dog parade

Dress Spike or Heidi in their Halloween best and head over to Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre in Eisenhower Park’s parking fields 6 and 6A. From 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Nassau Barkfest features a canine costume contest and parade. You'll also find pet adoptions, pet rescue organizations and “pet-centric” merchandise for sale. You can also help feed pets in need, by bringing a pet food donation. Judging starts at 2:30 p.m. and all pets must be on a leash.

INFO 516-315-6686, nassaucounty.nv.gov
ADMISSION Free

train town

The Nassau Lionel Operating Engineers train club presents a weekend open house featuring an operating O-gauge layout, 8-10 p.m. Friday, 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The layout features various scenes including an amusement park with rides, playgrounds, towns and villages, 2953 Hempstead Tpke., n Levittown. Enter through the rear of the building.

INFO 516-735-6370, nlbe.org
ADMISSION Free

in shadow

A live musical shadow puppet performance fills the stage at the Charles B. Wang Center’s theater at SUNY Stony Brook, 6 p.m. Friday. “Xleng Mieng: A Trickster from Southeast Asia,” features Mieng, a popular character in Laos and Northern Thailand who appears in folk tales and legends in Southeast Asia. After the show, the audience is invited backstage to see the mechanics of the puppetry. 

INFO 631-632-4400, thewangcenter.org
ADMISSION $20; free younger than 5

set sail

Register your holiday pumpkin at the Long Island Park Recreation Department at bookwhen.com/pumpkindropoff.com and start carving! The first 50 pumpkins chosen will be illuminated and placed on flotation devices and sailed around Belmont Lake on rowboats. The Great Jack-O’-Lantern Spectacular Sail also features a not-so-scary, spooky den with trick-or-treating, crafts, games, balloon twisting and more, 3-6 p.m. Saturday. Pumpkins set sail at 6:15 p.m. on Belmont Lake State Park.

INFO 631-321-3510, parks.ny.gov
ADMISSION Free

crystal clear

The Freeport Gem and Mineral Show features more than 25 vendors displaying and selling products "produced by Mother Earth," 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday. You'll find minerals, fossils, beads, gemstones and more along with handmade jewelry and designers discussions at the Freeport Recreation Center on Merrick Road.

INFO 631-271-8411, kaleidoscopegemshow.com
ADMISSION $5.50; free ages 12 and younger