

Town of Haverhill Fall Newsletter 2013



TRICK OR TREAT!!

HALLOWEEN IS ALMOST HERE AND
ONCE AGAIN WE ARE
HAVING A PARTY!!!



When: Friday, October 25, 2013 from 6 p.m.
to 8:30 p.m. RAIN OR SHINE!!

Where: Town Hall, 4585 Charlotte Street

There will be a "DJ", Dancing, Costume Contest (judging will begin at 7:15 p.m.), Raffles & Prizes!! Dinner including "Bat Wings", "Ghoul Aid" and more will be served until 7:30 p.m. Photo booth (courtesy of Walgreens) will be open until 7:00 p.m.

Put on your best costume and join us for a "ghoulish" good time!

(all children must be accompanied by an adult)



Students needing volunteer hours to graduate should contact the Town Hall . We are always in need of volunteers to assist at our special events (Halloween Event; Yard Sales and Annual Picnic. Contact either Janice Rutan or Jessica Green at 561-689-0370, for details.

GARBAGE, TRASH, RECYCLING & BULK TRASH SCHEDULE

GARBAGE & CONTAINERIZED TRASH: TUESDAY & FRIDAY A.M.
(all trash must be containerized)

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS: TUESDAY A.M.

BULK TRASH COLLECTION: TUESDAY A.M.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Roche at 561-689-0370, ext .23.

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Town Hall will be closed on the following days:

- * November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day
- * November 28-29th in observance of Thanksgiving
- * Noon, December 24th observance of Christmas Eve
- * December 25th in observance of Christmas
- * Noon, December 31st in observance of New Year's Eve
- * January 1, 2014 New Years Day

SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL PICNIC AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW:

3/15/2014





MILES PER HOUR ON BELVEDERE ROAD

On September 10, 2009, the Town Council adopted Ordinance No. 382, an Ordinance of the Town of Haverhill that reduced the speed along Belvedere Road, through the Town of Haverhill, to 30 miles per hour. The Town Council took this action because of the many special hazards along Belvedere Road with respect to pedestrians and other traffic. With the opening of the elementary school on Stacy Street "Hope-Centennial", the construction of the new Boys and Girls Club just west of Town and the ever increasing activity at the County Park, along with over 40 residential properties that front Belvedere Road with direct access to Belvedere Road, the Town Council deemed the reduction in the speed limit to be in the best interests of its residents for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the Town. Please support and join them in these efforts and when driving on Belvedere Road make a conscious effort to slow down to the posted speed limit so others will follow and we can maintain the residential quality of the Town.

BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS (OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES)

REMINDER—All business tax receipt renewals are due and payable by September 30. Business Tax Renewal reminder letters were sent out in August to currently registered businesses and home occupations conducting business in the Town of Haverhill.

All persons, firms, associations and/or corporations engaged in or practicing a business, profession or occupation within the Town must first obtain a Business Tax Receipt (formerly referred to as an occupational license) from the office of the Town Clerk as well as Palm Beach County.

The applicant must complete an Application for Palm Beach County Business Tax Receipt and submit it to the Town of Haverhill for zoning approval. Once approved, the applicant must take the application to Palm Beach County to obtain a Palm Beach County Business Tax Receipt. After the applicant provides a copy of the Palm Beach County Business Tax Receipt and the appropriate fee is paid to the Town of Haverhill, a Town Business Tax Receipt will be issued.

Local Business Tax applications, as well as fee schedules, can be found at the Office of the Town Clerk at Town Hall, 4585 Charlotte Street, Haverhill, FL, or on the Town's website at www.townofhaverhill-fl.gov. Information regarding the Palm Beach County Business Tax Receipt can be found at their website at www.pbcgov.com, at the Tax Collector's tab.

For additional information, please call Jessica Green, Deputy Town Clerk, at 561-689-0370, ext. 21, Monday through Friday between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

REMINDER: Don't forget to forward a copy of your Palm Beach County

Business Tax Receipt to the Town of Haverhill. Proof of a County Business Tax Receipt is required before issuance of a Town Business Tax Receipt.

TOWN OF HAVERHILL CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Town of Haverhill has enacted ordinances to maintain the safety and welfare of the residents and to preserve the integrity and quality of life in the Town of Haverhill. A few of the common violations consist of trash and debris on properties; illegal parking of motor vehicles; illegal placement of signs; failure to maintain lawn and vegetation; and failure to obtain a permit for work conducted on a property.

