

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

Mischief Night & Halloween 2011

WHEREAS, the children of the Borough of South Plainfield are entitled to the fun and festivity associated with the observance of the Halloween "Trick or Treat" custom, that is going from door to door in their neighborhoods, displaying their costumes and requesting "treats"; and

WHEREAS, the night before Halloween Sunday, October 30, 2011 is known as "Mischief Night" and has been traditionally a night when childish pranks have been played, some of said pranks have resulted in physical harm to others as well as damage to automobiles and properties of innocent owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew P. Anesh, Mayor of the Borough of South Plainfield, do hereby proclaim that a curfew of 7:00 PM on Mischief Night, Sunday, October 30, 2011, be imposed and enforced for all minor residents of the Borough to protect residents and their properties; and

I further proclaim Monday, October 31, 2011 as "**Trick or Treat Day**" in the Borough with all trick or treat activities to be conducted between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

I also ask that young children be accompanied by parents or other responsible adults. I further request that households indicate their willingness to welcome children by keeping their porch or exterior lights on and that youngsters only call on homes so lighted. I encourage the cooperation of all citizens, young and old, in making this a happy and safe occasion for children.

I further request because there have been, in recent years, incidents of children receiving and consuming articles of food or candy that have been tampered with by the inclusion of dangerous items, controlled dangerous substances and poison and these incidents have been highly publicized when discovered, it is the recommendation of this office that parental supervision be extended to include insistence that children do not consume any "treats" until closely examined by their parents. Parents should follow the rule "**if in doubt - throw it out**" where evidence of tampering with packaging or surfaces of consumable product exists.

Matthew P. Anesh

Matthew P. Anesh, Mayor
Borough of South Plainfield
October 17, 2011