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MAYOR REDD ANNOUNCES SAFE, FUN FILLED FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR THE HALLOWEEN WEEKEND

MAYOR REDD SWEARS IN SEVEN POLICE OFFICERS

Also Lists Various Community Patrols/Watches Occurring Throughout The City

CAMDEN – To ensure Camden children are able to enjoy a fun filled and safe Halloween this year, Mayor Dana L. Redd today announced a host of wonderful family oriented activities that will take place this weekend. The Mayor also noted the various community patrols/watches occurring throughout the City.

“Whether a child is trick-or-treating in their neighborhood, attending a party, or showcasing their costumes at a parade, our children deserve to enjoy a safe Halloween experience,” Mayor Redd said. “If our kids want to take part in a safe Halloween activity but are not sure where they can go, my office and the City’s Department of Human Services will have a list of programs that are available to them during this weekend. To ensure their safety, the Camden Police Department will have police officers assigned to participate in the community activities.”

Today, Mayor Redd also was able to swear-in seven police officers. These recent rehires were approved by the State to fill vacancies that have occurred due to retirements in the Police Department.

“The addition of seven more officers could not come at a better time,” Mayor Redd said. “Children should be scared of the extravagant costumes made during Halloween and not afraid of walking down the street to go trick-or-treating. With seven more officers, and another 14 to be sworn-in in the coming weeks, this means we will have 21 more officers on the streets and in our neighborhoods protecting our families.”

“The Camden Police Department is deeply committed to making sure City residents, in particular the young children, get to enjoy Halloween,” Camden Police Chief John Scott Thomson said. “Our officers will be patrolling the neighborhoods and standing with the Camden community during many of the festivities that are taking place this weekend.”

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In an effort to help keep Camden Children safe during this Halloween weekend, Mayor Redd is also encouraging families to attend the various activities taking place throughout the City or to host Halloween themed parties.

The list of activities and programs scheduled for this weekend are as follows:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2011

- **Night of Terror at Creamy Acres** – **FREE** for the first 550 City of Camden youth registered through the Department of Human Services and with one canned food donation. Child must be 10 years old to participate.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2011

- **Rutgers-Camden Trick-or-Treating Event for Camden Youth** – Children dressed in their costumes will have a chance to go trick-or-treating on the Rutgers-Camden campus during the Black Law Students Associations' annual Safe Halloween 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Tony Hill or Elesia James at 678-788-5685 or 917-841-3937.
- **Fairview Halloween Parade** – The Fairview Neighbors are sponsoring a Halloween Parade and Costume Contest at Yorkship Square from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for children ages infant to 13 years old.
- **Open House at RPM Community Center** – The RPM Community Center will be open from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. to thank law enforcement personnel for their hard work.
- **Fairview Halloween Eve Community Walk** – Fairview Neighbors will coordinate two community walks on Sunday. The first walk will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Yorkship School and the second walk will begin at 11:00 p.m. at the Freedom Academy parking lot.
- **Cooper Plaza Annual Town Watch Patrol** – Cooper Lanning Civic Association will host a town watch patrol from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Those who want to participate are asked to meet at the Cooper Hospital parking garage entrance slightly before 6:00 p.m. and bring flashlights. For additional information, please call 609-519-5335.
- **Senior Breast Cancer Walk** – A walk to raise breast cancer awareness from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. beginning at 129 Market Street. Only the seniors need to register at 129 Market St or by calling Ms. Travara at 856-757-7068.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2011

- **City of Camden Halloween Costume Party** – The City of Camden will host a Halloween Costume Party at Millennium Skate World. The first 350 Camden youth ages six and up who register through the Department of Human Services and bring at least one canned food donation will get a **FREE** admission, rental, pizza, soda, tokens & candy and prizes for best dressed. Once we go over the 350 threshold, you must pay to get in.
- **Safe Haven Halloween** – Crestbury Apartments Resident Coalition will host a block party as a safe haven alternative for the children of Crestbury Apartments. The event will take place from 2:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. For additional information, please call 856-541-9710.
- **Northgate I Annual Halloween Party** – Residents of Northgate I Apartments will host their annual Halloween party for the children of the North Camden neighborhood from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

“Our goal is to provide our children with safe and fun activities during Halloween,” Mayor Redd said. “I look forward to seeing the kids in their costumes and most of all, the smiles on their faces.”