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*Fall is
Here!*



As the nights get cooler and the days shorter, many Richmonders, tired of the summer's heat, welcome in autumn in a big way. This month, we asked our clients and service providers, "What is your favorite fall tradition?" The answers we got inspired the adventurer in us and a couple even made us laugh out loud. So as we usher in fall, we hope you will find time to have your own Richmond adventure. Enjoy the season!

Fall Safety Tips for Your Home

1. Make sure all chimneys have been cleaned before use and clean out all wood stoves before using, as well. Failing to do so is the number 1 cause of house fires in the fall months.
2. Make sure if you have a wood stove on carpet or wood floor that you use a flame retardant rug in front of the wood stove or fireplace.
3. If you are going to burn brush, please do it on a very calm day and have a water hose ready just in case. Wet surrounding areas to keep fire from spreading.
4. Check the insulation of pipes, under the house especially, if you are going to be away for more than a week. You don't want to come home to a burst pipe.

These safety tips are courtesy of Chris Hall with the Halls of Insurance Agency, Inc.

My tip (a lesson learned the hard way) is to remember to unhook my water hose from my outside faucets. I failed to do this last year and ended up with a busted pipe. Water ran for days and my water bill tripled. **Lynn Battle**

Our Clients' Favorite Fall Traditions

I like seeing the Halloween decorations the neighbors put up on along the 3500 - 4000 blocks of Seminary Avenue. It was the first thing I fell in love with about the Bellevue/Ginter Park area. **Danny Strickland**

Amber and I and the kids always go out in first couple weeks in October to pick pumpkins. They each get to pick their own and decorate however they want. And of course they LOVE decorating and making pumpkin seeds to eat afterwards! The recipe for this is easy. We carve out the seeds and wash them really well. Then we boil them in salt water for about 5 minutes and then spread out on a cookie sheet in the oven for about 10 to 15 minutes at 275-300 degrees. Really nothing to it! One year we did sprinkle some cinnamon instead of salt and they turned out good but the salted ones are still the kids' favorite! **Dustin Beekman**

I like to pull the Bazaar page from the Richmond Times Dispatch (usually in the 1st Sunday of October's paper and it list the holiday bazaars/fall festivals from Oct to Dec) I try to attend as many events I can - I love to see what creative arts/crafts people come up with - I take my grandsons to the festivals - these are usually free or very inexpensive and we have a ball! Sometimes I get a little Christmas shopping done.

Linda Goodman

We love everything pumpkin. We make pumpkin bread, air fresheners of pumpkins and we decorate with pumpkins as soon as we can inside and outside. I also love making a pile of leaves and throwing the kids in it and trying to get a picture before they move. **Kim Zachariasen**

Apple Picking at Carter Mountain. They have hayrides, and a bakery that sells apple pie, apple cider, and apple cider donuts (the thing that anyone who's ever gone there asks for first). www.cartermountainorchard.com
They also have a festival this year every weekend in October. **Jeremy Kane**

Fortunately and unfortunately, my favorite fall tradition is gaining about 10 – 15 lbs. as a result of eating good food! **Monteque Williams**



Pets



October 15, 2011 - Henrico Rabies Clinic at RIR, Gate 4 9 AM –12 PM Call 804-652-3360 for Info.

October 22, 2011 C.A.R.E. Cat Adoption & Rescue Effort Fundraiser Yard Sale - 8 AM - 2 PM
Lakeside Medical Center at the Corner of Lakeside and Hilliard. 2301 Hilliard Road Henrico, VA 23228
All proceeds directly benefit the animals of C.A.R.E.

October 29, 2011 - Hanover Rabies Clinic at the Montpelier Center 9 AM –12 PM.

October 29, 2011 - 11 AM - 4 PM Chesterfield Canine Carnival at Chesterfield Fairgrounds.

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