

Plenty of Thrills and Chills for all Ages at Buttonwood Park's "Boo at the Zoo" This Month

Promising plenty of chills and thrills for the whole family, Buttonwood Park Zoo is busy preparing for its annual "Boo at the Zoo" which starts next Friday-Sunday, October 14th -16th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and then continues the weekends of the 21st -23rd and 28th -30th. The event, sponsored by Bristol County Savings Bank, is an opportunity for families with children of all ages to get together for a night of slightly spooky fun. Kids can dress in their favorite costume and climb aboard the Spooky Express train ride, take a spin through the jungle on the wild carousel, stroll down the Trick or Treat Trail, explore the hands-on Bone Zone, let loose at the Monster Mash Dance Yard, creep through the Barnyard Maze and more! Families are encouraged to bring their own "trick or treat" bags. All the proceeds from "Boo at the Zoo" support the Zoo's educational and family programs.

Also back by popular demand is "Baby Boo at the Zoo", which will take place on Monday, October 31st from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. The event is geared toward the littlest ghosts and goblins with a variety of fun activities, including a costume contest, a Halloween parade and a number of exciting animal encounters.

"As our major fundraiser each year, the success of 'Boo at the Zoo' is vitally important to the quality and quantity of our future programs," said Paula Montgomery, Director of Community Engagement at the Buttonwood Park Zoological Society. "We're incredibly excited about the event as it continues to be bigger and better each year thanks in part to our lead

sponsor, Bristol County Savings Bank. Families – kids and parents alike – can look forward to all our slightly spooky or fun Halloween-themed activities, as well as a couple of new surprises.”

“'Boo at the Zoo' is another example of the successful local partnerships we've developed and continue to cultivate in the communities we serve,” said Patrick Murray, President & CEO of Bristol County Savings Bank. “We are proud to support Buttonwood Park Zoo for the eighth straight year so they can, in turn, provide an even wider array of educational and family programs for the local community.”

Admission to “Boo at the Zoo” is as follows: Members: \$11 for adults and \$7 for children; Nonmembers: \$16 adults and \$12 children; under age three is FREE. For Baby Boo at the Zoo, admission is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children; non-members: \$14 adults and \$10 children; and under age three is FREE. For those looking to avoid the lines, Bat Passes are available at regular prices online or in the North Woods Gift Store. Each pass is a single use, non-refundable ticket that can be used for any night of the “Boo at the Zoo” event. Please be aware that attendees must print out their receipt or show their emailed receipt on a smartphone. **For more information, visit www.bpzoo.org or call (508) 991-4556 Ext. 119. Buttonwood Park Zoo is located at 425 Hawthorn Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.**

Buttonwood Park Zoo Background Information:

Buttonwood Park Zoological Society (BPZS), a non-profit organization, was founded in 1969 to support the Buttonwood Park Zoo (BPZ) so that the Zoo will be a significant contributor to the conservation of nature both at home and throughout the world. Buttonwood Park Zoo features over 250 animals and 30 exhibits, including elephants, bison, mountain lions, bears, eagles, seals, otters and farm animals. BPZ is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and has been called “one of the finest small zoos in the United

States" by that organization.

Bristol County Savings Bank Background Information:

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The Bank's steady growth and expansion has resulted in \$1.8 billion in assets and over 400 employees in southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The key words at Bristol County Savings Bank are: "Commitment, Stability, and Community," values that are combined with state-of-the-art technology to meet the needs of its customers. A dedicated local community bank for over 170 years, Bristol County Savings Bank is actively involved in giving back to all the communities it serves both through financial support and the volunteerism of its people.

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