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COVID updates 10-14-2020

Good morning All,

Here is the link for the new We're all in Grant program for small business - The applications open Monday, October 19th - at 8:00a.m. you do NOT need a letter of recommendation this time, because this grant is going through the Department of Revenue and they know EVERYTHING about you ha!

https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/FAQS/SmallBusinessGrantProgram.aspx

The We're all in grants are supposed to be \$5,000.00 and even if you received a \$2,500.00 grant recently, you can still apply.

For those of you that didn't receive or apply for the first go around, they will look at yours just a tad bit more favorably! I would suggest everyone applies for this.

They have enough for 10,000 businesses and it isn't first come first serve. They will let everyone know by December 4th. I emailed DOR to ask for more information about the lodging grant, and will pass that on if I hear anything.

Here is the latest PSA from the City of Ashland regarding Trick or Treating

Boni HALLOWEEN COVID STYLE · CITY OF ASHLAND HOURS FOR TRICK OR TREATING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2020 FROM 5-7 PM. RESIDENTS OF CHAPPLE AVENUE HAVE DECIDED THAT THE TRADITIONAL CHAPPLE AVENUE TRICK OR TREATING EVENT WILL NOT HAPPEN THIS YEAR. MOST HOUSES ON CHAPPLE WILL HAVE THEIR LIGHTS OFF AND THE STREET WILL NOT BE CLOSED AS IT USUALLY IS. CHAPPLE AVE HALLOWEEN WILL RETURN IN 2021. REMINDER LIGHTS ON = OK TO TRICK OR TREAT; LIGHTS OFF = PLEASE DO NOT KNOCK. PLEASE RESPECT THOSE HOMES WITH THE LIGHTS OFF, THEY ARE CHOOSING TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES . PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBSTITUTE LOW RISK FAMILY ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR. A LIST OF LOW RISK, MODERATE RISK AND HIGH RISK ACTIVITIES TO DO FOR HALLOWEEN CAN BE FOUND AT HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS/2019-NCOV/DAILY-LIFE-COPING/HOLIDAYS.HTML#HALLOWEEN. MASKS SHOULD BE WORN BY PARENTS AND CHILDREN WHO CHOOSE TO GO TRICK OR TREATING AND MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE. AVOID HALLOWEEN PARTIES INDOORS OR OUTDOORS. . FOR THOSE CHOOSING TO TRICK OR TREAT, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR OWN NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY THIS YEAR.

Halloween 2020 COVID Style

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses, below are several safer, alternative ways to celebrate Halloween.

Lower risk activities

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household with neighbors or friends at a safe distance
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with
- Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home

Travel

 Do not travel to a rural fall festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19

Moderate risk activities

- Participating in one-way trick-ortreating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up to grab and go
- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade
- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can maintain social distance.
- Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest wearing a mask and maintaining social distance
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards and using hand sanitizer, wearing a mask and maintain social distance.

Higher risk activities

- Participating in traditional trick-ortreating where treats are handed to children who go door to door
- Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots
- Attending crowded costume parties held indoors
- Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household



Masks

A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should
 <u>not</u> be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and
 nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.

The above information was takend form the CDC Website, more can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidavs.html

What's happening?

10/12-21/2020

Scarecrow contest – Downtown Ashland It's time to build a scarecrow!

Let's have some fun!! Attention, Chamber Business Owners: 2020

Scarecrow Contest. Chamber Members! Have fun being creative as you design and build a scarecrow out of whatever materials you like.

(Scarecrows must be displayed outdoors to be eligible win). First place prize is \$75 in Chamber Dollars, Second place prize \$50 in Chamber Dollars, Third place prize \$25 in Chamber Dollars. Again completed scarecrows should be on display October 12 through October 21. Be sure to call (715-682-2500) or email the chamber (info@visitashland.com) register your scarecrow with the Chamber!

10/15/2020

Essentia Health will be available to give flu shots at the Ashland SuperOne from 9-3 for ages six and up.

10/17-18/2020

Oulu Corn Maze, 2595 Pudas Road, Oulu. Adults \$8, 11 & under \$7. Following Covid Guidelines. 715-372-4148 or 715-815-0248 www.oulucornmaze.com

10/22/2020:

Witches' Day Out is a fun night of shopping and being appreciated. From 10am- 7 pm visit participating businesses, and register for a chance to win the *grand prize:* \$50.00 in Chamber Dollars! Stop by area retail businesses between the hours of 10am and 7pm for some spooktacular specials. Specials coming soon....

