



City of Bluff City
Mayor Percy J. Brown

Office of the Mayor

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Dear Bluff City Citizens:

Well, my friends, another Bluff City Mayor's Halloween Costume Ball has come and gone, though it didn't leave quickly enough. For those of you fortunate enough to not attend the event, or the fiasco as we here at Bluff City city hall are calling it, allow me to share the actual details of what happened. This is in sharp contrast to the false drivel published by that rag, the Bluff City Squealer.

Let me start off by promising you that the 30-year tradition of having an open bar at the Costume Ball **will not** continue going forward. And I would like to personally thank the nine folks who did not partake of the open bar, as they were the sober few among the swarm of drunken impoverished fools who mobbed the Ball's open bar dressed as homeless people. Like a plague of locusts, the buffet was completely decimated within minutes of the Ball's kickoff. Unfortunately, the open bar lasted longer, fueling the riotous fires that kicked up somewhere after 10PM.

Speaking of fires, the Fire Chief was ecstatic that there were no three-alarm infernos this year and commented that it was nice not to lose any city blocks to arson this Halloween. He called this year's Halloween the safest one ever, citing that only twelve structures burned down, only 88 people were hospitalized for candy ODs, and only 14 people suffered minor burns from bags of flaming dog poo pranks. These were low numbers indeed when compared to prior years!

The Police Chief, however, called this year's Halloween the worst one on record in terms of arrests for felony assault, drunk driving, and public nudity. The chief exclaimed that this was the first time he could ever recall the Bluff City jail being filled to capacity. They even had to lock some of the drunks up in the jailhouse broom closet, where one drunk tried to drink a bottle of window cleaner and several others defecated in the mop bucket. The chief would like to thank the thirteen people they didn't have to arrest at the Ball. Those folks will get the chief's famous "Get Out Of A Parking Ticket Free" card. And of the 347 miscreants who were arrested, there are still 43 who couldn't post bail, so if you're still missing a relative you may want to check the jail. And bring your check book.

As for the variety of the costumes at the Ball, this year definitely left something to be desired. In fact, there weren't even enough people in real costumes to hold a Best Costume Contest! And I definitely wasn't going to award the costume to someone posing as a "homeless person". There were over 200 people in attendance, all dressed as homeless people – so where's the creativity?!

Here are the new rules for next year – **NO OPEN BAR** and **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR A COSTUME**. **"HOMELESS PERSON" COSTUMES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED!**

Sincerely,
Percy J. Brown
Your Honorable Mayor