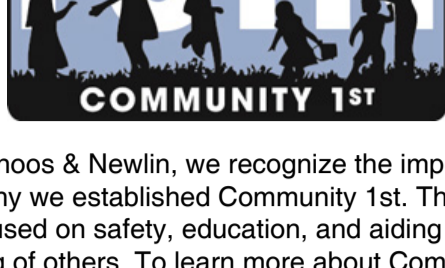


FSTN News

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At Fleschner, Stark, Tanoos & Newlin, we recognize the importance of giving back to our community. That is why we established Community 1st. This all-encompassing charitable program is focused on safety, education, and aiding organizations committed to improving the wellbeing of others. To learn more about Community 1st, visit www.facebook.com/FleschnerLaw

The Beauty that Fall Brings

Activities to Enjoy



October is always an exciting month in our household. In fact, the kids begin planning for October way before the month is here. By July, the kids are brainstorming costume ideas. When September arrives, there is no stopping the Halloween decorations from going up. That being said, I've already had an entire month's worth of frights from finding fake spiders in our curtains when I go to pull the curtains shut.

In the past, we've always filled our October weekends with fall activities — we ride on a spooky train at our local park, go to a corn maze, and pick out pumpkins to carve at a pumpkin patch. Of course, this October, life is a bit different due to the pandemic. At first, we were bummed about how this October would not live up to the Octobers of the past. Then, as the days started to go by, we realized what has always made fall special to us is time spent together doing something unique during the season. I would love to share a few of our favorite fall activities that we can safely continue to do this year in hopes that you, too, can continue to enjoy this autumn season.

1. First things first, bring out all the autumn smells and savor them. We like to do this by cooking and baking. Just this week alone we've made baked apples and sautéed cinnamon and maple apples. We also have plans to make apple cider on the stove, using cinnamon sticks and whole cloves. It's hard to feel anything but gratitude for autumn when surrounded by the delicious smell of cinnamon. And while we are talking about fall treats, let's not forget the wonder of making s'mores by the fire on a chilly fall evening.
2. Bring out the crayons, markers, and colored pencils and try coloring Halloween or fall pictures. At my house, we particularly like to draw haunted houses. We've drawn haunted houses on a poster board using markers, and we've drawn haunted houses on our driveway with chalk. We like to make it as spooky as possible by including bats, ghosts, full moons, black cats, and witches on brooms. While I've never enjoyed going to haunted houses, I'm a big fan of drawing them and so is my family. We also have nearly completed an entire coloring book of monsters. We've spent hours doing this, and I anticipate more hours spent this way.
3. Get your seasonal books and find a fun place to read. We have armfuls of seasonal fall books that we lug around with us everywhere. We like to find different places to read, and there's something magical about reading fall stories on a blanket under a tree as the crisp breeze swirls the colorful leaves around us.
4. Put on your comfy shoes and clothes and go for a nature walk. In the last few years, my family has started the tradition of "hunting" for acorns. Last year, we loved finding tiny acorns. We had competitions searching for the smallest, most perfect acorn. This year, we took it a step further and learned that the acorns most likely to germinate are those that sink in water. Armed with that information, we went on several acorn hunts to find sinking acorns so we can try to grow an oak tree — or two.
5. Prepare your favorite fall treat and watch a movie. We tend to go for classics like "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," but if you're into scary movies, that works, too!
6. Enjoy the beautiful leaves. Sometimes the leaves change and fall so quickly that I regret not taking more moments to soak them in. This year, we're enjoying the leaves when we go on walks and bike rides in our neighborhood and car rides around town. If you haven't gone on a walk simply to crunch the leaves, please don't wait any longer. If you see me on a jog and running in a zigzag, you've probably caught me going out of my way to crunch leaves. If you have kids, or are a kid at heart, raking leaves and jumping into them is also a fall favorite around here.
7. Lastly, to make Halloween night safe (but still fun), our family will go on a spooky Halloween search for Halloween treats in our own haunted house at home. We're hoping to get a black light and some sound effects to make this a special Halloween to remember. We also will be making small treat bags to drop off at the front doors of our closest friends and family because we like handing out treats as much as we like collecting them!

