

# Halloween

## Farmington officers will join trick or treaters on the streets



Here you go: Herb Fincham, operations manager of the Grand River-Halsted Kmart in Farmington, gives a bag filled with goodies and Halloween safety odds and ends to 4-year-old Brandon Schultz (second from right). Also pictured are Megan Schulz, 1, (far left), Madeline "Snow White" Coyle, 5, and Zachary Schulz, 5, (far right). About 250 of the bags will be distributed in city neighborhoods to children on Halloween.

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Two members of the Farmington Public Safety Department will be out on Halloween, patrolling Farmington neighborhoods to find 250 trick or treaters.

But Cmdr. Maria Putt and Carole LeBlanc, secretary for Director Gary Goss, won't be looking to get any kids in trouble. They will be handing out foil bags filled with Halloween safety odds and ends, not to mention chips and candy, too.

"It's great that the community is small enough where the police department is able to get out and help with public awareness" about safety, said parent Claudia Coyle. Her daughter, Madeline, 5, was one of four youngsters who already received their safety bags, last Thursday afternoon, Oct. 15, at the Grand River-Halsted Kmart. Madeline was dressed up as Snow White for the presentation from Putt, LeBlanc and Kmart operations manager Herb Fincham.

Zachary, 5, Brandon, 4, and Megan Schulz, 1, also got their bags — filled with glow sticks donated by Kmart,

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potato chips donated by Cabana, and books such as "Being Safe Is Smart" and "In An Emergency Dial 911." All of the Schulz children wore Detroit Red Wing outfits.

Fincham said the Kmart store has participated in the Halloween safety program for 10 years. "It's important to support Farmington and help out with Halloween safety."

According to Putt, the program also is a good way for children to have a positive first impression of police officers.

LeBlanc said the bags will be handed out beginning at 6 p.m. on Halloween, and "We usually stay until we give everything away."

## Scream, scream with the Jaycees

The Farmington Area Jaycees' haunted house, the Screamatorium, is open 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays and Sundays and 7:30-11:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays now through Oct. 31 at the Kmart Shopping Center at 14 Mile and Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills. Admission is \$5 per person.

A friendly Monster Matinee is also scheduled from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Kmart Shopping Center. Lights will be on and ghouls will be unmasked for this afternoon only. There will also be face painting, pumpkin decorating, candy, cider and doughnuts.

## Fun fest: Businesses join in fun

Businesses throughout downtown Farmington will help area children get into the Halloween spirit during the "Halloween Fun Fest," slated to take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. Sponsoring the event is Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

Trick or treating at businesses is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Among participants, handing out candy to costumed children, will be the Farmington Observer. Office receptionist Katie McManus will greet little goblins. Children must bring their own bag and be accompanied by an adult.

But there will be plenty of other things for trick or treaters to do during the fun fest. Many of the activities will take place in the Downtown Farmington Center parking lot.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., a free petting zoo and pony rides and moonwalk trampoline will be available for the kids to enjoy.

Doug Scheer's "Spooktacular Halloween" is a free show, slated for 1:30 p.m.

Across the street, at the Farmington Civic, free showings of "The Addams Family" movie

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will take place at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The free movies are sponsored by Three Oaks Furniture.

At 2 p.m., there will be a children's costume contest for kids up to age 12. Registration under the big tent will take place

until 1:30 p.m. The contest is sponsored by Metrobank. Meanwhile, children are encouraged to "watch for Moola-Moola."

A pet costume contest is scheduled for 3 p.m. For more information, call the DDA at (248) 473-7276.

## Enter pet in costume contest

Make your pet the scariest or the cutest pet in town and enter the Farmington Area Community Women's Halloween Pet Costume Contest.

You could win a giant poster of you and your pet from Hite Photo, a \$25 gift certificate from Groomingdales and you and your pet's picture in the paper.

Send a photo of your Halloween pet and a \$5

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P.O. Box 2762  
Farmington Hills, MI 48333

All proceeds from the contest will be donated to the Leader Dogs for the Blind. Entries must be in by Oct. 30.

## POLICE AND FIRE NEWS

The following are police and fire incidents that occurred in Farmington and Farmington Hills during the past week.

### BURGLARY

**In Farmington Hills:** Thieves broke into a side door and stole two golf carts worth \$2,000 each and a hand-held radio from Village Green Apartments the night of Oct. 15-16, causing \$200 damage.

A rear window screen was removed in an attempted break-in at a Rockwell Street residence during the night of Oct. 16-17.

Someone stole \$200 cash from a Clark gas station on Orchard Lake during the night of Oct. 16-17. There was no sign of forced entry.

### SMASH AND GRAB ARREST

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a 46-year-old Hills man in connection with a smash and grab burglary at Priscilla's Inc. on Eight Mile around 3:35 a.m. Oct. 17. A surveillance video depicted a man entering the store after breaking a window. An employee recognized the burglar as a man who had been in the store earlier and had a video rental membership. Police went to the address listed on the membership and made an arrest. Police found numerous sexual devices in a shed that were stolen from the store.

### AUTO THEFT

**In Farmington Hills:** Someone stole a \$30,000 green 1996 Toyota Avalon XL from Bob Saks Toyota on Grand River the night of Oct. 15-16.

### THEFT

**In Farmington Hills:** Someone stole a \$125 banner that said "I would rather eat bugs than do drugs" from in front of Highmadow Elementary School Oct. 16.

### TALKING

**In Farmington Hills:** A 24-year-old woman told police she is being stalked by her ex-boyfriend since Sept. 15. The man shows up at places she frequents, leaves vul-

gar messages on her answering machine and threatens to post revealing photos of her at those places she used to visit.

### DRUNKEN DRIVING

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 58, for drunken driving on 12 Mile and Lincolnview around 8 p.m. Oct. 16. The driver's 1992 Cadillac collided in the rear end of another vehicle. Neither driver was injured. The driver, who admitted to having two mixed drinks earlier, had a blood alcohol level of .11 percent.

Police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 31, for drunken driving on 12 Mile and Bunkerhill at 2:08 a.m. Oct. 18. The driver of the 1998 Acura had a blood alcohol level of .18 percent.

### CRACK ARREST

**In Farmington Hills:** Police arrested a Redford man, 39, after finding .5 grams of crack underneath a seat of a 1985 Toyota he was driving on Grand River and Eight Mile shortly before midnight Oct. 17. Police stopped the car for a broken headlight and small alcohol coming from the driver. Police also found an open beer bottle in the car and found the crack in a cigarette package. A passenger, a Detroit man, 35, was ticketed for having open intoxicants and released.

### AUTO THEFT

**In Farmington Hills:** A 1989 Ford Crown Victoria and a 1996 Ford Bronco were stolen from Holiday Chevrolet on Grand River and Tuck between Oct. 17-19.

### FIRE

**In Farmington Hills:** Firefighters put out a blaze that started when a car caught fire in a garage on the 2600th block of Trillium around 11:15 a.m. Oct. 17. The homeowners said the 1993 Lincoln Town Car was running and son later found the vehicle engulfed. Firefighters contained the blaze to the garage, but the attic in the house had charring. There was heavy smoke damage throughout the structure, fire reports said. Damage is estimated at \$300,000.

## Elderly woman falls on walk

An elderly Farmington woman who injured her knee after falling on a Grand River sidewalk about 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14 was taken by ambulance to an area hospital.

But the woman was expected to be OK, said a Farmington Public Safety Department officer at the scene.

The woman was injured while walking from her Farmington

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