

Ranch Triangle Newsletter

October 2020

The mission of the Ranch Triangle Community Conservation Association is to advocate for and on behalf of its residents to improve and sustain a high quality of city life. RANCH seeks to fulfill its mission by supporting responsible development, improving the environment, fostering a thoughtful discussion and resolution of community issues, as well as involvement in charitable and community-building activities.

How to have a safe Halloween

Like everything else this year, Halloween will be celebrated differently. While, yes, there will be a full moon on Saturday, which is also a Blue Moon, trick or treating must be done with more caution in this time of Covid. Handing out candy directly is not recommended. Instead, the city recommends that you lay out candy on a table for kids to pick up. Masks are the fun part of Halloween, but this year they are required for both kids and adults.



The City of Chicago has provided guidelines to celebrate this year's Halloween. Go to <https://www.chicagohalloween.org/> for information on how to safely trick or treat. Here is a link to the city's Halloween toolbox

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f6e727f40240b5c063f27b9/t/5f8deba6c9a aa14d25f31e9c/1603136460987/Halloweek Guidelines and Signage Combined.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f6e727f40240b5c063f27b9/t/5f8deba6c9a aa14d25f31e9c/1603136460987/Halloweek+Guidelines+and+Signage+Combined.pdf)

Pumpkin Recycling: Let's GREEN our Halloween!

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year after Halloween, **over a BILLION** pounds of pumpkin gets thrown out and put in landfills where they decompose and turn into methane (a harmful greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming).



PLEASE DON'T TRASH IT (let me have it)

On Saturday November 7th, please come by and bring your pumpkin to the drop off station on Maud (details below) - or - leave it out on your stoop and I'll pick it up. I will then deliver all the pumpkins to an industrial compost site that will turn our jack-o-lanterns into a fabulous natural fertilizer.

Composting organic materials provides many environmental benefits including:

- Reducing waste sent to landfills
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Reducing water in landfills which must be monitored to avoid groundwater contamination.

My goal is to collect as many pumpkins as possible from our community to ensure that they don't end up in the landfill.

Dropping your pumpkin off? Yay! Details below:

Place: The west end of Maud Ave (the dead end on the 1900 block)

Date: Saturday, November 7th

Time: 10am - 2pm

Note: Please make sure your pumpkins are free of candles and decorations.

Prefer that I pick it up? Wonderful! Details below:

Place: Your stoop or curb! Please place your pumpkin where it's accessible to be picked up.

Date: Saturday, November 7th

Time: 10am - 2pm

Note: Please make sure your pumpkins are free of candles and decorations.

*Please send me an email to let me know if you have any specific instructions to collect your pumpkin, or if you prefer that I leave your pumpkins alone (please include your address). ivytsur@gmail.com

City Sued to Prevent General Iron from Moving to South Side

Two ministers with churches located in Southeast Chicago filed a lawsuit against the City of Chicago and General Iron to prevent the city from issuing a permit to move the scrap iron crushing facility to its new location on 116th Street. The lawsuit charges the city with environmental racism for allowing General Iron and its subsidiary RMG to move a known polluter to the southeast side of Chicago. Chicago this summer approved one of two environmental permits. A second permit is required for General Iron to move to its new location on the southeast side. See the Block Club's article at:

https://blockclubchicago.org/2020/10/21/new-lawsuit-filed-against-city-seeks-to-stop-general-irons-owner-from-getting-its-final-permit/?mc_cid=08e7408d05&mc_eid=a57a5793dd

Ranch Triangle Board Meeting Schedule

You are invited to attend Ranch's board meetings to learn about the issues concerning the Ranch Triangle community. Until further notice the board meetings will be held via zoom. As a member of Ranch Triangle, you will be sent an email with a link to the zoom meeting. The remaining Board meetings of 2020 are on Wednesday, November 11 and Wednesday, December 9 at 7:15 p.m.

Green City Outdoor Market Extended through November 21

The Green City Market reopened in June at its outdoor location in Lincoln Park on Clark, just south of Armitage. Every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. you can buy the freshest produce directly from local farmers. Green City Market is open in Lincoln Park throughout the summer and fall. For more information

including recipes, events and info on curbside pickup, go to <https://www.greencitymarket.org/index.asp>



43rd Ward News from Alderman Michele Smith

To make sure you are up-to-date on all issues in the 43rd Ward, subscribe to Alderman Michele Smith's newsletter at www.ward43.org

You can also email a question or request at www.yourvoice@ward43.org

Other Contact Information

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<https://home.chicagopolice.org/community/districts/18th-district-near-north/>