For more information, visit our website at:

www.townofhaverhill-fl.gov

or contact Code Enforcement at

561-689-0370, ext. 23



TOWN YARD SALE

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2013

Time: 7 a.m. to Noon - (set up 6:00 a.m.)

Location: Town Hall 4585 Charlotte Street on the ball field; spaces, tables and chairs available to lease

Please contact us at 689-0370 for registration information or visit our website at www.townofhaverhill-fl.gov for pricing and application!

FUN FACTS ABOUT HALLOWEEN



The first Jack O' Lanterns were actually made from turnips.

Halloween is the second highest grossing commercial holiday after Christmas.

The word "witch" comes from the Old English *wicca*, meaning "wise woman." In fact, *wiccans* were highly respected people at one time. According to popular belief, witches held one of their two main meetings, or *sabbats*, on Halloween night.

Because the movie *Halloween* (1978) was on such a tight budget, they had to use the cheapest mask they could find for the character Michael Myers, which turned out to be a William Shatner *Star Trek* mask. Shatner initially didn't know the mask was in his likeness, but when he found out years later, he said he was honored.

Fifty percent of kids prefer to receive chocolate candy for Halloween, compared with 24% who prefer non-chocolate candy and 10% who preferred gum.

The owl is a popular Halloween image. In Medieval Europe, owls were thought to be witches.

According to Irish legend, Jack O'Lanterns are named after a stingy man named Jack who, because he tricked the devil several times, was condemned to wander the Earth, waving his lantern to lead people away from their paths.



Boston, Massachusetts, holds the record for the most Jack O'Lanterns lit at once.

The largest pumpkin ever measured was grown by Norm Craven, who broke the world record in 1993 with a 836 lb. pumpkin.

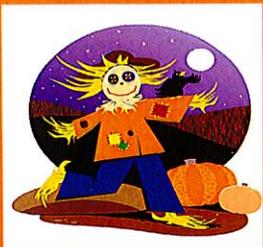
Stephen Clarke holds the record for the world's fastest pumpkin carving time: 24.03 seconds, smashing his previous record of 54.72 seconds. The rules of the competition state that the pumpkin must weigh less than 24 pounds and be carved in a traditional way, which requires at least eyes, nose, ears, and a mouth.

Trick-or-treating evolved from the ancient Celtic tradition of putting out treats and food to placate spirits who roamed the streets at Samhain, a sacred festival that marked the end of the Celtic calendar year.

"Halloween" is short for "Hallows' Eve" or "Hallows' Evening," which was the evening before All Hallows' (sanctified or holy) Day or *Hallowmas* on November 1. In an effort to convert pagans, the Christian church decided that *Hallowmas* or All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2) should assimilate sacred pagan holidays that fell on or around October 31.⁶

The custom of dressing up in costumes and going "guising" or trick-or-treating at Halloween developed from Christian customs created in Western Europe around the 15th century. Guising at Halloween in Scotland is recorded in 1895, where masqueraders in disguise carrying lanterns made out of scooped out turnips, visit homes to be rewarded with cakes, fruit and money.

Ireland is typically believed to be the birthplace of Halloween.



Scarecrows, a popular Halloween fixture, symbolize the ancient agricultural roots of the holiday.

According to tradition, if a person wears his or her clothes inside out and then walks backwards on Halloween, he or she will see a witch at midnight.

Dressing up as ghouls and other spooks originated from the ancient Celtic tradition of townspeople disguising themselves as demons and spirits. The Celts believed that disguising themselves this way would allow them to escape the notice of the real spirits wandering the streets

during Samhain.

Halloween is thought to have originated around 4000 B.C., which means Halloween has been around for over 6,000 years.



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4585 Charlotte Street
Haverhill, FL 33417

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
WEST PALM BEACH, FL
PERMIT NO. 4600

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, there will only be one Regular Council Meeting per month in November & December, 2013. Those meeting dates will be November 14th AT 7:00 p.m. and December 12th at 7 p.m. Please check the Town's website at www.townofhaverhill-fl.gov for the most recent and up to date information.

*Best wishes for the
Holidays from the Mayor, Council & Staff of the Town of Haverhill.*

TOWN COUNCIL

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THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETS THE SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.
A TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT NOON
ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED!