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Social distancing Trick-or-Treat: Ideas for a Safer Halloween

How can you trick-or-treat safely this October? *The Daily Meal* shared ways trick-or-treaters and adults handing out candy can safely handle Halloween.

Rules and regulations may vary by city, county, and state. The first thing you should do is check state, county, local and even neighborhood regulations. Be cognizant of the rates and rules in your area to determine whether or not the activity is a good idea.

Trick-or-treat with people in your ‘pandemic pod.’ It’s fun to go with friends, but for 2020, keep it with close friends and family members. Remember to stay spread out, stay outside, and wear masks!

Avoid big parties. Real-life haunted houses or hotels have been popular in the past, but for 2020, keep it socially distanced trick-or-treating. Outdoor locations are best!

Stay in your neighborhood. While traveling to other neighborhoods is often a Halloween tradition, keep it on your own block this year.

Wear a mask, but not a rubber mask. That is, be sure to wear a face mask to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, but do not wear a rubber Halloween mask. A costume mask is not the same as a cloth face covering. If the costume includes a mask, it’s better to wear a face mask underneath the costume mask.

Gloves are not your friend. Gloves will protect your hands, sure, but if you put those gloved hands to your face, you may be in trouble. Gloves by themselves are not protective.

Practice good hand hygiene. Consider carrying clip-on hand sanitizers for trick-or-treating and using the sanitizer between houses.

Wrapped candy can be safe. Learn how to sanitize candy at tinyurl.com/gpl-candy

Check out the whole story from *The Daily Meal*! Head to tinyurl.com/gpl-oct2020



New Arrival Spotlight

Now available in New Releases: *On the Bright Side: Stories about Friendship, Love, and Being True to Yourself* by Melanie Shankle.

Maybe you haven’t noticed, but the world feels a bit crazy these days. So many voices tell us what to do, what to think, and what kind of parent or friend or spouse to be that it’s easy to feel overwhelmed—maybe even defeated. Every once in a while, we can feel stuck—about what boots to wear or, you know, how to raise a child.

Somewhere in the midst of online arguments and crazy politics and the ups and downs of life, we’ve become blind to the gifts that are all around us: kindness, love, and joy. We’ve forgotten how to be decent human beings. We’ve lost the art of looking on the bright side.

Melanie Shankle’s stories and life lessons offer a hilarious reminder of down-home decency and heaven-sent grace that we can’t let each other forget. In a world that asks us if we’re Instagram-worthy, we need to remember we’re worthy of so much more. We’ll love better, feel richer, and laugh more—even when life is not what we expected—when we choose to live out our true selves...on the bright side.



Updated Library Hours

Monday—Thursday	9 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

GPL Fun Fact

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