

OCTOBER 2021



OCTOBER GIVEAWAY

In the spirit of Halloween, this month we will draw 2 winners at random that will each get a \$50 Amazon gift card to help with Halloween costumes or treats!

We will announce the October winners in next month's newsletter.

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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO SEPTEMBER WINNER
RACHEL GREER**

**WE HOPE THE
TABLET HELPS
WITH HHA!**



HHA eXchange



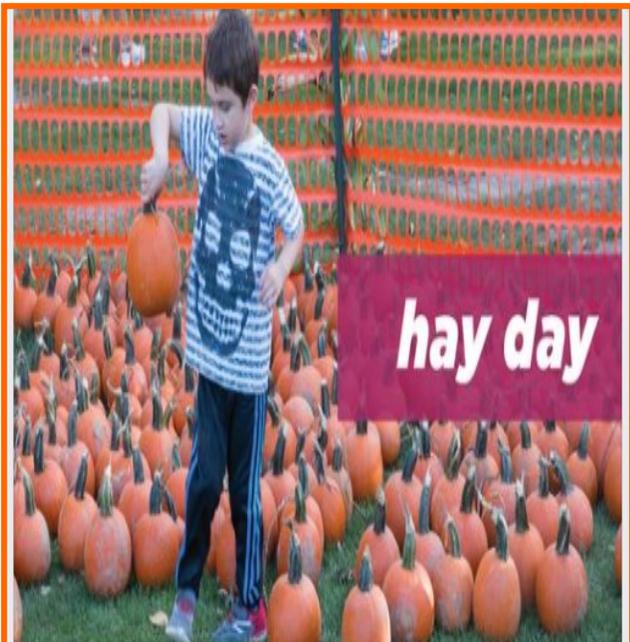
ExpertCare has exciting news; we have contracted with HHA eXchange to meet the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirement and to assist caregivers with submitting timesheets and notes electronically.

HHA eXchange has a variety of different tools that empower caregivers to deliver better patient care in the home.

The HHA eXchange caregiver portal is a web-based application designed for caregivers to use on a desktop or laptop computer. Using the caregiver portal, caregivers can review and plan their schedules, interface with their agencies, request broadcasted shifts, and manage their activities.

When in the field, caregivers can switch to the HHA eXchange mobile app to continue to manage their activities. Both the caregiver portal and mobile app are synchronized; therefore, any action performed on one device (computer or smart phone) is automatically reflected on the other.

ExpertCare has begun implementing HHA and currently have over 200 field staff using the application. We will continue to roll out the new application in waves and we will be offering training and assistance with learning this new tool. We will contact each of you directly when we are ready for you to begin using the app. We'll be talking to you soon!



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Hay Day

Public · Hosted by **Farmington Hills Special Services Department**

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM EDT
Next Week · 12–19°C Mostly Cloudy

Heritage Park
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

Show Map

Details

Hay! Check out this unbe-leaf-able event! Enjoy a family evening in the park where participants can enjoy the changing of the leaves. Stop in any time during the event to walk the trails, enjoy Farmington Hills largest campfire, bounce in the bounce house, shop in the pumpkin patch and tour the Fire Department truck. Smore kits, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available for purchase at our onsite pop-up store. You will also have the chance to sign up on-site to do hayrides or pick your own pumpkin to decorate (\$2).

AGES: All ages
FREE ADMISSION

LOCATION: Heritage Park - Nature Center, 24915 Farmington Rd

COVID-19

ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19

As people are asked to stay at home, reports of partner and domestic violence are on the rise. Women and children are at particular risk of violence in their homes. Preventing and responding to violence is an important component of the COVID-19 response.



WHAT CAN COMMUNITIES DO?



Be aware of the increased risk of domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic and remember: Violence is never justified.

Reach out to keep in touch with and support women and children.

Be careful when contacting the survivor, as the abuser may be present in the home.

Get and share information on available support with survivors and communities.

Be prepared to call emergency services in case someone needs urgent help.



WHAT CAN SURVIVORS DO?

Be aware that isolation and distancing measures can affect your well-being and that of your family.

Reduce and manage stress as much as possible – e.g., through physical exercise and relaxation techniques.

Reach out to trusted family and friends for practical help and support.

Make a plan to protect yourself and your children any way you can.

Find out about available services and support and **seek support** from a hotline, shelter or other health or protection services.



**VIOLENCE AGAINST YOU IS NEVER YOUR FAULT.
YOU DESERVE TO FEEL SAFE IN YOUR HOME.**



MI ABILITIES, INC.

GIVING BACK THROUGH LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCES.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN US

Visit <https://miabilities.org> to learn more

ABOUT US



Our Team

Our amazing team of regulars and part-time workers and volunteers are committed to helping others. We take our convictions and turn them into action. Think you would be a good fit? Get in touch for more information!



