

# The Kensington Times

## Halloween Month!

Since it's October, we've added some Halloween-y articles!

Contributors to this issue are: Sydney A., Marko D., Alex G., Tom L., Ryker MG.,  
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### *Tips on how to make your own Halloween Costume*

by [Sydney A.](#)

- **Know what you're going to be and have LOTS of reference photos**
- **Sketch out what you want to look like**
- **Think of easy ways to get the look you want**
- **Get what you need from home like the right color shirts, yarn, duct tape etc.**
- **Have A LOT of patience**

**Keep making it until you're happy! You'll be the star of the show if you put enough effort!**

### **TICK TOCK, TICK TOCK: TRICK OR TREAT TIMES EXPLAINED**

By [Alex G.](#)

Do you ever wonder why the trick-or-treat times are the way they are? Well, I asked the police department and Lt. George Lichman had some answers.

#### **What are the trick-or-treat times for Rocky River?**

Trick-or-treat in Rocky River is always on Halloween, October 31, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

#### **Why do they even set times for trick-or-treating?**

Setting a time for trick-or-treating can help make the activity safer and ensure greater participation. Residents will be aware that the activity is taking place and can be available for it. It would be disorganized and chaotic for the event to be unplanned or unscheduled, leading to myriad problems.

In addition, there are ordinances in Rocky River that restrict canvassing, soliciting, and peddling, which could include trick-or-treat. A designated date and time helps the event better comply with the spirit of our canvassing laws.

**How is a specific time frame chosen?**

The times for trick-or-treat in Rocky River have not changed in the twenty years I've worked for the Police Department. I don't know the original reasoning for choosing 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, but expect that it was late enough that families were home from work or school and ends early enough that those families can be home and ready for bed at a reasonable time.

**Do you have any tips for kids going trick-or-treating?**

- Be sure to only be out trick-or-treating between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 31, 2017.
- Only go to houses that have porch lights on and are obviously participating in the event.
- Younger children that go trick-or-treating should be with an adult. Older children that have permission from parents to trick-or-treat should stay in the area/neighborhood they have agreed upon with parents.
- Wear reflective clothing and/or carry flashlights, glow sticks, etc., so motorists and others can see you clearly. If wearing a mask, remove it when crossing streets so it doesn't obstruct your vision.
- Stay on sidewalks and cross the street at crosswalks or intersections.
- Be polite and courteous to other trick-or-treaters, especially younger children.
- Report suspicious behavior to your parents and, if appropriate, to police, as soon as possible.
- Don't eat all your candy in one night; ration it so you can enjoy it for many weeks instead of two or three days. This will also help to prevent stomach aches from eating too much candy at one time.
- Brush your teeth after eating candy and before bed!
- Share your candy with your parents, and not just the stuff you don't like!

I hope I answered all your questions. Let me know if you have any others.

Have a happy and safe Halloween!

THIS MONTH'S  
TOP STORIES

## What happened to the rainbow ball?



It was a bright and sunny day and a bus was going down the street and “BOOM” the bus ran right over the brand new rainbow ball. Many thought it was a gunshot. Everyone ran over to the fence and saw that the bus had stopped. The bus driver got out and thought that the tire had popped. I wonder what the children on the bus thought? Sadly, someone had kicked that ball right to its eye

popping death. We had only had it for a week or two. Many say the action was sudden and scary. A few adults walked out of their homes confused and worried about their children or maybe just the kids on their own. The children saw their favorite playground ball explode many were disappointed about what happened. Many walked back to their activities sadly. I asked Marciel about how he felt.

Grace: Are you sad about the rainbow ball exploding?

Marciel: I mean I'm not that sad.

Grace: Thank you! I guess not everybody loved that ball but I know someone who liked it. Eleanor R.

Grace: How did you feel about the ball.

Eleanor: It wasn't that old so I'm sad!

The mystery may never be solved about what, how, and who threw it over the fence.

## **BUS BREAKDOWN: WHAT HAPPENED ON 9/28/17 TO BUS 6**

**By Alex G.**

**I E-MAILED THE HEAD OF TRANSPORTATION, ERIN PEACOCK, AND SHE ANSWERED MY QUESTION VERY NICELY (THANKS MS. PEACOCK).**

**SHE SPOKE WITH ERIC RATH, THE HEAD MECHANIC, WHO SAID THAT THE STARTER WAS BROKEN. " THIS CAUSED THE BUS TO NOT BE ABLE TO RESTART ONCE ALL THE STUDENTS WERE LOADED AND READY FOR THEIR TRIP HOME. UNFORTUNATELY, INCIDENTS LIKE THIS CAUSE A CHAIN REACTION OF EVENTS AND DELAYS WITH OTHER ROUTES. DUE TO THE BUS BEING INOPERABLE IN THE BUS LOOP, SOME OF THE BUSES HAD TO BE BACKED UP IN ORDER TO EXIT THE LOOP, WHILE OTHERS HAD TO WAIT FOR THE MECHANIC TO ARRIVE TO GET THE BUS MOVED AND OUT OF THE LOOP. THE MECHANIC WAS ABLE TO TEMPORARILY FIX THE BUS ON LOCATION, WHICH ENABLED HIM TO MOVE THE BUS OUT OF THE BUS LOOP. STUDENTS FROM BUS 6 WERE THEN TRANSFERRED ONTO ANOTHER BUS AND ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR ROUTE."**

