

## 🎃 Historic District Halloween at the Annex 2021 🎃

We want to give a massive shout-out to all who made this Halloween celebration possible and oh-so successful! From those that helped behind the scenes to those that helped pass out roughly ten thousand pieces of candy, we simply couldn't have done it without you.

A huge thank you to **Mayor Lynne Matthews** for helping gather some beautiful and decade-appropriate cars that were indeed the icing on the cake. Thank you, **Gary Kroff, Bill and Jane Leach, and Eric Johnson**, for allowing us to use your cars in our Halloween celebration and helping pass out candy. The cars were a hit, and the parents loved them! We appreciate the **Military Heritage Museum** for letting us borrow their stanchions to protect the cars.



Thank you to **Allen McDaniel** (Code) for being our DJ for the night so the kids could dance their way through the garage, along with hanging our lights and backdrops. You can also thank Al, dressed as Richard Simmons for taking the kids back to the '80s with slap bracelets!

**Mike Robinson** (Building) for making the process of hanging backdrops much easier this year and for your help hanging them. Shout out to the significant others of City staff, **Garrett Capor and Colby Rodgers** for assisting in hanging backdrops and electrical.



Thank you to a majority of the **Larkins family, Donna (Finance), husband Kevin, and talented son Robert**. The '60s sure were groovy with your Hippy themed setup! **Donna**, we would also like to thank you for your help with decorating the other decades!



A huge shout-out to the ladies in Procurement, **Anne Heinen, Cassandra Price, Chelsey Rodgers, Linda Trojan, and Julie Rogan-Sutter**, for creating extraordinary balloon arches and props for multiple decades; you guys truly brought the decades back to us.

A special shout-out to **Connie Hayes** for processing all of our Amazon orders and holding the fort down in Procurement!

Chelsey, thank you for setting up your projector to stream Grease and for your candy and rallying together the night of with **Colby Rodgers** (husband) and (children) **Braxton and Harper Rodgers** to pass out candy and popcorn.

Thank you, **Ashley Omelanski-Carney** (Code), for the rad Rubiks cube you made for the '80s.



Thank you, **Leah Pues** (City Clerk), for letting us use your popcorn machine. It was definitely a hit with the kids and their parents, especially since we were able to hand out over 1,000 bags of it!!

A shout-out to **Jana Fisher** for popping it all and **Garrett Carper** and **Cassandra Price** for helping bag it all. **Robert Poulin** was excellent at handing out popcorn but a better dance partner as he kept the kids dancing their way through the garage.



The **Rogan-Sutter** and **Trojan** (Procurement) families came in and saved the day as they were excellent at passing out candy. Thank you to **Julie, husband Chad, and son Teagan Rogan** (A Scout with Troop #37), who passed out candy all night long! Thank you to **Linda and Russ Trojan**, who helped pass out the slap bracelets and kept the crowd moving in the right direction, out the doors!



**George Sparks** (Finance) for breaking it down in the '70s, showing kids what disco's all about, and helping pass out candy!

Behind the scenes, we had **Cassandra Price** and **Kylee McGloin** running candy to all the stations and making sure no one ran out.



Fire and Police, we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for keeping our streets safe.

**Sparky**, thank you for keeping the kids smiling and laughing; they loved getting their photos taken with you.

**Chief Pam Davis**, thank you and your crew for keeping our citizens and visitors safe and kid's candy bags full. Police had tons of volunteers out there making sure our City stayed safe and

sound. A big thank to all who worked the night of Halloween, **Captain Norman Nahra, Lieutenant Justin Davoul, Lieutenant Chris Salsman, Corporal Cody Smith, Corporal Joe Trufan, Corporal Christopher Owensby, MPO Terry Chow, MPO Dean Irving, MPO Joe Angelini, MPO AJ Russell, Officer Jessie Richards, PFC Richard Gross, PFC Brandon Meddaugh, PFC Cody Waldrop, Officer Amber Gray, Officer Chris Nunziato, Officer Joe Farley, MPO Russ Fiorino, Lieutenant David Lipker, Corporal Josh Girard, VIP Deputy Coordinator Craig Robinson (V4269), VIP Deputy Coordinator Tony Demarco (V4294), VIP George Palmer (V4323), VIP Administrative Coordinator Ilene Hochman (V4233), VIP Bob Dolar (V4071), VIP Robert Troise (V4207), VIP Tom Mackinnon (V4254), VIP Hank Porten (V4281), VIP Dan Kain (V4259), VIP Deputy Coordinator Strelchuk (V4210), Charles Kalmar, Stuart McMeans, Lee Dunn, Mary Haubold, and Maureen Heger.**



We appreciate the dispatchers **Angela Rademaker, Heather Shaughnessy, and Jeffrey Grady;** as we know, on Halloween night, the lines can be a bit busier than usual.

Thank you to **Ray Briggs and Robert Lewandowski (Fire)** for saving the day and getting us more candy; who knew 10,000 pieces would go so quickly!?

Thank you to **Jennifer Molnar, husband Joe, Corporal Christopher Owensby, and Justin Davault,** for rescuing our disco ball, so we can hang it for many years to come, no matter the theme! (unless it finds a new home in the City Manager's Executive Assistant's office!)



We appreciate the gentleman in Right of Way that worked Sunday **Steve Napier, Paul Kowalczyk, Gene Kules, Julio Jimenez, Troy Kruse, Eric Biddle, Kyle Wasco,** and



**Albert Sanchez**, for closing the streets down and making them safe for all our citizens and visitors to walk.

**Albert Sanchez**, thank you for getting us ice for our coolers and being available to help us last minute on Sunday.



Thank you, **Cathy Miller** (Canal Maintenance), for delivering the fans and cooler to us in the Annex and the chairs and table! Thankfully it wasn't too hot of a Halloween like we've experienced in the past.

**Devin Carney** (Parks & Ground), thank you for helping dispose of some after-party décor and supplies for us and **Kyle Wasko** (ROW) for helping clean up the last remanence in the garage.



Special thank you to our City Manager **Greg Murray** for allowing our office space to be inundated with candy and Halloween decorations for the past month. He and **Sammy** made great greeters to all of our visitors, ensuring they got a warm Punta Gorda welcome!

Thank you to all of those who worked the night of Halloween from our volunteers who passed candy to our dedicated dispatch team. We honestly couldn't have done it without you. This time of year reminds us how tight-knit the community we work for is. We couldn't do it without one another working as a team, so thank you all for everything you do. 🎃

Only 360 days till we get to do it all over again!