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Which Thanksgiving camp are you in?

By Patrick McNulty

What's your biggest fear? Mine's marrying into a family that runs 5Ks on Thanksgiving. Which Thanksgiving camp are you in? The camp who runs 5k's on Thanksgiving . . . or the one who marries into the camp who runs 5ks on Thanksgiving!?

Whichever one you pick, Richmond Beach has a 16-year tradition of making the Turkey Day Fun Run accessible, challenging and, of course, fun for all.

Previous themes included superheroes, pirates and pajamas. Last year's theme was "Sleep, Run, Eat, Repeat." If you made it up the big hill finish, you certainly earned an extra slice of pumpkin pie at dinner.

This year's event theme will be announced soon, but know our neighbors will don their best costumes and run, jog or walk through scenic Richmond Beach
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Richmond Beach Community Association



Fall Carnival

Syre Elementary
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Oktoberfest is back Saturday, Oct. 1!



By Kathryn Mueller and Chris Drake
RBCA Board Members

Get your lederhosen ready and say it with us: "Prost"! It's time for Oktoberfest. The Richmond Beach Community Association (RBCA) is partnering with Vault 177 for the second annual Richmond Beach Oktoberfest. Last year, the event was a neighborhood favorite, and so we're bringing it back!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 1, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. The second annual event will be held at Vault 177. It's an outdoor event, so be prepared for beautiful fall weather—whatever the Pacific Northwest may have in store. Tents will be set up in the parking lot of Spin Alley/Vault 177.

Authentic German sausages, potato salad and a variety of locally produced German beers will be available. This event is kid-friendly, so bring the family. Kids' meals and activities for all ages will be offered as well as music.

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Halloween Carnival returns to Syre Oct. 22

By Allison Taylor
RBCA Board President

Mark your calendars! Richmond Beach Community Association's Halloween Carnival is on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Syre Elementary School (19545 12th Avenue NW). Children of all ages and abilities and their guardians can start the holiday off with some fun at the carnival where they will find traditional carnival games with prizes, inflatables, food and more. Tickets are 2/\$1.

The carnival is truly a community event and something that makes memories for the children of our neighborhood—once you are too old to play the games, it's time to start volunteering to run them! When you attend the carnival, please notice the volunteers from ages 8-80 helping continue the tradition of giving back. It's also a fundraiser for the Richmond Beach Community Association, helping generate revenue for future events. The carnival committee is always looking for enthusiastic volunteers—email carnivalvolunteers@richmondbeachwa.org if that is you!

The partnership with Syre is invaluable, and we can't thank the school district enough for welcoming us back, post-pandemic.

For those of you who have been around a while, a big change is that the haunted house is not part of the event. The decision was made to eliminate it since it was incredibly labor intensive to set up; expensive to store; and in the current climate, it was agreed that having scary experiences in an elementary school

just does not make sense.

We are proud to once again offer a soft opening for kids with special needs. Children who have a particular way of seeing, hearing, moving, feeling, thinking or perceiving the world are often not comfortable attending functions such as this due to the commotion of large crowds and noises. To make the carnival accessible, kids with special needs and their families will have the gym to themselves for one hour from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. to play carnival games in a less busy environment while also allowing any modifications possible to meet their skills and abilities. Their parents and/or caretakers are encouraged to volunteer for this time and use the special skills and knowledge they possess to staff the carnival games.

Top five tips for incoming high schoolers

By Finley Stroh

Get involved in clubs, sports and activities! The start of your high school experience is the perfect time to try something new, discover new hobbies and meet new people. There are a variety of extracurricular opportunities at high school, and you can create your own special interest clubs too! Despite how scary it can be to get out of your comfort zone, you never know unless you give it a try what a new opportunity can lead you to!

Ask for help and set an academic foundation! You're getting ready for the next four years

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Tips for a safe Halloween in Richmond Beach

By Kathryn Mueller
RBCA Vice President

The most spooktacular day of the year is almost here! Halloween is only a few weeks away, and Richmond Beach is ghouling up for a good time.

Although Halloween is a fun-filled time of year, it's also important to think about safety. So, as you prepare for trick-or-treating on Monday, Oct. 31, we compiled a quick list of safety tips to keep in mind.

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, on average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by

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Error 404 no more. Thanks, **Tom Mailhot**, for directing us through email and website hiccups!

While you are enjoying your brats and beer, make sure you give a hearty “danke” to **Joe Montero and Rose Werelus at Vault 177** for teaming with RBCA to bring the second annual Oktoberfest (October 1).

If you are reading this, it is because our dedicated newspaper team of **Betty Ngan, Sheri Ashleman, Allison Taylor, John Thielke, Jenny Lohman and Young Ritzo** and contributing writers who make it manageable. Watch the paper for bylines of someone you know—and congratulate them!

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a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Don't let that statistic deter you and your family from scouring the community for the best candy stops, but there are things we can do as parents and conscientious community members to make sure we have a fun and safe Halloween.

- Make kiddos and costumes visible. Carry glow sticks or flashlights and adorn costumes with reflective tape.
- If you're driving on Halloween night, be alert and slow down. Cross streets at corners or crosswalks and use sidewalks when accessible.
- When selecting a costume, choose an outfit that isn't too flowy. Long capes and sleeves can get caught in hazards and could catch fire when near open flames. Make sure costumes are the right size to prevent trips and falls. Also, make sure costumes are flame-resistant.
- Masks are great accessories, but they can limit a child's vision. Instead of a mask, opt for non-toxic face paint.
- Be careful when toddling from house to house, and only go to well-lit houses. Halloween is an exciting time

for kiddos, but try not to rush. Decorations like tombstones (although festive) can also be tripping hazards.

