

# LIBERTY CALL

## happy halloween



photo by JO2 Greg Cleghorne

In and around Honolulu are a number of missionary cemeteries, like the one above near Ward avenue, dating back to the 1800's. Haunted Honolulu tours, offered by many organizations, are popular this time of year. Although the tours may not guarantee you'll see an apparition, you will learn more about the legends and myths of Honolulu's burial sites and hauntings.

### From poltergeist to pokemon

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What do ghouls, goblins, vampires, Queen Amadala and Pokemon have in common? Normally nothing, but in preparation for this Halloween, parents know the connection.

Halloween has a long tradition of children and children at heart dressing up and going door to door asking for tricks or treats from neighbors. Meanwhile, teens and adults prepare to attend Halloween costume parties, or march through the streets as their favorite frightful creature or just watch the spectacle that is Halloween.

The name Halloween comes from "All Hallows Eve" or the evening before all All Hallows (all sacred or Holy) or All Saints Day, Nov. 1.

What began as an observance of the sun, the end of summer and an observance of the dead, Halloween was also celebrated as a harvest festival.

Pope Gregory IV extended one such festival for the church calling it All Saint's Day.

Today, Halloween is widely celebrated as an innocent way to dress up and inspire some community togetherness.

Many parents and community groups get together to make the evening an enjoyable one for all involved especially their children. Communities literally light up with hand-carved jack-o-lanterns, ghosts, decorative lights, spray-on cobwebs, imaginative spider webs and spiders, witches and their brooms, monsters of every sort and any number of imaginative ways to make the holiday more festive.

As American holidays go, Halloween ranks second only to Christmas, in the number of decorations put up around the U.S.

What ever is your trick or treat, be sure to make this holiday a happy and safe one.

*Note: Parents should always check goodies received during their night out before allowing their children to consume them.*

*Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets. Chocolate is poisonous to a lot of animals, and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.*

*Be especially aware of children and pets around a lit pumpkin or any open flame.*

### Housing safety tips for adults, keikis on Halloween

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Little goblins and witches, diminutive fairy princesses and small cowpokes, and an assortment of other costumed keikis will soon be knocking on doors as they celebrate the annual trick-or-treating ritual on Halloween. While Halloween is a time of mystery and fun for children, there can also be tragic results without adherence to safety rules.

With everyone's safety in mind, the Navy Family Housing Office has established some basic guidelines for the holiday. Trick-or-treating activities in Navy housing neighborhoods will begin no earlier than dusk and will conclude no later than 10 p.m. on Sunday, October 31. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent or a responsible adult.

By following safety guidelines and exercising some common sense, Halloween can be fun for keikis and still be safe and accident free. Have a happy Halloween! Be sure to have fun, but be safe!

#### Safety Tips for Adults:

1. Drive safely and exercise extra caution. Watch out for children, especially when backing your vehicles out of driveways. Turn on your headlights early and drive well below the posted speed limit.
2. Leave your porch light on if you want to participate in the festivities. Keep walkways and steps clear.
3. Insist that treats be brought home for inspection. Separate suspicious items such as candies with loose wrappings. Any dangerous items should be reported immediately to the police and kept for evidence.
4. Give only commercially wrapped treats, coupons, gift certificates, coins, inedible treats such as pencils, etc.

#### Safety Tips for Keikis:

1. Limit your trick-or-treating to your own neighborhood and only visit homes where the lights are lit.

2. Be highly visible to motorists. Wear light-colored costumes and/or mark them with reflective tape or stickers. Carry a flashlight that is in good working order.

3. If you wear a mask, make sure that you can see clearly through the eyeholes or, better yet, wear makeup. Trim your costume short enough to prevent tripping. Don't wear high heels or poorly fitting costume shoes.

4. Be fire safe. Make sure your costume is flame resistant. Don't use lighted candles in your jack-o-lantern.

5. Use crosswalks when crossing the street. Wait for the proper signal and look both ways before crossing. Watch out for cars turning at intersections and never walk into the road between parked cars. Stay on the sidewalk and walk on the left side facing traffic.

6. Before you eat treats, be sure that the goodies are inspected by a parent or responsible adult.



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A young boy dressed as Elmo from Sesame Street receives lolly pops while Trick-or-Treating.

### Halloween Bash

Dress up for Halloween and receive free admission into the Paniolo Cafe on Oct. 30 at 11:30 p.m. Enter the Ninth Annual Club Pearl Halloween Costume Contest. We'll be judging contestants on originality, realism, make-up and prop usage. 1st place winner: \$150. 2nd place winner: \$75, 3rd place winner: \$25. Sign up at 10 p.m., front main lobby. Winners will be announced in the Paniolo Cafe. The person with the best shrill will win \$100. For more information call 473-0841.



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Family members from a Navy housing area enjoy the Halloween holiday by dressing up as their favorite character and go Trick-or-Treating.