

## The History of Halloween in America

Halloween is celebrated each year on October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. People would light bonfires and wear costumes in an attempt to ward off ghosts. Superstitions like avoiding crossing paths with black cats, because they were thought to bring bad luck, find their roots in the Middle Ages. Many believed that witches avoided being found by turning themselves into black cats. Young women believed they could identify their future husband with luck by the next Halloween. Some believed if they ate a sugary concoction of walnuts, hazelnuts and nutmeg before bed on Halloween night they would dream about their future husband. In 18th century Ireland, a cook might bury a ring in mashed potatoes on Halloween night, hoping it would bring true love to the person who found it.

In America, the celebration of Halloween wasn't that popular in colonial New England because of their rigid Protestant beliefs. It was much more common in Maryland and southern colonies. As the beliefs of different European ethnic groups and American Indians began to mesh, a different version of Halloween began to emerge in America. "Play Parties" started, which were public events held to celebrate the harvest; neighbors would share stories of the dead, tell each other's fortunes, dance and sing. Halloween was not celebrated everywhere in America until the second half of the 19th century.

Borrowing from European traditions, Americans began to dress up in costumes and go from house to house asking for food or money, which became today's trick-or-treating. In the late 1800's there was a movement to change Halloween into a holiday more about community and neighborhood get-togethers than about spooky traditions. At this point, Halloween parties became intergenerational and focused on games, food of the season and more festive costumes. Because of this, many of Halloween's superstitious and religious beliefs were lost by the beginning of the twentieth century. By the 1950's Halloween had evolved into a holiday for mainly the young. Trick-or-treating became an inexpensive way for the entire community to share Halloween.

Today, Americans spend an average of six billion dollars annually on Halloween, making it the second largest commercial holiday after Christmas.

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# Health Rx

Here's To Your Good Health!

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer can affect both women and men. You should check your chest once a month. Can you feel anything new or unusual or does anything look different? Check all parts of your breasts, your armpits and up to your collarbone for changes.

Common signs to look for include:

Lump or swelling in the breast, upper chest or armpit

Changes to the skin, such as puckering or dimpling

Change in color- it may look red or inflamed

A nipple change, for example it has become pulled or inverted

Rash or crusting around the nipple

Unusual discharge

Changes in size or shape

Pain in your breasts or armpit, that does not subside.

## Notifications

### Family Day

Saturday, October 1

### Clothes Closet Donation Box

Please place any donations for the Clothes Closet  
in the labeled box in the activity foyer.

# Book Ends

By Georgeen Carden

John le Carre' .....

David John Moore Cornwell was born in October of 1931 in Poole, Dorset, England. His mother abandoned the family when he was only five. His father spent time with crooks and was jailed for fraud at one point. John's relationship with him was described as "difficult." The family never had enough money.

John went to prep school and was increasingly unhappy with the disciplinary life style. He went on to college and studied foreign languages. In 1950, he was called up for national service and served in the Intelligence Corps. He briefly taught French and German at the college level. Then he joined the M16, the British Intelligence Service.

While in the M16, he wrote his first detective story in 1962. The M16 didn't allow its employees to publish under their real names, so he chose the pseudonym John le Carre'. The French translates as "the square."

In 1963, he wrote *The Spy Who Came In From the Cold* which became an international best seller, allowing him to leave the M16 and become a full time writer.

The le Carre' novel of this review is "Silverview," which was published posthumously in October 2021. Silverview is the name of an estate that is important to the unfolding of the story. The central character, Julian Lawndsley, has left his career in finance in London to open a bookstore in East Anglia. Edward Avon, a Polish immigrant, comes in to chat with him about his shop and to offer suggestions about how to organize it. Julian gets personally involved with Avon and his family. He also learns that Avon is being investigated.

This is a spy story in which everybody seems to be a spy, but the reader has a hard time figuring out who are the good spies and who are the bad spies. I was nearly always confused.

This book doesn't really end, it just stops.

## In Memoriam



**Forever in our Hearts**

Gloria Edelin



## Anniversaries



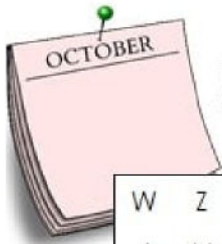
October 11, 1958 David and Shirley Armistead

## Notifications

### **Pumpkin Decorating**

Pumpkins will be delivered to your area on Tuesday, October 4. Decorated pumpkins are due promptly by 12:00 PM on Tuesday, October 18. They will remain covered until the judging panel can make their selection for best pumpkin. Winner will be announced at the dance on Thursday, October 27.

