

To the residents of the Town of Glenville and the Village of Scotia

"SAFE MONDAY HALLOWEEN"

As the Police Chiefs of your respective communities, we are asking for your assistance in making this Halloween, a "**SAFE Monday HALLOWEEN**"

Every year throughout the Town and Village, many of our children enjoy the tradition of collecting candy on Halloween evening. Unfortunately, each year there are incidents that mar the evening for some children and residents. While these incidents are caused proportionately by only a small number of older youth, the impact of the vandalism, litter, and disruptive behavior adversely affects the quality of life in the whole neighborhood.

Keeping this in mind, we are asking that all residents **celebrate Halloween between the hours of 4 P.M. and 8 P.M. on Monday, October 31st, 2011.** We would ask that children complete their "Trick or Treating" and that residents turn off their front porch lights at 8 P.M.

We would appreciate if each parent would spend a few minutes with their children and impress upon them that Halloween is not an excuse to become involved in criminal activity. One night of so-called "fun" can quickly get out of hand and result in personal injury or an arrest.

Only with your cooperation and support of "**SAFE MONDAY HALLOWEEN**" will all of our children and residents be able to enjoy this evening. If you witness groups congregating and you live outside of the Village, call the Glenville Police at 384-3444. If you live within the Village limits, call the Scotia Police at 384-2244.

In any **EMERGENCY** dial 9-1-1.

We have attached a list of "**SAFE MONDAY HALLOWEEN**" tips for the parents of younger children.

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Glenville Police Department

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Tips for a "SAFE MONDAY HALLOWEEN"

- Try to have your children Trick-or-Treat when it is still light outside.
- If your child will be out during dusk or after dark, have them carry a flashlight and use reflective tape on their costumes, so they can see and be seen.
- Plan your child's route with them ahead of time. Pick streets that are well lighted.
- Accompany your child or have an older sibling or other adult accompany them.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes your children know.
- Costumes should be worn so that it is easy for the child to walk in.
- A facemask will keep your child from seeing well. Consider the use of makeup instead. If your child must wear a mask, instruct them to remove it before crossing the street.
- Have your child cross at corners and not in the middle of the street between parked cars.
- If there is no sidewalk, have your child walk facing oncoming traffic.
- Instruct your children not to eat any of the candy they collect until they arrive home so you can check it with them before they eat it.
- Keep costumed children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber, which is soft and flexible.

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