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BRISTOL ISSUES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAFE HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES & TRICK OR TREATING

(BRISTOL, CT) –The Mayor and members of the City Council discussed Halloween and the impact of the pandemic at Tuesday night's City Council meeting. At the meeting, they encouraged those planning to celebrate to do so safely by following CDC and State guidelines to ensure the safety of trick or treaters and those offering treats.

"The Mayor's Office has been receiving calls from parents asking if the City is canceling Halloween because of COVID," said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. "We are not going to cancel Halloween but we also encourage everyone to be smart and safe."

According to the Bristol-Burlington Heath District, while Bristol's indicators have been relatively low, we have been experiencing an increase recently. Some of the indicators have more than doubled. "Based on our surveillance, and contact tracing efforts, this increase in infections is largely associated with social and recreational activities, such as public and private gatherings, sports travel and other non-school related activities," said Marco Palmeri, Director Bristol-Burlington Heath District.

"For those uncomfortable with handing out candy or trick or treating this year, there are local alternatives to celebrate Halloween safely," said Councilwoman Brittany Barney, who has a 3 year old daughter.

Wojtusik Nursery's is hosting ***Halloween Happenings*** scheduled from 10am-4pm each Saturday and Sunday through Halloween! For more information call 860-583-7279.

The ***Halloween Spooktacular*** hosted by the City of Bristol's Parks & Recreation Department is a double feature night, with Hocus Pocus beginning at 7pm. There will be a "car costume contest" between films, so be sure to dress your car to be eligible for fun prizes. The parking lot opens at 6pm Saturday, October 24th.

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On Saturday, October 31, the **Bristol Farmers Market** will celebrate Halloween with several activities for kids, along with a costume contest. A free goodie bag with clues for a scavenger hunt will be provided to all children wearing a costume. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

And finally, the **Children's Halloween Spooky Scavenger Hunt** at the New England Carousel Museum on Halloween night! Pre-Registration is required.

Residents are encouraged to learn more by visiting the Halloween CDC Guidelines located at:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/halloween.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_2067-DM40330&ACSTrackingLabel=Tips%20for%20Trick%20or%20Treating%20and%20Other%20Halloween%20Activities%20%7C%20COVID-19&deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM40330

OR the State of Connecticut's guide to Halloween safety at:
<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Halloween-Guidance>

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