Our History

Seeing a need for energetic, nonprofit work in this area, we formed our organization to provide a workplace for special needs adults. We've consistently grown since then, all thanks to the helping hands of this amazing community!



Our Mission

We focus on making the maximum positive effort for our special needs community. Our members and volunteers provide the momentum that helps us affect change. Using data driven models, we provide solutions that make a long-lasting difference.



HOMEBUYER EDUCATION WEBINAR

Via Zoom

Wed. & Thurs, October 6th & 7th, 2021
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Be introduced to professionals from the industry and build your team for success! You will learn about the home-buying process - including credit, budgeting, banking, down payment assistance, and mortgage approval & closing.

MSHDA certificate provided at end of class for all who attend the entire 4 hours. Class limited to current Oakland & Livingston County residents.

Once you register you will receive a confirmation email. You will be sent the Zoom link 2 business days prior to the class.

To register for this class please visit
<https://www.olhsa.org/events>

Questions: contact housingcounseling@olhsa.org or call
248-860-7845



OLHSA is a HUD approved agency.





*Employee Milestone
Anniversaries*

*We would like to recognize and
congratulate the employees
below for reaching a milestone
anniversary in September.*



15 Years
Vincenzo Marchese

10 Years
Andrew Conway

5 Years
*Patricia Tindell
Kay Trombly
Annamaria Fornarola
Nabilah Safa
Jose Alonzo Jr.
Daniel Conrad
Sheila Visingardi
Adam Smit
Carmela May*

*Thank you for demonstrating a
continued commitment to
ExpertCare and the clients we
service. You make a difference!*



**IMPORTANT DEADLINE FOR
COUNTY YEAR END**

County Year End is September 30, 2021
and they place strict deadlines on time-
sheet submissions.

Please submit all completed timesheets
and mileage reports, not yet sent to us for
payment, for your time worked through
September 30th, by Monday, October 4th
at 8am.

**Thank you in advance
for your cooperation!**

Savings program offers financial independence for those with disabilities

MiABLE savings can be used for disability-related living expenses, education and more.

By MiABLE

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Ari Chekan, 21, sold his first painting, "Patterned Sky and the Trees," at a recent Friendship Circle Soul Studio Gallery exhibit in West Bloomfield. *Friendship Circle*

Like his paintings, Ari Chekan's future is happy and bright.

He graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School on time and with honors. He works part time at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He lives on his own in a condo he loves. And he just sold his first painting.

Financially, he relies on his paycheck, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid — and a **MiABLE** savings account his mother opened when her son, who has autism, turned 18.

"I know Ari will always need to be supported and watched over. But at least the means are now in place to make him independent for the rest of his life — and MiABLE is a big part of that," said Michelle Sage Chekan, his mother.

Typically, individuals with disabilities can't have more than \$2,000 in assets without losing critical assistance such as Medicaid and SSI. But with a MiABLE account, their savings can grow to \$100,000 without fear of losing those benefits.

"MiABLE is an amazing financial vehicle, and I can't say enough good things about it," Sage Chekan said.

Inside the Friendship Circle

Born in 2000 with several congenital heart defects, Chekan underwent four open-heart surgeries before reaching 18 months. Delayed in meeting developmental milestones from the start, he was diagnosed with autism at the age of 4.

Soon after, the family turned to the **Friendship Circle of Michigan** for help.

The nonprofit organization in West Bloomfield provides assistance and support to 3,000 individuals with special needs and their families with more than 40 recreational, social, educational and vocational programs.

"Our hope is to create friendships in the lives of individuals with special needs and those facing isolation while providing an opportunity to become a contributing member of the community," said Bassie Shemtov, Friendship Circle director. "We try to promote an inclusive community that values all individuals regardless of the challenges they face."

Sage Chekan said her son participated in dozens of Friendship Circle programs throughout his childhood and those experiences played a key role in developing his social and emotional skills.

Now 21, Chekan takes part twice weekly in the Friendship Circle's Soul Studio Art Program, where he creates artwork in marker, watercolor and acrylic. One of his paintings, "Patterned Sky and the Trees," recently sold for \$275 at a Soul Studio Gallery exhibit.

"I'm so excited my first artwork was sold," he said.

Save without losing

Sage Chekan is a pianist and holds a law degree. She said she often helps families who have adult children with special needs navigate an often-confusing world beyond the K-12 educational system.

"People don't really know what avenues are out there as far as services for their children," Sage Chekan said. "They're not sure where to start: how to apply for disability, how Medicaid works, how to start the process for community and mental health and the services you're allowed to have."

"I feel it's really important for me to help take the knowledge that I've gained over the years and assist people in navigating the complex system and understand the benefits they're entitled to," she said.

