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#### Halloween 2016

This year Halloween is on Monday, October 31<sup>st.</sup> Trick or Treating hours for the City of DeKalb will be from 4:00PM – 8:00PM. The DeKalb Police Department recommends the following safety tips to keep children safe during Halloween:

- \*Young children should Trick or Treat with an adult
- \*Older children should Trick or Treat in large groups
- \*Children should walk on the sidewalk NOT in the street
- \*Children should cross the street at intersections or crosswalks
- \*Children should wear reflective clothing and carry flashlights or glow sticks
- \*Children should NOT wear all black clothing, this makes them virtually invisible to drivers
- \*Children should NOT enter a stranger's home for ANY reason
- \*Parents should inspect their child's candy before consuming

Caution to Drivers:

\*Drive slow and be on the look-out for young children

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- \*Enter & Exit drive ways slowly and carefully
- \*Back out of your drive way with caution
- \*Do NOT be distracted inside your vehicle with your radio, cell phone or other items

Due to recent incidents of "clowning" clown costumes are discouraged. While it is not illegal to wear any costume, intentional acts that alarm the public may result in criminal charges. Please report suspicious incidents of any kind to the police department.

If you have any questions regarding the Halloween Holiday contact the DeKalb Police Department at 815-748-8400.

Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!

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