Mayor Jimmy Davis and the Division of Recreation announce plans for Halloween in Bayonne. The Division of Recreation will hold its Annual Halloween Costume Contest at the 16th Street Park Amphitheater at 1:00pm on October 31, 2020. The Costume Contest is open to Bayonne residents, boys and girls, ages 2 to 14. Trophies will be presented to the top 5 costumes in Bayonne.

Unfortunately, the annual Halloween Parade on Broadway will not take place this year.

Mayor Davis has also announced the City of Bayonne will distribute “Welcome Trick or Treaters” signs for households and businesses. Bright orange signs are to be placed in the front window or door to inform trick or treaters that they are welcome (for households and businesses who do not post the welcome sign, trick or treaters are not welcome.)

For any household or business who would like to request a Welcome Trick or Treaters sign, you may email bayonnehalloween@BayNJ.org. Please include your name and address in the email. The City of Bayonne will mail out the Welcome Trick or Treaters sign. You can also request the sign to be emailed with the PDF (Please print in color.) You may also pick up the welcome sign in front of City Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

The City of Bayonne has also instituted a trick or treating curfew of 6:00pm. All trick or treaters shall conclude trick or treating by that time. All households and businesses should remove their welcome sign also at that time.

** Trick or treating and the Costume Contest are optional activities. **

The City of Bayonne would like to encourage social distancing at all times as well as wearing a facemask or face covering when social distancing cannot be maintained.

According to the CDC guidelines, a costume mask (such as for Halloween) should not be used in place of a face mask or face covering unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and does not have gaps around the face.

Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.

The City of Bayonne would like to remind everyone to please wash their hands.

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Before your children start trick-or-treating, please review these safety rules:

- **Get in on the fun.** Accompany trick-or-treaters younger than age 14. Pin a piece of paper with your child's name, address and phone number inside your child's pocket in case you get separated.

- **Set ground rules.** If your child will be trick-or-treating without you, plan a familiar route and set a curfew. Review safety rules, including staying with the group, walking only on the sidewalk, approaching only clearly lit homes, and never going inside a home or car for a treat. Have your child carry a cellphone.

- **Inspect treats before indulging.** Don't let your child snack while he or she is trick-or-treating. Feed your child an early meal before heading out, and inspect the treats before your child eats them. Discard anything that's not sealed, has torn packaging or looks questionable. If you have young children, weed out gum, peanuts, hard candies and other choking hazards. If your child has food allergies, check candy labels carefully.

If you'll be driving on Halloween, please watch for children crossing the street. Be especially careful entering or leaving driveways and alleys. Extra caution can help ensure Halloween safety for everyone.

The City of Bayonne would like to wish everyone a very safe and Happy Halloween!