**EIGHT OF THE BUSES ENDED UP BEING 10-15 MINUTES LATE. THE PRINCIPAL CALLED PARENTS OF BUS RIDERS TO TELL THEM THAT THE BUS WAS GOING TO BE LATE. BUS 6 WAS BROUGHT INTO THE GARAGE, WHERE THE MECHANICS FIXED IT UP. THE BUS WAS BACK ON THE ROAD THE NEXT AFTERNOON.**



## The Little Free Library

by **Annie S.**

Have you noticed that there is a free library just outside of Kensington near the office? It is called the "Little Free Library". You can get books from there and keep them forever! You can also put books in the little house that you don't need or the books that you really like and want to share.

There is also something you can do for others: You can put little notes in the box for others to read. You could put them anywhere, on the walls of the library or inside of your book that you are giving out! The readers can write back or thank you.

One person who just learned how to read said, "Thank You whoever you are for having the book box. I'm 46 I learned to read 4 yrs ago + the library however it's spelled is too far. I just moved from Maine so I don't know a lot of places. So Again Thank You! From a Neighbor spelled wrong sorry" (<https://littlefreelibrary.org/10-incredible-handwritten-notes-found-in-little-free-libraries/>)

Mrs. Kromer said that if you pass by and happen to see the door to the "Little Free Library" open, please close it to prevent rain or anything else from blowing into it. If you want to visit it, it's right near Mrs. Bondy and Mrs. O'Toole's desk window!

## Interview with Rick Jackson

By Marko D.

### **Question #1: How long have you been working with Ideastream?**

I have been with Ideastream since 2003, after working at television stations in Cleveland (WOIO and WKYC), Philadelphia (1999), New York City (CBS News from 1995-1998), Charlotte (1986-1995), Memphis (1982-83), and my first station in Wheeling, West Virginia. I've also been on the radio at stations in Cleveland and Charlotte.



### **Question #2: Were you always the host of NewsDepth?**

NewsDepth is in its 48th season on WVIZ/PBS. I am hosting for the 13th year. For most of those, I have been the sole host, but in previous years I sometimes shared the responsibilities with hosts Elaine Falk, Dan Moulthrop, Ida Lieszkovszky, and Michelle Kanu.

### **Question #3: What is the best part of your job?**

Meeting kids who watch NewsDepth in the most unexpected places; like an interstate rest stop outside Dayton – or the Fulton County Fair in Wauseon, Oh – or a rock concert in Youngstown – or in different churches around Northeast Ohio – or in restaurants from Cleveland to Mansfield to Cincinnati, on the streets of Greater Cleveland, and always, always lots of students at Progressive Field when I go to see Indians games. And I go to lots of Indians games.

I also like the interviews that I do for another WVIZ show that I host, Ideas. As guests, we have had U.S. Congress members, astronauts, actors, mayors and governors, broadcasters, scientists, athletes, developers, singers, and literally thousands of people with interesting stories to share and things to tell us about.



### **Question #4: What is the biggest challenge in making the show?**

Keeping it interesting is always fun, but making the news as fresh as possible can be challenging, since there are sometimes big events between the day we put the show together – and the different days that classes around the state watch it.... It's also hard

when terrible things happen and we want to tell the stories without saying awful things like how many people might have died.

**Question #5: What subject in Newsdepth do you like the most?**

I really like 'Know Ohio' which started out as introducing various counties to the rest of the state – and has really grown. And I truly appreciate the letters get to read every week, because writers are so creative, and sometimes look at the questions in ways that we didn't always anticipate.



**Question #6: How often do you receive letters from kids?**

We actually get hundreds of letters every week – some addressed to the show and some addressed to me. The last few years there have been more than 10,000 letters and emails during the season!

**Question #7: Who really owns NewsCat?**

Ideastream Producer Mary Fecteau, who sometimes is on the show with the 'Know Ohio' segment. Newscat is her pet, and has been for ten years.... And Mary is the photographer who works with NewsCat, when she is wearing costumes and typing and researching.... The cat, that is – not Mary!

**Question #8: Will there be any major changes to the program in the future?**

That's a closely guarded secret! They don't even tell me! Actually, we're always making little changes – even from month to month. The biggest change in 30 years was last year when we started to shoot the show without a 'set' and doing everything on a green screen – so the background behind me, or Margaret, or Mary – isn't really there! We add it electronically later.

## Riddles of the Month

by Annie S.

