



Happy Halloween!

Halloween is coming up on Tuesday, October 31st. Please be extra cautious when driving home on Tuesday evening as there will be kids walking through our neighborhoods. I've included some safety tips provided by the National Safety Council below (see the infographic). Lots of fun Halloween festivities are happening in our community this weekend. I wanted to let you know about some of them that are open to the public. May you have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Oct 27: Monster Mash

Try on your Halloween costumes early and trick or treat at the Sterling Community Center's indoor trunk or treat from 6:30 to 8:30 pm! Local charitable organizations will run stations with crafts, candies, or activities. Admission is one canned good per trick-or-treater, and free for the rest of the family! The food collected at the event will be donated to Loudoun Hunger Relief. Last year, 261 pounds of food were collected. Join the Sterling Community Center and help fight hunger in Loudoun County.



Pre-Registration is recommended for this event. Register in person at the center or online at webtrac.loudoun.gov using the activity code 103722. Please call (703) 430-9480 for more information. [Share the event](#) on Facebook.



Oct 28: Claude Moore's Spooktacular Event

Come to Claude Moore for their First Annual Spooktacular event on Saturday, October 28th from 12-4 pm! The entire center will be transformed into a Halloween-town, with fun activities for all ages. There will be a pumpkin swim, a candy-filled rock wall, inflatables, face painting, carnival games

and wagon rides to the park's nature and historic areas for spooky stories and roasting marshmallows. The program is for ages 2 to 14.

Parent Participation is required. The cost to attend is \$12 per child; each additional child is \$6. Call 571-258-3500 for more information. Register at www.loudoun.gov/webtrac activity number 110703. [See who's already attending on Facebook!](#)

Oct 28: Inaugural Oktoberfest

Join the Cascades Overlook Town Center for their Inaugural Oktoberfest on October 28th from 12-5 pm! There will be fun for the entire family. The fest will have local farmers, brewers & vintners; fantastic food samples from our international restaurants; exciting discount offers from our great retailers; a pumpkin pie eating contest & cornhole tournament; live music by "Accidentally Red;" and a children's fun center with an obstacle course, petting zoo, cotton candy, popcorn & hot dogs.

Don't miss out on the fun for all. Tickets are \$2.50 or 10 for \$20, cash only and will be sold the day of the event, beginning at 11 am. The Cascades Overlook is located at 21453 Epicerie Plaza in Sterling. [RSVP](#) on Facebook.



Oct 28: Howl O'ween Dance

C'mon out for an evening of live entertainment with light fare and non-alcoholic beverages from 7-11 pm. You can bring your favorite canine too! You'll help the Virginia German Shepherd Rescue, Inc. raise much-needed funds and at the same time have a fun night out listening and dancing to the toe tapping music of "The Koolerators" from Falmouth, VA. Feel free to come in a costume or dress up your canine companion! There will be 50/50 raffles and a silent auction to bid on. The dance will take place at the Sterling Fire & Rescue's Patton Hall (46700 Middlefield Dr, Sterling, VA 20165).

Doors will open at 6:30 pm. Limited space available. Tickets are \$30 [online](#) and \$40 at the door. Online purchased tickets will be at the "Will

Call" Desk on the night of the event. If you have any questions, email dance@vgsr.org. Learn more about the organization at vgsr.org.

Oct 29: Halloween Family Fun & Costume Contest at Twinpanzee!

Bring yourself and your kiddos to Twinpanzee Brewing Co on Sunday, October 29th for the first "Halloween Family Fun and Kids Costume Contest."



Twinpanzee will open its doors an hour early at 11 am to host families with their little costumed kiddos. Free snacks and drinks will be available for the kids and there'll be a costume contest for all kids judged by the Twinpanzee twins themselves!

Parents must accompany and supervise their children during this family friendly event. Adults are encouraged to join the fun by dressing up in their favorite Halloween costume. [RSVP](#) on Facebook.

Tips for a spooktacular Halloween

89%* of kids participate in Halloween

Remind your child to never enter a stranger's home.

Choose a costume that is **flame-resistant**.
Knives, swords and accessories should be made of **cardboard** or **flexible** materials.

Use **nontoxic** makeup, testing it in a small area first.

Costumes, including shoes, should be **well-fitted**.

Be sure to have an adult check candy before children eat it.

Fasten **reflective tape** to the costume for increased visibility, and choose bright colored costumes.

Make sure masks have **large** eye, nose and mouth openings.

73%* of kids go trick-or-treating door-to-door

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Halloween is an exciting time for kids, but can be worrisome for parents. This year, leave the fear to *spooky* movies and pick a costume that's fun – **and safe** – for your child.

*Statistics courtesy of Safe Kids Worldwide

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