feature recognizable Hollywood actors or have debuted on HBO and enjoyed small screen releases. Our very own Mayor Lyn Semeta has also participated and selected two films as "Mayoral Selections" to be presented during the virtual screenings.

Tickets are free and you will have an opportunity to meet some of the award-winning filmmakers and participate in a Q&A segment. We invite you to join us on this cinematic journey!

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Finance Department

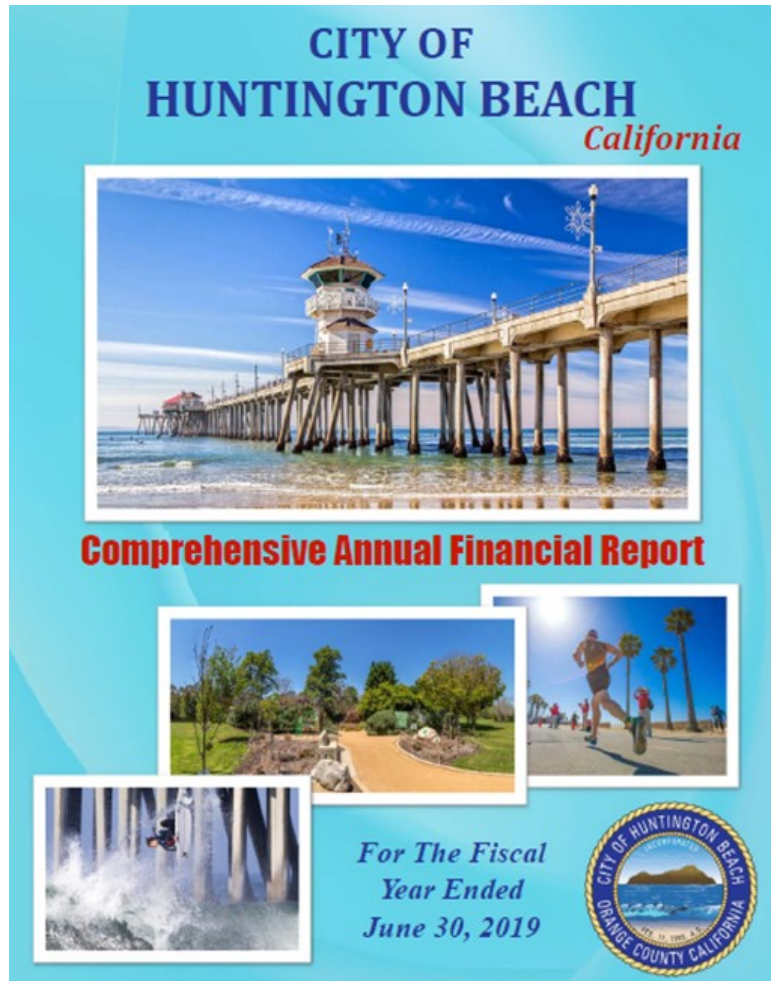
Finance Department Awarded Certificate of Achievement

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Finance Department the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Huntington Beach for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment is a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The City has received the Financial Reporting Award for 33 years. The CAFR for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 can be viewed [HERE](#).



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Mayor's "Making A Difference Award"

Mary Chiappetta Makes a Difference

At the October 5 City Council meeting, Mary Chiappetta (pictured far right) was honored with the Mayor "Making a Difference Award" for spearheading Soroptimist International's program to Stop Human Trafficking. Members have since completed 500 hours of service to support a local safe home for victims and raise greater awareness of this serious issue. Mary's tireless efforts to contribute to the end of human trafficking was acknowledged by her peers and applauded by the City Council, and we are grateful for Mary and the Soroptimists' work in our community.



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Public Works Department

City of Huntington Beach - Cameron Lane NAV - WEEK AT A GLANCE - 10/09/20	
	
Swaddles re-installed / repaired around perimeter	Drone view of progress
	
TTS mobilized, trenching and grading underway	Frames being shifted over to make the structure taut.



Prepared by Totum



Navigation Center Update

Construction of the Navigation Center on Cameron Lane is progressing quickly! Framing for the Sprung structure's main components is now complete, with the end domes being constructed this week. Asphalt paving was completed earlier this month on the north and west sides of the site, accommodating the delivery of four trailers that are being modified for guest dining, common areas, and administration uses. Trenching for on site utilities also began last week, and we hope to deliver sewer, water, electrical, gas and other services shortly.

