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Willard Parks and Greenway to Host Trunk or Treat and Nighttime 5K Oct 28

Willard Parks is hosting their annual Halloween Trunk or Treat event on October 28, but there is more than just candy in it for families across the area. The event will be preceded by a car show on Jackson Street, and will also include pet friendly activities, bounce houses, and at dark, the annual Spooky Sprint 5K Fun Run/Walk on the Frisco Highline Trail.

Spooky Sprint 5K specifically benefits the Better Together Playground Fundraiser, which is a local fund focused on building a state-of-the-art playground in Willard dedicated to inclusive play. The 5K begins at the Frisco Highline Trail Head and will progress west to a turnaround point deep into the Greenway Trail woods. Frequent users of the trail will know that the canopy surrounding the once-railroad path ensures a spooky vibe while you're getting your steps in. The Spooky Sprint is not intentionally haunted, however a Sleepy Hallow theme is embraced. It is open to all ages.

Registration for the Spooky Sprint, including packet pickup times and other instructions are located at WillardParks.com. Pre-registration by Oct 14 is required for an event shirt. Registration will be open on the event day as well.

Samantha Guinn, Willard Parks & Recreation Assistant Director, said of the event, "Trunk or Treat and the Spooky Sprint 5K are some of our favorite events of the year to plan. People come from all over the Springfield-metro area to load up on candy and go for a brisk walk/run at the Spooky Sprint at the end of the night! We are very grateful that Greenways partners with us to bring so much Halloween joy every year!"

It all happens the evening of October 28, 2023. Schedules and more information can be found at WillardParks.com.

Willard Parks thanks event sponsors and partners: Ozark Greenways, Better Together Playground, and Howliday Inn Pet Resort