



# Where to find haunts this Halloween

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Kids of all ages will find plenty to do this weekend as Halloween lands on a Sunday this year. Here's a rundown of the weekend of chills, treats and spooky things.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 29**

**Witches, Wizards and Waffles** – Sparrow Dance Company is sponsoring this free dance, humor and food event at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden of Surging Waves in down-

town Astoria.

It is 30 minutes long and most appropriate for preschoolers and early elementary students. Children are encouraged to wear costumes and all those attending must observe CDC guidelines.

This repeats at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

**Spooky play** -- A haunted house in rural Ireland is the setting for "The Weir," a spooky play presented by Ten Fifteen Productions.

Performance is at 7:30 p.m. today

and Saturday at the playhouse, 1015 Commercial St., Astoria.

Tickets are \$20 and available at [thetenfifteentheater.com/tickets](http://thetenfifteentheater.com/tickets). Proof of vaccination is required to enter the theater.

**Terror on Turley** – An outdoor carnival that includes a haunted trail will be found on Turley Lane (left off Highway 101, one turnoff past Glenwood Village). There's a \$10 per person suggested donation and participants should wear appro-

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# Goodbye phlox, hello daffodil

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Warrenton will soon have a new official city flower. But there is no hurry in naming a successor to phlox, the current city flower.

In 1927, Warrenton leaders declared an emergency in order to adopt phlox as the official flower in time for May Day.

The delicate little phlox flowers grow throughout the United States, are often seen as ground covers in Clatsop County, and are a favorite food of deer.

On Tuesday night, Warrenton City Commissioners voted unanimously to repeal the ordinance that made phlox the city flower. A second hear-

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# It's official. Clatsop County has a new nature preserve

The North Oregon Coast now has a rain forest that will be protected in perpetuity.

That's the vow of the North Coast Land Conservancy, which kicked off a fundraising campaign five years ago to purchase 3,500 acres of temperate rain forest adjacent to Oswald West State Park. The group saw its vision take shape after receiving the last piece of financing on Tuesday.

"Bringing this land into conservation allows us to unlock its future," NCLC Executive Director Katie Voelke said. "It is a living, breathing, flowing and evolving place. Conservation allows it to live its most dynamic and abundant life. This is a living museum, a living laboratory, a globally rare and precious place, and it's our community backdrop. Conserving this land gives us all a chance to be in the right relationship with the land and the people it sustains."

The Rainforest Reserve sits above the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, part of an uninterrupted 32-square-mile conservation corridor that stretches from the summits of 3,000-foot peaks within the Oregon Coast Range to Short Sand Beach and the sandy seabed and rocky reefs of the coast.

The protected land-to-sea cor-



Courtesy NCLC

The Rainforest Reserve is part of a vast conservation corridor linking the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, the shoreline of Oswald West State Park and the summits and headwaters above.

ridor is unmatched in the state of Oregon, Voelke said. Creation of the permanent reserve significantly benefits the region, said U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, D-Ore.

"As we address the climate crisis, strategic, community-driven conservation efforts like this project can help mitigate the most serious risks to plants, fish and wildlife while pre-

serving the ecosystems we cherish for future generations," Bonamici said.

The new reserve contains critical habitat for an array of wildlife and plant species. Onion and Angora peaks are the main fixtures.

"We couldn't be more thrilled about this acquisition by our good friends at North Coast Land

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Phlox, above, and daffodils, below.