Many don't understand how MiABLE can help.

"You get a disability check and a paycheck and you're almost at \$2,000 at any one time. It's very difficult to live that way," Sage Chekan said.

Thanks to MiABLE, those with a qualifying disability that began before age 26 can save up to \$15,000 each year in a MiABLE account without affecting their government benefits. That money can come from any source, including family or other loved ones. If you have a job, you can save up to another \$12,880 annually.

MiABLE savings can be used for living expenses, education, housing, transportation, assistive technology, health and wellness, and many other approved expenses.

MiABLE account holders can choose from various investment options, ranging from conservative to aggressive, in which their savings can grow tax free. The program is administered by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

"MiABLE offers financial peace of mind for thousands of individuals with disabilities and their families," said Scott de Varona, MiABLE program director.

Since MiABLE launched in 2016, 6,100 accounts have been opened on behalf of beneficiaries with disabilities, with a combined total of \$30.3 million in savings as of July 31, 2021.

Sage Chekan said she was thrilled after discovering she could roll her son's 529 college savings plan into his MiABLE account.

"The fact that he could use his savings account for a down payment on his condo was just huge," she said. "I cry every time I talk about the fact that now he'll always have a roof over his head."

And every month, the Chekans make a deposit into his MiABLE account.

"Every little bit helps ... trust me," Sage Chekan said.

More information about MiABLE is available at miable.org.



The Halloween Stroll is back! We will have a lot of new tricks and treats for 2021. Tickets are on sale now. Both days sold out last year, so don't wait to get yours.

For the last hour, on Saturday, October 30th, we will be turning off the flashing lights and music for children who have sensory processing sensitivity issues (tickets are the third choice in green). Please make certain that you are purchasing tickets for the experience that is right for your group.

October 29th the first entry time is 6pm, with the last entry time at 8:45pm.

October 30th the first entry time is noon, the last entry time will be 2:45pm for the event with flashing lights and music.

Visit: <https://villageartsfactory.com/halloween/> for tickets

PARENTS: Any child, under the age of 18 needs a ticket for this event. This event is not scary or frightening. It is a light, and happy Halloween celebration. You will need to purchase a ticket for anyone in your group 18 and under. Anyone 19 and older will not need a ticket. Please only bring 2 adults for every child in your group.

This is an all indoor event. We ask that all persons in your group wear a face covering when indoors. A face covering will not be required of small children under the age of 4 who cannot tolerate a face covering.

We ask that you remain in your car until it is your time to enter the building (on your tickets). You will proceed through the building in one direction only. We ask that you keep your group together and remain at least 6 feet away from people who are not in your group. Thank you!

LOCATION

Village Arts Factory
50755 Cherry Hill Road
Canton, MI 48188

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GETTING TO KNOW THE EXPERTCARE OFFICE STAFF

We thought it would be nice to introduce ourselves and tell you a little bit about each of our office staff. Each month we will feature a new interview with someone from our office.

MEET GINA LARATTA



ECare: If you didn't have to sleep, what would you do with the extra time?

Gina: I would spend more time outside visiting parks.

ECare: What are three words that best describe you?

Gina: Ambitious, hardworking, caring.

ECare: What is on your bucket list?

Gina: Go swimming with pigs in the Bahamas.

ECare: When you are working towards a goal, what keeps you motivated?

Gina: Knowing the end result will be worth the hard work.

ECare: What do you wish you knew more about?

Gina: Wish I knew more about animals and their behaviors.

ECare: What are some things that help you have a great day?

Gina: Having a morning workout is a positive start the day during the week.

ECare: What do you like most about ExpertCare?

Gina: Everyone goes above and beyond to help each other out even when it isn't in their realm of knowledge.

Trick-or-Tricking Safety Tips:

We hope you have a fun and safe time trick-or-treating this year! Here are a few simple things you can do to protect yourself and your little ones on the night of Halloween:

1. Bring hand sanitizer and use it frequently.
2. Maintain social distancing of at least 6 ft from other trick-or-treaters.
3. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water once you get home.

If you can resist, put the candy away for up to 72 hours to allow any germs to die off before eating.





JOIN URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVES
FOR A SOCIALLY DISTANCED

HALLOWEEN PARTY

TRUNK OR TREAT **FREE FOODS & DRINKS** **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

8300 LONGWORTH ST. DETROIT, 48209

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021
12-3PM

FACE MASKS ARE REQUIRED!

**INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING? CALL (313)841-4447 OR
EMAIL BTREJO@UNIDETROIT.ORG**



FAMILY HALLOWEEN EVENT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021
10 AM – 11:30 AM
2021 Streets of Treats
Downtown Northville
Free Event, Open to the Public
Please join Northville in this
Halloween Tradition

October is a very special month in Northville and to add to the fun, the Northville Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Northville Businesses and Downtown Northville to present an event that features Northville businesses.

