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## Plenty of reasons to say ‘boo’ this Halloween

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Editor’s note: these are some of the local child-friendly Halloween events planed this year. For adult Halloween events, see The Recorder’s Arts and Entertainment calendar.

Charlemont

Berkshire East Mountain Resort is celebrating “Boo Fest” on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free event features kids’ activities, including pumpkin bowling, apple bobbing, \$5 pony rides, relay races, food, music and a costume contest with several prizes. Register for costume contest by 2:30 p.m.; judging starts at 3:30 p.m. Contestants 18 and older could win a year-round pass to Berkshire East. Located off Route 2 and 8A South. Follow signs.

Deerfield

The Deerfield Police Association will be hosting its 31st annual hayride at the Deerfield Elementary School on 21 Pleasant St.

This event is free and open to the public.

The hay wagons will collectively leave the elementary school at 6 p.m., and rides are expected to last about 45 minutes.

After the hayride, treats and refreshments will be available in the school’s cafeteria. Bags of candy will be handed out to kids, and cider and doughnuts will be available to everyone.

Erving

The Erving Recreation Commission’s annual Halloween Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial

Park, Park Street, and ends at Erving Fire Station Two, 18 Moore St.

## Greenfield

The town's youngest ghosts and goblins will once again make their way through downtown, when Greenfield Recreation Department and Greenfield Business Association hold the annual Downtown Trick or Treat and Rag Shag Parade on Friday.

Trick-or-treating will begin at 4 p.m. Businesses will have candy and treats to hand out to all.

Reflective bags will be available on the Town Common throughout the event.

Lineup for the Rag Shag Parade will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Mohawk Mall parking lot. The parade will be led by the Greenfield High School Marching Band and Greenfield Police. Greenfield Fire Department will follow.

The parade will turn onto Miles Street and end at the Energy Park, where there will be costume judging and prizes.

There will also be a free showing of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!" at Greenfield Garden Cinemas at 6:30 p.m.

The event is co-sponsored by the Recreation Department and GBA, along with 4SC Safe Schools, Safe Streets, downtown businesses, Greenfield Garden Cinemas, Greenfield Community Television, local dentists, WHAI and Bear Country radio stations, and the Franklin County Rotary Club.

For more information about the event, call the Recreation Department at 413-772-1553 or visit: [www.greenfieldrecreation.com/halloween.html](http://www.greenfieldrecreation.com/halloween.html).

## Northfield

The Northfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9874 will sponsor the annual Rag Shag parade on Saturday, Oct. 31. The parade will start at the Northfield Town Hall at 6 p.m. and finish at the Northfield Elementary School. Trick or Treat bags will be given out by the VFW at the Elementary School at the end of the parade.

## Orange

There will be a Halloween Stroll in Orange Friday, noon to 2 p.m. Look for pumpkins in the windows of participating businesses.

## Shelburne Falls

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8503 is sponsoring its annual Rag Shag Parade, starting from McCusker's Market on State Street on Saturday at 6 p.m. and ending across the bridge at the VFW post home, 19 Water St. Prizes for best costume and more. The downtown and the village is often filled with trick-or-treaters in the early evening.

## Turners Falls

The town will be hosting its 59th Turners Falls annual Rag Shag Parade on Saturday, Oct. 31.

The parade is sponsored by the Soldiers Memorial Committee.

Participants in the parade will assemble at the Aubuchon Hardware parking lot on 200 Avenue A at 5 p.m., and the parade will kick off at 5:15 p.m.

The parade will go down Avenue A to Second Street and end at the Discovery Center parking lot on 2 Avenue A.

About 100 children between the ages of two and 12 are expected to attend the event, and prizes and goodies will be handed out.

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