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SPOOKY SEASON ARRIVES IN THE VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE

Bensenville, IL – The Village of Bensenville is inviting residents to get into the Halloween spirit with a series of exciting and family-friendly events this October. Whether you're enjoying the exciting Wilkes Family Halloween Displays, showing off your home's Halloween decor, or wearing your costumes to Trunk or Treat, there's something for everyone to enjoy this spooky season!

The Halloween festivities kick off with the **Wilkes Family Halloween Displays**—their elaborate annual Halloween display at the corner of Center Street & Green Street in downtown Bensenville. Beginning September 26, the display is available for viewing and will come to life every Friday & Saturday evening. Live actors will also be present on October 31 featuring all your favorite horror icons: Freddy, Jason, Michael, Pennywise, and more!

Additionally, the **Halloween Home Decorating Contest** invites Bensenville residents to show off their spooky creativity! Awards will be given to the best-decorated single-family home. The contest is a perfect way to get into the Halloween spirit.

Trunk or Treat returns with a safe and fun way for children to collect their favorite Halloween treats. The event will be held from 3–5 PM on October 31 in Downtown Bensenville where local businesses and community organizations will line up their vehicles, decked out in spooky decorations, to hand out candy to trick-or-treaters. Don't forget to wear your best costume!

Lastly, the **Pumpkin Smash** is set to be an eco-friendly and exciting event for all ages. Don't throw away your jack-o-lanterns! Bring your pumpkins to the Pumpkins Smash at the Village Hall parking lot on Saturday, November 8 from 9 AM – Noon and smash them to your heart's content! It's a fun way to celebrate the fall season and dispose of your pumpkins in an environmentally responsible way.

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Event Details:

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- **Wilkes Family Halloween Displays**
Dates: Every Weekend in October
Location: 12 S Center St
Details: A must-see collection of elaborate Halloween yard displays by the Wilkes family. Free to visit.
- **Halloween Home Decorating Contest**
Deadline: October 24, 2025
Details: Nominate your home by emailing the property address, name, contact info, and picture to holidaycontest@bensenville.il.us. Submitted properties will be posted to the Village's Facebook page.
- **Trunk or Treat**
Date: October 31
Location: Downtown Bensenville
Time: 3 – 5 PM
Details: Decorated vehicles, candy, and fun for the whole family. Free to attend.
- **Pumpkin Smash**
Date: November 8, 2025
Location: Village Hall parking lot
Time: 9 AM – 12 PM
Details: Bring your pumpkins and join in the fun! A great way to celebrate Halloween while helping the environment.

For more information about these events please visit: **Bensenville.gov**

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Wilkes Family Haunted Displays, Downtown Bensenville

About Bensenville: Bensenville is conveniently located just 20 miles west of downtown Chicago in DuPage County, adjacent to O'Hare International Airport, surrounded by major expressways, and boasts several public transportation options including a Metra commuter station. With plenty to offer both families and businesses like brand new schools, great parks, and special events year round, Bensenville really is the "Gateway to Opportunity." Please visit our website at: www.bensenville.il.us

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Halloween fans of all ages enjoy Bensenville's Spooky Season