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Mayor Aiello Announces Halloween Hours

October 18, 2022—Olean--Halloween in the City of Olean will be celebrated on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In addition the City of Olean and the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a drive through trick-or treat event, on South Street from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Halloween.

"Residents who plan to hand out treats from home should turn on their porch lights from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.," Mayor Aiello said. "Citizens who are driving during this time should exercise extreme caution--many of Olean's younger residents will be in costumes and will be crossing the streets."

"In addition to traditional trick or treating, the City of Olean and the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a candy drop on South Street by Lincoln Park on Halloween, Monday, October 31, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.," Mayor Aiello said. "This will give parents an alternative and will allow children to wear their costumes and receive treats. The Dempsey Club Police Benevolent Association, the Olean Professional Firefighters Association and the City of Olean CSEA will donate candy for the event."

In order to keep traffic moving vehicles should enter South Street from the north bound lane on South Union Street. There will be two lanes of traffic on South Street. A limited supply of treats will be available for those on foot, they should use the sidewalks in the park to access the Lincoln Square pavilion. Candy donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce at 301 North Union Street in Olean and at the Mayor's Office in the Olean Municipal Building, 101 East State Street in Olean.

Mayor Aiello would like to remind residents that safety is important on Halloween. The American Academy of Pediatrics makes the following suggestions regarding trick-or-treating on an annual basis:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light that is turned on and never enter a home or car for a treat.

- Because pedestrian injuries are the most common injuries to children on Halloween, remind trick-or-treaters:
 - Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
 - Remember reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
 - Carry a cell phone for quick communication.
 - Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
 - If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
 - Never cut across yards or use alleys.
 - Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.
 - Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
 - Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

For more information and other suggestions regarding Halloween please see the website of the American Academy of Pediatrics: www.aap.org.

"We are hoping for a nice weather on Halloween and hope our residents have good time throughout the day," Mayor Aiello added.

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