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Halloween Experiences

The Witches of Greenfield Village
You’ve seen their brooms, pointy hats and black cats. Now is your chance to meet perhaps the most iconic: Halloween’s figure in our history, the witch.
4:00-9:30, Near Front Entrance
With Hazel’s Used Bloom Lot
4:00-9:30, J.R. Bones Emporium
The Potion Sisters
6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, Town Hall
Alice in Wonderland
Embrace your own sense of wonder and curiosity as you pay our Mad Hatter a tea party or a stroll or dare to enter the Queen of Heart’s Wonderland Court – just remember to be mindful of your heads.
6:00-9:30, Main Street
Peter Pan
Join Peter Pan and Wendy as they attempt to outsmart Captain Hook and his cocky Smeere to recover Neverland’s lost Boys. All it will take is a little bit of faith, trust and pixie dust.
6:00-9:30, Neverland, Along the Suwanee Lagoon
The Wizard of Oz
Follow Dorothy along the yellow brick road to the Emerald City. Behind the Scarecrow and Tin Man, or ask the Wizard of Oz to grant you your very own wish. Beware of the Wicked Witch and her monkeys.
6:00-9:30, Bagley between State and Junciton Oz will appear at 6:30
The Dancing Skeletons
The skull and crossbones take on a long symbolical death and danger. Our dancing skeletons take things to the lighter side with music and dancing. Step by step and shake your own bones.
6:00-9:30, Gazabo
The Vampires
The vampires of Greenfield Village merely want death and danger. Our dancing skeletons are their monkeys.
6:00-9:30, Neverland, Along the Suwanee Lagoon
The Pumpkin Quartet
Grown from magical seeds, in a secret and enchanted garden to Greenfield Village’s Pumpkin Quartet springs forth each year to the delight of all who encounter them.
Dusk-9:30, Noah Webster Home Front Lawn
The Village Graveyard, Woodland Cemetery
Intended as places of peace and beauty and dedicated to the memory of loved ones, gravestones can also be places that stir the imagination. Our gravestones, Woodland Cemetery is not only the home of the friendly neighborhood undertaker but of those who work as such in our skirts.
4:00-9:30, Near Mary Chapel
The 1913 Herschell-Spillman Carousel
Greenfield Village’s 1913 Herschell-Spillman Carousel is a delight any time of year. This family ride will take you on a tour of ghosts, monsters and urban legends as it winds through the story but enchanted woods of Greenfield Village.
Climb aboard if you dare! Round-trip excursions depart from Firestone Station.
Advance reservation is required.
Cartoon Shorts
Watch beloved cartoon shorts from Firestone Station.
4-9:30, Near the_Potions
A Selection of 1920s Hallowe’en Cartoon Shorts
Repeating Dusk-9:30, Near Mrs. Fisher’s
Music & Storytelling

Transylvania Trio
6:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, Town Hall
The Potion Sisters
6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, Town Hall
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow
On one we much like tonight, superstitious schoolteacher Ichabod Crane disappeared from Sleepy Hollow. Legend has it that it was the Headless Horseman’s doing. Witness the story unfold before your very eyes, as your Crane on that hallowed night of his disappearance and see the cloaked rider yourself.
4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 9:00, Mill Road, Firestone Farm
Storytelling Times: 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, Spofford Saami, Liberty Craftworks
Little Red Riding Hood
Join Little Red on her journey through the woods to her grandmother’s house, and listen as she describes what big ears, eyes, and, most importantly, twit her “grandmother” has when she arrives.
Storytelling Times: 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:00, 8:30, Liberty Craftworks
The Tale-Tale Heart
Listen to Edgar Allan Poe’s unnamed narrator confess to a murder, and witness his descent into paranoia as he is haunted by the thumping sound of the murdered man’s heart. Will you say that he is mad, or can you hear the Tale-Tale Heart?”
Storytelling Times: 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 8:15, 9:00, Near Scotch Settlement School
Halloween Storyteller Mother Goose
As Halloween gained popularity in America through the decades of the 20th century, Halloween stories written for children became very popular, with many, becoming classic favorites. Join special guest Mother Goose as she reads many of these classic stories aloud while sharing their wonderful illustrations.
4:00-7:30 pm, Near Sarah Jordan Boarding House

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