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**HALLOWEEN PHOTOS
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Photo by Kate Clarke



McPherson Square Park was full of costumed princesses and ghouls for their first Halloween Parade on Thursday October 29th. Sponsored by the Friends of McPherson Square and Impact Services' Heart of Kensington collaborative, the parade celebrated the park's many improvements over the last 5 years. It was the largest-ever Halloween celebration held at the park. See more on page 11.

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Mini Monsters March at McPherson

Zombies, werewolves, and the Hulk mixed it up with Elsa and other fairytale princesses at the McPherson Square Park's first Halloween Parade on Thursday October 29. With over 200 residents in attendance, it was the largest ever Halloween celebration held at the park.

Sponsored by the Friends of McPherson Square and Impact Services' Heart of Kensington collaborative, the parade celebrated the park's many improvements over the last 5 years.

The KaBoom! playground, built by the neighbors with the financial support of the Flyer's and Wells Fargo Foundations, and Councilwoman Maria Quinones Sanchez was the focal point for the masked marchers' parade.



Awilda Ocasio, president of the Friends of McPherson, beamed to see the many families bringing their children to the park. "It is so great to see moms pushing strollers to the park with their kids. Before grandmas they used to pull children away if they tried to come here." She noted that the playground and the new lights, as well as the active support of the Friends, Parks and Recreation, and police have all made a huge difference in transforming the park.

"When you see all these children, it's really clear why we have to keep this park free of drug activity. We really appreciate

everyone's support, because that is what we need to keep the park safe for families and children." Dennis Payne, area resident and staunch friend of the park noted that inclement weather caused the recently donated Halloween movie event to be rescheduled for the Spring Fest which will occur next May. Donated costumes are still being accepted to support next year's parade.

Upcoming events at the Park include a Fall Fest on Saturday November 7 from 1 to 4 pm and a Love Your Park Cleanup event on Saturday November 14 from 9am - 12 noon. A carol sing and outdoor Christmas event are being planned for December. If you are interested in learning more about the Friends of McPherson or volunteering, please call Awilda Ocasio at 267-471-7361.





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