- Supervise children 12 and under.

Feeling overwhelmed by the idea of trick-or-treating? Dr. Mollie Grow, a pediatrician in Seattle, offered a fun list of activities for families to try on Halloween that you can enjoy from home.

- Make fall recipes as a family—give kids the opportunity to pick a recipe and make it together.
- Take on a special craft project as a family.
- Enjoy a special Halloween movie night.
- Do a family game night in costumes.
- Trick-or-treat around the house to find hidden candy.

No matter how you choose to celebrate Halloween this year, we hope you have fun and stay safe!

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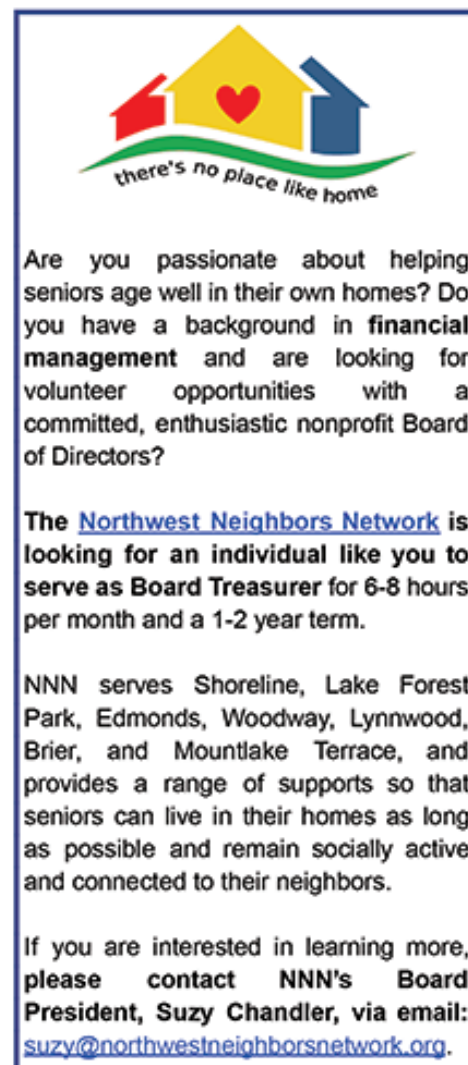
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of your life. Not to scare you off just yet . . . Utilizing your teacher’s resources, question time and study time will only help you improve your grades, truly understand the material and build relationships with your teachers that you will carry throughout the rest of high school and beyond.

Start volunteering!
Find an organization to schedule volunteering with early in the year. You will not only gain community service hours, but also build your resume and connections with your chosen organization throughout the next four years.

Get organized! Managing six classes plus extra curricular activities gets busy. Stay organized with a planner, to-do list, Google Calendar and Google Drive folders for each class.

Participate in school spirit, dress up days and attend sporting games and dances! It can be cheesy . . . but that’s what it’s all about! The more all out, the more fun. Use this time to bond with your class, create memories, participate in school-wide dress up competitions and make the most of your high school years. Who knows . . . maybe your class will be named “most spirited”!



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Anina’s Corner

By Anina Coder Sill

Fall season

It’s fall—time to crunch through crisp fallen leaves, bundle up and celebrate the season.

Decades ago at the “old” Richmond Beach Library on 195th and 24th, another staff member and I held a pumpkin carving craft program. I enjoyed it as much as the kids—scraping and cleaning out the slimy innards with our bare hands. I’ve learned to begin with a small pattern when it involves cutting; it allows room for mistakes, but I’ve ended up carving bigger and bigger facial features to try and correct my errors on a pumpkin face. It’s remarkable what careful, clever people can create!

I dressed up as a witch as a library staff person and didn’t need to wear a long, scraggly wig when I just left my own hair alone—it got frizzier and scarier as the day went by!

Halloween activities now lean more towards the safer option of local carnivals, but it was fun to go door to door in the Richmond Beach neighborhood as a child and later with my best friend from childhood and our own kids. There were a couple of neighbors who went the extra mile and made caramel apples or popcorn balls, and that was a real treat.

I wonder if fewer people will choose to wear costumes with masks this year, since Covid has made masks an everyday accessory.

Whatever time of year, I look forward to seeing smiling faces.

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on Thanksgiving morning, rain or shine.

The course for joggers/runners is 3.4 miles/5.5 km and a shorter 1.6 mile/2.6 km course has been planned for walkers. Park in the bottom lot of Richmond Beach Saltwater Park or walk to the entrance of the park (the start/finish line).

Volunteers are needed for the event and businesses are encouraged to sponsor various items like water bottles or other swag. Please reach out to the Richmond Beach Board directly (board@richmondbeachwa.org), if interested.

This is a free event, but a suggested \$5 per participant donation will help fund events like this.

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All proceeds directly benefit RBCA and help support community events, the newspaper and the mission of the RBCA—to build community together.

Join us for food, fun and festivities! We can't wait to see you there adorned in your finest German attire. Lederhosen and Dirndls are encouraged.

Details:

Saturday, Oct. 1, 12:00-5:00 p.m.
Spin Alley/Vault 177 parking lot

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