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## For Immediate Release

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## TRICK OR TREAT SATURDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 4 – 7 PM

*New Berlin WI* - Trick or Treat is planned to take place in the City of New Berlin on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> 4 – 7 pm. In an effort to keep all members of our community safe, while still allowing for this much-loved children’s event to take place, the City is asking for the cooperation of all residents and participants in the following manner.

Due to COVID-19, the City is specifically asking those homes interested in participating to turn on their porch lights. Anyone wishing to trick or treat is asked to respect that if a porch light is on, the home is participating. If a light is not on, the home is not participating. In addition, apartments/condos should place a sign on their door indicating participation. Again, the City is asking that if a sign is not on the door indicating participation, please respect those wishes and do not solicit.

The City of New Berlin continues to urge our residents to take personal responsibility during this pandemic. Trick or Treaters, as well as residents distributing candy, are strongly encouraged to wear masks. Residents should not allow for the “help yourself” method of candy distribution. And all are strongly encouraged to follow safety guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Recommendations by Waukesha County Public Health for all ages as normal practice and during a large gathering, including this Trick or Treat are as follows:

- Only share commercially-wrapped food.
- During Trick-or-Treat, wear plastic disposable gloves and place commercially-wrapped candy into the child's bucket
- Disinfect high-touch surfaces, to include doorbells following Trick-or-Treat
- Perform at-home self-assessments by taking temperatures and monitoring for symptoms prior to leaving your home
- Stay home if you are ill to stop infecting others
- Maintain social distancing of 6-feet away from others outside your family
- Wear a mask if you cannot physically distance
- Practice excellent hand hygiene
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Practice respiratory etiquette by coughing/sneezing into a tissue or your elbow
- Eliminate unnecessary physical contact
- Disinfect high-touch surfaces

The New Berlin Police Department emphasizes the importance of parental involvement, as well as parental monitoring of their subdivision during the designated hours. Remember:

- Set a time limit for children to trick or treat.
- Accompany small children while trick or treating.
- Remind older children not to take short cuts through backyards.
- Together, map out a safe route so you know where your children will be.
- Remind children not to enter a strange house or car.