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The streets of Old Town will be filled with trick-or-treaters and children in costume on Friday, Oct. 31, for the community's first Burleson Old Town Boo Bash.

Several organizations are joining forces to provide a free fun-filled Halloween festival for children up to 12 years of age. The Boo Bash involves local businesses and community groups that will set up booths to provide packaged candy for the children. The festivities will take place on Ellison Street, between the railroad tracks (Main Street) and Johnson Avenue, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There will be a giant pumpkin patch outside the Heritage Visitors Center that will be full of free pumpkins for children to decorate. A Boo Maze will wind through the OT Corral and there will be guided ghost walks. The City of Burleson stage, set up at Ellison and Wilson streets, will host dancers, a storyteller, and a costume parade for children from birth through 12 years old.

The Burleson Public Library has secured the storytelling expertise of Jiaan Powers, who will tell ghost stories geared toward families. A second local guest storyteller may also be added.

First Baptist Church's annual Trunk Or Treat will become part of the Boo Bash. Church members will decorate the trunks or beds of their vehicles and hand out candy to children. The church will also provide bounce houses for the festival-goers.

Businesses and community groups may sign up for free booths by calling Neal Jones at 817-447-3522 or 817-343-2589. For more information about the Burleson Old Town Boo Bash, call the public information office at 817-447-5400, ext. 286.