

## **TRICK OR TREATING IN GEORGETOWN**

**OCTOBER 31ST 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

### **Tips for trick-or-treating safety:**

- Parents should walk with their children when trick-or-treating and stick to familiar neighborhoods. Do not let them go alone! Teach children never to go into strangers homes or cars. In case young children become lost, put a name-tag with two phone numbers on their costumes. Children should know their home phone number and how to call 911.
- Choose light-colored costumes that are labeled "flame-retardant," meaning the material will not burn. Add reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags. To prevent tripping, kids should wear athletic footwear, with pants and dresses hemmed. Costume glasses, hats, wigs, and beards should not cover eyes or mouths. Do not cover eyes or mouths with masks and instead use non-toxic face paint or make-up, testing it first on the child's arm.
- At home, turn on outside lights and remove any tripping hazards. Walk on well-lit sidewalks and driveways with flashlights. Use crosswalks and never assume that vehicles will stop for pedestrians. Insist that trick-or-treaters walk, not run or ride bicycles at night.
- Avoid candles and other flames, and unknown pets.
- Discard treats that are unsealed, have holes in the packages, are spoiled, or are homemade treats that were not made by someone you know. To prevent choking, do not allow young children to have hard candy or gum. To prevent over-eating and weight gain, store treats out of sight and dole out one or two daily.

### **And let's not forget Halloween safety for our pets.**

- Halloween can be stressful for pets. Doorbells ringing and strangers coming to their doors make some pets very anxious. Make sure your pet has a quiet, safe place to retreat to if he or she becomes overwhelmed.
- Candy can cause illnesses, vomiting, and diarrhea in pets. Make sure you keep candy in a safe place out of your pets' reach. Don't let your children "share" their Halloween treats (especially chocolate) with the family pet.
- Pet costumes are cute, but make sure it's a good fit for your animal. Make sure the costume does not limit his or her movement, sight or ability to breathe, bark or meow. Check the costume carefully for small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces that could present a choking hazard. And if you put it on and your pet seems overly anxious, then it's best to let them be their glorious selves!

