

# Community Partnership Connection



## Halloween Trick or Treat Safety Tips

"Trick or Treat!"...the anthem shouted with delight by many children on Halloween night. It's the time of year for costumes, sweets, tricks and treats. But ghosts, vampires and monsters aren't the only things to be wary of this Halloween. Accidents and unfortunate mishaps increase dramatically on All Hallows Eve. To keep it fun and avoid potential hazards and dangers, follow the precautions below to keep children safe while out trick-or-treating.

- Always trick or treat with an adult. Don't allow a child to go outside alone.
- Accompany children to the door of every house they approach.
- Stay outside. Do not enter a home or apartment without adult supervision.
- Children should not approach any vehicle, occupied or not.
- Remain visible. Wear bright clothing or use reflective strips on costumes. Carry a glow stick or flashlight.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations. Look both ways before crossing the street, walk on sidewalks, and obey traffic signals and stop signs. Always walk; never run across streets or lawns.
- Trick or Treat at friendly homes. Children should be warned to never approach a house that is not well lit and does not have a porch light or outside light on.
- Do not go onto properties that are marked "Keep Out," "No Trespassing," and "No Solicitors Allowed."
- Never eat any candy until an adult checks it. Dispose of anything that seems to have been tampered with, has been opened, or isn't wrapped.
- Children should immediately report to their parents and/or law enforcement if they see or experience anything suspicious. Instruct children to shout for help and make a scene if anyone tries to grab them or force them into involuntary situations.
- A great alternative to trick-or-treating is for parents to attend community trick or treat events or organize at-home parties.



Join us at the Nevada Day and Veterans Day Parades!



Nevada Day Parade  
October 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am. - 2:00 pm  
Begins at Carson Street, Carson City



Veterans Day Parade  
November 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am-1:00 pm  
Downtown Reno

## Free candy screening at the Washoe County District and Justice Court Buildings the day after Halloween

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office will offer free Halloween candy X-ray screening at the Washoe County District Courthouse and the Mills Lane Justice Center on the day after Halloween.

Courthouse security staff will screen candy at the X-ray stations located inside the courthouse entrances from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.



The Mills Lane Justice Center is located at 1 S. Sierra Street and the Washoe County Second Judicial Court is located at 75 Court Street, both in downtown Reno.

The X-ray machines will detect metal objects only. Parents who believe that the candy has been tampered with by other means should dispose of the candy immediately. No treat is worth the safety of a child.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office wants everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Halloween. The Sheriff's Office urges parents to share safety information with their children before the trick-or-treating begins.



Sheriff's Office deputies and staff will be sporting beards and mustaches in the month of November as part of the national "Movember" men's health awareness campaign. Our deputies and staff will be growing out their beards to raise funds for the Renown Health Foundation to assist patients diagnosed with prostate cancer. If you would like to donate in support of our efforts, call 982-5545!

## Money-making scheme targets older people and veterans

If you're just getting by, and someone offers you the chance to earn more money through a business opportunity, you might be willing to listen, right? Unfortunately, those offers often turn out to be just another scam. Today the FTC announced charges against three people and multiple companies behind a telemarketing scheme that targeted older people and veterans, and took millions of dollars from people with promises they would multiply their investment.

Here's how it played out: Doing business under names like "Titan Income," "Wyze Money," "Prime Cash," and "Building Money," telemarketers called people about an "opportunity" to participate or invest in e-commerce websites. The callers said people would earn a hefty income sharing in the revenue from the sites. They even said it was "risk-free" and promised a 100% money-back guarantee. For a few months, the scammers made it seem like everything was going according to plan as people awaited their first earnings payment at the end of the quarter. During that time, some people who initially paid hundreds of dollars were convinced to pay thousands of dollars more to increase their return. The company even helped people move their now-huge credit card balances to new accounts with temporarily low or zero-interest balance transfers.

But it was all a lie. As soon as it was time for people to get paid, all contact stopped. There were no e-commerce earnings or investments. Anyone trying to get a refund of their investment was out of luck. Many people lost as much as \$20,000.

If you're considering putting money into a business opportunity, do some research first. By law, business opportunity promoters must give you certain information before you hand over any money.

Many of the people Building Money called were on the Do Not Call Registry. If a company is ignoring the Registry, there's a good chance it's a scam. If you get calls like these, hang up and [file a complaint with the FTC](#).

