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Free games, free candy, a pumpkin patch, free bounce houses, free entertainment, a costume parade and a Halloween story are all on tap for the City of Burleson's second annual Burleson Old Town Boo Bash.

The event – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31 - is hosted by the City and the



**Mayor Ken Shetter reads a Halloween story to children at the 2008 Burleson Old Town Boo Bash.**

Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce as well as supported by area churches, businesses and civic clubs. Target is back as the major sponsor of the Burleson Old Town Boo Bash.

Children from birth to 12 years old can dress up and enjoy free trick-or-treating. Local businesses, churches and civic groups set up booths and decorate their vehicles for trunk-or-treat fun.

This festival is not in the heart of Old Town. That area became so congested last year when 5,000-

7,000 trick-or-treaters and their parents came dressed for fun that this year Boo Bash has moved to a

square bound by Eldred Street, Bransom Street, Bufford Street and Ellison Street. Foot traffic will be one-way to help cut down on the congestion. Directional signs will be posted for walkers.

The following intersections will be blocked to all traffic – Johnson Avenue at Ellison Street, Bransom Street at Ellison, Eldred Street at Bransom, and Bransom at Bufford Street. Bransom will also be closed just past the entrance to the Burleson Police Department parking lot. The police department's sworn officer bicycle unit as well as members of Citizens On Patrol will be handling traffic issues.

Dancers will be entertaining trick-or-treaters on the City stage starting at 6 p.m. The costume parade is slated for 7:15 p.m. Mayor Ken Shetter will gather the children around him on stage at 7:30 p.m. to read a Halloween story.

There will be no food sales at Boo Bash but there are several restaurants in the Old Town area. Businesses and community groups may sign up for 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 City's parks and recreation department at 817-295-8168.