



BRADLEY PARK



HALLOWEEN PARTY

31 OCTOBER

6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

CANDY
FOOD & DRINKS
EVERYONE IS
INVITED!



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Town of Bradley, OK



Rachel Hester



★ Rising contributor Nov 1 · 🌐

The Town of Bradley Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone that donated food and other items to make the Halloween Party such a success!

Thank you to Lindsay Walmart for the \$100 Gift Card for the Halloween candy and glow sticks.

Dean & Cody Beverly -hot dogs, chili, cheese, chips and ice cream and condiments.

Jeff and Zanna Farley - candy, sodas, ice cream and spoons.

Frankie Matthews - Halloween candy bags and waters.

Cody and Alex Prince - Popcorn, candy and halloween toys.

Teressa Hooper - Cookies, hot dog buns, candy and condiments.

Gary and Rachel Hester - sodas, lil hugs drinks, and candy.

Bob Badaschter - Apples and Bananas.

Lentz Brown - Ice



Home



Reels



Friends



Marketplace



Notifications



Menu

Jacob and Joseph Hester - Cleaning the Community Building before and after, Setting up Tables and Chairs and Decorating and cooking up the hot dogs and chili.

We hope everyone had an enjoyable evening we look forward to seeing everyone again next Halloween!



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JoAnn Coffey · 6d
Reminds me in a tiny way about the wonderful school carnivals a... See more

Reply 2

Comment publicly as Vera Baker



Town of Bradley <bradleyoklahoma@gmail.com>

Fwd: Candy Inquiry

1 message

Rachel Hester [REDACTED]
To: BradleyOklahoma@gmail.com

Thu, Oct 9, 2025 at 4:42 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christian Rinehart <christian@oml.org>
Date: October 9, 2025 at 11:28:04 AM CDT
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Loraine Hirth <loraine@oml.org>, Cynthia Madrid <cmadrid@oml.org>
Subject: Candy Inquiry

Rachelle,

Thank you for contacting the Oklahoma Municipal League. You asked whether the city could hand out candy. The Oklahoma Constitution Article 10 Section 14 provides "Taxes shall be levied and collected . . . for public purposes only...." Basically, this prohibits gifts or donations of public funds directly by the payment of money, including providing free rent, utilities, or other services, or indirectly by lending public equipment or the labor of public employees when the *primary benefit goes to a private corporation, association or individual*. Giving out candy citizens does not appear to be a gift since the benefit would be to the entire city as a public purpose opposed to a gift to a private corporation, association or individual. I will attach a section from our OML handbook ("Giving and Receiving Gifts") that describes this topic in detail.

We encourage you to meet with your municipal attorney to ultimately make this determination as they can provide direct legal advice on this and I cannot.

Let us know if you have any additional questions! We're happy to help.

Best Rinehart,

Christian Rinehart
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- D. **Public Trusts:** Any governing body member or any public officer who is also a trustee of a public trust may not receive compensation for serving as trustee. 60 O.S. Section 178(A). There is a limited exception allowing compensation if the trust was created and existed prior to July 1, 1988, and the trust shall have been held to be a valid and binding agreement in an opinion of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. Section 178(F) and 2003 OK AG 43.

See Appendix page APP-B-1 for a sample ordinance for compensation of town clerk-treasurer.

GIVING AND RECEIVING GIFTS

When the season of giving is upon us, it is within the human spirit to give. The holiday season is when OML receives numerous inquiries regarding giving employees a Christmas bonus, providing a turkey/ham or giving city/town councilmember a gift. Although the intent is good, it can cause a great deal of confusion for city employees and members of the governing body.

OK Const. Article 10 Section 14. A “Except as otherwise provided by this section, taxes shall be levied and collected by general laws, and for public purposes only, et al” Basically this prohibits gifts or donations of public funds directly by the payment of money, including providing free rent, utilities, or other services, or indirectly by lending public equipment or the labor of public employees when the primary benefit goes to a private corporation, association or individual.

Oklahoma State Laws have strict regulations about changing an elected official’s salary while he/she is in office. What about giving a turkey or a ham? It seems harmless, but if the turkey or ham was purchased with public funds, it would be considered an emolument (fringe benefit). Laws in Oklahoma prohibit an elected or appointed official’s salary or emolument to be changed after his or her election and/or appointment.

Municipal employees may receive a Christmas bonus or a turkey/ham as compensation, but this is a matter of policy. A Christmas bonus or free turkey/ham is not a gift when they are used as payment in exchange for service to the public as a whole. The value of the compensation must be figured as income for reporting purposes under state and federal laws. For a non-cash item to be a true payment, it must be recorded as a real part of one’s salary.

It is important to consult with your city attorney when implementing a policy for the expenditure of public funds. Relying and acting upon the advice of your municipal attorney offers a measure of protection that otherwise you would not have if you acted without consultation.



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Halloween Candy

Bailey Barber <bailey@nicholsdixon.com>

Thu, Oct 9, 2025 at 4:38 PM

To: Town of Bradley <bradleyoklahoma@gmail.com>

Cc: Lucas West <Lucas@nicholsdixon.com>, Kelly Franklin <kelly@nicholsdixon.com>

Per our discussion, please abide by the OML's interpretation of OK Constitution Art. 10 Sec. 14 & 17. If the OML believes that handing out of candy to the entire town serves a public purpose, then we will recommend you abide by their interpretation. Thank you!

Bailey D. Barber*Attorney*

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From: Bailey Barber**Sent:** Thursday, October 9, 2025 12:34 PM**To:** Town of Bradley <bradleyoklahoma@gmail.com>**Cc:** Lucas West <Lucas@nicholsdixon.com>; Kelly Franklin <kelly@nicholsdixon.com>**Subject:** Halloween Candy

[Quoted text hidden]



Town of Bradley <bradleyoklahoma@gmail.com>

Halloween Festivities

1 message

Barbara Fowler <barbara@rhw-cpa.com>

Thu, Oct 9, 2025 at 12:17 PM

To: "BradleyOklahoma@gmail.com" <BradleyOklahoma@gmail.com>

We do not think it is in the statute. But I found the below that may work. I highlighted what I thought would help.

AI Overview

Yes, a municipal town in Oklahoma can legally host a Halloween event

. There are no laws prohibiting this, and many cities across the state, including Ardmore, host such festivities. These events are often a way to provide a safe, family-friendly trick-or-treating alternative for residents.

Examples of municipal-hosted Halloween events in Oklahoma include:

- **Ardmore's "Truck-or-Treat on Main"**: This popular event closes a street in the city's downtown Depot District for a safe, public trick-or-treating experience. The event often features fire trucks, ambulances, and other interactive vehicles.
- **Olustee Fall Fest/Chili Cook-Off**: This annual event features not only food competitions but also a pumpkin contest that is free to enter, with winners selected by a crowd vote. The registration forms for the cook-off are available at the Olustee Town Hall, demonstrating direct municipal involvement.
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Municipalities typically organize events through city offices, local chambers of commerce, or main street associations, which work in partnership with the city. The key is providing a safe and organized activity for the community, a common function of local government.

Thanks,

Barbara Fowler, CPA

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