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***AUTUMN THRILLS IN AUBURN HILLS WELCOMES FALL WITH FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES***

*Metro Detroiters are invited to explore and experience some of the best the city has to offer this fall season!*

**Auburn Hills, MI (September 1, 2015)** – The smell of cider and pumpkin pie will soon fill the air announcing the arrival of Autumn, as the City of Auburn Hills prepares for *Autumn Thrills in Auburn Hills*, September through October. The city launched its *Summer Thrills* campaign earlier this year to highlight some of its most popular summer attractions. Similarly, *Autumn Thrills in Auburn Hills* will offer a variety of fall activities including festivals, as well as volunteer and wellness opportunities.

“Our Summer Thrills campaign was a big hit, so we’re truly excited to share plans for *Autumn Thrills in Auburn Hills* with residents and those who will visit our city to enjoy the fall weather,” said Mayor Kevin McDaniel. “With help from our business community and recreation department, we’ve developed a diverse calendar of events with the family in mind. It is our goal that through these events, families will build upon current traditions and create new ones right here in Auburn Hills.”

*Autumn Thrills in Auburn Hills* events include:

**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade of Stars Bluegrass Festival (Saturday, September 12)**

Bring your lawn chairs and plan to stay because rain or shine, headliners taking the stage will include The Grascals, Special Consensus, Detour, and Feller and Hill. The family-friendly event will also feature a playground for kids and refreshments, and band merchandise will be available for purchase. The event also includes free parking and shuttle services. Join the fun at Civic Center Park (1827 North Squirrel Road) from noon to 7 p.m. The event is sponsored in part by AARP Michigan. General admission is \$5 per person, and children ages 12 and under are free.

**Clinton River Clean Up (Saturday, September 19)**

Come one, Come All! Volunteers are needed for an environmentally conscious community activity to help preserve and protect the Clinton River for generations to come. Help clean up this iconic river that connects four counties including Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer and St. Clair. To join this community-wide effort, volunteers are asked to meet at the River Woods Park (M-59 & Squirrel Road, dress appropriately, wear closed-toe sturdy shoes, and bring a pair of protective gloves. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the clean-up is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon.

### **Community Health Fair & Vaccine Clinic (Saturday, October 3)**

**Preventive Care!** The City is partnering with Alana's Foundation to help protect you and your family from influenza with free flu vaccinations. Health screening assessments, including glucose, neurological, vital signs, body mass index, and derma screenings will be offered. The event is open to both the uninsured and insured. Those with health insurance are asked to bring their insurance cards. The event takes place at the Auburn Hills Community Center, located at 1827 North Squirrel Road. There is no cost to participate.

### **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Auburn Hills Fall Festival in the Woods (Saturday, October 10)**

Nature Lover's Dream! The E. Dale Fisk Hawk Woods Nature Center (3799 Bald Mountain Rd) is the place to be for fun nature activities and education for the entire family. The Center will be featuring special fall family activities, including a petting farm, hay rides, pumpkin carving, entertainment, refreshments and more from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entrance into the festival is free.

### **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Trail (Thursday, October 22)**

Strolling Treat Trail! Children ages 12 and under are invited to a boo-friendly trick-or-treat stroll down the Halloween trail at Civic Center Park (1827 North Squirrel Road) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. In addition to collecting treats, children may visit with the "Talking Pumpkin" and enjoy a special Halloween magic show. The event is free to the public, and children are encouraged to wear costumes.

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spooktacular (Saturday, October 24)**

A Spooky Good Time! The merchants of Downtown Auburn Hills will hand out candy and other goodies to trick-or-treaters. This year's Spooktacular also features two showings of a Halloween-themed magic show at the University Center (3350 Auburn Rd) at 12:45 p.m. and at 1:30 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The City of Auburn Hills will host contests and award prizes throughout the *Autumn Thrills in Auburn Hills* campaign for residents and visitors that share their *Autumn Thrills* experiences via social media posts using the Twitter hashtag #ThrillsInAuburnHills.

For additional information, visit [www.auburnhills.org](http://www.auburnhills.org) or call the Auburn Hills Recreation Department at (248) 370-9353.

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### **About Auburn Hills**

The City of Auburn Hills is a distinguished leader in southeast Michigan. Home to 21,000 residents, as well as a workday population of approximately 100,000, Auburn Hills continues to be a thriving global business address. It is home to over 70 international corporations and hosts the World and North American headquarters for numerous outstanding businesses such as Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Continental Automotive Systems, Faurecia, and BorgWarner. Auburn Hills' residents enjoy the amenities of city and suburban living with parks, a revitalized downtown district and a welcoming city complex with a library and community center. Additionally, the city has five colleges and universities, the award winning Palace of Auburn Hills entertainment complex and Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, one of the state's largest destination shopping centers, providing a variety of cultural, social and educational opportunities to residents, workers and visitors. Learn more at [www.auburnhills.org](http://www.auburnhills.org).