

# More Treats—No Tricks This Month

A WISER, SAFER CHOICE!

## NORTHSTAR ELECTRICAL SERVICES

PENNSYLVANIA \* NEW JERSEY \* DELAWARE

### UL CERTIFICATIONS

#### FREE DINNER

[Respond to this email](#) and we will enter you in our drawing for a \$50 gift card to your choice of restaurants or other gift card choice\*. Good luck!

**Congratulations to September's Winner: Owona Willis-Bowman Chandler Signs**

\*restaurants listed below.

Respond by October 13th to be entered.

\* PF Chang's, Maggiano's, Chili's, Cheesecake Factory, The Capital Grille, Legal Seafood, Season's 52,

#### Trick-or-Treat Safety Tips

Halloween can bring about excitement, fun and sweets. One of the best parts is the trick-or-treating! While it is fun for the children (& adults!), it could also be dangerous.

Please keep the our children safe by following these tips. If you are not chaperoning a child this year please be diligent by watching while you are driving. Kids can be fast!

- Be Visible—use a glow stick or a flashlight so people can see you
- Never go alone
- Steer clear of masks, they can make it hard to see out of
- Don't go inside. Please remind little ones they should never go inside a stranger's home
- Make sure the costumes are short and do not cause a tripping hazard
- Use flexible props to prevent your child from hurting themselves or others
- Always check the candy before eating

Underwriters' Electrical Bureau, also known as Underwriters Laboratories (aka UL), is one of the companies approved by OSHA to perform safety testing—most notably on new technologies and drafting safety standards for electrical devices and components.

This company plays a vital role for consumers as it inspects and certifies the electrical and fire safety of products that are sold.

UL listings are a common topic of discussion in our world as electricians. Usually it comes up more often for sign installations as some townships require proof of a UL listing for illuminated signage.

However, the UL logo can be found on all electronic parts such as ballasts, breakers, etc. and it is important to be able to spot a fake listing (for obvious safety reasons).

There are four elements to a genuine UL mark.

1. the name and/or certification mark of Underwriters Laboratories (UL in a circle)
2. The word "LISTED" in capital letters

3. A product identity (what the product is)
4. A control number (four alpha-numeric characters) or issue number (typically 4-6 numbers)

While trying to be cost efficient, it is important that everyone remembers that safety always comes first!

More info can be found [here](#).



- 1: UL trademark
- 2: "LISTED" in capital letters
- 3: Product identity (optional for molded Marks)
- 4: Control or issue number

Congratulations to Andrew, Matt, Mike and Hektor who are all celebrating another year with Northstar!



### SPOOKY YUMMY FUN

Ghosts in the Graveyard Dessert Shooters

#### Ingredients

#### Filling

- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 175g cups heavy cream divided
- 8 oz cream cheese softened
- 28 Oreo Cookies pulverized in food processor
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Whipped Cream Ghosts\*\*

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla

#### Other optional toppings

- 12 Milano sandwich cookies
- 1 tube Black premade frosting for writing

#### Instructions

- In a small saucepan, combine 1 cup chocolate chips and 1/2 cup of the heavy cream over medium-low heat, stirring frequently until chocolate chips are completely melted and mixture is smooth.
- Remove from heat and pour into a heatproof bowl. Stir in vanilla extract.
- Allow mixture to cool completely before continuing.
- In a clean, medium-sized bowl, use an electric mixer to beat remaining 1 1/2 cups heavy cream to stiff peaks. Set aside.
- In bowl of stand mixer, combine cream cheese and (cooled) chocolate mixture, stirring until completely combined.

- Gradually add powdered sugar until completely combined. Scrape down sides of bowl as needed.
- Stir in vanilla extract and 1 1/2 cups of the Oreo crumbs (reserve remaining crumbs to sprinkle over tops of shooters).
- Fold in whipped cream and then stir on low-speed until completely combined.
- Set out 24 disposable shot glasses.
- Pour mixture into large Ziploc bag, snip off one corner and pipe filling into shot glasses, filling about 3/4 full.
- Cover tops of each shooter with remaining Oreo crumbs.
- Prepare Milano cookies buy using black frosting to write "RIP" on upper half of cookie.
- Press Milano cookies firmly into half of the shooters so that only the half of the cookie reading "RIP" is protruding (like tombstones).

#### Ghosts

- Prepare whipped cream ghosts by combining heavy cream, powdered sugar, and vanilla in clean medium-sized bowl and whisking until stiff peaks form. (You may instead skip this step and use Cool Whip).
- Pour whipped cream (or Cool Whip) into large piping bag fitted with a large round tip and pipe ghost-shaped swirls on top of the remaining half of dessert shooters.
- Use black frosting to gently draw eyes and mouths on ghosts
- Serve & enjoy!

