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Fairy Elise Ambrose rides high above the crowds on her mom's shoulders as they hunt for more candy.

Tricks and treats in downtown Astoria

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Hundreds of children and their families dressed as princesses, a Tyrannosaurus rex and clowns descended on downtown Astoria Thursday afternoon with one goal in mind — to earn their weights worth in candy. Dozens of businesses celebrated the spookiest holiday, Halloween, with trick-or-treat stations for children and families.



Dressed as a Dalmatian, Lyla Knutinen clutches a miniature Reese's Peanut Butter Cup while her mom carries her through downtown.



Eli Gates, 7, looks at a temporary tattoo he got from Street 14 Cafe while trick-or-treating in downtown Astoria.



Dressed as a mermaid, Lisa Dreeszen hands out candy to excited children outside of Sea Gypsy Gifts.



Six-month-old Lemuel James Dean in an Elvis onesie takes a snooze in the midst of downtown trick-or-treating chaos.



Son and mother, Beau, left, and Tonya Smith dressed as Rex from 'Toy Story' and a unicorn in large blow-up costumes.