

Information on Halloween 2020 in Biltmore Forest

In an effort to prevent circulation of Covid-19 and follow CDC and North Carolina guidelines, the Town of Biltmore Forest discourages traditional, door-to-door trick or treating this Halloween. **The Town will not set up road closures along White Oak Road and Buena Vista Road this year in an effort to dissuade traditional door-to-door trick or treating.** Traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating has the potential for multiple exposures and potential transmission of COVID-19.

To help encourage our community's safety and allow a chance for children to show off their Halloween costumes, the Biltmore Forest Police Department will have a tent and table set up outside the Police Department from 5-7 p.m. on Halloween night. We welcome ghouls and goblins of all shapes and sizes to come get a pre-packaged bag of treats!

We understand some families may choose to trick-or-treat this year. If you do choose this for your family, please follow CDC guidance by limiting your exposures, wear masks at all times and social distance as much as possible. Please understand and be considerate of neighbors who may not answer their door or have lights turned off to keep people from coming to their door.

People who wish to give out candy should consider alternatives to answering the door to trick-or-treaters. These include placing pre-prepared bags of goodies at a table near your house, while you keep your social distance and wear a face covering nearby. If there are high-risk individuals in the household, consider not answering the door to trick-or-treaters and leaving bags of treats outside the door.

Additional Halloween Activities in Buncombe County

- *Scarecrow Festival: Buncombe County Recreation Services is offering its annual Scarecrow Festival at Lake Julian Park on Oct. 23–Nov. 1.*
- *Drive-Thru Halloween at Lake Julian: Buncombe County Recreation Services is offering a spooky, haunted drive through Fall-O-Ween at Lake Julian Park from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, October 29. Fall-O-Ween is a free community event aimed at families with kids 10 and under. Families will remain in their vehicles and are encouraged to wear costumes as they drive through the park while the sun sets. [Free, advanced registration is required.](#)*

Tips for a Safe Halloween 2020

- Avoid large gatherings, avoid indoor activities with people outside of your household, and wear face masks (not just costume masks).
- Make sure your children are wearing masks at all times and practice social distancing.
- Accompany your children to make sure they are wearing their masks and social distancing at least 6 feet apart, and limit any time spent inside to less than 15 minutes.
- Only consume candy that is individually wrapped. If you want to be the safest, you could wipe off the outside of the wrapper or wait 24 hours before touching the candy. After touching any items you get from someone else, you should wash your hands or if hand washing is not available, use hand sanitizer. Do not put any disinfectant directly on the candy.

This year has been different for all of us in so many respects, and Halloween 2020 is another example of the changes we all must take to ensure the health and safety of our community. We appreciate your understanding and support as we all do our part to keep everyone safe!