

## City Manager's Report

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

**December 18, 2020** 

# Assistance League of Huntington Beach's "Dreamcatchers" Donate \$10K in Gift Cards to the Senior Center



Dreamcatchers drop off \$10,000 in gift cards. Pictured are Connie Hitchcock, Maryann Boryszewski, Barbara Cracchiolo, Sandi Woest, Linda Wentzel, Lari Thomas and Pat Wolfe along with Senior Center Director Randy Pesqueira and Social Worker Michelle Yerke.

The Dreamcatchers are a philanthropic auxiliary of the Assistance League of Huntington Beach. They have a long history of supporting Social Services at the Senior Center. Over the years, they have provided thousands of gift cards to seniors in need. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, their annual

donation to Senior Services was reduced by approximately \$10,000. Dreamcatcher Connie Hitchcock came up with an idea focusing on the Holiday Spirit. She set a goal for fellow Dreamcatchers to raise an additional two to three thousand dollars to donate to the Center. The spirit of giving grew strong with the members, and soon the fundraiser gained over \$10,000! This donation of gift cards will help seniors during the holidays and into the New Year. The Senior Center's Social Services programs are deeply grateful for the wonderful relationship with the Dreamcatchers and for their amazing generosity.



#### **Public Works Department**

#### **Christmas Day and New Year's Day Holiday Trash Schedule**

#### **Holiday Trash Schedule**

- Christmas Eve and New Years: Regular Scheduled collection
- Friday, Dec. 25th Friday, Jan. 1st: One-day delay and will resume on Sat.
- Set Containers out by 7AM

Regular Collection Day	Mon 12/21 Mon 12/28	Tues 12/22 Tues 12/29	Wed 12/23 Wed 12/30	Thu 12/24 Thu 12/31	Fri 12/25 Fri 1/1
Holiday	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	SATURDAY
Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	Schedule	



#### **Public Works Department**

#### **Annual Post Holiday Christmas Tree and Cardboard Recycling**





For the 2020 holiday season, Rainbow/Republic Services is continuing our annual tradition of free post holiday recycling of live Christmas trees and cardboard cartons. Republic will pick up Christmas trees and flattened cardboard cartons from December 26, 2020 through January 9, 2021, on the same day as regular collection. After January 9, tree pickups must be scheduled as a bulky item with Republic Services at 714-847-3581.

To recycle trees and cardboard –

- Remove all ornaments, hooks, light strings, tinsel and stand.
- Place tree next to your trash containers on your trash day.
- **Do not** put your Christmas tree inside your trash container.
- Do not block access to your trash containers.
- There is a six-foot maximum height for trees please cut taller trees into sections.
- Flatten cardboard and place next to trees.
- Artificial trees and flocked trees CANNOT be recycled.
   Carefully cut into smaller pieces for your trash container, or call for a bulk item pickup.



Multi-family, condo, and townhome residents with shared dumpsters should place trees to the side of the dumpsters, not in front or on top of the dumpster. Check with your property manager or HOA for other restrictions.

For further information, please contact Public Works Trash and Recycling at 714-375-5010 or Republic Services at 714-847-3581.

#### **Public Works Department**

#### **Central Park Restrooms Phase 2**

In an effort to modernize the existing restrooms in Central Park, the Community Services Department chose the Romtec modular kit to construct the building's new look. The project will give the existing restroom near Kathy May's in Central Park a modern and clean look. The building design matches the other restrooms that were recently installed in other parts of Central Park. The design includes six restroom stalls as well as an ADA drinking fountain, which was added on to the project. The restroom is currently in punch list mode and should be operational this month.



Before:
Old Restroom



After:
New Romtec
Restroom Building

#### **Community Services Department**

#### **Centered on the Center**

#### January 30- March 20, 2021

The Huntington Beach Art Center presents one of the largest community exhibitions of the year in January 2021. For over 20 years, *Centered on the Center* has promoted the Art Center's mission of developing an awareness, understanding, and appreciation for the arts.

This annual open-call, non-juried, salon-style group exhibition will feature 125 artists and over 200 works in a variety of mediums. Local, regional, and national artists are invited to participate. Submissions are limited to two pieces per artist. Reservations to show work in this exhibition are now available online or by calling 714-374-1650. Download the full prospectus from <a href="https://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org">www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org</a> for complete rules, regulations, and limitations.

