

***Closter Recreation Commission***  
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## **Halloween Parade Costume Contest 2020**

Folks, listed below is the information for Halloween 2020.

The Recreation Commission with the full support of the Mayor and Council will be hosting a different event this year due to Covid 19.

Please take the time to read the information below, gather the information on "Trick or Treating" and ***PLEASE VOTE*** for the sign that will be recommended by the Borough, for parents who are welcoming Trick or Treaters to "hang on their door" at their homes.

Due to Covid 19, we will not have the traditional parade that went through the center of town. In its place we will be hosting a HALLOWEEN Costume Contest with winners for the top four categories: ***Scariest, Most Beautiful, Funniest, Most Original, and the OVERALL BEST Costume-the "Taaz Trophy"***. This will be Closter Recreation's 64th annual Halloween event!!

***The event will be held this Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at Memorial Park located on Harrington Ave.***

In order to properly help with social distancing and keep the number of attendees down, we are doing TWO contests at different times. ***There will be two sets of trophies - one for each time frame/age groups!!***

***Pre-K - 4th grade will be 11am-12noon***  
***5th grade - 8th grade will be 12:30pm-1:30pm***

Location will be Memorial Park located on Harrington Ave in Closter. PLEASE note the following:

1. Face coverings, besides costumes masks **MUST** be worn by anyone entering the park for this town sponsored event.
2. There will only be two entrances open for the event. Both on the Harrington Ave. side. One by the top cross walk by the George Potterton LL field and the other by the crosswalk by the basketball courts. All other entrances including the back parking lot will be **LOCKED** and not open for entry. Please take this into consideration when you are determining where to park. Parking will be limited on Harrington Ave. Parents are urged to park in the front parking lot at Tenakill School and by the library/St. Mary's. Please leave enough time to be at the field promptly at the start of each event. Parents with siblings in both age groups are urged to bring the older children with them for the first event but they will not participate until the second event takes place.
3. In keeping with the governor's and CDC guidelines, only 500 people will be allowed in the park and we are asking that besides the facing coverings for all, that social distancing be maintained while at this event.

4. The first 100 residents for each age grouping will receive a free Closter Rec face covering.
5. After arriving at the park (arrive promptly at 11am and 12:30pm, based upon age groups), Children and parents will be asked to go to the grassy portion of Memorial park and wait for a short period of time by a pre-placed "cone or disc" that will be set up 6 feet apart from another cone or disc. Adult chaperones/volunteers will be in attendance to guide everyone to a location on the field. After we have everyone in place, the children and parents will march across the field to the Closter Lions Band shell. While maintaining social distancing, the children with their parents or guardians, will proceed across the stage, explain into a pre placed microphone, what their costume is or represents. They will then exit the stage and receive a trick or treat florescent bag to be used on the "BIG DAY", along with wrapped Halloween candy. They will then proceed back to a cone on the other side of the field. Judges will make their decisions quickly and the winners will be announced and directed to the basketball courts to pick up their trophies.
6. There will be a photo op location set up for pictures to be taken of your child(ren) in costume.
7. There will be tables set up with hand sanitizers. Please take advantage of these stations.
8. Mayor John Glidden will be sending out information next week concerning Halloween and Trick or Treating. The Mayor and Council have decided to follow the governor's guidelines and allow Trick or Treating in town. PLEASE look for this information next week and if you do not currently receive emails from the Mayor, please go to the Closter Boroughs website at <http://www.closternj.us/closter/> and register there for timely updates from the Mayor and Council.
9. As part of Halloween in Closter and Trick or Treating, the Borough is going to be recommending to ALL residents that are welcoming Trick or Treaters to their houses, to hang an 8x11 sign on their front door. We are collecting the ballots for "which sign" the Mayor and council will choose to recommend for trick or treaters. ***PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW AND VOTE FOR WHICH SIGN YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND BE USED FOR WELCOMING TRICK OR TREATERS TO YOUR HOMES.*** All voting will cease after this Thursday night (10/22) and we will have copies to give out this Sunday of the sign that gets the most votes!!!
10. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors about this email and we hope to see everyone this Sunday.
11. If the weather is inclement on Sunday, the contest will be canceled with no make up. Call the rec weather line early on Sunday, 10/25, if there is a question as to the event taking place due to inclement weather. The Rec weather line is 201-750-9507 mailbox 6.

Click here to Vote for Trick or Treat Welcome sign:

[Vote here for Trick or Treaters Welcome sign](#)

Any questions, please send me an email.

Thank you,  
Jim Oettinger