

Treats on the Street • Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023

Folks flock to annual activity

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“Isn’t this great?” asks Waseca Music Company’s Jim Kozan.

Kozan is seated on the steps of his shop, laughing, smiling and admiring costumes as a line of children walks past for “Treats on the Streets.” Oh, and of course, handing out candy.

Most businesses on the downtown four blocks of State Street were distributing treats; trick-or-treaters typically began in the parking lot in front of the community center where many businesses located outside the downtown area had tables and booths. Even though the line was quick-moving, sheer numbers caused it to be more than a block long ahead of the first station.

Along with businesses, numerous area organizations also had stations to distribute treats; nearly all were set up along the walkway, with only a few asking trick-or-treaters to step inside.

Members of the police department and reserves stood watch at intersections to protect everyone’s safety and keep both foot traffic and vehicle traffic moving.

According to Ann Fitch of the Waseca Chamber of Commerce, the event is planned by herself, Jaala Miller of Four Seasons and Angie Brooks of Ultra Beach Tanning Salon. The “Treats on the Streets” theme evolved about five years ago from a “Brick and Block” theme with a similar goal: to draw trick-or-treaters and members of the public to the downtown area.

Based on the amount of candy distributed through the Chamber of Commerce’s “candy tube,” she estimates about 1,000 children, accompanied by uncounted adults and family members, cycled through downtown. Although not all organizations registered via the “Treats on the Streets” Facebook page, the list of registrants includes: 4-seasons Apparel & More LLC; WITH Therapy Services; Huebl/Mulcahey Insurance Agency/Waseca Realty; VFW Post 1642; South Central Human Relations Center; C and A designs MN - DIY Workshop; Keen Bank; AudioTronix; Lakeshore Rehabilitation Center; Waseca County Mounted Sheriff’s Posse; Alee Services; Waseca Public Library; Fernbrook Family Center; Wright and Associates LLC; Waseca County 4H; ICAN, Inc of Waseca; The CBD Center Waseca; FM BANK; TEAM Academy; United Prairie Bank; St John’s Lutheran Church; Katie Gonzales State Farm; Waseca Art Center; Waseca Soccer Club; ITRON INC.; Thrifty White; FM BANK; Growing Roots Chiropractic LLC; Grace Lutheran Church; Elise Ferguson ERA Gillespie Real Estate; Southside Marine & More; Corn County Seed Company; Waseca Area Chamber of Commerce; Fernbrook Family Center; Waseca Fire Department and Auxiliary; Natural Aesthetics; Refinery 507; The vibrant collective; Ultra Beach; Waseca Area Neighborhood Service Center; Minnwest Bank; Matthew R. Petsinger Agency LLC-American Family Insurance; Pic A Dilly’s Boutique; Waseca County; Sipe Tax Preparation and Representation.



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