

Halloween is upon us. October 31st is fast approaching and typically Indigo Lake Estates has come together to provide a safe and fun environment for the children of the neighborhood. Let's make 2011 another fun year for Trick or Treating!

We are looking for **Volunteers** for **Host Homes** on both routes. We are looking for **Trailers** and **Drivers** and finally volunteers for help with **Traffic Control**.

This event is for the residents of ILE but **we cannot stop** anyone from other areas from participating.

Remember we were very blessed in that our subdivision was spared from the wildfires. Many of our neighboring subdivisions were not.

So we would not be surprised to see children from those areas show up. **We ask all residents** to please be thoughtful and generous with your trailer and time this year. Be thankful.

Halloween will be on a Monday night this year. We would like to be able to make the 2 routes again this year, one for the older kids and one for the younger children.

- ❑ **The** longer route for the older kids will start at the basketball pavilion and turn right to go down Sapphire and loop around to Indigo Lake, then right back to the basketball pavilion.
- ❑ **The** shorter route for the younger children will start at the basketball pavilion and turn left and proceed down Sapphire to Timber Ridge Court. Turn right on Timber Ridge Court to Timber Ridge. Turn right on Timber Ridge to Country Lake. At Country Lake turn right back to the basketball pavilion.

If you live on one of these routes please let us know in advance that your house will be a candy stop. Please do not wait until the day before to notify us as decisions need to be made in advance. Also remember if you are setting up don't use anything with an open flame for light or to mark your driveway.

- ◆ **Please contact Dani (713-515-3151) to pass out candy on the shorter route or the younger kid route.**
- ◆ **Please contact Amy (281-259-8969) to pass out candy for the longer route or older kid route.**
- **If** you are a home on one of the routes and are willing to let someone setup in your driveway to pass out candy please let us know!
- **If** you would like to pass out candy and your house is not on the route, please let us know and we will find a home on the route for you to pass out candy. We have had people do this in the past.



Now is the time to contribute candy to the Halloween hayride.

This year there are 3 opportunities you can contribute:

- ◆ Drop off at a designated house as listed below.
- ◆ Bring your candy donation to the ILE National Night Out October 17, 2011.
- ◆ Bring your donation to the New Resident's Social October 23, 2011.

Donations can be delivered to the following addresses:

The ayo home	20003 Country Lake Drive
The Boyd home	29010 Sapphire Circle
The wax home	19703 Indigo Lake Drive



We are asking everyone (even if you don't have children) to donate candy so that our neighborhood children can have a fun and safe Halloween once again this year.

Trailers

We will be having a Trailer Judging Contest this year. Last year some of you did an incredible job of decorating your trailers and dressing up so why not have a little competition?

- ◆ **If** you would like to participate in the contest please contact Liz at 281-356-3408.
- ◆ **If** you are participating in the contest please have your trailer at the basketball pavilion parking lot at 6:00. The judging will be at 6:30 with the trailers to leave sometime after the contest is over.
- ◆ **The** winner of the contest will be awarded a gift card to a local restaurant.
- ◆ **If** you are not participating but will be pulling a trailer then please contact either Liz (281-356-3408) or Amy (281-259-8969) and let them know.
- ◆ **If** you have a trailer but no one to pull it or you are a driver with no trailer, please let us know that and we will match drivers with trailers.

Last year the turnout was incredible and we had people/children lined up waiting for trailers to come back so they could take another load of children. We expect that to be the same this year.

So if you have a trailer we are asking you to **share your ride** with those who do not have prearranged seating and to allow your trailer to circulate more than one time if necessary.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

No Vehicles other than those pulling trailers will be allowed into the basketball pavilion parking lot. Please park completely off paved area of the road around the basketball pavilion area.

We are looking for **Traffic Control Volunteers** to assign to 2 cross street areas and to the parking area. We need approximately 5 more people. If you are available please contact Amy at 281-259-8969. There will be a meeting prior to October 31st for those volunteering for traffic control.

NOTE:

- ◆ **We are asking everyone to please come to the pavilion first and not start out from your house. This is an organized event.**
- ◆ **Some of you did not come to the basketball pavilion last year and it is harder on the houses passing out candy and on those organizing the event. It makes it unsafe for those who do follow the guidelines and attempt to participate when there are trailers coming from every direction.**
- ◆ **Each trailer is provided a map of the houses participating and a number prior to leaving the parking lot and the trailers are timed so that the houses passing out candy are not overwhelmed at one time. This happened last year and we have numerous complaints from both the homes passing out the candy and the drivers who came to the pavilion first, about the trailers from neighboring houses breaking in the lineup.**
- ◆ **We are in constant communication with the houses on how many trailers are outstanding and who needs more candy and for those who don't feel that they need to or want to come wait at the parking lot, you make it harder for us as a subdivision to do what we need to for this organized community event.**

HAY

Many of you are aware that there is a shortage of hay this year because of the drought and the fires. So being able to borrow hay from horse owners is not a possibility this year. However, there are some people who own horses who might be willing to rent the hay. By renting, it would help offset some of the cost of the hay (they are driving out of state to get hay) since a lot of the hay is no longer usable after the ride.

Here are some suggestions for purchasing hay.

You are looking for cattle quality hay.

- ◆ **Hegar Hay**. They have had some for \$10.00 per bale and are open Saturday from 10-12 and are located at 21002 Hegar Road. Their phone number is 281-923-5376.
- ◆ **WD Feed and Supply**. They are open Mon-Sat 9 to 7 and Sun 10-3. They are located at 38926 fm 1774 (south of magnolia just over the railroad tracks). Their phone number is 832-454-2515.
- ◆ **Steinhauser's** in Magnolia and **Tractor Supply** in Tomball are 2 other places to check.
- ◆ **Plan early**. Some other suggestions that have been made are pine needles in bags, blankets, lawn chairs, and wooden benches.

Haunted house

There will be a haunted house again this year.
It will be included on the route for the older kids.

Thanks to everyone in the subdivision for helping make this a safe and successful event for the children of indigo lake estates!

Safety recommendations

All residents participating in the **Halloween** event and all residents on the roadways the night of October 31st are asked to read these recommendations.

- **We** are asking and recommending that there is a minimum of 3 adults assisting with each trailer in addition to the driver.

- **For safety purposes** it would be beneficial if there is:
 - 1) An adult with a flashlight at the front of the truck watching for and warning oncoming traffic to slow down.
 - 2) An adult with a flashlight offloading the children from the trailer.
 - 3) An adult with a flashlight at least 15 feet behind the trailer watching for oncoming traffic and alerting them to slow down and be alert.

- **Please park** on and stay to the right side of the road regardless of the location of the candy stop. Since this is a county road we cannot impede the normal flow of traffic from residents and non-residents.

- **All trailers** need to have working lights. Trucks and trailers need to have their flashers on at all times.

- **Please maintain** the spacing/distance between the trailers while going from stop to stop. Please allow the trailer in front of you to fully load and leave the candy stop before pulling up and unloading your trailer.

- **It is recommended** that no children be allowed in the open bed of the pickups. State law does prohibit minors from riding in an open bed of a pickup.