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Trick or Treating in the Community!

The Team in the Office will be handing out candy for all of the ghouls & goblins in our community on Saturday, October 30th starting at 4:00pm.

Come by the Clubhouse first to get your candy & map of the community to show you where to go next!

Residents that wish to participate in Trick or Treating please call or email the office to let us know by Wednesday, October 27th as we will need to prepare the map ahead of time. You are free to hand out from your front doors or even the sidewalks. Please let us know where you will be set up so we can mark the map accordingly.

Things to do!

Saturday, October 2nd-

Dayton Days Autumn Celebration will be taking place on main street in Dayton from 8am-4pm. They will have over 300 vendors, live concerts, kids activities, and unique downtown shops.

22nd Harvest Celebration Series at Showalter's Orchard in Timberville, VA from 10am-5pm. Pick your own apples, local food trucks, orchard fare, Old Hill Hard Cider, and more!

Saturday, October 9th-

Fall Festival at Massanutten Resort from 11:30am-5:30pm. They will have art, crafts, and food vendors, chairlift rides, kids activities, wine tasting, and more!

Saturday, October 23rd-

The Haunting of Harrisonburg at Hotel Madison from 4pm-8pm. A family-friendly night of Halloween fun with lots of fun games, cool prizes, and delicious food! 20% of profits will go towards the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Office Hours

Monday 10:00 am–6:00 pm
Tuesday 10:00 am–6:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am–6:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am–6:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am–6:00 pm
Saturday 11:00 am–4:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Happy Halloween

Halloween is on its way, so please watch out for all the little ghosts, goblins, witches and ghouls that will soon be haunting our community! We hope you have a Happy Halloween!



Newsletter Ideas?

Have an idea or pictures to add to our community newsletter?

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Keep Your Pet Safe on Halloween

Help your pet stay out of harm's way this Halloween by following a few tips:

- Hide the candy stash. Many Halloween treats are toxic to dogs and cats, especially chocolate and anything flavored with xylitol, an artificial sweetener.
- Keep pets away from the door. If you're expecting trick-or-treaters, keep your pet in another room for most of the evening. The constant stream of visitors can make pets feel nervous or spook them into running outside and getting lost.
- Be mindful of Halloween décor. Some decorations can pose a threat for playful pets, who may become entangled in seasonal garlands or lights. If your pet shows interest in chewing or eating any décor, move the items out of reach.
- Reconsider costumes. Some pets don't mind wearing a costume, but other animals find them uncomfortable and stressful. Don't force a costume on your pet. If your pet enjoys dressing up, choose a costume with no dangling parts or choking hazards such as buttons. Make sure the costume doesn't restrict your pet's movement or vision.



Word for October: Suffuse

As the leaves slowly change to yellows and oranges, they become suffused with the hue of autumn, or "spread over or through in the manner of fluid or light" as defined by www.m-w.com. The earthy colors associated with the season, from amber to crimson, tinge and saturate the foliage of fall. So too do the gusty winds that flush our cheeks with a ruddy tint. Take a moment this month to appreciate the broad palette of October and fall's brimming, suffusive sense of color.

Here are some of our favorite places to take in the spectacular colors:

- Skyline Drive
- Reddish Knob
- High Knob Tower Hike
- Saw Mill Loop Hike

Maintenance Tip of the Month

With the cooler temperatures approaching, here are a few things to keep in mind when you plan to turn your heat on:

- Make sure your thermostat is set to "Auto" for the fan, then turn the setting to heat before adjusting the temperature up.
- Do not switch between your AC and heat in the same day as it will overload the system.
- A burning smell is normal when you turn your heat on after not being used for an extended period.
- Make sure you open all vents to allow for air flow.
- If you have issues with your heat put a work order in through the portal or give the office a call to get that entered.



Fall & Halloween Activities

Here are some fun places to visit this fall:

- Mulberry Hills Pumpkin Patch
- Back Home on the Farm
- Overlook Produce and Farm Adventures
- Myers Pumpkin Patch
- Fairview Fun Farm
- Middle River Farms
- Fear Forest
- DarkWood Manor

Think Pink

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the National Football League shows its commitment to the cause through the campaign "A Crucial Catch," which focuses on the importance of regular breast cancer screenings. During October, NFL players, coaches and referees wear pink caps, shoes, socks and other apparel. Much of the game-worn apparel is auctioned off online, with proceeds benefiting American Cancer Society programs.





