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Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Announces
Upcoming Fall Events

Find your fall-spirit with Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District this season as we continue to implement new, fun and safe events to Simi Valley and Oak Park communities. We will be following all recommended COVID-19 guidelines to keep your health and well-being in mind.

HALLOWEEN GIVEAWAY FACEBOOK CONTEST (www.facebook.com/RSRPD)
In anticipation of the RSRPD Trick or Treat Drive Thru events in Oak Park and Simi Valley we will be hosting a virtual contest on Facebook the 1st three weeks of October where participants are encouraged to post photos of the following themes:

Oct. 5-9: Yester Year Costume Pic: Post your yester year photos of Halloween costumes of the past.
Oct 12-16: Spooktacular Home Décor: Out-boo your neighbors and show off your home's spooktacular decor.
Oct 19-23: Decorated Pumpkins: Oh my gourdness! Show us your carving skills or decorating of your pumpkins!

A random prize drawing will be awarded to those who participate before the end of each week.

UNITY DAY
Wednesday, October 21. To demonstrate that we stand together against bullying, and unite for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. We are encouraging individuals and businesses to get involved by wearing or displaying orange, as well as painting rocks orange with positive messages to be placed throughout our parks and communities. Reminder: do not place rocks in the grass.

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HALLOWEEN DAY EVENTS

Oak Park Masquerade Parade Drive Thru (https://rsrpd.org/events/halloween/oak_park.php). Saturday, October 31 from 2-5 pm at Oak Canyon Community Park. Pre-registration is required, $5 per vehicle. $10 day of the event. Participants are encouraged to decorate their car and dress in costume. Along the route there will be a Spooktacular Scavenger Hunt and Drive by Trick-or-Treating. Sponsored by Neftin Westlake.

Simi Valley Trick or Treat Drive Boo: (www.rsrpd.org/events/halloween/simi_valley.php) Saturday, October 31 from 2-5 pm at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park. Boo-ckle up for an eerie-sistble trick or treating event from the comfort of your vehicle. Several local community vendors will be handing out candy, treat bags, prizes, etc. Pre-Admission is available until 10/29 for $5 per vehicle. Admission the day of the event will be $10 cash only. Participants are encouraged to bring a treat bag, wear a costume, and decorate your car; all in the spirit of Halloween!

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS “Day of the Dead Observance (www.simihistory.com) Sunday, November 1 from 12-5 pm. Free Event at Strathearn Historical Park at 137 Strathearn Place. Visit altars on display remembering loved ones. Visitors will be limited, required to wear masks and physically distance. Unfortunately, no live music, entertainment or food will be available this year, but visitors can shop an outdoor market for merchandise and take an audio tour of the Park.

THE MEDALLION HUNT (www.facebook.com/RSRPD) Sunday, November 1. Once a year a medallion is hidden in one of our Simi Valley or Oak Park properties to expose community participants to RSRPD locations. Clues are given on social media to help narrow down the search as to which location the medallion might be. Once found, the winner is awarded $250! (Winner must be 18 years to claim the prize.)

VETERANS DAY (www.facebook.com/RSRPD) Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 am. A day to honor and celebrate all Veterans. This year’s event will be hosted virtually through the social media platform, Facebook. We will be commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII.
LETTERS OF SUPPORT CAMPAIGN (Ventura County Area Agency)
During the months of November and December RSRPD will be sending letters of encouragement to older adults and people with disabilities in the community who are experiencing isolation from family and loved ones during the COVID-19 crisis. Those who are interested in sending a letter can purchase a handmade card for $2 or use materials from home. Pre-stamped, unsealed envelopes are requested to be dropped off at the RSRPD Activity Center, 4201 Guardian Street by November 13 for Thanksgiving distribution and December 4 for a holiday distribution.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS
Neon Glow in the Dark Bocce will be back in November. Visit www.rsrpd.org for dates and times.

GRANDPARENT AND ME KITS
Looking for something to do with the grandkids? Each kit includes thematic activities for youth and grandparents to do together, Kits will be available starting November 12 and can be picked up at the RSRPD Activity Center, 4201 Guardian Street, Simi Valley.

For more information on these fall events, or any other affordable activities and programs provided by the Park District, please call 805-584-4400 or visit www.rsrpd.org.

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