



RECREATION SERVICES MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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RE: RECREATION HALLOWEEN EVENTS

DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2018

October is here and Halloween is upon us, a special time of the 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. And of course with 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 through a partnership between the Recreation Services Department and Barrie Transit.

This is the 5th year that the Ghost Bus Tour will be running! This event is consistently one of our most popular events year after year. 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!

The Ghost Bus itself has been redesigned yet again to ensure everyone has a great time, and participants who came out last year won't know what to expect so prepare for a good scare all over again!

Alongside the Bus there is also a wealth of Halloween games, activities and crafts so parents should plan to come early to avoid disappointment!

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

Tuesday, October 23, 5:00 – 7:30pm East Bayfield Recreation Centre
Wednesday, October 24, 5:00 – 7:30pm Allandale Recreation Centre
Thursday, October 25, 5:00 – 7:30pm Holly Community Centre

Parents 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 – 10th Anniversary!

This year is the 10th 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 the Friday night before Halloween Friday October 26th 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 non-perishable food donation on the day of the workout. This event is for participants of ages 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 your trick or treater's loot bags this year? Give them the gift of fun and exercise! Starting Oct 1st, Recreation Services will be selling Trick or Treat passes for \$0.50 each. These passes are valid for Children under 14 years old from November 1st to December 31st, 2018 and are good for any drop-in skate or swim within the city! Quantities are limited so act fast to avoid disappointment.

On behalf of the entire Recreation Services Team we wish everyone in the community a safe and Happy Halloween.