(Article courtesy of [consumer.ftc.gov](http://consumer.ftc.gov))

## Donations and volunteers needed for Sheriff's Office Christmas on the Corridor

For two decades the Christmas on the Corridor program has helped bring a little Christmas cheer to thousands of children and seniors who live in Reno's 4th, 5th and 6th Street "Corridor," and students involved in the Homeless and Transition Program through the Washoe County School District.

Generous support from the public has always been essential to the success of this annual event.

Organizers are asking the community to donate much-needed essentials for children ages 0-18 such as coats, school supplies, hygiene items, gift cards, clothing and food. Books, puzzles, and lap blankets are also needed to help brighten the season for seniors.

"We are celebrating 20 joyous years of a program that has a powerful impact on the people we service directly and Washoe County as a whole," Detention Programs Coordinator Brooke Howard said. "Our annual gift drive would never be able to reach thousands of children and senior citizens living in our community without the kindness of our donors."

"Many of our community members are left feeling sad, lonely, and unwanted during the holiday season. That is why it is so important to keep those who are less fortunate in our holiday plans."

Here's how to help:

- Donate backpacks and school supplies
- Donate games and books for teens and tweens
- Donate gift cards (Walmart, Target, Grocery Stores, Payless Shoes, Movie Theater, etc.)
- Send a check, made out to the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association (WCHDSA), c/o Brooke Howard, Program Coordinator, and P.O. Box 11130, Reno, NV 89520-0027
- Donate items for a raffle to raise additional money to purchase gifts (Restaurant/Spa/Room/Ski Packages, Event Tickets, Wine Baskets, Wellness Sessions, Golf Certificates, Electronics, etc.)
- Donate shampoo, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste
- Donate books on CD, puzzles, paint by number sets, slippers, lap blankets, and anything else that would be appreciated by seniors
- Donate food or other party items to make the holiday party a celebration the children will always remember

The deadline for donations for the 2016 Christmas on the Corridor event is December 5th. Donated items may be dropped off at the Sheriff's Community Work Program Office located at 350 S. Center St., #101 (directly across from the Downtown Reno Library) between 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or mailed to Alternatives to Incarcerations, P.O. Box 11130, Reno, NV 89520-0027.

Donated items will be distributed to children and senior citizens on Saturday, December 10, 2016. The event begins in the Greater Nevada Field (home of the Aces) on Evans Avenue at 9:00 a.m. The event includes Santa's gift-giving caravan that visits a number of area motels and trailer parks.

Volunteers are welcome. Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age and all volunteers must ride in the caravan vehicles provided the day of the event. Please call to confirm interest and attendance by contacting Brooke Howard at (775) 785-4239 or e-mail: [SO-OutreachPrograms@washoecounty.us](mailto:SO-OutreachPrograms@washoecounty.us)

Christmas on the Corridor was started by the Reno Sparks Corridor Business Association in 1996 as a simple opportunity to hand out cookies and candy to children in the downtown corridor and has grown into a huge community event. In addition to helping those living in local motels, Christmas on the Corridor has teamed up with the Washoe County School District's Homeless and Transition Program to provide gifts to thousands of students.

The Sheriff's Office and their partners both public and private endeavor to bring Christmas to many children who would otherwise go without. They also sponsor families throughout the year by providing food, clothing, everyday essentials and school supplies.



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**Social Media Highlights on @ WashoeSheriff**

1. **#WCSO goes pink!**: Many of our #WCSO staff wore pink for Breast Cancer Awareness throughout the month of October. Click [HERE](#)



2. **Little Washoe Fire**: "Your people saved my life." Old Ranch Road resident Hub Zemke took time during a recent community meeting to thank the Sheriff's Office for their hard work and bravery during the recent Little Valley Fire. Click [HERE](#)
3. **Best Kind of Sign**: After our #WCSO Deputies and Search and Rescue volunteers worked diligently to evacuate homes on Mt. Rose last Friday, #TMFPD was able to get the fire under control and save those homes. When our deputies returned to the command center for their next assignment, they were greeted with a double rainbow. Click [HERE](#)



4. **Vandalism in Spanish Springs!** Secret Witness is offering a \$250 reward in connection with the vandalism of vehicles with a BB gun. Click [HERE](#)
5. **#SheriffMaddie, #WarriorMaddie**: It is with a heavy heart that we share with you that Maddie's battle is over. She is at peace, leaving us much too soon and much too young. We are blessed to have known her. Click [HERE](#)