



TOWN OF CLARKSVILLE

“Virginia’s Only Lakeside Town”

PRESS RELEASE: - Halloween Restrictions – 2020

October 22, 2020

The Clarksville Town Council after careful consideration and evaluation have made the following decisions in regards to Halloween 2020.

The Annual Trick or Treat on the Street event is being cancelled for this year. This decision was not an easy one for the Town Council. The COVID-19 pandemic and the related phase three guidelines issued by Governor Northrup makes it difficult to conduct a safe event like Trick or Treat on the Street. If one child or participant were to contract the COVID-19 virus it would be one to many.

The Town and the Lake Country Chamber of Commerce of Clarksville have worked together for many years to bring safe and family fun activities to Clarksville and look forward to continue to do so. Even during this difficult time, the Chamber Board of Directors and the Executive Director continue to try and make positive things happen for our lake side town. The Town Council and Town Staff applaud them for all their efforts.

With the increase in COVID-19 cases in Mecklenburg County and the many unknowns including how young children will react in a candy excited event plus how the family units will maintain the distancing requirements coupled with the proposed one direction flow of what has always been a large free flowing crowd was a major concern. It is the thoughts of the Town to err on the side of safety for everyone.

Over the past few years traditional trick or treating in town has become very limited since the institution of Trick or Treat on the Street in Clarksville. Some residents of the Town still host traditional trick or treating at their homes. The individual residents of the Town will have to determine their personal safety if hosting trick or treaters this year.

The Town of Clarksville is ***not*** saying that traditional trick or treating is a safer alternative to Trick or Treat on the Street. If individual residents decide to allow trick or treating at their home, we strongly urge that everyone follow the CDC guidelines. The CDC has determined that traditional trick or treating is considered a high-risk activity.

The Town is issuing the following 2020 Trick or Treat Restrictions’ for Saturday, October 31, 2020:

- 1.) An 8:00 p.m. Curfew**
- 2.) No one over the age of 12 may wear a costume mask in public. This does not apply to face covering associated with governor’s mandate.**
- 3.) The Town also urges anyone that makes the decision to conduct Halloween based activities to follow the CDC guidelines.**
- 4.) If residents do not wish to have trick or treaters, do not turn on your porch lights**
- 5.) Trick or Treaters should only approach homes with the porch lights on.**

Thank you for your cooperation. Please stay safe.