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Free miniature pumpkins, donated by City Market, will be available for the first 1,000 trick-or-treaters at the Burleson Old Town Boo Bash on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Children, birth to 12 years old, can decorate their pumpkin with markers or paint, then take the pumpkin home. For those who aren't in the first 1,000 to go through the pumpkin patch, plastic pumpkins will be available for decorating. The pumpkin patch will be set up next to the #330 Rail Car near the corner of Ellison and Wilson streets.

Booths and bounce houses, an obstacle course and even a petting zoo will be stretched down Ellison Street, from Main Street to Johnson Avenue, for the fourth annual Burleson Old Town Boo Bash. Fire trucks will also be part of the event. The fun is packed into two hours, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

For those who want to stay a little later, the Burleson High School Criminal Justice Club and Burleson Police Explorers are combining their energies to host a fundraiser for their groups. The yellow house on the corner of Bransom and Ellison streets (behind the police department) will be turned into a haunted house. Admission is \$3 per person. The haunted house hours are 6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Free games, candy, entertainment, a costume parade and a Halloween tale spun by Mayor Ken Shetter are all on tap for the celebration which is hosted by the City, the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce, and the community. Local businesses, churches and civic groups set up booths and decorate their vehicles for trunk-or-treat fun for children in costume. The Citizens On Patrol group will be at the event to help coordinate foot traffic and patrol the area.

The City stage will be on Ellison Street, facing Burleson City Hall. H-E-B is sponsoring the stage, which will host dancers from local studios. Before the mayor reads the Halloween story, the children will parade across the City stage to show off their costumes.

Ellison Street will be blocked off to traffic at Johnson, Warren, Wilson and Bransom starting at 2 p.m.

Sign up for booths or trunk or treat by calling Neal Jones at 817-447-3522 or 817-343-2589. For more information about Boo Bash, call David McDowell with the City's parks and recreation department at 817-426-9112.