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## 'Trick or Treat on Center Street' expanding this year

Kids can visit merchants for special treats; street closing will enable more family fun, more safety

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Halloween will again start early in Lewiston with "Trick or Treat on Center Street." This year, the event is on a new day – and has a new space – providing children and families more opportunity to show off their costumes and collect sweet treats.

With Saturday traditionally a busier shopping day, "The 'Trick or Treat on Center Street' is going to be on a Sunday this year, which we thought back a few months ago that would be beneficial," said Sara Liberale of Alpha Align Agency and The Rose Hanger Shop.

This year's mini-festival is set for noon to 3 p.m. Oct. 29, and "We're shutting the street down for the first time ever, which is very exciting," Liberale said. "I think that's going to be a nice touch, because kids are going to be able to run around a little more without having to worry about cars driving around."

Center Street will be closed from Sixth Street to Fourth Street as this event has "grown exponentially" since debuting pre-pandemic, organizer and Inspirations on Canvas owner/artist Kathy Pignatora said. "When we started, we thought we'd get like 250 kids, for real, just advertising through the paper and on the Facebook. The event pages have been always great for us, and our little business group, events that we do. And now it's grown to – hard to say a number of how many attended last year – but well over 2,000, for sure. We can only tell by the candy count piece, and there's somewhere over 2,000, we think."

At "Trick or Treat on Center Street," children go door to door – or, more accurately, business to business – gathering candy and participating in games. This time around, activities and merchant tables will extend onto the roadway.

"I think being outside and watching the event last year, we saw how busy it had gotten; and our concern was for safety," Pignatora said. "One of the first things we talked about after the event was how can we make this even better. And, of course, safety is No. 1. So, working with the business groups, and alongside a complete team with the chamber and the village, we decided



Lewiston merchants invite families to participate in this year's "Trick or Treat on Center Street." Pictured here are Trait-Carré owner and Upward Niagara Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Matt Villnave and Inspirations on Canvas owner/artist Kathy Pignatora.

### START AT TOPS

Children (and their parents and guardians, too) are invited to start their "Trick or Treat on Center Street" adventure with a trip to DiMino Lewiston Tops at 906 Center St. The store is providing free, large candy bags; giving out candy in select spots in the store; and hosting a costume contest.



to close the streets. ... We have a safety plan. We've got the fire department; the police department are going to be present."

Moreover, "As we've done in the past years, we've invited back the three dance schools, which are Janet Dunstan, Lewiston Dance and Adell's. Throughout the day, they're going to be performing right on the street, which is excit-

ing. They've each got a timeslot.

"And then, of course, we've got candy being handed out all up and down the streets."

She added, "Our stores are all open. You're welcome to step in. We'd love you to see what we all have. But, we're going to try to make just the whole flow of it a little better and, of course, safer.

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### Be there, or be scared

#### Fashion Outlets hosts 7th annual 'Boo Bash'

It's time for spooky Halloween fun as Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls USA hosts its seventh annual "Boo Bash" event for families with young children. The event will take place from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, inside the mall at 1900 Military Road. It is free and open to the public.

Guests are asked to enter the event through entrance 6, between Saks OFF 5th and Forever 21.

"Boo Bash" is held in collaboration with charity partner the United Way of Greater Niagara/Women United. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Costumed little ones will be treated to a DJ dance party, photo opportunities with costumed characters, and trick-or-treating throughout the indoor section of the mall at more than 20 stores and vendor tables hosted by various community organizations, while supplies last. There will also be balloon artists and popcorn stations charging small fees, benefitting the United Way/Women United.

For more, visit <https://www.fashionoutletsniaagara.com/Events/BooBash2023>.

#### 'The Haunted Jug' to benefit Troop 829

Boy Scout Troop 829 of Youngstown and The Ontario House announce the inaugural "The Haunted Jug" fundraising event.

This special, Halloween-themed evening is set for 5-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at 358 Main St. Youngstown. A \$20 donation includes a ghost tour (up to 10 minutes), plus a "spooky snack buffet" or cocktail (choice is made when ticket is purchased).

Tickets are available at The Ontario House (aka The Stone Jug) and from Troop 829.

Organizers said, "The event will include a ghost tour through several rooms of the Jug and a choice of a snack buffet or cocktail. Patrons will learn some fascinating history about the

Jug while encountering some frights!

"Proceeds from the event will support Scouts BSA Troop 829 and their Scouting activities. The troop is very civically active in Youngstown and neighboring communities, frequently partnering with the Lions Club, VFW and many other organizations. Service is a critical component of the Scouts' BSA mission.

"We ask that you kindly consider supporting this event, whether it be by selling tickets at your business, displaying the flier or making a donation."

For more information, contact Kyle Heath at 716-628-2491. Pre-sale is preferred, so organizers can make proper accommodations.

#### Town of Niagara Halloween party & costume contest

The Town of Niagara Recreation Department will present a Halloween party and costume contest from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Town of Niagara Community Center, 7000 Lockport Road. This evening includes music, crafts and food, as well as costume contests for different age groups.

Registration is required for all events. To register, contact the Recreation Department at 716-297-5243, ext. 1.

#### Town of Lewiston to host 'Trunk or Treat'

The Town of Lewiston Recreation Department will present its second annual "Trunk or Treat" from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Kiwanis Park.

A press release stated, "This family fun event will feature a variety of decorated trunks, light snacks, refreshments and games to keep families happy and entertained! To register your vehicle with us, visit [www.lewportsports.com](http://www.lewportsports.com)."

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