Kids and parents are invited to welcome the Tooth Fairy from Preservation Dental into town with a ceremonial wave to kick off the Downtown Trick or Treating at 10am in Town square on Saturday, October 30. Following the wave participants will start trick or treating at the downtown businesses and treat stations along the route fill 11:30am. Meet us in Town square to reveal your 2021 costume to your friends.

Enjoy the skeleton sculptures placed around the downtown while enjoying a fun, family-friendly Halloween activity in charming downtown Northville.

The event is free, through the generosity of sponsors Tom Holzer Ford, the Downtown Northville and many many others listed at www.northville.org.

Contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or LindseyButzin@northville.org for additional information or to sponsor a treat station.

Please be mindful that this is a Family Friendly - Kids Event and that costumes should not be too scary so that all participants are able to have a fantastic time.



WHEN WE WALK TOGETHER WE'RE BIGGER THAN CANCER.

Every year, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events unite communities with a shared determination to save lives from breast cancer - all while raising money to help the American Cancer Society fight breast cancer through research and early detection. Every event is an inspiring opportunity to honor breast cancer survivors and to ensure that no one with this disease ever has to walk alone. Join or donate to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer today and help us save more lives.

Learn About Making Strides

The American Cancer Society started Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks to unite communities in the fight against this deadly disease. Today, Making Strides is the largest network of breast cancer events in the nation - and we do more than just walk. We raise money to help the American Cancer Society fund groundbreaking breast cancer research and provide patient services like free rides to chemo, free places to stay near treatment, and a live 24/7 cancer helpline. But we can't do any of this without the help of people like you.

Sign up today and help us save lives from breast cancer.

https://secure.acsevents.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=strides_learn

JOIN US!

OCT
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11 - 4
PM

MACOMB COUNTY'S

MENTAL HEALTH *Awareness Fair*

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Please join us for an interactive, family-friendly event featuring several mental health & wellness organizations from across Macomb County to learn about various services and resources available in our community that support mental and behavior health, substance use services, overall wellness, and more!



Participating AMC Theatres throughout Metro Detroit, Michigan (and the country) hold sensory friendly film showings for individuals and families affected by autism and other disabilities as part of their Sensory Friendly Films program.

Families affected by autism and other disabilities can enjoy movies in a safe and accepting environment during the monthly Sensory Friendly Films program. Sensory film showings feature lowered sound and dim lighting. Patrons can bring their own gluten-free or casein-free snacks and the kids can "dance, walk, shout or sing" or move about the aisles. No previews or advertisements will be shown before the movies. The movies are geared toward children ages 5 & up and showings begin at 10a on Saturdays. Wednesday evening movie showings may be geared to an older audience and begin at 7p. Dates and films are subject to change so it's best to contact the participating theatres directly before each sensory friendly film showing.

AMC Birchwood – 4350 24th Ave, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059

AMC Forum 30 – 44681 Mound Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314

AMC Livonia 20 – 19500 Haggerty Rd, Livonia, Michigan, 734-542-3191

AMC Star Gratiot – 35705 South Gratiot Ave., Clinton Twp, Michigan 48035

Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 10a
– Dear Evan Hansen

Auburn Hills Halloween Events

Halloween Movie Night

Friday, October 1, 2021 at Dusk

Riverside Park (Downtown Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills, MI)

FREE movie and spooky gift. No registration required. Movie (Coco) starts at dusk. Bring your chairs and blankets. Hosted by Auburn Hills Recreation and others.

Auburn Hills Fall Festival in the Woods

Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 11a-3p

E Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center
3799 Bald Mountain Road, Auburn Hills, MI
48326



Enjoy hayrides, pumpkins for carving, cider and donuts, live music and more. Events are subject to change. Pumpkins are available for purchase. Admission is \$2. Hosted by Auburn Hills Recreation. Details

Downtown Spooktacular

Saturday, October 30, 2021 from noon-1:30p

Downtown Auburn Hills

Trick or treating in downtown Auburn Hills for costumed kids! This is a FREE event. For more info, call 248-370-9353. Pre-registration required. Hosted by Auburn Hills Recreation.

Zombie Laser Tag

Saturday, October 30, 2021 from noon-2p

Riverside Park (3311 Squirrel Ct, Auburn Hills, MI)



Great Halloween event for teens (ages 13-17) during Downtown Spooktacular. Pre-registration is recommended. Zombie costumes are strongly encouraged but not required to play. All equipment to play is included. This is a FREE event. Pre-registration required. For more info, call 248-370-9353. Hosted by Auburn Hills Recreation.

