



From The Desk of Mayor Don Ryan

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Once again, the leaves are falling, apples are in season and families throughout the Village have settled in for another school year. As for the youngsters, soon they will all turn into ghosts, goblins, super heroes and other assorted costumed characters on Halloween.

Here in Hempstead, our Department of Park and Recreation will be hosting its annual Halloween Party. This safe and family fun event will be held on Tuesday, October 31 from 4-7 p.m. at Kennedy Memorial Park (335 Greenwich St.). There will be games, a bouncy house, face painting, popcorn, a DJ and goodie bag for all the kids. For more information, please call 516-478-6246.

For those who will venture out for some traditional trick-or-treating, I'd like to offer some safety tips to you and your family. Following these guidelines will help ensure this holiday is enjoyable for everyone.

- Wear light-colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective tape to make it easier for cars to see you.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks which should have adequate holes for proper respiration and peripheral vision. Face paint is preferable to a mask.
- Adults should always accompany young children.
- Older children should travel in pairs or in groups at all times and should never venture down a dark, empty side street. Parents should know the route their children plan to take.
- Children should always walk together to the front door of each house and never run across the street or yard. Dark, unlit houses should be avoided.
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case it's needed.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know.
- Watch for traffic; drivers should use extra precaution as well.
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy.
- Adults should carefully examine all candy BEFORE allowing children to eat any items. Any packages that appear to be tampered with should be discarded.
- Keep costumed children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber or cardboard instead.

Let's make it a safe, enjoyable and happy Halloween.

This Week's Best of Hempstead



This week's Best of Hempstead honors go to Joyce Shackley. A resident of Hempstead Village since 1975, Joyce has volunteered her services for a variety of worthwhile endeavors spanning more than four decades.

For the past 10 years Joyce has chaired the Hempstead Beautification Committee, which was created by former Mayor Wayne Hall. Together, this nine member group has completed dozens of projects around the Village. The most recent one involved working with 100 freshmen students from Adelphi University this past August to beautify the areas at 250 Fulton Street and corners of Fulton and Front Streets. Four "Welcome to Hempstead Village" signs are also in place at key entry points thanks to Joyce and her committee along with signs scattered around the Village identifying the names of various Hempstead civic associations.

In addition to chairing the Hempstead Beautification Committee, Joyce also serves on the Hempstead Department of Recreation and Parks board. She's also an active member of the Hempstead NAACP, the local League of Women Voters and the AARP as well.

Thanks, Joyce, for all you do to keep Hempstead beautiful along with all of your other volunteer efforts. You truly deserve to be recognized as one of Hempstead's best.

Sincerely,

Don

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Mayor of the Incorporated Village of Hempstead