



Hello, neighbors.

Halloween is upon us, and revelers will take to the streets of Stonewater on Sunday in search of treats. As enjoyable as this time is, it also brings a need for increased care from everyone.

Herculaneum set 6-9 p.m. for trick or treating on Halloween. For Halloween safety tips, the city recommends the National Neighborhood Watch website at [www.nnw.org](http://www.nnw.org). A quick overview:



-- **Make sure your trick-or-treaters' costumes are safe**, allowing clear visibility and avoiding potential from tripping. Also make sure revelers are visible by carrying flashlights, glow sticks or light or reflective materials.

-- **Watch out for cars, and stay on the edges of streets facing traffic.** Be sure to look both ways before crossing streets.

-- **Motorists are advised to exercise utmost caution.** Anything above idle speed could be

dangerous, and it's best to drive only if necessary. Remember: Little ones might not be visible in front of or behind cars.

Fun and safety go hand-in-hand. In fact, safety should have priority over fun on Halloween when trick-or-treating.

**Remember, turn on front porch lights if your home is taking part** in treating (with the occasional trick for good measure). No lights, no access.

By the way, did you know Halloween goes back to the time of the Celts and Druids in ancient England? You might take pumpkins for granted as jack-o-lanterns, but the first of their kind was carved from turnips? What is a jack-o-lantern anyway?

[Old Farmer's Almanac offers a history of Halloween.](#) meaning of terms and how a pagan seasonal fest became a religious celebration and a candy free-for-all.

## Halloween alternative

Instead of trekking the streets of Stonewater (or in addition to, if you prefer), Herculaneum offers Halloween Night. This event returns after a year's hiatus because of Covid safety protocols.

This free event takes place 5:30-8 p.m. at Herculaneum City Park, 776 Joachim Ave.



Halloween Night is a trunk-or-treat activity, and participants get a hot dog, bag of chips and soft drink. Little revelers get a glow in the dark necklace or bracelet.

For information on this and other coming events, visit the City of Herculaneum website at <http://www.cityofherculaneum.org/Coming%20Events.html> .

## Last word

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, World War I came to an end. Four years of carnage stopped. The day would become Armistice Day in the United States when on Nov. 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson called for a time “filled with



solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory.” That observance began as an hour's pause at 11 a.m.

Congress recognized the end of The Great War and the patriotic observance in 1926. It made Armistice Day a national holiday in 1938. The significance of the day was expanded in 1954. Instead of marking the end of World War I, Veterans Day was created to mark service in World War II, Korea and subsequent conflicts, and by all branches of service in peacetime.

Thanks to all veterans in Stonewater for their service to this country.