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Woodbridge Police Department Encourages Safe Trick-or-Treating during Haunted Halloween

Woodbridge Township Halloween Curfew in Place for Tues., Oct. 30 & Wed., Oct. 31

Woodbridge Township – Mayor John E. McCormac announced that Woodbridge Township is under the spell of “Haunted Halloween” with special Township-wide “Spooktacular” events celebrating the annual recognition of All Hollows Eve. As Halloween has grown in popularity, so have responsibilities to safeguard and protect our Trick-or-Treaters as they go from house-to-house and to the special holiday events sponsored by the Township Department of Recreation, schools and community groups. While scary fun is great, special safety reminders and precautions will be in place to keep Township Trick-or-Treaters out of harm’s way.

The Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) will enforce a special Halloween curfew on the evenings of Tues., Oct. 30 (Mischief Night) and Wed., Oct. 31 (Halloween) - the curfew is in place from 7:00 PM to sunrise on Tues., Oct. 30 and Wed., Oct. 31 and applies to everyone under the age of 18 (unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible adult). Police will issue a warning and instructions to return home to first-time violators; second offense violators will be held until picked-up by a parent or guardian.

While the Woodbridge Police Department (WPD) will be watching out for our Ghosts and Goblins as part of special Halloween patrols and the Health Department is available to provide information on healthy treats, the safety of our youngest Trick-or-Treaters falls to parents and older children. We encourage everyone – young and old alike – to think ‘Safety First’ as they attend the many Halloween events and as youngsters take to the streets for Trick-or-Treating on Halloween.

The WPD also issued important Halloween safety precautions:

- Make sure Trick-or-Treaters know to only approach familiar houses that have outside lights on – that is the signal that the homeowner/resident is ready to greet Trick-or-Treaters. NEVER ENTER A STRANGER'S HOUSE OR VEHICLE;
- Consider using make-up rather than masks. Masks obstruct vision, making it difficult to see oncoming traffic;
- Wear light-colored clothing or add reflective tape to darker costumes;
- Always carry a flashlight or an inexpensive battery-operated strobe light;
- An adult should always accompany small children while Trick-or-Treating. Older children should travel in groups for safety;
- Trick-or-Treat in daylight hours;
- Consider handing out something other than candy - fast food coupons, sports cards and other novelty items make for safe treats;
- Trick-or-Treaters should return home before opening candy and other treats – previously opened candy should be discarded.

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The Department of Recreation is hosting an incredible line-up of “Spooktacular” events that are not to be missed!!!

Stuff Your Own Scarecrow on Thurs., Oct. 18 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Parker Press Park. We supply the hay... you bring some old clothes and create your own take-home scarecrow.

Woodbridge Haunted Ghost Tours & Zombie Walk take-over Main Street on **Sat., Oct. 20!!!** Zombie Walk leaves from the (some say haunted) School District Administration Building, 428 School Street, at 5:00 PM and ends at Parker Press Park. Haunted Ghost Tours begin at 6:30 PM from Parker Press Park. Tours depart every 15 minutes. Tickets: \$8.00. For more information follow on FaceBook at Woodbridge Ghost Walk, www.hauntedhistoryproductions.com. (All proceeds benefit local charitable organizations and causes.)

The **Woodbridge High School Choir** hosts their annual **Haunted House** on **Sat., Oct. 20 and 27**. Happy Haunted House from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. The “SCARY” Haunted House opens at 8:00 to 10:00 PM. The WHS Haunted House is at the old A&P store (across from WHS.)

The **Haunted Halloween Hay Ride & Family Fun Festival** is set for **Thurs., Oct. 25** from 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. at Parker Press Park (400 Rahway Ave.) But, Beware of the Ghosts & Goblins along the way!!!

The Halloween **Trunk-or-Treat & Costume Contest** returns to the Woodbridge Community Center (WCC), 600 Main Street, on **Sun., Oct. 28** from 1:30 – 3:30 PM. Show off your Halloween costume while Trunk-or-Treating. Prizes for the funniest, scariest and most original costume. REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO HAND-OUT CANDY ONLY. (Treaters do not require registration). The Recreation Department will not accept any walk-ups. Participants will receive a Registration Certificate that must be presented upon arrival at the WCC. To Register: RecreationDepartment@twp.woodbridge.nj.us.

And, stick around for the **Halloween Drive-In Movie – Hotel Transylvania II** showing at dusk in the WCC parking lot.

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