

Boo Bash will honor late Astoria police officer

New event aims to help families celebrate Halloween safely

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An Astoria apartment complex will hold its first Halloween Boo Bash Saturday night, an event it hopes will grow to become an annual tradition for the entire city.

The Emerald Heights event will include a hay maze, fog machines, costume competitions, games and prizes.

To embrace social distancing, decorated slides will shoot candy into kids' trick-or-treat buckets. Sugar-free candy options will also be available. The entrance to the event will be a fog-filled maze, designed to keep participants more than 6 feet apart.

The event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at 1 Emerald Dr. in Astoria.

Christyna Belden, the community manager for Emerald Heights apartment complex, has been putting Halloween events

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Emerald Heights is prepared to hold their first annual Boo Bash.



Officer Sam Whisler, shown at left, with his family.



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Boo Bash organizer Christyna Belden hopes the event will become an annual tradition for families in Astoria.

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