CLARKSTON HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Friendly Forest

Saturday, October 9, 2021 between noon-3p (reserve your time slot)

Clintonwood Park (6000 Clarkston Road, Clarkson, MI 48346)

Presented by Independence Twp Parks Recreation & Seniors. Walk a friendly decorated trail to collect goodies from all of your favorite characters. For ages 2-9. You MUST pre-register for this event / tickets will NOT be sold on-site. Contact 248-625-8223 for ticket info or visit Independence Twp Parks Rec & Seniors for cost info.

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 2p-5p

Oakland County Sportsman's Club (4770 Waterford Rd, Clarkston, MI
48346, 248-623-0444)

FREE event for costumed kids to attend. Food & refreshments available for purchase. Sign up your trunk to participate by calling 248-623-0444 or emailing ocscclub@sbcglobal.net. Rain date – October 30.

Halloween Movie in the Parks

Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Dusk

Clintonwood Park

6000 Clarkston Road, Clarkson, MI 48348

248-625-8223

Hosted by Independence Twp Parks & Rec. All movies begin at dusk unless otherwise noted. These movies require pre-registration and cost \$10 per family of up to 6 people. Pre-registration is required.

BERKLEY HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Bookley + Downtown Berkley Trick or Treating

October 1 through October 30, 2021

Events throughout Downtown Berkley

Movie nights on Thursdays at 6:30p, Downtown trick or treating October 30 from noon-3p, Scavenger Hunt daily, Night Market from 5p-9p on 10/2, plus more fun downtown events. Hosted by DowntownBerkley.com.

Parks & Pumpkins

Thursday, October 7, 2021 from 3:30p-5p

Berkley Community Park

2261 Robina Ave, Berkley, MI 48072

Hosted by Berkley Parks & Recreation. Enjoy FREE cider, donuts, and pumpkin decorating. Pre-registration required by 10/1.

Tale on the Trail Halloween

Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 6p-7:15p

(15 minute time slots)

Jaycee Park (3765 Webster Rd, Berkley, MI 48072)

Hosted by Berkley Parks & Rec and the Berkley Public Library. Costumes & Candy Bags are encouraged. Pre-registration required. For more info, 248-658-3470.

BEVERLY HILLS HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Halloween Hoot

Saturday, October 23, 2021

from 8:30a-10a, noon-2p, then 6p-8p

Beverly Park

18801 Beverly Rd, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Gut pumpkins from 8:30a-noon, Pumpkin Carving from noon-2p (for the first 200 children), and Trick or Treat from 6p-8p. Children in costume trick or treat along Hoot Trail but must be accompanied by an adult. Storytellers, cider & cookies are available in the pavilion. Admission is FREE. This event is for children of Beverly Hills and their families. For more info, visit villagebeverlyhills.com



COMMERCE TWP HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Glenlore Trails The Haunted Forest

Thursdays through Sundays from September 30 through October 30 from 7p-11p

Multi Lakes Conservation Association

3860 Newton Road, Commerce Charter Township, MI 48382

glenloretrails.com

Come explore new sections of trail and scenic elements found within the Putrid Pumpkin Patch, Phantom Forest, and the Castle Ruin in this seasonal variation of Glenlore Trails. The Haunted Forest is appropriate for all ages. A family-friendly, socially-distant outdoor experience. The entire event takes around 45 minutes, depending on your speed of walking. Masks are required to participate. tickets are \$25 for ages 13+, \$15 for ages 4-12, FREE for kids under 3. All tickets purchased online only require a processing fee. Tickets are sold in 1/2 hour increments beginning at 7p with the last group time offered to purchase at 11p. All events are held on Thursdays through Sundays from 7p-midnight (last tickets sold at 11p).

DAVISBURG HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Twisted Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 3p-5p

Shiawassee Basin Preserve (12000 Davisburg Rd, Davisburg, MI)



A twisted drive-thru Trunk-or-Treat. Participants will drive-thru the happily haunted Shiawassee Basin Preserve ballfields parking lot and "trick or treat" at multiple stops. Registration times are 3p or 5p, registration will not be accepted the day of the event. Pre-registration required at 248-846-6558 or online. Hosted by Springfield Twp Parks & Rec.

DEARBORN HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Hallowe'en in Greenfield Village

October 7-10, 14-17, 21-24 and 28-31, 2021 from 4p-9:30p

Greenfield Village (20900 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn, MI 48124)

From harvest markets and fall themes to costumed storybook characters and ghostly performances, the 40-plus-year Hallowe'en tradition is one of a kind, showcased within the bewitching setting of Greenfield Village after hours. For more info or to buy tickets, visit www.thehenryford.org.

