

Town Topics



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Halloween Safety Information From Your Fircrest Police Department



With Halloween quickly approaching the Fircrest Police Department would like to remind residents to consider the following safety tips during fall festivities, especially for those who plan on trick-or-treating or who will be out

at night. Halloween, which is celebrated on October 31, falls on a Tuesday this year. We will have extra patrol officers on duty helping to ensure everyone has a safe and happy Halloween. We have inventoried the street lights in town and have provided a list of those needing replacement to our Public Works Department so that they may be repaired prior to Halloween. We are working closely with our Public Works Department and if you do happen to notice a street light out in your neighborhood please call Fircrest Public Works at 253-564-8900 Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and they will get out to repair the problem as soon as possible. By working together our hope is to have all our street lights working on Halloween night.

Those who are attending a party in or out of town should remember:

- Many young children are out for the evening, especially during the peak hour of 5:30-7:30 p.m., so please drive slowly!!!!
- Fall celebrations like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times for children, who can dress up in costumes, enjoy parties, and eat yummy treats. These celebrations also provide a chance to give out healthy snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety.
- Check out these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

Expecting trick-or-treaters or party guests?

- Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone:
- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters such as low-calorie treats and drinks. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.
- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.

- Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

Going trick-or-treating?

We want everyone to be able to safely enjoy their Halloween and fall festivities this year and by following these safety tips from the Centers for Disease Control we can best ensure a fun evening for all our residents. We ask people to follow the "Safe Halloween" motto:



Swords, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.

Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

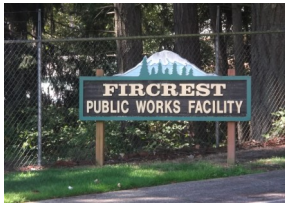
Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

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Public Works Update



Traffic Signal Safety Improvements

Traffic signal improvements are planned for the signals at the intersections of Alameda & Regents and Alameda & Emerson. The project has been bid and awarded to Northeast Electric, LLC. Ordering of equipment will take some time, but hope to have the improvements completed by the end of the year. This project provides for improvements to the existing traffic signals and pedestrian crossings at these intersections and updates our signal equipment. Hopefully, minor delays at these intersections will be limited during the construction time. This project is being funded by a grant from the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Water Main Replacement on Ramsdell

Water main improvements are planned along Ramsdell from Contra Costa to Forrest Park . This project has been designed and will be bid the first of next year

with construction to begin early spring of 2018. This project is being funded with the City's Water Capital Improvement funds.

Emerson Sidewalk Project

This project is substantially complete. The contractor will be fixing a few remaining cleanup items. The street trees have a warranty period and will be monitored and probably replaced next spring. The sidewalks are open and ready for use. This project was partially funded by a grant from TIB (Transportation Improvement Board).

Alameda Lift Station

This project will be updating this 40 year old pump station with new pumps and better control systems. This project has been progressing with ordering of equipment and controls. On site work should start in mid-October with completion, hopefully, before Thanksgiving. This project is being funded with the City's Sewer Capital Improvement funds.

Back to School: Slow Down & Watch for Kids

All area schools are now in session, which means school buses are back out on the roads. Let's also remember that kids don't just take the bus to get to school. Some walk along roads, some are crossing streets, and some are new drivers on their way to local high schools. Everybody: Please put your phones down and pay attention, especially in areas around schools. Yes, it may take you a few extra minutes to get to work or wherever you're going and when you're running late it seems every minute counts. However, being a few minutes late is much better than getting a costly ticket for speeding in a school zone or, worse yet, being responsible for injuring a child on their way to school. So let's all make a commitment to slow down and make the safety of the children in our community a priority.



Do You Have Questions?

We have answers!



Whether you have concerns about sidewalks, need a passport, want to register for youth sports, or get permission to build that shed in your backyard, we are here for you.

Our website information is expanding to better serve you and provides some great general information, but please don't hesitate to call or email us for your more specific questions.

Each department lists their direct contact information on the website, but if in doubt, feel free to use the main line at 253-564-8901 or email@cityoffircrest.net and your question will be routed to the right person.

Upcoming Fall Events



October 27th 7-8:30 p.m.
Haunted Trails
Thelma Gilmur Park

October 31st 6-8 p.m.
Pumpkin Patch
Community Center

November 18th & 19th
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Holiday Bazaar
Community Center



The Fircrest Municipal Court located in City Hall processes passports each weekday **except Wednesday** between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.. This service is available to everyone.