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Free miniature pumpkins will be available for the first 1,500 trick-or-treaters at the City of Burleson's fifth annual Burleson Old Town Boo Bash on Saturday, Oct. 27. The fun, which includes free trick or treating for children from birth to 12 years old, takes place 6 p.m.-8 p.m., on Ellison Street, between Main Street and Johnson Avenue (124 W. Ellison St.).

Children can decorate their pumpkin with permanent markers, then take the pumpkin home. The pumpkin patch will be set up next to the #330 Rail Car and Parlor Car #411 near the corner of Ellison and Wilson streets.

Free games, candy, bounce houses, a petting zoo, entertainment, a costume parade and a Halloween tale spun by Mayor Ken Shetter are all on tap for the celebration. Local businesses, churches and civic groups set up booths and decorate their vehicles for trunk-or-treat fun for children in costume.

The City stage will be in the Burleson City Hall parking lot, facing Ellison. . Entertainment on the City stage includes the Recreation Center and Performers Unlimited group at 6:15 p.m. and Frances Lea Dance Academy at 6:45 p.m. Mayor Ken Shetter will read a story to the children at 7:15 p.m., followed by a costume parade across the stage at 7:30 p.m.

The Burleson Police Department's Citizens On Patrol, Police Explorers, and the police department's bicycle officers will be at the event to help coordinate foot traffic and patrol the area. The Burleson Fire Department will also have two trucks at the event. If a child becomes lost, go to the City stage in the Burleson City Hall parking lot. If you have lost property, go to the City's Mobile Command Unit, which will be set up on Ellison Street between Bransom Street and Johnson Avenue.

Streets in the area will be closed between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. Those streets include Ellison, from Main Street to Johnson Avenue; Wilson at Ellison; Warren at Ellison; and Bransom at Ellison. Johnson Avenue will be barricaded between Magnolia and Northwest Ellison.

Sign up for booths or trunk or treat by calling Neal Jones at 817-447-3522 or 817-343-2589.