### Riddle #1

Q: A girl is sitting in a house at night that has no lights on at all. There is no lamp, no candle, nothing. Yet she is reading. How?

### Riddle #2

Q: There are 20 birds on a fence. A farmer comes out and shoots one. How many birds are left?

Riddle #3

Q: What never asks questions but is often answered?

Riddle #4

Q: What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?

Riddle #5

Q: What is harder to catch the faster you run?

Riddle #6

Q: Imagine you are in a room with no doors or windows. How do you get out?

Answers:Riddle #1

Q: A girl is sitting in a house at night that has no lights on at all. There is no lamp, no candle, nothing. Yet she is reading. How?

A: She is blind and is reading braille.

Riddle #2

Q: There are 20 birds on a fence. A farmer comes out and shoots one. How many birds are left?

A: None, because all of them flew away at the sound of the gunshot.

Riddle #3

Q: What never asks questions but is often answered?

A: The doorbell.

Riddle #4

Q: What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?

A: Your name.

Riddle #5

Q: What is harder to catch the faster you run?

A: Your breath.

Riddle #6

Q: Imagine you are in a room with no doors or windows. How do you get out?

A: You stop imagining.

How many did you get correct?  
Write it here if you want to ----> \_\_\_\_\_

## Writer of the month

By **Grace W.**

**THE WRITER OF THE MONTH IS SYDNEY A. FOR ALL OF HER TERRIFIC WRITING, AND ALL HER HARD WORK. SHE NEVER STOPS WRITING AND DRAWING, AND SHE IS GREAT AT DRAWING. GREAT JOB SYDNEY!**

# Fun Facts of the Month

by Annie S. and Sydney A.

## Animals

- Octopuses have three hearts.
- Young goats pick up accents from each other.
- Elephants have a specific alarm call that means "human."
- Squirrels can't burp or vomit.



## **Halloween Fun Facts**

by Ryker MG.

1. In the 1930s instead of saying trick or treat you had to dance for your candy
2. Halloween is more Irish than St. Patrick's Day
3. Jack-o'-lanterns were once made out of turnips, beets, and potatoes, not pumpkins
4. In a few American towns, Halloween was originally referred to as "Cabbage Night"
5. Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween
6. According to tradition, if a person wears their clothes inside out and walks backwards, they will see a witch at midnight
7. Halloween has thought to have originated around 4000 B.C., which means Halloween has been around for 6000 years

## **PREDICTIONS FOR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!**

By Marko D., Sydney A., and Tom L.

Hot Dog \_\_\_\_\_

A "Simpsons" Character \_\_\_\_\_

Ghost \_\_\_\_\_

Witch \_\_\_\_\_

Darth Vader \_\_\_\_\_

Harry Potter \_\_\_\_\_

Kylo Ren \_\_\_\_\_

Voldemort \_\_\_\_\_



People from the new “Descendants”  
movie (Mal, Evie, Uma) \_\_\_\_\_

Minecraft (Steve and/or Alex)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Zombie \_\_\_\_\_

Horror movie character (ex.

Skeleton \_\_\_\_\_

Ghostface, Freddy Krueger, Jason)  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Video Game Q&A

by Tom L.

Hey guys, I’m Tom, and welcome to video game Q & A! (Questions & Answers.) Video gaming is my expertise, and i got the inspiration to make this article By Mr. Wilhelmy. (He’s awesome!) So basically, people at Kensington are going to ask me questions they have about video games (ex. “How do i get Obsidian in minecraft?” or “Why is it so hard to beat Sans in the Undertale Genocide Route?” And I can answer you (ex. “Well, to get obsidian, you have to pour water over lava, and mine it with a diamond pickaxe.” or “I think it is because Sans is trying to stop you from destroying the world, and he needs to be powerful to do that.” Before we start i have to tell you some things... trust me, i hate rules as much as you do, so i’ll make it quick. First of all, You can’t ask about any shooter or otherwise M 17+ rated games. (Halo, Call of Duty, etc.) Second, to get your question in the article, you can bring them to Room 6, so i can read and answer them. Third, please don’t use profanity, because nobody likes having to read any of that. I think that’s it! Have an awesome year everyone!



# HALLOWEEN AT KENSINGTON IS AWESOME!

By **Grace W.**

**ALMOST EVERYBODY LOVES HALLOWEEN, BUT ESPECIALLY AT MANY LOVE SPOOKY SATURDAY AND THE HALLOWEEN PARTIES, PARADE AND MORE. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST FUN TIMES OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR THE KIDS. MANY PEOPLE MARCH AROUND LIKE DIFFERENT CHARACTERS LIKE HERMIONE GRANGER, HARRY POTTER, OR RON WEASLEY FROM THE HARRY POTTER SERIES. MAYBE AN AIR HORN OR TWO. SPOOKY SATURDAY IS AWESOME. PEOPLE WON MANY THINGS. HAVE A GREAT HALLOWEEN!**

