



City of Yakima

News Release

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Trick-or-Treating in Barge-Chestnut Neighborhood to Impact Traffic

For many years, the historic Barge-Chestnut neighborhood has been a popular destination for Trick-or-Treaters . up to 1000 or more show up each Halloween. In recent years, the City of Yakima, the Yakima Police Department, and the Barge-Chestnut Neighborhood Association have partnered in an effort to ensure the safety of ghouls and goblins, princesses and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Various road closures and other traffic restrictions will be in place on Wednesday, October 31st throughout the Barge-Chestnut neighborhood from the late afternoon through mid-evening.

- Electronic reader boards will be in place to alert drivers that **Yakima Avenue** from **18th Avenue to 32nd Avenue** will be **closed** that day from **5:00 pm until 8:00 pm**. The reader boards will also direct Trick-or-Treat drivers to available parking sites.
- The **westbound lanes of Chestnut Avenue** between **18th Avenue and 26th Avenue** will be **closed** from **5:00 pm until 8:00 pm**. People who live in the neighborhood can drive their cars into the area from Tieton Drive using 26th Avenue.
- **"No Parking"** signs will be in place along the **south side of Chestnut Avenue** between **26th Avenue and 32nd Avenue**. One-way, westbound traffic will be allowed along that section of Chestnut and parking will be allowed along the north side of that section of Chestnut.
- **"No Parking"** signs will be in place along the **west side of 32nd Avenue** between **Chestnut Avenue and Barge Street**.
- **"No Parking"** signs will be in place along the **north side of Barge Street** between **26th Avenue and 32nd Avenue**. One-way, eastbound traffic will be allowed along that section of Barge and parking will be allowed along the south side of that section of Barge. **Barge** will also be **closed at 26th Avenue** and eastbound traffic on Barge will be rerouted north on 26th toward Summitview Avenue.
- People living in the area will still be able to access their homes via Tieton Drive and Summitview Avenue using Gilbert Drive, 22nd Avenue, 23rd Avenue, 28th Avenue and 30th Avenue. Drivers should be prepared for slow moving traffic and a large number of people walking on foot through the area.

City of Yakima parking enforcement staff will be patrolling the Barge-Chestnut neighborhood area during the evening of October 31st to ensure compliance with the parking restrictions that will be in place at that time.

For additional information about street closures and other traffic restrictions in the Barge-Chestnut neighborhood on October 31st should contact Streets and Traffic Operations Manager Joe Rosenlund at 576-6430.