

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

With October 31 less than a week away, here are a few tips that can help make Halloween safe and fun for everyone.

Motorists:

- Please take extra caution and slow down along Town roadways;
- Be especially alert in residential neighbourhoods;
- Take additional time to look for children at intersections, on medians and curbs;
- Enter and exit driveways and back alleys slowly and carefully;
- Turn your headlights on to spot children from greater distances;
- Watch carefully for people using pedestrian crossings; and
- Avoid in-vehicle distractions, such as cell phones and loud music.

Homeowners:

- Turn on your porch light to let children know they're welcome;
- Remove obstacles, such as lawn ornaments and gardening tools from yards;
- Place decorations out of the way to avoid tripping hazards; and
- Use battery-powered lights instead of candles in jack-o'-lanterns to avoid any fire hazards.

Parents/Guardians:

- A bright costume with reflector tape will make children more visible to drivers;
- An adult should accompany children;
- Parents/guardians should help their kids plan a route and set a time to be home;
- Remind children not to enter the home; and
- An adult should inspect the candy to make sure it is safe for consumption.

Trick-or-treaters:

- Avoid walking on the road. Please walk on sidewalks and/or pathways;
- Only cross the street at intersections using crosswalks or traffic signals. Please look both directions before crossing the street;
- Exercise extra caution around motorists along roadways and in parking lots;
- Be aware of your surroundings;
- Try to trick-or-treat while it's still light out or stay in well-lit areas;
- Use a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility;
- Do not accept rides from strangers; and
- Travel in groups.



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ALL HALLOWS' EVE PARTY

JOIN THE TOWN OF PONOKA FOR A SPOOKY SWIM WITH SPOOKY MUSIC, A GHOULS & GHOST SCAVENGER HUNT, PUMPKIN BOWLING AND CANDY.

Date: Monday, October 30, 2023
Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Ponoka Aquaplex
Admission: General Pool Admission Fee

For more information, please call 403-783-0131 or stop by the Ponoka Aquaplex at 5315 46 Avenue.



ENTER YOUR FLOAT IN THE SANTA CLAUS PARADE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023
PARADE STARTS AT 5:30 P.M.



Join in the fun and enter a festive float in Ponoka's Santa Claus parade. It's free to enter. The Santa Claus parade is a great opportunity to promote your organization and be seen throughout the community.

To enter your float, please visit the Town of Ponoka website at www.ponoka.ca/p/christmas-in-ponoka or call 403-783-4431.

Please do not invite Mr. or Mrs. Claus to ride on your float, as the Town of Ponoka is already making arrangements for Santa to appear in the parade.

~ TOWN NEWS ~

- **Waste Transfer Station Switches to Winter Hours** – As of Wednesday, November 1, the Waste Transfer Station will change to winter hours, which are Tuesday to Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Green Carts Switch to Winter Pick-Up Schedule** – Green Carts for compostable yard and kitchen waste will continue to be emptied weekly for the month of October. Starting Wednesday, November 1, curbside pick-up of Green Cart compost waste will happen every second week until April 30, 2024.
- **Green Carts and Recyclable Materials** bundled in clear or blue transparent plastic bags should be placed at the curb for pick up on October 25, 26 and 27 – depending on what Zone you live in.
- **Grey Carts and Green Carts** should be placed at the curb for pick up on November 1, 2 and 3 – depending on your Zone.
- **Missed Pickups** – If your curbside recycling, compost (green cart) or waste (grey cart) was not picked up on your designated collection day, please contact E360S dispatch at 403-341-9300 or by email at rddispatch@e360s.ca. For more information on the curbside waste collection program, please visit the Town website at www.ponoka.ca/p/waste-management or call the Town office at 403-783-4431.

~ UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS ~

- **2024 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS: Wednesday, November 1 and Thursday, November 2 starting at 9 a.m.**
- The public is welcome to attend all Council meetings. Budget deliberations will be held in Town Council Chambers on the third floor of the Ponoka Civic Centre (5604 50 Street).



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