

City of Woodstock's KidsFest

Halloween Trail of Tricks & Treats!

Putting the fun back in Halloween!

17 years ago, the downtown merchants in the City of Woodstock decided to host a trick or treating event in the City Park. Their goal was to provide a safe and secure Halloween alternative to door to door trick or treating. What started out as a quaint and casual evening has blossomed into one of the City's most favorite parties of the year. . . KidsFest! COVID transformed this event into the Halloween Trail of Tricks & Treats which allowed for social distancing at that time. Turns out, we liked it better on the Trail!

Halloween night now welcomes several thousand of our younger ghouls and goblins for an evening of fun, music, games, food, inflatables, magic, juggling, costumes, and of course, candy! Adults now join the party dressing up as their favorite characters having as much fun as the kids! Momentum Church is on hand to provide free face painting for those who want to join in on the spirit of the event. Making free balloon animals is their specialty. All of the activities are FREE!

A highlight of the evening is our costume contest. Each contestant receives a number as they parade in front of the judges showing off the latest costume trends such as Harry Potter, Pokémon, WWE wrestlers, Frozen and most certainly traditional outfits like witches, vampires, princesses, and ghosts! Old and young compete for trophies representing the funniest, scariest, cutest, and best costumes of the year. New this year is addition of the Best Pet category to the costume contest. Either as a participant or an observer, this is THE place to people watch and enjoy the start of the autumn season.

Of course, what is a holiday without traditions! Over the years, kids have come to love the fun of the Stringed Apple Game and our Mayor's favorite, Pumpkin Bowling Game. Some prefer the loud bang as they play the Balloon Blaster Race, while others like to watch the skills of Tim the Magician and Adam the Juggler. DJ Ronnie spins the tunes of our favorite Halloween themed songs that have you singing right along!



KidsFest and the Halloween Trail of Tricks & Treats is always on the day of Halloween, October 31st, unless it falls on a Sunday in which case, the event will be held on Saturday. **This year's event is on Monday, October 31st** and runs from **5:00 pm – 9:00 pm** on the Rubes Creek Trail near downtown Woodstock. What a great way to meet your neighbors and join the tradition which is KidsFest! See you there for a Howling Good Time!