

# Family Halloween events around Franklin County

Staff Report

**GREENFIELD** — The Greenfield Recreation Department and Greenfield Business Association will hold the annual Downtown Trick or Treat event on Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Downtown streets will be once again filled with little — and maybe not so little — ghosts and goblins. WHAI and GCTV will broadcast the event. Stop at the Town Common to pick up a free Trick or Treat reflective bag filled with dental hygiene products donated by local dentists.

Then, head to the Mohawk mall parking lot at the other end of Main Street to line up for Greenfield Recreation Department's Rag Shag Parade, led by the Greenfield High School band — it will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will end at the Greenfield Energy Park. Costume judging and awards will follow. Anyone who wants to participate in the costume

judging should pick up a number tag at the Town Common before the parade begins. Participants will march in the parade according to their costume category, and will be judged following the march (one category per participant). Each category will be called forward to march in front of the judges and GCTV. Awards will then follow. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in several categories, including best homemade, most original, scariest, cutest and more.

The Garden Theater will show "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" for free directly following the costume judging at 6:30 p.m. The Rotary Club and other groups will be on hand to help assist with the event and hand out candy.

Downtown Trick or Treat draws around 1,500 kids, parents and other family members. Please contact the Greenfield Recreation Depart-



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**Some Franklin County towns will celebrate Halloween this year with community events.**

ment for more information at 413-772-1553.

## Greenfield Public Library

Greenfield Public Library, 402 Main St. will hold a number of Halloween-themed

events now through Wednesday. First, it will hold Halloween ComicFest today from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be a full lineup of free comics, artist demonstrations, comic book workshops, a costume

contest, trivia contest, games and more. Bring your friends and family to the free event.

On Monday, "It's Alive: Frankenstein" will be presented by Barry Deitz at 6 p.m. He will explore Frankenstein the man, the monster, the legend.

Then, on Wednesday, the library will show "The Haunting," during its Halloween Haunting Movie event at 5:30 p.m. Cider and doughnuts will be served. Costumes are optional. The event is free.

**ASHFIELD** — The Ashfield Lions Club will sponsor the Ashfield Rag Shag Parade again this year. The event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 31. The parade will form at Neighbors Store at 6 p.m. and should start at about 6:15 p.m. The Police Department will lead the parade down Main Street, and the Fire Department will follow the parade with an engine and lights. Complimentary cider and donuts will be served at the Fire Station fol-

lowing the culmination of the parade.

**CONWAY** — The Rag Shag Parade will start at corner of Baptist Hill and Shelburne Falls at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, and head to Town Hall, where there will be a costume contest at 7:30. There is a pumpkin-carving contest at the town commons. Contestants must drop off their pumpkins at 4:30 or 6.

**DEERFIELD** — The Deerfield Police Association presents its 34th annual Halloween Party & Hayride at Deerfield Elementary School at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday. Hayrides leave at 6 p.m. Treats and refreshments will be served in the elementary school's cafeteria at 6:45. In the event of rain, the hayrides will be canceled, but the treats and refreshments will take place at 6 p.m.

**LEYDEN** — The second annual Halloween Party will

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be held today at 2 p.m. in the Community Room in Town Hall. All are welcome to the free event. All you have to do is put on your favorite costume, carve a pumpkin and choose some games to play. There will be treats, including apples, cookies, cupcakes and cider. There will also be treats to take home. There will be a parade in the auditorium.

**MONTAGUE** — The Montague Business Association will hold its annual Halloween celebration and Rag Shag Parade on Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. on Avenue A in Turners Falls. Local businesses and organizations will invited costumed youngsters into their work places, giving them candy and sweets. Look for the bright Halloween-themed decal displayed in those locations as a welcome. Participating locations will start at Town Hall and run down Avenue A to Cumberland Farms. The Rag Shag Parade will begin at 5 p.m. in the Food City parking lot. You could win a prize, if you participate. Adults are also encouraged to dress up and accompany their youngsters.

**NORTHFIELD** — The town will holds its 7th annual Casual Fun Halloween 5K Monster Dash run/race and Kids' Bike today beginning at 9 a.m. It will start at Town Hall, 69 Main. Proceeds from the event will benefit First Parish Unitarian Church of Northfield. For more information, call 413-498-2638.

**SHELBURNE FALLS** — This year's Halloween Rag Shag parade and events is hosted by the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. The parade begins at 6 p.m. at Conway and Depot St. and proceeds up State Street to the Eagles Club.

**SHELBURNE CENTER** — Shelburne Grange is sponsoring a Halloween party on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, 17 Little Mohawk Road. Come and enjoy the games, refreshments, guessing jars and prizes for costumes. This year, Laura has a spooky greenhouse. The event is free and family friendly. Everyone is welcome.

**SUNDERLAND** — Families are invited to participate in a townwide scavenger hunt from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Visit the Sunderland Public Library at 20 School St. any time between now and Halloween to pick up your scavenger hunt cards and clues. Prizes will be handed out at each scavenger hunt destination, and you will receive a stamp on your card for each you visit. Return to the library after visiting at least half the destinations and you will receive a special prize. Not all scavenger hunt locations will open for the full hours. Hours of each location will be provided. The library can be reached at 413-665-2642.

**WHATELY** — Halloween at the library will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday. People are invited to come in costume and share in the fun.