10/22-25/2020

Ashland High School Drama Prentice Park Halloween Production "Monster Meet and Greet" 6:30-9:30pm at Prentice Park. Starting at the large pavilion at Prentice Park, three short skits with different monsters with a Q & A afterwards. Please call to reserve evening and time as we're limiting attendance to 10-15 people per tour. One hour (maximum) tours for young and old. Three tours nightly starting at 6:30pm, \$5 per tour-social distancing; masks required; children can come in costume. Leave a message with name; date and time desired & return phone number. joannedormady@hotmail.com or 715-682-3786

10/24-25/2020

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10/25/2020

A drive thru Pig-in-the-blanket and meatball dinner at the Benoit Community Center 11am-2pm or until the food id gone. \$10 per meal.

10/29-31/2020

Home Expressions Christmas Open House, 116 Main Street West. Thursday (10/29) 5-8pm, Friday (10/30) 10am-5:30pm and Saturday (10/31) 10am-4pm. 715-682-2455.

10/30/2020

Drive in Movie night at Mt Ashwabay. Ghostbusters around 7pm (half hour after dusk) and followed by Night of the Living Dead. Limit 50 vehicles \$20 per vehicle per film. First come first serve.715-373-5017.

10/31/2020

Trinity Lutheran Church Giveaway, 701 Vaughn Ave., will be setting out Fall Harvest Goodie Bag on Halloween from 5-7pm for children ages 3-10, but all ages are welcome. There will be a set number of bags set out on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like a bag sent to your house, please visit our website at ashlandtrinitylutheran.org and click on the Harvest Festival link to sign up. Please sign up by Oct. 24. Have a safe and happy Halloween. Any questions call 715-495-7338.

November

11/03/2020

ELECTION DAY - VOTE

11/05/2020

WITC-Ashland Drive Thru, 2100 Beaser Ave., 11:30am-1:30pm. Info To Go! You'll receive a bag with program and financial aid info, a FREE application voucher, and lots of other freebies! No need to exit your car. Staff will be wearing masks and gloves. Follow the traffic flow to be served. Open your window to receive your bag. DOOR PRIZES! For more information call 715-682-4591 ext 3192 www.witc.edu/drivethru

11/05-07/2020

Superior floral & gifts Christmas Open House, 420 Lake Shore Dr West. Thursday (11/05) 4-7pm, Friday (10/06) 10am-5pm and Saturday (11/07) 10am-5pm. 715-292-9382

11/07/2020

Chick-uamegon Women's 1mile/5K/10K. GIRLS just wanna have FUN!! **And** we know how to do it here in Ashland, WI and now we have a race for everyone! Get your girlfriends together and come to Ashland dressed in your blingest best and walk, run, skip or jump in the eighth annual Chick-uamegon 1-mile/5k/10k walk/run. Due to COVID-19 We are changing things up! This year's race will be truly a FUN RUN. In place of tiaras and medals, each finishing chick will receive a \$5 Chamber Dollar Certificate to be spent in our community, at Bricks and Mortar Chamber Member Businesses. Ashland Retailers will have specials. Prizes will be given away to; 3 places for Blingest or Best Costume (\$50/\$25/\$25 in Chamber Dollars); Blingest Face mask (\$25

in Chamber Dollars); Blingest Shoes/Sneakers/Boots/whatever is on your feet (\$25 in Chamber Dollars); Best Dressed Volunteer (\$20); 3 random drawings (each \$20 in Chamber Dollars) Chicks will be social distanced at the start. Face masks or coverings are mandatory until the race has started. for more information go to www.chick-uamegon.com

Business Update:

If you would like to view any of the past COVID-19 updates from the Ashland Chamber go to https://www.visitashland.com/events/covid-19-updates/

SUPPORT YOUR SMALL BUSINESSES

Check out our **One Stop Gift Certificate Shop** on our E-commerce page at visitashland.com. https://shop.visitashland.net/15-chamber-store

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Witches' DAY Out October 22, 2020

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For more information and to register go to: www.chick-uamegon.com



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