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## City Reschedules Trick-or-Treat Hours to Friday

The City of Columbus has rescheduled its Halloween trick-or-treat hours to 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, November 1, due to the strong possibility of severe weather on Halloween and concern for the public's safety.

Trick-or-treating was scheduled for Thursday evening, but has been postponed because the National Weather Service forecast calls for a 100 percent chance of heavy rain on Thursday with wind gusts over 30 mph and a chance of severe storms.

Mayor Kristen Brown rescheduled the trick-or-treat hours to Friday after hearing overwhelming public sentiment for the change. Currently, Friday's forecast is mostly sunny with temperatures into the 60s.

"We want to ensure our children and their families are as safe as possible when participating in this fun fall tradition," Mayor Brown said. "Our kids are excited to wear their costumes and go out trick-or-treating, and we want to afford them the opportunity to do so safely."

The rescheduled hours align Columbus' trick-or-treat time with those of surrounding communities that also postponed their hours, including Hope, Clifford, Taylorsville, North Vernon, Nashville, Seymour, Franklin and Greenwood.

Columbus Fire Department firefighters along with Mayor Brown will be handing out Halloween treats during the trick-or-treat hours on Friday. Firefighters from all six City of Columbus fire stations will have crews and equipment in the neighborhoods around their stations.

The fire station locations and areas:

- Station 1: 1101 Jackson Street, downtown;
- Station 2: 2376 Arnold Street, north side;
- Station 3: 80 S. Gladstone Avenue, East Columbus;
- Station 4: 4730 E. 25th Street, northeast side;
- Station 5: 100 Goeller Court, west side;
- Station 6: 1900 W. Road 450S, south side.

Fire engines will be moving throughout the neighborhoods in their areas. Columbus Fire Chief Dave Allmon and Mayor Brown invite residents to bring their children trick-or-treating when they see the fire equipment in their neighborhoods.

“This is the perfect opportunity for our firefighters and our residents to get to know each other better and build relationships with the neighborhoods we serve,” Chief Allmon said. “This also offers children a chance to meet firefighters, explore the fire equipment and learn about what all we do as a department.”