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Trick-or-Treating Hours Adjusted for Oct. 31

Official Trick-or-Treating hours for East Baton Rouge Parish have been moved up an hour from their usual time and will now be from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Saturday night, October 31st. Mayor-President Melvin "Kip" Holden adjusted the time at the recommendation of Chief of Police Jeff LeDuff and the Louisiana Capital Area Safety Council in light of the LSU-Tulane home game that evening.

Chief LeDuff is urging all motorists to be especially mindful of pedestrians during these hours, and to stay off of residential streets if at all possible.

Motorists heading to the LSU-Tulane football game are asked to be extremely cautious and observant while driving through residential areas. Parents are also advised to avoid walking along major thoroughfares along the LSU football traffic routes if possible.

Police officers are being directed to concentrate heavily on local neighborhoods throughout the city to insure the safety of children and adults alike. The department also strongly encourages parents to take advantage of the many organized, supervised Halloween events that are taking place in all areas of the city.

Additionally, the Baton Rouge Police Department is offering the following safety tips to parents whose youngsters will be out trick-or-treating:

- Never allow children to trick-or-treat without adult supervision.
- Always stay in groups.
- Use sidewalks and stay out of the street whenever possible.
- Wear reflective clothing or bright costumes.
- Trick-or-treat only in familiar neighborhoods.
- Do not allow children to eat any candy or treats until thoroughly checked by an adult.
- Call police if any suspicious activity occurs, or if candy is suspected to be tainted.
- Residents are urged to hand out only manufactured, sealed candy.

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