

Cable channels to help tame Devil's Night spirits

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For the first time ever, momma's "little devils" have a reason to stay in rather than going out on Devil's Night.

Thanks to the Southeast Michigan Cable Association, cable viewers in Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties can view six unscrambled cable channels for free Tuesday, Oct. 30. Potential tricksters will be treated to free programming from HBO, Cinemax, Showtime, The Movie Channel, Disney Channel and Pass, beginning at 4 p.m. and running

through midnight.

The idea was tested last year by United Cable, at the request of the Troy police department, which found a marked decrease in hooliganism in Troy and the 10 other areas serviced by United on Devil's Night.

This year United Cable talked SEMCA into running the program across the Detroit metro area with the help of other local cable companies.

"Vandalism was virtually nonexistent in our town, as well as the other cities," said Lt. Bill Tullock, the sponsor of last year's program. "We had a grand total of five complaints.

Normally we would be going nonstop from dusk to midnight taking vandalism complaints." And only the Disney Channel and Pass were unscrambled last year, he added.

In years past vandals would egg cars, soap windows and shoot windows out with pellet guns on Devil's Night, the night before Halloween, said Tullock. "And Troy has had its share of dumpster fires too," he added, "but things were quiet. One of the biggest draws to Pass last year was a pre-season Pistons game."

This year the Pistons play the Houston Rockets on Pass at 8 p.m.

Cable offers viewing treats

The following services and programs will be made available free to cable subscribers on Tuesday, Oct. 30. However, in some areas not all premium channels may be unscrambled, so check with your local cable company for their programming schedule.

HBO (Channel 39):
5 p.m. — The Return of Swamp Thing
6:30 p.m. — It Takes Two
8 p.m. — In Country
10 p.m. — Black Rain

CINEMAX (Channel 40):
4 p.m. — Gung Ho
6 p.m. — The Karate Kid, Part III
8 p.m. — Spellbinder
10 p.m. — Headhunter
11:30 p.m. — Heroes Stand Alone (full conclusion of movie at 1 a.m.)

SHOWTIME (Channel 41):

5 p.m. — The Fourth Wish
7 p.m. — Big
9 p.m. — Out of the Dark
10:30 p.m. — The Package (full conclusion of movie at 12:35 a.m.)

TMC (Channel 42):

4 p.m. — Married to the Mob
6 p.m. — Pretty in Pink
8 p.m. — Alien Nation
9:30 p.m. — Dead Poets Society

DISNEY (Channel 43):

5 p.m. — Kids Incorporated
5:30 p.m. — The Mickey Mouse Club
6 p.m. — The Muppets Take Manhattan
11:30 p.m. — Disney's Halloween Treat
9 p.m. — Cleopatra

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recreation news

Each week, the Recreation Division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For further information regarding programs, please contact the Recreation Office at 473-9570. Pre-registration is required for most activities. For matters regarding city council agenda items, call the city's Newsletter at 476-3839.

● HAUNTED WALK

The Recreation Division will be hosting its annual Halloween Haunted Walk Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 and 27, at Heritage Park. We are looking for groups, organizations or individuals who are interested in creating a station on the trails to provide the spirit of Halloween. If you or your group or organization is interested, please contact Dave Justus at 473-9580.

● PARKEY SERIES

Join "Parkey the Panda" for a special Halloween event called, "Ghost & Goblins Goodies." Children ages 5 to 10 will play games, create Halloween crafts and hear a story or two. The event will be held from 9:10-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Visitors Center at Heritage Park. Join us and remember to wear your costume. Pre-registration is required.

● MEN'S BASKETBALL MEETING

An organizational meeting for the Adult Men's Basketball program will be held at 7 p.m. in the Visitors Center in Heritage Park on Nov. 7. This meeting is for team managers and

will pertain to league structure, registration dates, fees and other pertinent information.

● THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

Thursday, Nov. 22, for all those, regardless of age, who love a parade, a bus will be leaving at 8 a.m. to downtown Detroit to view the Thanksgiving Day Parade. You will return at 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required at the Recreation office. Fee is \$4 per person. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

● DOWNHILL SKIING

Students in grades 4-12 can enjoy a night of skiing at Mt. Brighton on Friday evenings. Buses leave designated sites throughout the city at 4:30 p.m. and return approximately 10 p.m. There are four two-week sessions scheduled. The first session is scheduled for Jan. 4 and 11. Fee is

● HANDICRAFT FESTIVAL

Come to a Holiday Handicrafts Festival sponsored by the Farmington Hills Senior Adult Program from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16, featuring a craft and bake sale at the Senior Adult Center, 28600 11 Mile, Gate 4. Enter through Door C. Rental space for senior crafts is available at \$3 per space. Call 473-1854 for information.

● MEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

An organizational meeting for the Adult Men's Volleyball Program will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 3 in the Visitors Center in Heritage Park. This meeting is for team managers and will pertain to league structure, registration dates, fees and other pertinent information.

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