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Zombies rising from graves, must mean its time for City's Spooktacular

Oct. 14, 2016— Hurricane Matthew rustled the grave sites of the City of Deltona's zombie community and they are gathering at their city warehouse ready to scare the life out of all who dare enter. We aren't joking! It's time for the City of Deltona's 15th Annual Spooktacular. We are not going to let any hurricane stop us.

The City of Deltona's premier Halloween event is from dusk (or 6 p.m.) until 10 p.m., Oct. 21-22 at the Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex, 1200 Saxon Blvd. The two-night event allows the City to feature something for everyone. Friday night is designed for teens and adults and the second night is for the entire family—teens, adults and small children. This event is free and great fun for the entire family.

On Friday, adults and teens can tour the Haunted Trail, take a Haunted Hayride and try to escape our zombies in the Walking Dead Warehouse. These scary favorites feature over 200 actors and actresses in full costume in a variety of scenes and scares. The Haunted Trail and Walking Dead Warehouse are not suitable for young children.

On Saturday, Spooktacular features more family fun and entertainment. In addition to the "haunted" venues, there will be inflatables, treats, a pie-eating contest and a Frightening Freaky Food contest. As always, the highlight of the event is the Spooktacular Costume Contest. The contest begins at 6:30 p.m. with the littlest spooks going first. There will be five categories (age 3 and under, ages 4-7, ages 8-12, age 13 and up and families).

Traffic will be heavy around the park and motorists are encouraged to use caution and to watch for pedestrians. Carpooling is always appreciated. During the event on both nights, traffic exiting the park onto Saxon Boulevard will be right turns only, heading east towards Providence Boulevard.

Each year, staff from many departments of the City of Deltona and numerous volunteers, work hard setting up the park, decorating, working the event and cleaning up. Residents interested in volunteering should call Deltona Parks & Recreation, (386) 878-8900 to learn more.