#### CALL FOR ARTISTS!

#### January 8-9 &11

#### Eligibility

Participation is open to any living artist 18 years of age and older. All entries must be original works of art completed in the last two years (2019 – present). Work submitted may not have been displayed at the Huntington Beach Art Center in any prior exhibition.

Fees: \$20 for one piece | \$30 for two pieces

#### Important Dates to Remember

January 8 - 9 & 11

Artist Drop-Off of Artwork by Reservation

#### Friday, January 8

Artist Council Members: 10am - 1pm

All Artists: 2pm - 4pm

#### Saturday, January 9

All Artists: 10am – 2pm

#### Monday, January 11

All Artists: 10am - 2pm

HUNTINGTON BEACH ART CENTER
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Centered on the Center 2021 will be installed in the HBAC galleries, documented onsite, and also presented virtually on the Art Center's website.

#### **Police Department**

#### **Prevent Theft From Vehicles This Holiday Season**

Don't let car prowlers steal your Christmas this year! Whether you're picking up shopping orders from stores or hiding your children's Christmas presents, avoid leaving anything in your car that is in plain sight. Keep your vehicle clean and store gifts or shopping bags in the trunk where thieves cannot see them. Ideally remove all gifts and items of value before exiting your vehicle, and keep your windows and doors locked. Don't be a victim of auto theft this holiday season.





Lock cars and close windows.



Keep valuables out of sight.



Store gifts in your car trunk.

Enjoy a safe holiday season!

#### **Fire Department**



As you get ready to enjoy this holiday season, the Huntington Beach Fire Department wants to send our warmest wishes to you and your family. Please take a few moments and read these safety tips to ensure that your home stays fire-safe during this holiday season! We want you to enjoy your holiday with no unexpected interruptions.

#### **Holiday Decorating**

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

#### **Candle Safety**

- More than one-third of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- More than two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.
- Please low out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Make sure to turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

#### Winter Program Coming to the Children's Library



Staff at the Children's Library are working hard this December to prepare for the Winter Program session that will begin on January 4, 2021! Registration for the Winter Session take-home kits will open on December 27, 2020 as well. Please visit the Children's Department's event calendar for more information closer to the date at <a href="https://www.hbpl.org">www.hbpl.org</a>, and click on Events/News.



For families with little ones who would like to enjoy the Children's Department's holiday special Nutcracker Storytime, please visit the library's YouTube site at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p66ZkBmA5ss">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p66ZkBmA5ss</a>. This interactive storytime features the dancers of Ballet Etudes and the library's fabulous Miss Kari. Listen and watch as she reads excerpts from the classic tale of holiday wonder, "The Nutcracker," by Valeria Docampo and the New York City Ballet, and be transported to The Land of Sweets as Ballet Etudes dancers show us the magic of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet. To watch the library's previous storytimes, visit <a href="https://hbpl.libguides.com/kids/preschool">https://hbpl.libguides.com/kids/preschool</a>.

# MURPHY HOLDS PICKUP Mondays and Wednesdays 2pm-6pm

Curbside Holds Pickup is now available at the Murphy Branch Library, located at 15882 Graham Street. Patrons wishing to pick up their holds at this branch should call the Central Library at 714-842-4481 and select extension 4 to speak to a librarian. Patrons can also go to the library's website at <a href="https://www.hbpl.org">www.hbpl.org</a>, place the hold online, and choose "Murphy Branch" as the pick-up location.

Once patrons receive a receipt confirmation that their items are ready to be picked up, they can then park in the lot *behind* the library and call 714-375-5006. Upon providing the library card number for identification, they will be instructed to pick up their items at the table in front of the library's park-side entrance. The Murphy Branch curbside service is available on Mondays and Wednesdays between 2 and 6 pm.