A skilled team of contractors, environmental experts and technical support, construction managers and city staff have kept the project moving quickly. Likewise, cooperation and support from the community have helped us move towards making this very important City goal become a reality. For more info, visit www.HBHomelessSolutions.com!

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Chevron Pipeline Repair Work Begins at Central Park

Chevron mobilized Monday, October 12, for the repair of their eight-inch steel product pipeline. Temporary fences were installed adjacent to the Park Café and restrooms near the bluff of the pond. This footprint will be used for the staging of their equipment and materials. The actual point repair is located in the pond area where Chevron will install timber matting and composite mats to sustain construction equipment used to build the coffer dam, perform potholing, shoring and the pipe repair. Target date for completion is before Thanksgiving unless differing site conditions are encountered.

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Public Works Department

Recycling and Your Business: What You Need to Know

Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling

Since 2016, State law has required certain businesses to arrange for organics waste recycling. Effective September 2020, this law now requires businesses that generate two cubic yards or more of solid waste to arrange for organic waste recycling for these items:

- Food waste & food-soiled paper
- Landscape clippings & pruning
- Non-hazardous wood waste

Apartment complexes with five or more units that meet the two cubic yard threshold must recycle their landscaping waste, but are currently exempt from food waste recycling.



Mandatory Commercial Recycling (Assembly Bill 341)

To conserve landfill space and natural resources, California adopted Assembly Bill 341, which set a statewide 75 percent recycling goal and requires commercial businesses to recycle. Effective July 1, 2012, businesses that produce at least four cubic yards of waste per week must participate in recycling through one of the following:

- Sort and self-haul their own recyclables.
- Subscribe to a recycling bin with Republic Services and separate material into that bin.
- Subscribe to mixed waste processing, where recyclables are recovered from the waste stream by the hauler. This service is automatically provided in Huntington Beach.



Customer Access to Recycling (Assembly Bill 827)

Effective July 1, 2020, certain restaurants and retailers who are subject to Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Organics laws are now required to provide recycling containers at front-of-house to collect food waste and recyclables generated from products purchased and consumed on their premises. The collection containers must be visible, easily accessible to customers, and clearly marked.

For more information visit CalRecycle's website at:

www.calrecycle.ca.gov

For more information and to start services, please contact Republic Services at 657-845-6111.



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Library Services Department



Kids of all ages are invited to participate in the Children's Department's **"Great Pumpkin Decorating ONLINE Contest."** To enter, email photos of your pumpkin creations to hbpumpkinphotos@gmail.com between **October 19 - October 29, 2020**. The pumpkins can be carved or painted, and can compete in 3 different categories— literary characters, scary, or creative. All entries will be posted on the Library's and Friends of the Children's Library of Huntington Beach Facebook pages on October 30, and three random drawings will be held on November 3 to determine the winners.

