

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Safe Trick or Treating

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

In recent years, many parents have replaced traditional trick-or-treating with parties and information get-togethers to assure a safe and happy Halloween for their children.

It is still a night for drivers to be especially alert for little ghost and goblins.

Guidelines

The Western Springs Police Department urges parents of trick-or-treaters to use the following guidelines to protect their children.

Trick-or-treaters should:

- Trick-or-treat with parents or in groups, never alone.
- Wear light colored or reflective clothing and masks that do not obstruct vision.
- Carry a flashlight after dark.
- Stay on sidewalks and never walk in the street.
- Cross streets carefully and only at corners.
- Limit trick-or-treating to the immediate neighborhood.
- Trick-or-treat only at homes where outside lights are on.
- Accept only treats which are wrapped and securely sealed.
- Have parents check all treats before eating.
- Remember that vandalism is a crime.
- Halloween is not an excuse to damage or destroy someone else's property.

Recommended Hours

Although trick-or-treat hours are not regulated, the Western Springs Department recommends trick-or-treating after 3 p.m. and no later than 8 p.m., Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

Curfew

Curfew prohibits anyone under 17 years of age to be on the street after 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and midnight on Friday and Saturday.