

TAYLORSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: November 6, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: Best of Taylorsville - Halloween

PRESENTER: Rhetta McIff

ISSUE SUMMARY: Best of Taylorsville Winner Ushers in the Spooky Season



For the first time since the inception of the Best of Taylorsville award - which recognizes outstanding property care in the city - October will be dedicated to the residence or business with remarkable Halloween decor. And the inaugural winner is really something special.

Mike McKinnon, 2231 West Tottenham Court Road (4520 South) has virtually re-faced his home for the freaky, creepy holiday. We won't tell you how he did it, but the effort was exhaustive and the illusion is stunning. With a vast array of strategically placed Jack o'lanterns, gravestones, witches and string lighting, you can imagine why the McKinnon mansion is a favorite of neighbors and drive-by visitors.

Mike, his wife Rhonda and three sons have created an unforgettable Halloween diorama nearly every one of the 17 years they've lived on Tottenham. Mike says he loves Halloween and enjoys kicking off the holiday season with something fun for the kids, even though the parents anticipate it even more. "If I can do just a little to lift someone's spirit then it's been worth it," says Mike. And he really believes that.

Here's no small footnote: During the 17 years of these extreme holiday makeovers, no display has ever been stolen or vandalized. And that's something our entire city can take pride in.