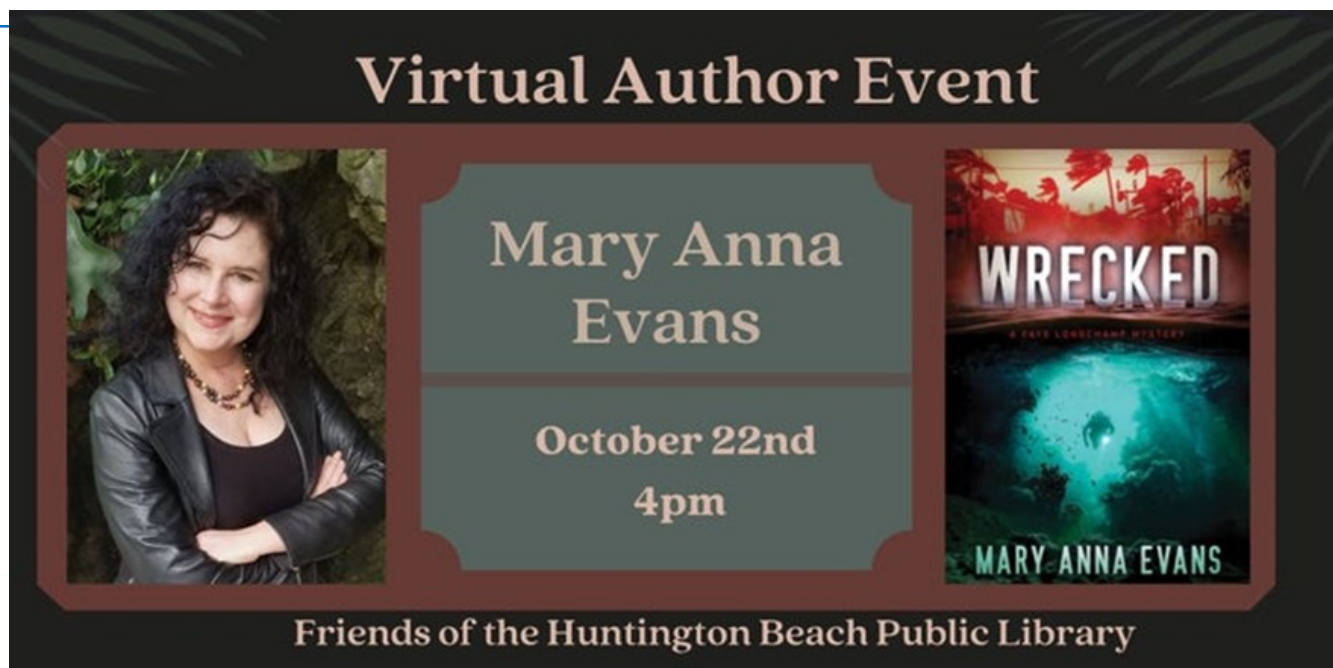


The month of October brings many spooky delights! But nothing is more delightful than frightful poetry. So we're asking our Huntington Beach Public Library patrons to send us their most haunted haikus! Remember, haikus are 3-line poems with 5 syllables in the first line, 7 syllables in the 2nd and 5 syllables in the third!

Include topics that spook or go bump in the night! We'll post some of the best haikus on the Library's Facebook page every Thursday throughout the month of October, so get your ghouls on and send us your spookiest submissions! [Click here submit your haiku.](#)

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Join The Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library on **Thursday, October 22, at 4 pm** for a live Zoom talk with archeological mystery author **Mary Anna Evans**. Mary Anna will discuss *Wrecked*, the thirteenth book in her Faye Longchamp mystery series, just released this month. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask the author questions about her work, personal life and experiences. Visit www.fotlhb.com to register for this free event.



All teens or young adults between the ages of 11 and 20 are welcome to participate in the Huntington Beach Public Library **TeenSpace's** very first **Virtual Open Mic Night**. The show will take place on **Saturday, October 24, from 4pm to 6pm** online via Zoom.

This is the perfect opportunity for Huntington Beach youth to showcase their awesome talents, including singing, comedy routines, rap, music, poetry and magic. Creative teens can submit homemade videos or self-styled visual entries they would like to show off. Performers may

sign up through bit.ly/hbplopenmic, and those interested in watching the live event may register online through LibCal. For more information, please visit <https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/7129058>.

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Community Services Department



The 7th Annual Artist Council Inspired Exhibition

October 17 – December 12, 2020
www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org

The Huntington Beach Art Center is endlessly excited to open its doors once again! Fittingly, our first returning exhibition is one of our favorites every year, Huntington Beach Art Center's Artist Council show, *Inspired*. Featuring over 150 works from more than 85 members of the HBAC Artist Council, *Inspired* is presented in the galleries for both live and virtual viewing on our website. The wide range of mediums, images, and themes presented by the Artist Council are truly the result of the dedication artists have given to their art practice while experiencing the challenges of 2020.

The Huntington Harbor Art Association (HHAA) is featured in Gallery 3 with their "Needles and Friends" fiber arts group. We are delighted to present the works of this 51-year-old organization, founding patrons of HBAC, and members of the Artist Council.

The opening reception is Saturday, October 17 from 12-4pm. Gallery visits are available by reservation and are limited to 25 guests per hour. Detailed information about our safety protocols can be found on our website. We have also extended gallery hours for your convenience. New hours are 10am-8pm Tuesday-Thursday, 10am-6pm Friday, and 10am-5pm Saturday. We look forward to welcoming you to the galleries. Call (714) 374-1650 or visit www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org to make your reservation.

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Community Services Department



A poster for Fall Craft Kits. The title 'Fall Craft Kits' is at the top in a large, white, chalk-like font. Below it, a dashed line separates the title from the details. On the left, a circular orange box contains a 'List of Crafts': Pumpkin pie craft, Paper plate pumpkin, Paper bowl scarecrow, Tissue paper fall wreath, Paper plate ghost, Turkey Cars, and Wind catcher witch. To the right, the text 'Sign ups begin September 14th!' is written in a similar font. Below this, the 'Pickup Dates' are 'October 12-October 16' and the 'Times' are '9AM-5PM'. The 'Location' is 'Murdy Community Center, 7000 Norma Drive, Huntington Beach 92647'. The 'Activity' is '411230-1A'. At the bottom left, it says '\$20 Per kit' and '*Each kit includes enough materials for 2 children'. At the bottom right, it says 'For more information call (714) 960-8895 or visit www.hbsands.org'. The background is a warm brown with illustrations of a spiderweb, two spiders, a scarecrow, and two jack-o'-lanterns.

