TOWN COUNCIL

Resolution Designating "Trick or Treat" Hours and Encouraging Caution with Halloween Activities

Whereas, many children in Brunswick, Maine traditionally participate in door-to-door “trick or treat” activities on Halloween which will occur this year on October 31st, 2020; and

Whereas, the Town Council finds it necessary to designate “trick or treat” hours: and

Whereas, Town Council wishes to promote and encourage safety for those participating in “trick or treat” activities; and

Whereas, in this time of COVID-19, the CDC identifies traditional door to door “trick or treating”, where treats are handed to children, as a higher risk activity to be avoided.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Town Council of Brunswick, Maine:

1. The official hours for “trick or treat” on Saturday, October 31, 2020, shall extend from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Participating households are encouraged to turn on porch lights.

2. Residents should remain alert and use extra caution when driving during those times “trick or treaters” are present or expected to be present.

3. Residents who wish to participate in Halloween activities are encouraged to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 recommendations as found at the CDC website https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html. Residents are reminded that Halloween masks are not a substitute for proper facial coverings. Residents who will be distributing treats are encouraged to avoid person-to-person contact.

4. Residents should not participate in “trick or treat” (i.e. should not give out candy, or go door to door) or other Halloween activities if they have, or have been exposed, to COVID-19 or have any of the symptoms of COVID-19 infection.

Voted by the Town Council of Brunswick, Maine this 19th day of October, 2020

/s/ John M. Perreault, Chair – Town Council