

Voice of the Highlands

One Neighborhood | One Family



TRICK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 31ST
5:30-8:30PM

The Highlands is a premier Halloween destination in which we will have many visitors to our neighborhood, along with our own neighborhood kids. Halloween can be a wonderful time for adults and children, but we must make sure that our homes are safe for visitors. The following are a handful of watch-outs and tips for a safe and fun Halloween!

Light up the night:

Check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs. Having well-lit areas provides trick-or-treaters a safe way to make it to porches and can deter any mischief.

Clear path & yard:

Fueled by candy and adrenaline, young trick-or-treaters often race from house to house, cutting through yards and alleyways. Have a look around your yards and store potential hazards a safe distance from any walkways.

Protect your pets:

The constant excitement of young children ringing the doorbell is simply too much for many pets. Scared dogs or cats can dart out the front door. Avoid a Halloween pet mishap by keeping Fluffy and Fido in a separate room, away from the excitement.

Driving:

With little witches, pirates, ghosts, princesses, and superheroes happily going from house to house and crossing streets, please make sure you are watching your speed and keeping an eye out for little ones that can unsuspectingly dart into the road.

For the Trick-or-Treaters

Buddy System – Always trick-or-treat with an adult or friends. If you're going with friends, discuss with your parents your plans and route. Agree on a specific time when you should return home.

Stranger Danger – Never go inside a stranger's house.

Lights On – Only trick-or-treat at houses with their lights on.

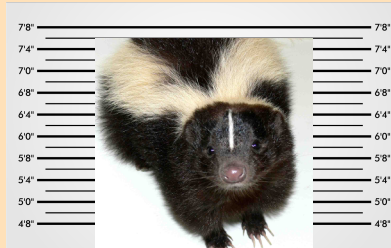
Carry a Light – Take a flashlight with you, so you don't trip or fall on anything dangerous.

Crosswalks – Never cross between cars or between big bushes and trees. When you cross the street, use the crosswalks.

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HAVE YOU SEEN ME



When Pepe Le Pew (skunk) comes to your house, he is looking for food and warmth. Here are some ways to keep out the unwanted guest:

- *Always Looking for Food:*
 - Keep Trash Locked-up
 - Don't Leave Pet Food Outside
 - Clean-up Bird Seeds (Favorite Snack!)
- *Lights On:* Bright Lights Frighten Them
- *Seal It Up:* Love Spaces to Keep Warm
 - Check Under Porches, Sheds, Patios, and Crawl Spaces
- *Keep Kids and Pets Away:* Don't understand warning signs, so they get sprayed easily
- *Natural Deterrent:* Citrus peels (i.e. orange or lemon) - Sprinkle where the skunk likes to venture

Benefit of Skunks (Yes! There is a Benefit):

- Eat Insects and Rodents We Consider Pests
- The Humane Society says they are "gentle, mild-mannered, and rarely use their potent defense."

Skunks will try to avoid us when they can, but if they feel threatened they will (as we all know well) spray. Know the warning signs to know when to run away before getting hit by Pepe Le Pew:

- Stomping Front Feet
- Raising Tail
- Hissing
- Charging a Target

Unfortunately, spraying does occur. Here are some things you can do:

- *Don't Run to Water to Rinse Yourself:* Spray is Like Oil; It Won't Help
- *Put on Gloves:* Avoids Oil Getting on Hands & Spreading – DON'T RUB EYES!
- *Old Wives' Tale:* Tomato Juice and Vinegar Reduce Stench – Not Eliminate It
- *Neutralize Odor With:*
 - 1 qt of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide
 - ¼ cup Baking Soda
 - 1 tsp Liquid Dish Soap



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