



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Village Hall – 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL 60305
Community Room

AGENDA

Physical attendance at this public meeting is limited to 20 individuals, with Village Board officials, staff and consultants having priority over members of the public. Public comments will be shared with the Village President and Board of Trustees. You may submit your written public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: vbot@vrf.us. You may listen to the meeting by participating in a Zoom conference call as follows: dial-in number: 312-626-6799 with meeting ID: 812 3357 5604 or by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233575604>. If you would like to speak during public comment, please email sphyfer@vrf.us by 4:00 PM on Monday, October 5, 2020. If you would like to watch the livestream, please go to the Village website: www.vrf.us/events/event/1859.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Continued Discussion and Action: 2020 Halloween Trick or Treating
4. Adjournment



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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 1, 2020

To: Catherine Adduci, Village President
Village Board of Trustees

From: Eric J. Palm, Village Administrator

Subj: Halloween Follow-Up

As you know, on Monday night you had a discussion regarding trick-or-treating. While this was originally planned for follow-up on October 12, 2020, we have elected to have a special meeting on 10/5/2020 at 7:00 PM because on Wednesday of this week the IDPH provided guidance to Illinois communities on protocols for proper trick or trick-or-treating.

<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/sites/default/files/Halloween%20guidance%20Final%2009.30.20.pdf>

This guidance is consistent with the guidance that other towns have provided and we have shared previously:

Arlington Heights:

https://www.vah.com/our_community/WhatsNew/2020_trick_or_treat_hours_for_halloween

Elk Grove: <https://www.elkgrove.org/community/special-events/halloween-trick-or-treating-hours>

Elmhurst: <https://www.elmhurst.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=2015>

Glencoe: https://www.villageofglencoe.org/news_detail_T2_R602.php

Highland Park: https://www.cityhpil.com/news_detail_T21_R674.php

Wilmette: <https://www.wilmette.com/2020/09/17/celebrate-safely-this-halloween/>

Also, the City of Chicago has provided similar guidance for trick-or-treating as well:
<https://www.chicagohalloween.org/>

Here is a link to the CDC guidelines that have been shared previously:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween>

In light of IDPH and Chicago's decisions to permit trick-or-treating, Staff is recommending the Village follow suit. We would offer the following recommendations:

1. Recommend posting guidelines as provided by IDPH to the Village's website (and communicate via E-News and social media).
2. Create downloadable signage that indicates whether a household is participating in trick-or-treating or is declining. Copies would also be available at Village Hall.
3. Start trick-or-treating an hour earlier. Hours would be 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM to allow for more time. In past years the time went from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
4. Work with community partners to create an opportunity for children who will not be participating in traditional trick-or-treating to still experience some of the joy of Halloween.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.