No matter what you do this fall season, I hope you are granted the time and ability to feel and see the beauty that fall brings. — Katie Fleschner McMullen

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Since we don't accept all types of injury claims, we have a Referral Department at FSTN. We established our Referral Department several years ago. When we can't accept a case, we will try to help injured victims find an excellent lawyer to assist them. We have done this all over the country for hundreds of injured victims. We have the advantage of having worked with a lot of different lawyers, and we are usually able to find a skilled attorney who can review your case and determine how it should be handled.

For example, several months ago, we helped an out-of-state family find an attorney in a case in which their local hospital committed medical negligence in delivering their baby. The hospital claimed they weren't at fault, but after a lot of hard work, the attorney we referred was able to prove the hospital was indeed at fault. The claim settled for almost \$1 million. We felt good knowing this family got some justice for the damages the hospital inflicted.

So, no matter where you live or what type of injury you have suffered, give us a call. If we can't handle the case, we will try to find the right attorney for you. Our Referral Department manager is Krista Duzan, and she can be reached at 812-231-5128.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to our October Employee of the Month, Teresa Speros!



Teresa has been with the law firm for 33 years. She is a Legal Assistant and also serves as our Needles Administrator and Reception Department Manager. She answers calls; greets clients; types wills, POAs, and living wills; creates merge documents; and updates our database. Her favorite thing about working at FSTN is all the amazing clients and her co-workers she is blessed to work with every day. Her favorite quote is from Tom Newlin: "There is no profession more honorable than serving people."

Do Cancer Awareness Campaigns Actually Make A Difference?



Since the 1990s, cancer death rates have declined by 26%. That's over 2.3 million cancer deaths avoided! As these gains continue, there are also more than 1,100 potential new medicines being developed to treat cancer (including over 100 for breast cancer specifically). These advances wouldn't be possible without the contributions and support that cancer research attains from cancer awareness campaigns. This October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

Click on the titles for links:

'Breast Cancer Treatment: 30 Years of Progress'

Let's look at how far we've come since the founding of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. While there's still a need for more effective treatments, thanks to the support and contributions of Americans everywhere, we've quite advanced from where we started.

'To Be Seen,' A Cancer Treatment Story by Michele Wheeler

We often hear cancer stories about people's overall journeys, but how often do we hear stories about specific incidents and treatments in their cancer experience? Michele Wheeler shares her struggle of being seen by others through her treatment and how one simple action changed her whole experience.

How Do I Check for Breast Cancer?

Breast cancer can occur in both men and women, and it isn't only signified by lumps. Other symptoms, such as swelling and discoloration, may also lead to a breast cancer diagnosis. Make sure to stay informed and see a professional if you experience any of these symptoms!

Just for Fun: Honoring King T'Challa

While this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we shouldn't forget the many other types of cancers that can affect us all. Chadwick Boseman, who starred as King T'Challa in "Black Panther," recently passed away from colon cancer, but his legacy won't fade any time soon. Disney recently honored Boseman in a special titled "Chadwick Boseman: A Tribute for a King," which aired on ABC and is now available for streaming on Disney+.

**Recipe of the Month
Spooky Strawberry Ghosts**



These adorable chocolate-dipped strawberry ghosts will be the stars of your Halloween party!

Ingredients

- 16 oz. white chocolate, chopped
- 24 strawberries
- 1 package mini dark chocolate chips

Directions

1. In a microwave-safe bowl, heat the white chocolate at 50% power for 30 seconds. Remove it and stir, then repeat the process until melted.
2. Lay out a sheet of parchment paper.
3. One by one, dip the strawberries into the melted white chocolate and set them on the parchment. Allow the extra chocolate to pool to form a "tail" effect.
4. Before the chocolate coating fully cools, add three mini chocolate chips to each berry to form two eyes and a mouth.
5. Let the chocolate set, then serve your spooky snacks!

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- Brain injuries
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- Social Security disability
- Family law
- Real Estate Law
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