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City to Provide Alternative Ways to Celebrate Halloween

Douglas, AZ - After thorough consideration, the City has decided to cancel this year’s Halloween Trunk or Treat event due to its continued efforts to minimize large group gatherings that are difficult to follow recommended COVID-19 safety precautions. Trunk or Treat, an annual Halloween community event, has been a community tradition for the past several years. The event is usually hosted at the Copper King Baseball Stadium and attracts thousands of community members that also includes participation of several community organizations.

The decision to cancel this year’s Trunk or Treat event was difficult and was done so in the best interest of the community. Previous year’s crowd sizes and many of the activities involving contact, (even if modified) came with increased risk of exposure to the public.

In lieu of traditional Halloween festivities, health officials recommend alternative ways to celebrate the holiday such as:

- Outdoor activities where social distancing can be followed
- Carving and decorating pumpkins
- Decorating your house, apartment or living space
- Having a scavenger hunt style trick-or-treat search with your household members or close friends in or around your home
- Safety cautious trick-or-treating within your family groups and close friends that allows for social distancing

Even though this year’s Trunk or Treat is canceled, the City is committed to providing alternative forms of virtual entertainment during this time while complying with federal, state, and local mandates. With this in mind, the Leisure Services Department is planning virtual competitions for the community in celebration of Halloween. This announcement comes as the Department is finalizing competition details and securing sponsors for a virtual costume contest and pumpkin decorating contest. Contest details will be made available to the public once planning is finalized.

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