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**City of Framingham offers Halloween Safety Tips for October 31 Trick-or-Treating;  
All Invited to the City Hall Halloween Celebration**

**Framingham** – Halloween is fun for everyone, and this year’s All Hallows' Eve (Thursday, October 31) will be no different.

“While Framingham has not yet received its first hard frost which is 28 degrees sustained for at least four hours, we ask that all residents remain vigilant when it comes to mosquitos and the risk of EEE when trick-or-treating on October 31st,” said Dr. Samuel Wong, Director of the Framingham Department of Public Health. “Those who want to trick-or-treat after dusk should wear long pants, long sleeve shirts, socks, and shoes, and apply proper insect repellents before heading out for the evening.”

“Halloween is a time-honored tradition, and we want everyone in Framingham to enjoy the festivities and stay safe,” said Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer. “In addition to the traditional holiday fun, we are opening City Hall for the second annual Spook-takular. [Framingham’s City Hall will open its doors to Trick-or-Treaters Tuesday, October 29, from 4-6 p.m.](#) Everyone is welcome!”

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the National Safety Council has compiled a list of Halloween Safety Tips:

- All costumes, wigs, and accessories should be fire-resistant
- Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags, and/or use glow sticks
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation
- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Instruct children not to eat any treats until they return home
- All are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run
- Motorist should:
  - Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs
  - Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
  - At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
  - Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

With a little bit of planning, your Halloween can be safe and fun!

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