

## **BAH 10/2022 Halloween Parade De-Briefing**

**October 31, 2022**

These notes are a summary of the “lessons learned” from the 10/30/2022 Halloween Parade.

It was a beautiful fall afternoon with temperatures in the 60’s. We publicized this event via email announcements sent by Jakob and the Facebook messages posted by Becky. It’s hard to estimate the actual number of those parading but we estimate about 110 children and about 100 adults who paraded, totaling about 210! We started the parade at 4:30 PM and it was over by 5:15 PM.

We again made and distributed “Boo bags” to all children (except infants) who participated. 136 were made with 30 left over. Those left are being saved for the 2023 Parade. The cost for the bags and contents was \$127.26. The bags were handed out before the parade started.

The “Children at Play” signs were posted at the Outlook & Somerset intersection and we also slowed cars as they drove through the area. Becky and daughters led the parade and again turned around at 94<sup>th</sup> Terrace.

One disappointment was the few number of residents along Somerset who handed out treats to the children parading in front of their houses. Hard to know the reason(s) for this. Perhaps in our 2023 announcements we encourage those residents to hand out candy to the children parading.

We set up the fall photo area on Friday evening, 10/28/2022 & dismantled it on Tuesday, 11/1/2022. The backdrop will need freshening-up in 2023 as the paint on the gnome’s beard peeled off a bit. We again used Meg Knappenberger’s frame to hang the backdrop. Ann generously provided the hay bales, mum plants, scarecrows, pumpkins. This is a very popular feature as many families had their photos taken. Jakob volunteered to be the photographer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Wagner, Social Committee Chair