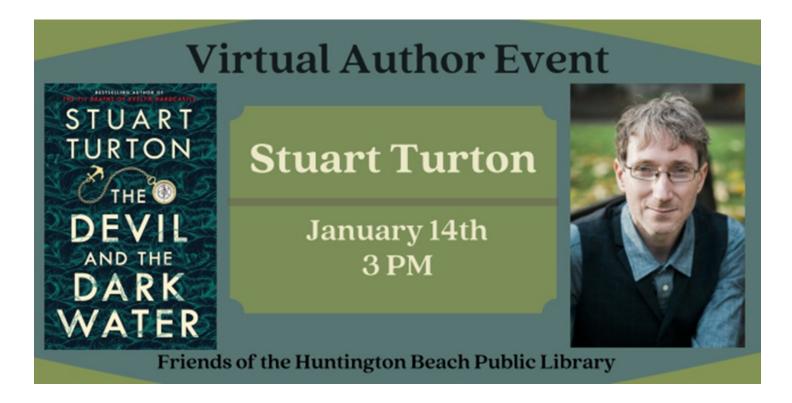
This December, the HBPL Teen Advisory Group challenges *bakers of all ages* to concoct or modify a favorite holiday recipe and create an allergen-free baked treat. Winners will be entered for a chance to win a spectacular prize! Limit one recipe per person.

#### **Guidelines:**

- Recipes must avoid using at least one common food allergens i.e. eggs, gluten (wheat, barley, rye & oats) dairy (milk, butter, yogurt, etc.) or nuts (peanuts, all tree nuts, and all ground nuts).
- The more allergens avoided, the more highly rated the dish.
- Recipe must be easy enough for the teen judges to replicate at home.
- Treat must both look and taste delicious.
- Participants must submit a photo as proof of the final product, along with the recipe.

Submissions will be judged by a panel of Teen Advisory Group members based on how well the recipes follow the guidelines above. Winning recipes will be announced on HBPL's Instagram & Facebook accounts on January 4th. Winners will receive a fabulous baking-themed prize that can be picked up through the Central Library's Sidewalk Service! For additional questions, please <a href="mailto:e

#### **Virtual Author Event — Stuart Turton**



Join the **Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library** on **Thursday, January 14 at 3 p.m.** for a live Zoom talk with **Stuart Turton**, author and winner of the Costa Best First Novel Award. Turton's newest novel <u>The Devil and the Dark Water</u> explores a murder on the high seas, a remarkable detective duo, and a demon that may or may not exist! For fans of Steven King, <u>The Devil and the Dark Water</u> brings a chilling new spin to the Sherlock Holmes detective duo in a thriller of supernatural horror, occult suspicion, and paranormal mystery on the high seas. Register for this free event at the <u>Friends of the Library website's Programs & Special Events tab.</u>

#### **Virtual Tour of Historical Photo Exhibit**



Join the staff at the Huntington Beach Public Library and the Main Street Branch for a virtual tour of the recently installed Huntington Beach Historical Photo Exhibit, on display now at the branch. This is a great way to be able to see the display while the library is closed due to the pandemic, as well as to learn some interesting background information about each photo displayed. Every photo will be categorized into a themed group, which will be displayed monthly until the whole collection is available online.

The most current group featured online (Part 3) is "Historic Buildings Around Town", including the Newland House, the Bolsa Chica Gun Club and wetlands, and the Golden Bear Café/Nightclub, (seen above, circa 1929) formerly located on the corner of Main St. and PCH. The online Photo Exhibit can be seen by following the link here: <a href="https://hbpl.libguides.com/c.php?g=1063292&p=7807537">https://hbpl.libguides.com/c.php?g=1063292&p=7807537</a>. The first two parts of the virtual display can be viewed by clicking on the "Previous Parts" tab.

**Public Information Office** 

## SURF CITY SPLASH

is Virtual for 2021

Make a solo SPLASH video to pay it forward and challenge your friends to do the same.

**Donations will benefit:** 

Surfrider of Huntington/Seal Beach!

#### **#SPLASHITFORWARD**

For information on how to participate go to:

SplashItForward.com

HSBsurfrider.org

FB @HBSurfCitySplash



City Hall is Closed
Thursday, Dec. 24 — Friday, Dec. 25
AND

Thursday, Dec. 31 — Friday, Jan. 1

Have a safe holiday season!

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#### **City Hall Directory**

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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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