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October in Temecula & Surrounding Cities

Featured Events in and around Temecula (with Dates):

- October 7 – Monte Carlo Extravaganza @ Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce (Fundraising event)
- October 9-10 – Murrieta Rod Run @ Historic Downtown Murrieta (Classic cars, cruise night and Show & Shine)
- October 10 – Temecula History Day @ Sam Hicks Monument Park (Local history, exhibits and community activities)
- October 25 – Michelle's Place Walk of Hope @ Promenade Temecula (Community walk supporting cancer families)

Seasonal & Family Highlights:

- October 2-31 – Peltzer Pumpkin Farm @ Peltzer Winery (Pumpkins, fall activities, food and family fun)
- October 2 – Oktoberfest Celebration @ Cougar Vineyard & Winery (Oktoberfest-inspired food, drinks and fun)
- October 14 – Halloween Bash @ Ronald H. Roberts Temecula Public Library (registration required)
- October 21 – SAFE Spooktacular Trunk or Treat @ Sixth & Front Street, Old Town Temecula
- October 24 – Rocktober 2026 @ Ronald J. Parks Community Recreation Center (Live music competition featuring local teen musicians, plus food vendors, games and booths)
- October 30 – Halloween Carnival @ Temecula Civic Center (Costume contests, carnival games and trunk-or-treating with local first responders)

Weekly & Ongoing Experiences:

- Throughout October – Pumpkinland Pumpkin Patch @ Promenade Temecula (Pumpkin patch and seasonal Halloween activities)
- Throughout October – Haunted & Ghost Tours in Old Town Temecula (Local history, ghost stories and Halloween-themed evening experiences)

Event dates and details can change, so be sure to check with the event organizer before heading out.

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OCTOBER QUIZ QUESTION

Which famous author wrote the classic spooky novel *Frankenstein*?

- A. Edgar Allan Poe
- B. Mary Shelley
- C. Bram Stoker
- D. Stephen King

LOOK FOR THE ANSWER IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.

SEPTEMBER'S QUIZ ANSWER:
WHICH TEMECULA VALLEY ATTRACTION IS HOME TO
THE FAMOUS GIANT ROCKING CHAIR?
OLD TOWN TEMECULA

OCTOBER WORD SEARCH

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-  APPLES
-  COSTUME
-  LEAVES
-  WEB
-  SCARE
-  BONFIRE
-  MOONLIGHT
-  ACORNS
-  FALL
-  SPOOKY



New Property Tax Relief for California Disabled Veterans



California has signed a new law that could provide additional property-tax savings for qualifying disabled veterans beginning in 2027.

What's New? Senate Bill 296 (SB 296) was signed into law in September and expands California's existing Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption. The new rules take effect with the January 1, 2027 lien date.

Who May Qualify? The exemption is available to qualifying veterans with a 100% service-connected disability who own and occupy a California home as their principal residence. Certain surviving spouses may also qualify.

What Could the Savings Be? Beginning in 2027, qualifying homeowners may receive an exemption covering 50% of the first \$1 million of their home's value. Those who meet certain household-income requirements may qualify for a 100% exemption on the first \$1 million.

Why It Matters Property taxes are a significant part of the cost of homeownership. For eligible disabled veterans, this change could provide meaningful savings each year.

Bottom Line

If you or someone you know is a qualifying disabled veteran homeowner, 2027 could bring additional property-tax relief. Eligibility and savings depend on individual circumstances, so check with your county assessor for specific requirements and filing information.

Source: California Senate Bill 296 / Governor of California

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