

October Edition: Fall Festivities in Full Swing!

Can you believe it is already fall? It was a scorcher this summer, and I am sure we will welcome these changing weather patterns with open arms. As the new season gets underway, we are excited to highlight some great events happening around our community.

Upcoming Fall Events

West U has a host of fun fall park activities lined up for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're a nature lover, a running enthusiast, or simply looking to spend quality time with family and friends, our Parks and Recreation Department has something for everyone.

Our exciting fall lineup includes Full Moon Fest for an evening of pumpkin decorating, face painting, and costume contests for different age groups, starting at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 27, at Colonial Park Pavilion. Does your family have what it takes to sport the spookiest costumes? You will also want to stick around after this event for the continuation of our Movies in the Park series!

Next, join us on Saturday, October 28, by the Community Building for our West U Halloween Dash and Kids' Fun Run, where you can compete with your fellow neighbors for the chance to win exciting awards! The Kids' Fun Run features a non-competitive one-mile run or walk – the perfect opportunity to showcase your clever costumes while you walk! Remember your New Year's resolution to live a more active lifestyle? Well, the Halloween Dash is your chance to finish the year off strong! Registration can be done online at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/TX/Houston/westuhalloweendash>

Are You Shredding This Fall?

Join our Public Works Department for our biannual Paper Shredding, E-Waste, Mattress Collection, and Household Metal Event on Saturday, November 4, at 3826 Milton Steet. This event, which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, is a great opportunity to safely shred documents that build up around our homes throughout the year. While you're at it, why not bring your electronic waste (e-waste), old mattresses, and other household metal for proper recycling and disposal.

Paper shredding events like this help promote identity protection and prevent sensitive information from falling into the wrong hands. And recycling used electronics helps reduce e-waste in landfills, and ensures that valuable resources from these electronics are properly recovered and reused. This is a responsible way to do our part to minimize the environmental impact of discarded devices.

Recycling these items contributes to a cleaner environment and a safer community. More information on this event can be found on our Special Events tab: <https://www.westutx.gov/335/Special-Events>

Heading into the Holiday Season

These upcoming fall events are all unique opportunities for us to strengthen the bonds that make our community so special. We have endured an extremely hot and dry summer season, so let's get out and enjoy some cooler days while we can! Whether it's watching football, or spending more time with friends and family, together we can make this fall season a wonderful time to remember – filled with joy, warmth, and a strong sense of community.

Lastly, make sure you have our Annual Christmas Concert circled on your calendars – on Sunday, December 10, at 2 p.m. in the Community Building, we will have a cheerful live music event featuring the Houston

Concert Band with Conductor Chuck Throckmorton. This concert will usher in the holiday season that I know many of us look forward to each year!