

RECREATION SERVICES MEMORANDUM

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TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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RE: RECREATION HALLOWEEN EVENTS

DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2019

October is here and Halloween is upon us, a special time of year where kids burst with the excitement of dressing up in costume to go trick-or-treating, and people of all ages get into the spirit of the season. The return of Halloween also marks the return of some exciting Halloween events offered by Recreation Services!

The GHOST BUS TOUR

The Ghost Bus Tour is a Halloween themed event offered in partnership with Barrie Transit. This is the 6th year that the Ghost Bus Tour will be running. It is consistently one of our most popular events year after year. The Ghost Bus itself has been redesigned yet again to ensure everyone has a great time. Participants who came out last year won't know what to expect so prepare for a good scare all over again! Fire Services will be involved yet again to help spread awareness about Halloween safety and provide some great photo opportunities for the participants with the fire truck!

Alongside the Bus there is also a wealth of Halloween games, activities and crafts. Parents should plan to come early to take advantage of all there is on offer!

This three (3) night event is coming to a neighbourhood recreation centre near you!

Tuesday October 22, 2019	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	East Bayfield Recreation Centre
Wednesday October 23, 2019	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Allandale Recreation Centre
Thursday Octocer 24, 2019	5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Holly Community Centre

Adults are encouraged to use their own discretion when deciding whether or not to enter the ghost bus with their children. The bus is on the softer side of a typical haunted house but may be too spooky for some participants. The bus will remain stationary all night so participants can drop in at any time. While costumes are not necessary, they are encouraged!

This is a FREE family event made possible by Pepsi.



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Thriller of a Workout

This year is the 11th anniversary of our Thriller of a workout. This is a FREE family workout that encourages fun, fitness and fundamentals of the Thriller dance in support of the Barrie Food Bank. Join us on the Friday night before Halloween, October 25th from 7:00-7:45pm at the East Bayfield Community Centre! The iconic Thriller Dance is transformed into the perfect 45-minute workout. All participants are encouraged to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item on the day of the workout. This event is for participants aged 8 years and up, however participants under 12 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Costumes are optional! To register visit play.barrie.ca and search for Thriller of a Workout.

Trick or Treat Passes

Looking to add some extra excitement to add to your trick or treaters' loot bags this year? Give them the gift of fun and exercise! Starting October 1st the Recreation Services Department will be selling Trick or Treat passes for \$0.50 each. These passes are valid between November 1st and December 31st 2019 for a free drop-in skate or swim within the City for children up to 14 years old. Quantities are limited so act fast to ensure you have enough for all your little ghouls and goblins this Halloween.

Inclusion Halloween Dance Party

Based on the incredible success of last year's event, the Inclusion Services Team will be hosting another Halloween Dance at Lampman Lane Community Centre on Friday, October 18th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.! This is a dance for individuals aged 13 years old and up. Participants must come with their own support workers. There will be music and dancing with refreshments available for \$1. Costumes are encouraged! Anyone hoping to attend can RSVP to Meghan.Watson@barrie.ca

Halloween Dance at Parkview

The Parkview 55+ Centre will be hosting a Halloween dance on October 31st at 1:30 p.m. Costumes are encouraged and there will be prizes for best dressed! The cost is \$4.00 for 55+ Members and \$6.65 for drop-in guests. Anyone with additional questions can contact Jessica.Gourlie@barrie.ca.

We wish everyone in the community a safe and happy Halloween.