DIY Pumpkin Floral Arrangement

Materials

- Fresh pumpkin
- Knife
- Clear plastic
- Wet floral foam
- Flowers, leaves, berries
- Scissors

Cut the top off your pumpkin so that you have a fairly wide opening near the center of your pumpkin. Scoop out the guts.

Line the inside of the pumpkin with a sheet of plastic. This will hold some of the moisture in when you water the floral foam.

Cut a piece of floral foam with the knife to a size that will fit inside the pumpkin. Soak the foam in water while you prepare your flowers.

Choose flowers with strong straight stems that are freshly cut, either from the garden or a purchased bouquet.

The best fall flowers to use include: fall mums, Gerbera daisies, delphinium, carnations, greens and kale. If you do not want to use fresh flowers such as mums, etc., you can use succulents instead.

Insert the floral foam into the inside of the pumpkin and create your arrangement. Start with flowers, then add leaves, berries, and other embellishments to create a full and interesting arrangement.

The Best Classic Chili

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion -diced
- 1 pound 90% lean ground beef
- 2 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper* -optional
- 1 1/2 cups beef broth
- 1 (15 oz.) can petite diced tomatoes
- 1 (16 oz.) can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce

Instructions

- Add the olive oil to a large soup pot and place it over medium-high heat for two minutes. Add the onion. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Add the ground beef to the pot. Break it apart with a wooden spoon. Cook for 6-7 minutes, until the beef is browned, stirring occasionally.
- Add the chili powder, cumin, sugar, tomato paste, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and optional cayenne. Stir until well combined.
- Add the broth, diced tomatoes (with their juice), drained beans, and tomato sauce. Stir well.
- Bring the liquid to a low boil. Then, reduce the heat (low to medium-low) to gently simmer the chili, uncovered, for 20-25 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Remove the pot from the heat. Let the chili rest for 5-10 minutes and then top with sour cream and cheddar cheese.

Make It a Halloween Movie Night

Celebrate the spooky season with one of these family-friendly flicks:

"Hocus Pocus." In this 1993 comedy, Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy play the wicked Sanderson sisters, who are brought back to life on Halloween night. It's up to a trio of kids and a talking cat to save the town from the witches' villainous, yet hilarious, hijinks.

"Casper." A classic cartoon character returns in this 1995 live-action film, with the friendly ghost falling for Kat, a teenager who has moved into Casper's home with her widowed father. Despite an interfering heiress and ghostly pranks pulled by Casper's uncles, Kat and Casper form a deep friendship and learn the importance of family.

"Monster House." Prepare for an action-packed adventure with this 2006 animated movie. With his parents away for the weekend, 12-year-old D.J. decides to uncover the secrets of his neighbor's mysterious house.

"Hotel Transylvania." In this 2012 animated film, a human named Johnny accidentally uncovers Count Dracula's hotel for monsters, prompting the vampire to use his magical powers to protect his guests and daughter, Mavis. But his plans backfire when Johnny hits it off with Mavis and the other creatures.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>October</i>					1	2 Dayton Days Autumn Celebration!
3	4	5 Today is World Teachers' Day!	6	7	8 	9 JMU Home Football Game at 2pm.
10 Morgan Dean Concert @ White Oak Lavender Farm From 2pm-5pm.	11 Today is Columbus Day!	12	13	14 Today is National Dessert Day!	15	16 Bridgewater College Home Football Game @ 2pm. Homecoming weekend.
17	18	19 	20	21	22 Finally Friday Event at Cross Keys Vineyards from 5:30-8:30pm.	23 The Haunting of Harrisonburg at Hotel Madison from 4-8pm.
24/31 Happy Halloween from all of us to you!	25	26 Today is National Pumpkin Day!	27	28	29	30 Come see the team in front of the Clubhouse from 4-6pm for some Halloween treats!

