



# *City of Crystal Lake*

**Date:** September 24, 2020

## **Trick-or-Treating Guidelines**

Due to the uncertainties surrounding the COVID 19 pandemic, the City is receiving many inquiries regarding Halloween and trick-or-treating. Throughout this public health crisis the City has been following the lead of County, State and Federal agencies and passing information along to our community from these reputable sources. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently drafted guidelines to help promote a safe experience for families and individuals that choose to participate in Halloween activities, including trick-or-treating. These guidelines are contained in this [link](#). As of September 24, 2020, neither the Illinois Department of Public Health nor the McHenry County Department of Public Health have issued guidance or restrictions about Halloween trick-or-treating. Should either of the agencies share public health information about Halloween, the City will help publicize their message and comply with their public health guidance.

In the past, the City has established recommended trick-or-treating hours to help keep the community safe due to the increased number of pedestrians. If you choose to participate in trick-or-treating this year, the recommended trick-or-treat hours on Saturday, October 31, 2020, are between the hours of 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

If you are uncomfortable with handing out candy, as a way to inform others, please do not turn on your porch light until after the recommended trick-or-treat hours. We then ask parents to please teach your children to not ring the doorbell of a home if a porch light is not on. As a reminder, it's important for everyone to practice social distancing (staying at least 6 feet away from other people) and to wear a mask in public settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

The City hopes you enjoy a fun and safe Halloween!