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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** *(Oct 30, 2013)*

**The City wishes to share Halloween Safety Information**

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** – Although the City does not designate days and hours for trick or treating, there is a chance of severe weather Thursday afternoon and evening. The forecast calls for the possibility of severe thunderstorms and some storms may be dangerous.

Parents and trick or treaters are encouraged to watch the weather. If Mother Nature does not cooperate, the City hopes citizens will honor the spirit of the holiday if trick or treaters visit on Friday. If heavy rain, thunderstorms and strong winds do develop, it is unlikely that many doorbells will ring on Thursday. So let's save some candy for Friday!

There has been no change to Trick or Treat on the Square, hosted by Main Street. That activity is scheduled for Thursday, October 31st from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM.

In addition, we have some other general safety tips for you to follow:

- Parents should accompany children, especially small children, when they are trick or treating.
- Provide children with flashlights or glow sticks to carry for lighting.
- Warn children to NEVER enter the home or car of someone they do not know.
- Instruct children to never run out into the street and look both ways before crossing.
- Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure to stop, drop, and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice: Stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with their hands, and rolling over to put the flames out).
- If children are going to Halloween parties at a friend's home, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out of an emergency.
- Suspicious activity should be reported to MPD immediately by calling 615-893-1311.