

NAC Summer Social
Thursday, July 28th, 2022 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Stockhouse Brewing

Attendance:

Karen McNeeley, NAC Board President
Jill Wickham, NAC Board
Scott Shelnutt, NAC Board
Larry Kopperud, NAC Board
Joe Johnson, Glenview Heights, presenter
Matt Borden, Pasadena, presenter
Michelle Tiofilio, Lowell Damon Woods, presenter
Erin Walashski, Lowell Damon Woods, presenter

5:30 - 6:30 pm - Social Hour

6:30 - 7:30 pm - 5 neighborhood associations were invited to send presenters to participate in a panel discussion about Trick or Treat activities. 3 NAs were represented. Although we had no audience, we had a roundtable discussion.

Lowell Damon Woods:

Trick or Treat is always held on Halloween from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. The event is very casual, with participating houses turning on porch lights. Most neighbors are also prepared to hand out candy during the Sunday afternoon City Trick or Treat. Occasionally, there have been cider stops.

Fall Fest is a bigger event, which is usually held on the Saturday before Halloween. The family event is held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. At the dead end of Jackson Park. Children wear their Halloween costumes, and there are crafts and games for children. Sometimes there has been a costume parade, hay rides or a bike parade. Kid friendly food is served early, and families bring snacks and appetizers to share. Families with young children leave early, but later in the evening, fire pits come out and there is a chili cook off.

Glenview Heights:

Trick or Treat is always held on the Saturday before Halloween from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. It is casual, with no streets blocked off. Trick or Treat coincides with the membership drive, and coincides with their yearly paper newsletter, which announces the membership drive and plans for Trick or Treat.

Pasadena:

President Matt Borden told us that the Pasadena Board motto is, "Don't mess with Halloween". Trick or Treat is a very important event, held the Saturday before Halloween from 6:00 until 8:00 pm. Pasadena is a very large NA with 1,400 houses and 12 main streets. Trick or Treat is held on only three streets each year, on a rotating basis. Streets have one year on, and 3 years off. Participating streets can expect between 600 and 1,000 children. Houses on participating streets will set up at the end of their front sidewalk (coolers, chairs, firepits), so children don't

have to walk up to each house. Several houses go all out with decorations. In the past there has been a trophy for scariest street. Families are expected to register their participating children and pay \$2.00 per child. Honor system, no one checks. This 'kitty' is used to reimburse families for candy costs. Families can submit receipts. (Most families do not ask for reimbursement; although it costs quite a bit to purchase candy for up to 1,000 children, neighbors only have to do it every 4 years.)

City of Wauwatosa Police Department:

Laura Lariska sent word that she does want each association to let her know when their Trick or Treat is. She also said that the Police department has about 10 neon yellow crossing guard vests that associations could borrow if they plan to schedule adult neighbors to serve as crossing guards for busy streets.

Social ended at about 7:40 pm.