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It will be a scary Saturday in Port Washington as the city holds trick-or-treat and costumed children — and perhaps some adults — take part in the final farmers market of the season and the annual Harvest at the Market celebration.

The farmers market will have extended hours on Saturday, running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Main Street, while Harvest at the Market will run throughout downtown from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trick-or-treat will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. throughout the city.

Port Washington High School students will be out from 4 to 6 p.m., but they won't be looking for candy. They will instead be collecting nonperishable food for the Food Pantry as part of the Student Council's annual Trick-or-Treat for the Hungry.

Harvest at the Market, which will be held on Franklin Street, will be larger than it has been for several years.

"We just wanted to have more of a family event with something for every generation to do," organizer Cathy Wilger said. "We'll have more for kids to do than in the past, and we'll have activities for parents and grandparents, too."

Although Franklin Street will be closed, Jackson Street will remain open, as will Grand Avenue, Wilger said.

Costumed children will be able to trick-or-treat at merchants throughout downtown during the festival.

Children aged 12 and younger may take part in the costume contest, with judging at 1 p.m. at the north stage, which will be set up near the corner of Jackson and Franklin streets.

The Kenny Brandt Polka Band will perform at that stage from noon to 3 p.m.

"We hope to see a lot of polka dancing," Wilger said.

At the south end of the street, near Duluth Trading Co. and the Holiday Inn Harborside, The Heat will perform music from the 1980s and '90s from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Food will play a big part in the festival.

The Taste of Autumn apple pie bake-off will be held at the Wilson House, with registration from 11 a.m. to noon, when judges will sample the pies. Samples will be provided after the judging.

A no-hands pumpkin pie eating contest and a three-pound brat challenge will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the corner of Main and Franklin streets. Ten contestants will be allowed in each contest.

“Come hungry,” Wilger said.

A tasting of seasonal beers will be held at Schooner Pub throughout the event.

Children’s activities, including face painting, bobbing for apples, chalk drawing and pumpkin bowling, will be held at the corner of Washington and Franklin streets.

A bounce house will be set up at the corner of Franklin and Pier streets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pumpkin carving will be done at Washington and Franklin streets. Pumpkins and carving tools will be provided by Port Washington Main Street, which is sponsoring the festival.

The jack-o’-lanterns will be displayed until the 2:30 p.m. judging. After that, carvers may take them home.

Tables equipped with decks of cards and chairs will be set up along Franklin Street for people to play sheepshead.

About 40 vendors will also have booths set up along the street, and many merchants will have special sales Saturday, Wilger said.

Free wagon rides through downtown will be held throughout the festival. The wagons will pick up and drop off riders at the east end of Main Street near Dockside Deli.

For more information, contact the Main Street office at 268-1132.