Fall Craft Kits

Sign ups begin September 14th!

List of Crafts

- Pumpkin pie craft
- Paper plate pumpkin
- Paper bowl scarecrow
- Tissue paper fall wreath
- Paper plate ghost
- Turkey Cars
- Wind catcher witch

Pickup Dates: October 12-October 16
Times: 9AM-5PM
Location: Murdy Community Center
7000 Norma Drive
Huntington Beach 92647
Activity: 411230-1A

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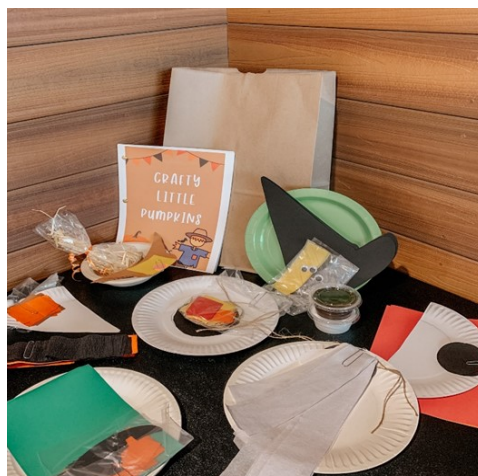
Fall Crafts at Murdy

Murdy Community Center has been hard at work, crafting Fall Craft Kits for children in our community!

Each Kit costs \$20 and includes enough material for two children. The Kits contain several fun arts and craft activities including:

- ♦ Pumpkin Pie Craft
- ♦ Paper Plate Pumpkin
- ♦ Paper Bowl Scarecrow
- ♦ Tissue Paper Fall Wreath
- ♦ Turkey Cars
- ♦ Wind Catcher Witch

Call us at 714-960-8895 to sign up for a kit!



Chief Handy to Retire (Con't)

“More than anything, I will miss his passion for the people of Huntington Beach,” said City Manager Oliver Chi. “Beyond the statistics and programs that Chief Handy helped us realize, perhaps the best illustration of his commitment to the community can be seen through his development of the “Shop with a Cop” program. I’ll always remember Chief Handy’s intense interest in that effort, as he rallied community support and funding to ensure that 50 underserved youth in Huntington Beach would be sponsored each year and have the chance to shop for themselves and their families with a police officer. That type of community focus is one of the things that we will all remember about Chief Handy as he prepares for retirement.”



While serving Huntington Beach, Chief Handy presided over the development of multiple operational improvements at the Police Department, including:

- ◆ Establishment of monthly management meetings focused on data analytics to prioritize resources, solve crimes, and hold managers accountable for problem solving efforts.
- ◆ Creating a four member officer / horse mounted team to assist with crowd control at special events and conduct outreach in the community.
- ◆ Implemented national standards and best practices for management of special events and emergency incidents.
- ◆ Implementing a body-worn camera program.
- ◆ Creating the City’s Homeless Taskforce and pairing mental health professionals with officers to assist the mentally ill.
- ◆ Creating the Downtown Ambassador Program through a public-private partnership.

“I am very appreciative for the support my family and I received from the members of the Department, community, City management and the City Council,” said Chief Handy. “The City of Huntington Beach and its citizens are in great hands as the Police Department is full of incredible people who serve this community with honor each and every day.”

Chief Handy will retire later this month, and the City is working to finalize plans to identify a successor to serve as Huntington Beach’s next Chief of Police.

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

City Hall Directory

Helpline	(714) 536-5511
City Attorney	(714) 536-5555
City Clerk	(714) 536-5227
Passports	(714) 374-1600
City Council	(714) 536-5553
City Manager	(714) 536-5202
Community Services	(714) 536-5486
Beach Operations	(714) 536-5281
Business Development	(714) 536-5582
Finance Department	(714) 536-5630
Business Licenses	(714) 536-5267
Fire Department	(714) 536-5411
Human Resources	(714) 536-5492
Information Services	(714) 536-5515
Library Services	(714) 842-4481
Community Development	(714) 536-5271
Code Enforcement	(714) 375-5155
Police Department	(714) 960-8811
Public Works	(714) 536-5431
Graffiti Removal	(714) 960-8861



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