

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

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Residents:

Please place this poster, reverse side out in a prominent window or front door, several days before Halloween. It will remind residents of the coming holiday and also identifies your home as participating in the program.

OCTOBER, 2018

Dear Resident:

Halloween has long been a tradition which many of us remember from our childhood. It's a time when stories of witches, goblins and other fantasy creatures consume the attention of our young children. Likewise, It's a time when we "older kids" can reminisce about our own youth and remember when we donned costumes and knocked on that door for "Trick or Treats."

Unfortunately, the festive nature of Halloween, in recent years, is sometimes overshadowed by violence that threatens our children and homeowners alike.

Because of these rare, but nonetheless real situations, the Village Board has acted to establish certain guidelines to make for a **Safe**'N Sane Halloween in Alsip. Please read and adhere to the Village policies and recommendations we have outlined below.

We encourage the youth of Alsip to celebrate the spirit of Halloween in a responsible and fun loving manner and ask that our participating adult citizens enjoy the creativity, ingenuity, and fantasy of our "Little Alsip Monsters." We believe Halloween is a worthwhile "children's" tradition that should be preserved as long as it serves the best interest of all involved.

We ask that you place the reverse side of this letter in a prominent window area of your residence during the Halloween season to serve as a reminder of our *need* for concern *and also* indicating that you are participating in a **Safe** 'N **Sane Halloween For Alsip in** 2018.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Respectfully yours,

John D. Ryan Mayor

VILLAGE POLICIES:

Halloween is established as Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

"Trick or treat" activities will be permitted only on Wednesday, October 31 between the hours of 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. only.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARENTS:

- 1. Dress children in light colored garments and give them flashlights to carry if they are out after dark.
- 2. Remind children about watching for traffic on streets, crossing only at corners.
- 3. Advise children not to eat any unwrapped candies and bring all fresh fruits, etc. home for inspection.
- 4. If children must walk on streets, ask them to walk facing the oncoming traffic. Do not walk down the middle of the street or in groups across the whole street.
- 5. Tell children not to accept rides from strangers.
- 6. Tell children never to enter a strangers home, wait outside for tricks or treats.
- 7. Adults driving during trick or treat hours should drive much slower than posted limits.