

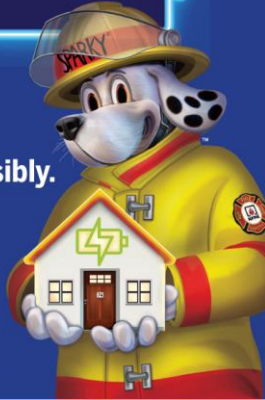
# CHARGE into Fire Safety™

## Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home

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- **CHARGE** devices safely.
- **RECYCLE** batteries responsibly.



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# October 2025

### NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF SEDALIA

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October is Fire Prevention Month and this year's theme is "**Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.**" Fire Prevention week will be observed October 5 – 11, 2025.

This year's focus is on lithium-ion batteries, which power many of the devices we rely on every day. When handled improperly, these batteries can overheat, catch fire, or even explode.

To help keep our community safe, the NFPA (National Fire Prevention Association) has shared important guidelines for handling these batteries. In addition to the guidelines listed below, you can explore the NFPA's website, which features FAQ's and other resources to help you learn more about fire safety.

- **Buy only listed products.** Only purchase devices and batteries that are listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (such as UL).

- **Charge devices safely.** Use the manufacturer's charger, avoid, charging on beds, or couches, and never leave devices plugged in unattended overnight. Unplug it or remove when it's fully charged.
- **Recycle batteries responsibly.** Do not throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Take them to a proper drop-off or recycling center for safe disposal.

The Sedalia Fire Department and all City personnel are committed to promoting fire prevention and public safety year-round. This October, let's work together, to reduce risks in our homes and keep our community safe.

For more information about charging practices or battery recycling, please contact the Sedalia Fire Department at (660) 826-8044.

Also, for more fire safety tips visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

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#### VISION STATEMENT

Dynamic life and  
Comfortable living in  
Greater Missouri

#### MISSION

The City of Sedalia is committed to meeting the needs of our community through professional leadership and operational excellence.

We deliver efficient, quality municipal services, create opportunities for growth and protect the quality of life that makes our community a desirable place to live.



# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

1. **Make sure that drivers can see your child.**
  - Consider choosing costumes made of light coloured materials or placing reflective tape on the front and back of costumes.
2. **Make sure that your child can see cars and traffic.**
  - Consider avoiding costumes with masks or hoods that can obscure their vision.
3. **Discuss traffic safety with your child prior to heading out for the night.**
  - Only cross the street at marked crosswalks and when traffic signals allow.
  - Don't dart out from between parked cars.
4. **When driving on Halloween, be aware.**
  - Children may be hard to see in dark costumes and may dart out from between parked cars or cross in the middle of the street.
  - Drive slowly and be prepared to stop.
5. **Reduce trip or slip hazards by ensuring that your child's costume fits properly.**
  - Consider the fit of footwear and the length of items such as capes.
6. **Reduce hazards for trick-or-treaters coming to your home.**
  - Consider illuminating sidewalks and pathways to ensure good visibility.
  - Consider reducing, securing or removing potential trip hazards such as unsecured power cords, wet leaves, snow or ice.
7. **Sort through treats with your child.**
  - Be aware that gum and hard candies can be a choking hazard.
  - Discard unwrapped candies or candies with a torn or unsealed wrapper.







# SEDALIA PARKS & RECREATION

## OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS

October 1	Senior Prom at Convention Hall
October 4	Registration Deadline - Indoor Movie Night at HCC
October 7	Registration Deadline - Pumpkin Splash
October 10	Pumpkin Splash at HCC
October 11	Indoor Movie Night at HCC Pool Esports - Fortnite Tournament
October 13	Registration Deadline - Boo Bash
October 17	Registration Deadline - Indoor Group Swim Lessons Boo Bash at HCC (HCC Closes at 2pm for set up)
October 20	Golden Games Club at HCC
October 24	Trunk or Treat at Centennial Park
October 25	Esports - Mario Kart Tournament
October 25- November 15	Indoor Group Swim Lessons at HCC



TO REGISTER  
ONLINE: [WWW.SEDALIAPARKS.COM](http://WWW.SEDALIAPARKS.COM).  
IN PERSON: HECKART COMMUNITY CENTER  
AT 1800 W. 3RD ST  
OVER THE PHONE: 660-826-4930

### ***Don't Miss the last First Thursday for this year!***

Sedalia Main Streets First Thursdays is about to go to the dogs – and cats! On Thursday, October 2, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., the community is invited to unleash their creativity at the Howl-O-Ween Meow-Mare First Thursday, a tail-wagging twist on Sedalia's popular monthly downtown series.

This frightfully fun evening will feature local shops and vendors opening their doors for shoppers, delicious downtown dining options, and live music that's sure to raise your spirits. The highlight of the night? Residents are encouraged to dress their pets in costume and bring them along for a paw-sitive night of Halloween cheer.

From bone-appetit bites to "fang-tastic" finds, downtown businesses are rolling out the red carpet for two- and four-legged visitors alike. Organizers say it's a chance to support local merchants while enjoying a seasonal event that's equal parts spooky and adorable.

Downtown Sedalia's Howl-O-Ween Meow-Mare is FREE to attend and open to the entire community.

Visitors are encouraged to bring their furry friends on a leash, show off their best costumes, and enjoy a "purr-fectly" spook-tacular evening in the heart of town.



## **HALLOWEEN AT THE HALL**

Downtown Sedalia Merchants invite you to their downtown trick or treat event on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. All participating downtown businesses will have a paper pumpkin posted in their storefront windows.

Be sure to include the Municipal Building at 200 S. Osage Avenue as part of your haunting tour - we're sure to "scare up" some treats for you!



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**SEDALIA**

*Let's Cross Paths*