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The Community Safety Village, and other venues, welcomes trick-or-treaters Oct. 27.

COMING UP: Safety village, gallery host events

Merchants get in Halloween spirit

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Haunted houses, trick-or-treating and having your fortune told are just some of the activities taking place leading up to the most spooktacular night of the year - Halloween.

Kids get to show off their Brave Merida, Spiderman or Angry Bird costumes Oct. 26 at the Halloween Haunted House set up inside the Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre, 30 Burkholder St., from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The Mayor's Youth Council has created an eerily-haunted maze for preschoolers and young children. A fortune teller will also be on-site and kids can get henna tattoos and, of course, treats.

Admission is free.

The following day, you can start the candy collecting at 10 a.m. with the annual Downtown Hunt For Candy.

Trick or treaters will leave the Main Street train station every hour on the hour between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

They will be guided to participating downtown merchants for some tricks and treats.

About 800 people attended last year's event, according to Anna Rose, Whitchurch-Stouffville's downtown co-ordinator.

One of the tour stops is The Latcham Gallery. Revellers will be able to view the current exhibition by Bruce Isaacs, get a take-home Halloween-themed art activity and candy

Kids and parents can also stay at the gallery and try making a free exhibition-related art activity until 3 p.m.

Kids can continue the trick-or-treating at the Community Safety Village inside Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, 3241 Stouffville Rd., with York Regional Police officers from 1 to 6 p.m.

SHELL OUT FOR HALLOWEEN

Between candy we have to buy – twice because we always manage to eat it beforehand, no matter how well we think we hide it - pumpkins for carving, decorations and costumes, Canadians are expected to spend an average of \$75 this year on Halloween, according to the Retail Council of Canada.

The night of all hallows eve ranks second to Christmas for spending, with back to school shopping third, according to the council.

In the United States, 15 per cent of people are expected to dress their pet in a costume this year.

Other findings by the council include: Canadians between 18 and 24 are more likely to spend more this year than last and over half said the majority of their budget goes to candy.

source: Torstar News Service

There will also be a haunted house, games and safety tips from police for the big night.

Admission is a donation to the York Regional Police food drive.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave., is hosting a pumpkinthemed history hands-on session where you learn what life was like more than 100 years

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children aged six to 12 and a family of up to four people is \$12.

Halloween events at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library are already sold out.

Expressions dancers?

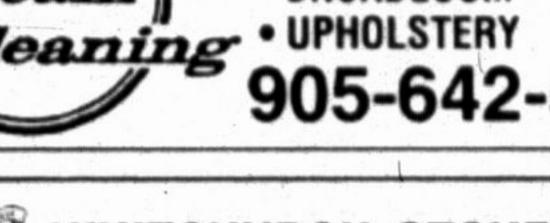
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