CALENDAR OF GREENBELT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL EVENTS:

This year we are helping put the community into the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival by promoting fun events over a number of weeks that combine fun, our community forest, and PUMPKINS!

Many of these events are put on by our participating organizations and sponsors. We encourage you to check as many of them out as possible! All events organized by the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival are denoted in bold.

October 18th

- 10AM Mid-Atlantic Hiking Group's Fundraiser Hike—This easy 5.3 mile hike in Greenbelt National Park is a fundraiser for the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival. Participants pay \$2.
- 10-4 pm Franklin Park Day & Pumpkin Patch @ Franklin Park
- 2-5 pm Schrom Hills Park Fall Fest-- Hay Rides, games, amusements, pumpkin patch, live music, art activities and more. FREE.

October 21st

 7-9PM Poetry Open-Mic Night @ New Deal Café—participants are invited to bring poems touching on the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, Pumpkin Walk, pumpkins, Halloween and nature.

October 23rd

 7-9PM Songwriter's Association of Washington Open-Mic @ New Deal Café—join us for the Annual Spooky Hearsay that is presented as part of this open mic night.

October 24th

• 5-9PM <u>Community Carve Off</u> @ Roosevelt Center—free pumpkins available for the community to carve while listening to the sounds of local bands (Transatlantic Crossing, Local Honey, The Bachelor and the Bad Actress).

October 25th

- 10-11AM <u>Trick or Trot Fun Run</u> @ Schrom Hills Park—Participants are encouraged to wear costumes for this spooktacular new event! The course will take participants around the paved path (2 miles) surrounding Schrom Hills Park. Prizes will be awarded to the best individual (child and adult) and group costumes. (Fee for admission)
- 10-11:30AM Nature Hike @ Greenbelt Forest Preserve (North Tract Woods)—Join us for a educational hike in our community forest led by forest and wildlife biologists to learn about the amazing biodiversity in our forest.
- 12-3PM <u>Pumpkin Fun for Kids</u> @ Beltway Plaza (West Court)—at the Pumpkin Fun for Kids event you'll find free pumpkins to decorate, prizes and a guess the size of that pumpkin!

• 5:30-9PM Pumpkin Walk @ Greenbelt Forest Preserve (North Tract Woods)—take a walk in the woods lined by hundreds of jack o'lanterns carved by our community and be part of a 26-year old tradition!

October 26th

• 7-9PM <u>Greentop Ramblers' Halloween Show</u> @ New Deal Cafe –come celebrate Samhain (Celtic Halloween) with jigs, reels and spooky songs!

October 27th

• II th anniversary of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve designation

October 30th

 4-5PM City of Greenbelt Costume Parade @ Roosevelt Center—Come dressed in your finest Halloween costume! Prizes will be rewarded to contestants with the most innovative costume in their age group. There will also be a category for the best in family and best pet. Refreshments and a performance by comedy juggler and circus performer, Michael Rosman will follow the parade.

October 31st

• 6-8PM <u>Halloween Celebration</u> @ Beltway Plaza (Center Court)—Safe, indoor trick or treating in the mall from 6-7 and a Halloween costume contest from 7-8PM.

November Ist

- IPM Ghoul Skate Party @ Springhill Lake Recreational Center— Dawn your best costume and roll into fall. Trick or treat bags will be distributed. Roller Skates are available free of charge...or bring your own! Youth ages 6-14 will also be able to pick and decorate a pumpkin from the Springhill Lake Recreation Center's Pumpkin Patch. Pumpkins are FREE and available while supplies last. Youth ages 11 and under require adult supervision.
- 2-3PM The Greasy Pumpkin @Greenbelt Aquatic Center—Our first-ever water event in the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival. Two teams will battle to transport a highly lubricated, destemmed pumpkin from one end of the pool to the other. Three heats: 5-8, 9-12, and 13-adult will take place. Get there early to reserve your spot on the team!
- 7pm Moonlit Movies @Greenbelt Aquatic Center—Join the City of Greenbelt's Recreation Department in its final outdoor movie of the season-- "Hotel Transylvania"