# Brain Teaser



## October Word Search

W Z I X C L H A L L O W E E N A T  
J V W J U M R K X Y M N X D H T H  
N B P T R I C K O R T R E A T Y R  
P F I C T G X S L R J A K G M W P  
U N G O N R I D G V U X G U H W Y  
M H C S T S L E A V E S C V S F E  
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P D Z G O R A N G E F E M J G W N  
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B U X C C N H B W I T C H E S A L

OCTOBER

HARVEST

HALLOWEEN

PUMPKIN

AUTUMN

FALL

LEAVES

RAKE

ORANGE

RED

BROWN

TRICK OR TREAT

SCARY

WITCHES

COSTUME



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## October Movies

Movies start approximately at 6 PM. Channel 5.1 and TV Room

**Monday, October 3- *Casablanca*** A cynical expatriate American cafe owner struggles to decide whether or not to help his former lover and her fugitive husband escape the Nazis in French Morocco. 1 hour 42 minutes. Released: 1943 Rated PG. Drama, Romance, War. Starring: Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Henreid.

**Friday, October 7- *Good Will Hunting*** The most brilliant mind at America's top university isn't a student...he's the kid who cleans the floors! Will Hunting is a headstrong, working-class genius who's failing the lessons of life. After one too many run-ins with the law, Will's last chance is a psychology professor, who might be the only man who can reach him. 2 hours 6 minutes. Released: 1997 Rated R. Strong Language, including some sex-related dialogue. Starring: Robin Williams, Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, Stellan Skarsgard, and Minnie Driver.

**Monday, October 17- *October Baby*** Based on a true story, a college student's world is shattered when she discovers her parents have kept a life-changing secret from her that will force her to question who she truly is. Angry and bewildered, Hannah embarks on a road trip with her childhood friend, Jason, to find answers to the questions plaguing her. But when Hannah finally pieces together the puzzle of her past, she uncovers stunning family secrets that will alter the course of her life yet show her the incredible strength and power she possesses to find hope for the future. 1 hour 49 minutes. Released 2011 Rated Pg-13 for mature thematic material. Starring: Rachel Hendrix, Jason Burkey, Jasmine Guy, and John Schneider.



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**Friday, October 21** *The Parent Trap* Twin daughters of a divorced couple have long been separated, meet accidentally for the first time at summer camp. After discovering they are long-lost twin sisters, the two concoct an outrageous scheme to switch places in an effort to get their parents back together. 2 hours 9 minutes. Released 1960 Rated G. Starring: Hayley Mills, Maureen O'Hara, Brian Keith, Charlie Ruggles, Una Merkel, Leo G. Carroll, and Joanna Barnes.

**Monday, October 24** *Where the Crawdads Sing* From the best-selling novel comes a captivating mystery telling the story of Kya, an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina. For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, isolating the sharp and resilient Kya from her community. Drawn to two young men from town, Kya opens herself to a new and startling world; but when one of them is found dead, she is immediately cast by the community as the main suspect. As the case unfolds, the verdict as to what actually happened becomes increasingly unclear, threatening to reveal the many secrets that lie within the marsh. 2 hours 5 minutes. Released 2022. Rated PG-13 for sexual content and some violence including sexual assault. Starring: Daisy Edgar-Jones, Taylor John Smith, Harris Dickinson, Michael Hyatt, Sterling Macer, Jr. and David Strathairn.

**Friday, October 28** *Poms* An uplifting comedy about a woman who starts a cheerleading squad at a retirement community. This heartfelt and hilarious story proves it's never too late to follow your dreams. 1 hour 31 minutes. Released 2019 Rated PG-13 for language and sexual references. Starring: Diane Keaton, Jackie Weaver, Pam Grier, Celia Weston and Rhea Perlman.

**Monday, October 31** *Thirteen Days* For thirteen extraordinary days in October 1962, the world stood on the brink of an unthinkable catastrophe. After the discovery of Soviet Weapons in Cuba, events and tension escalate between two military superpowers and within the White House. President John F. Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy and Special Assistant to the President Kenneth P. O'Donnell are in the hot seat as they struggle to prevent nuclear war. 2 hours 27 minutes. Released 2000 Rated PG-13 for strong language. Starring: Kevin Costner, Bruce Greenwood, Steven Culp and Dylan Baker.

## Resident Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following residents who celebrate their birthdays:

10/3	Charles Hinson	10/17	Theodore Holm
10/5	Mary Breeden	10/22	Paula Swansey
10/8	Sarah Rosen	10/22	Chris Taylor
10/11	Robert Young	10/23	Richard Andrews
10/13	Carter Bell	10/23	David Armistead
10/13	Florence Edmonds	10/27	Grace O'Connell
10/15	Anne Godfrey	10/28	Nick Matthews
10/16	Carroll Jones	10/29	Tom Hall

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Masonic Home Census: 161

## Employee Birthdays

10/1	Leisa Liverpool
10/2	Marilyn Banks
10/2	Kathy Bryant-Botkin
10/4	Carmen Snead
10/11	Christopher Smith
10/12	Marjorie Martin
10/17	Eva Baker
10/22	Cheryl Harris
10/24	Zelinda Davis
10/25	Linwood Fletcher
10/27	Pattie Matthews
10/28	Deborah Crawley
10/30	Martha Gresham

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