FERNDALE HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Ferndale Fall Festival

Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 11a-3p

Martin Rd Park (1615 E Lewiston, MI 48200)

Come celebrate the season as the Detroit Curling Club and Martin Road Park is transformed into a Fall-themed wonderland of games, activities, music, and treats. Attendees will receive a wristband that grants them access to a wide range of activities that include hay rides, pony rides, carnival games, prizes, crafts, face painting, pumpkin painting (while supplies last), trick-or-treat trail, and more. All attendees will be required to wear a mask while at the event when indoors. All attendees, including parents and guardians, must purchase a wristband (\$7) in order to participate in any of the listed activities. For more information or to purchase wristbands for the event, visit the following link: <https://www.amilia.com/store/en/1201-livernois/shop/activities/3465538>. Hosted by Ferndale Recreation.

DETROIT HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Thursday, October 7-9 at 8p (each evening)

Beacon Park (1901 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48226)

Come see the theatrical fun with a troop of actors dancing and miming in real-time in front of a large showing of the original film. The Detroit Actor's Theatre Company and Downtown Detroit Partnership will present this Halloween cult classic. Grab your blankets and chairs and enjoy wine, beer and cocktails available for purchase. For those who have never experienced The Rocky Horror Picture Show in a theater with a cast, there is truly nothing like it. This is a FREE event hosted by The Downtown Detroit Partnership. Email info@downtowndetroit.org for more info.

Cider in The City

Saturday, October 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 1p-5p

Beacon Park (1901 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI 48226)

Enjoy seasonal crafts, take a horse-drawn hayride around the park, enjoy live music, pick out the perfect pumpkin and snap a selfie with our fall flower wall, plus fall food truck fare. This is a FREE event hosted by The Downtown Detroit Partnership. Email info@downtowndetroit.org for more info.

FARMINGTON HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Daily October 1-31

Farmington Halloween Events – Downtown Farmington Grand Raven Festival

Throughout Downtown Farmington

Hosted by the Downtown Farmington DDA. Enjoy the Raven by Edgar Allan Poe theme throughout Farmington and partake in the food, fun, and activities. Enjoy the Grand Raven Book Walk, pumpkin carving contest, Cocktail Crawl, and more.

FARMINGTON HILLS HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Fridays from October 1 through November 5 from 5:30p-7p

Farmington Hills Hayrides – Hayride Central

Heritage Park (24725 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan)

Frightless hayrides + cider & donuts! Hayrides cost is \$5 / FREE for ages 2 & under. Call 248-473-1800 for more info or call 248-477-1135 to book a private hayride. Pre registration is strongly encouraged. Register for these hayrides online at fhgov.com. Call 248-473-1800 for more info or call 248-477-1135 to book a private hayride.



Farmington Hills Halloween Events 2021

Hay Day

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 from 5p-8p

Heritage Park 24725 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

The Annual Farmington Hills Hay Day will happen on October 8 at Heritage Park from 5p – 8p. Hot Dogs, hay rides, pumpkin painting and more. This is a FREE event. Hayrides and pumpkin decorating require a separate fee. Hayrides can be booked via pre-registration. Hosted by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department.

Halloween Zombie Shoot

Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 6p-8p

Riley Archery Range

24915 Farmington Rd, Farmington Hills, 48336

Create your own zombie, then head to the range to shoot monster targets and your zombie. Ages 8+. Hosted by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department. Pre-registration is required. Under Ages 8 event also available from 4p-5p. Hosted by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department.

Boo Bash

Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 11a-3p (half hour sessions)

Heritage Park 24725 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills

Boo Bash features hayrides, s'mores, candy-free trick or treat stations. For ages pre-school through 3rd grade. Hosted by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department. Registration... cost info.

HOLLY HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Halloween 2021 / Downtown Holly Trick or Treating

Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 3p

Downtown Holly

Downtown Holly Trick or Treating, costume contest at Crapo Park at 4:30p, and cider & donuts throughout the event. This is a FREE event. Hosted by the Village of Holly.

OXFORD HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Upland Hills Farm Fall Festival Weekends

October Saturdays and Sundays from 10a-5p

Upland Hills Farm

**481 Lake George Road, Oxford, Michigan 48370, 248-628-1611
www.uplandhillsfarm.com**

This festival has something for all ages. Enjoy visiting the animals, milk a cow, watch a farm demonstration, be amazed at the Magic Show, enjoy a hayride in the woods, walk the storybook trail, pick a pumpkin, take a pony ride and finish the day with a warm donut and a beverage. Visit www.uplandhillsfarm.com for more info. Fall Festival Weekends include hayrides. They even have evening hayrides from 7p-10p. Review and Pics of Upland Hills Farm Oxford Fall Festival Weekends.



