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Halloween is a go in Marlborough

MARLBOROUGH—Halloween is just around the corner and Marlborough will allow those who want to participate on October 31st to do so. Masks or face coverings are a necessity with a costume of course. *No mask, no treats.* Residents who wish not to participate are advised to leave their outdoor lights off.

“We hope families can enjoy this annual tradition while practicing social distancing, mask wearing and good hygiene. We’ve had to cancel all events to date through this pandemic, and we feel it’s better for kids and their families to enjoy Halloween outdoors rather than inside,” said Mayor Arthur Vigeant.

The annual Horribles Parade and trick or treat on Main Street is cancelled. It’s a popular event and typically draws large crowds which would not follow state guidelines.

Halloween this year coincides with the full moon and the end of the daylight savings that falls on Sunday, November 1 at 2 am.

The City reminds everyone to follow CDC guidelines adhering to the following:

- Wearing of cloth face masks
- Social Distancing from others not in your family
- Practice good hygiene and refrain from touching your face Carry Hand sanitizer and use often

Please avoid:

- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors, or any gatherings that exceed indoor or outdoor gathering limits;
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming; and
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.
- Indoor haunted houses; and
- Hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.
- Stay home and refrain from Halloween activities, including handing out Halloween treats, if:
 - you feel unwell;
 - you have tested positive for COVID-19;
 - you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19

For more information please visit the mass.gov website for “Tips for a Safe and Healthy Halloween.”

<https://www.mass.gov/news/halloween-during-covid-19>

For further questions, please contact the Mayor’s Office at 508-460-3770.

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