Oxford Scarecrow Festival

Sunday, October 17, 2021 from noon-5p

Centennial Park (M-24 & E. Burdick St)

Hosted by Oxford DDA. Oxford Scarecrow Festival 2021 events and activities include – a scarecrow contest, live entertainment, trick or treating, costume contest, chili cookoff, farmers market, pet parade, hay wagon, and more. MORE INFO...

Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 from 6:30-7:30p

Seymour Lake Park (2795 Seymour Lake Rd, Oxford, MI)

Hosted by Oxford Twp P&R. Participants and their families will enjoy hayrides, a pumpkin from the Great Pumpkin Patch and candy & trinkets from trick or treat trail. Participants are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes and comfortable walking shoes. Each paying participant will receive a pumpkin, cider and doughnuts, and treats. Don't forget your camera and dress for the weather. For kids ages 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance, registration is required. Tickets cannot be mailed. Call 248-628-1720 for questions, tickets, or to register. Open to residents & non-residents. Rain Date is October 21, 2021.

FENTON HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Camp Copneconic Halloween Camp

Friday, October 22 – Sunday, October 24, 2021

YMCA Camp Copneconic

10407 N Fenton Road, Fenton, MI 48430, 810-629-9622, campcopneconic.org



Halloween at Camp Copneconic brings autumn activities such as scarecrow building, pumpkin carving, and many more traditional camp activities. Halloween at Camp Copneconic includes a spooky campfire with ghostly tales and a Trick-Or-Treat trek through the haunted forest. Must pre-register. Call 810-629-9622.

FLINT HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Ooky Spooky Light Show at Longway Planetarium

September 29 – October 31, 2021

4p Tu-Su, 7p & 8p Th, Fr, Sa

Longway Planetarium (1310 E Kearsley St, Flint, Michigan 48503, 810-237-3400, sloanlongway.org)

Favorite Halloween songs like "The Monster Mash," "Ghostbusters," and "Thriller" come to life with amazing graphics and lights. Great for family audiences, this show was created here in Flint by a talented team of artists and programmers. Great for adults and kids ages 6 and older. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors 60+, and \$5 youth ages 2-11.

Flint Low-Scare Halloween Fun for Kids – Haunted Hallway

October 27 through October 31 from 4p-8p

Longway Planetarium (1310 E Kearsley St, Flint, Michigan 48503, 810-237-3400, sloanlongway.org)

Enhance the Ooky Spooky Light Show experience with a trip through Haunted Hallway. This family friendly haunt will offer spooky fun in our black light hallway that is good for all ages. This family-friendly haunted house takes about 10 minutes to walk through. Have fun exploring before the Ooky Spooky Light Show begins. For more information call Longway Planetarium at 810-237-3400. Costumes are welcome but not required. \$3. Ages 5+.

ROCHESTER HALLOWEEN EVENTS

2021



RARA Trunk or Treat

Halloween costumes Friday, October 8, 2021 from 6p-8:30p

Rochester Avon Recreation Authority

– RARA (500 East 2nd Street, Rochester, MI 48307)

Decorate your vehicle for a family friendly trunk or treat at RARA, rain or shine! Pass out candy (you supply) as trick or treaters travel around. There will be prizes for best dressed vehicles in the categories Funny, Creepy (nothing too scary/creepy for small children), and Most Creative. Trunk or treating will be 7p to 8p. Cider and donuts will be provided towards the end for all attendees. Registration is \$15 per car. To register, call 248-656-8308 or visit RARAreistration.org.

Downtown Rochester Trick or Treating and Halloween Fest

Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 3:30p-7p

Downtown Rochester / Rochester Farmers Market Parking Lot

The streets of Rochester will come to life with little ghouls and goblins. Children will enjoy trick-or-treating at downtown merchants. Trick or treat downtown from 3:30p-5p. Halloween parade follows at 5:15p. After the parade there is Halloween Fest from 5p-7p. The Halloween Fest is located in the parking lot at E 3rd and Main. Activities include goodies, food trucks, and FREE pumpkins to the first 200 trick-or-treaters who stop by the pumpkin patch. "Family fun in a safe and monitored environment". Hosted by the Downtown Rochester DDA.

Mystery Dinner at Meadow Brook Hall

Meadow Brook Hall

Thursday, October 21, and Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 7p-10p

Meadow Brook Hall and Gardens

An engaging evening of murder, mystery and mayhem at Meadow Brook. This fun event includes a three-course meal, cocktails and a chance to solve the mystery. Guests are encouraged to come in costume. Tickets are \$90 per person. Reservations are required. Hurry! This event sells out quickly! Please call 248-364-6252 for more information or visit their website.

Rochester Play Monster Mash

Friday, October 22, 2021 from 6p-8p

Rochester Play!

380 E Second Street, Rochester MI 48307, 248-650-7529



Pizza buffet, drinks, game play, crafts, dance room, games, costume contest, and more. For tickets, visit rochesterplay.com

Halloween Hoot

Friday, October 22, Saturday, October 23, and Sunday, October 24 from 6:30p-9p (different time slots available)

Dinosaur Nature Preserve

333 North Hill Circle, Rochester, Michigan 48307

An illuminated Halloween walk featuring various Halloween displays and special lighting along the trail. Ticket holders will first check-in at the registration area then gather around the campfire to enjoy live entertainment while they wait for their trail time. \$9.

Trick or Treating at the Downtown Farmers Market

Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10a-noon

Rochester Farmers Market

corner of E Third St and Water St, Rochester, Michigan

Trick or Treat at the Rochester Farmers Market. For more info, call 248-656-0060. Hosted by the Rochester Farmers Market.

ROCHESTER HILLS HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Stonewall Pumpkin Festival at Van Hoosen Farms

Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 10a-4p and then from 7p-9p.

stonewall pumpkin festVan Hoosen Farms

1005 Van Hoosen Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48306

The Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival lighting will take place from 7p-9p, Festival activities will take place from 10a-4p. The event during the day is packed with activities for the kids, including pumpkin bowling and their own pumpkin that could be carved while at the festival or taken home. Hosted by the City of Rochester Hills.

Spooktacular Halloween Party

Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 5p-8:30p

Friendship Factory (1659 W Hamlin Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48309, 248-890,7277, thefriendshipfactory.com)

Enjoy the Glitter Garage for Halloween Hair & glitter tattoos, crafts, a slime station, Boo Bingo, singing, dancing, dinner, and more. \$50. Ages 6+. Pre-registration required. Call 248-890-7277 or email manager@thefriendshipfactory.com to reserve your spot.

SOUTHFIELD HALLOWEEN EVENTS 2021

Boo at the Burgh

Friday, October 22, 2021 from 5:30-8:30p (4 sessions) & Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 3:30p-8:30p (6 sessions)

Burgh Historical Park

NE Corner of Civic Center Park & Berg Rd, 248-796-5000

Walk through the beautiful Burgh Historical park and enjoy the sights of Halloween. There will be trick or treating stations throughout the park. All ages are welcome, but everyone that enters must pay the admission fee. Each family must have an adult present. This is an outdoor event hosted by Southfield Parks & Recreation.

Book & Boo

Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 1p-4:30p

(5 sessions to choose from)

Bedford Woods Park

Lathrup Dr, N of 12 Mile Rd E of Southfield Rd



Enjoy a Trick or Treat Story Trail with costumed characters handing out treats throughout Bedford Woods Park. Children will receive a pumpkin at the end of the trail. For ages 2-10 years old. One adult must be present per family. Families must social distance at least 6 feet from others and each person must pay for a ticket. This is an outdoor event hosted by Southfield Parks & Recreation. This is an outdoor event hosted by Southfield Parks & Recreation.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

SEPTEMBER CAREGIVER OF THE MONTH

AUDRA AUSTIN



ECare: Tell us something about yourself that others find interesting:

Audra: I like being artistic and creative.

ECare: Three words to best describe you:

Audra: Fun, Wise and Helpful.

ECare: What is on your bucket list?

Audra: Take a Road Trip to Tennessee or Alabama.

ECare: You're happiest when?

Audra: I am happiest seeing others grow and become successful.

ECare: What's your favorite childhood memory?

Audra: I always loved our trips to Sea World.

ECare: If given a chance, who would you like to be for a day?

Audra: President or Governor.

ECare: What's the one thing, you can't live without?

Audra: COFFEE.

ECare: What made you decide to become a Caregiver?

Audra: The desire to teach others life skills, or learn new things. Seeing them have a sense of accomplishment.

ECare: What is your best piece of advice for other Caregivers?

Audra: Have lots of patience, always praise and encourage them, let them know they have purpose and find things they enjoy doing.

ECare: What is your proudest moment as a Caregiver?

Audra: I work in a home with three ladies and seeing them grow and live independent makes me very proud of them.



Audra has been providing excellent care for her consumers over the past year she's been with ExpertCare. We've had nothing but positive feedback from the Supports Coordinator of the consumers she provides for.

On multiple occasions, she's proven herself to be dependable and can always be counted on to get the job done. Audra has stepped up on numerous occasions to help her consumers if they're in need of additional hours to help assist with their goals.

We appreciate her professionalism and for always reporting any concerns she has with her consumers if she feels their goals need to be adjusted to better accommodate their growth. ExpertCare truly appreciates everything she does and is very proud to have her represent ExpertCare in the field.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication in changing the lives of others.

Thank you for demonstrating *ExpertCare's* core values of:

Helping People Succeed

Passion for Success

Can Do Attitude

