



WELCOME TO Hallowe'en in Greenfield Village®

What's the most enchanting, nostalgic and fantastical Halloween adventure? It's The Henry Ford's Hallowe'en in Greenfield Village, Michigan's premier outdoor October celebration.

From fall themes to costumed storybook characters and ghostly performances, our 40-year-plus Hallowe'en tradition is one of a kind, showcased within the bewitching setting of Greenfield Village after hours.

HALLOWE'EN HISTORY

The Hallowe'en celebration has ancient Celtic origins. A colorful union of customs evolved from a pagan festival that celebrated the end of the summer and the harvest season — a time when the boundaries between the living and the souls of the departed were believed to be thinned. The old rituals eventually became associated with the Christian feast of All Saints' or Hallows' Day. The night before this feast — All Hallows' Even — was abbreviated as Hallowe'en, a spelling that remained in place well into the 1930s.

Hallowe'en has not always been a night of ghoulish and garish trimmings, candy and trick-or-treating. Celebrations in the early 1900s were occasions for young adults to gather and peer into the future for love and marriage, fate and fortune. The holiday was an opportunity to host a "frolic" with a romantic theme. But the autumnal fruit, cornstalks, witches, ghosts and goblins, the wearing of costumes and even the carved pumpkin jack-o'-lanterns we still decorate with today all have symbolism rooted in the age-old Celtic traditions.

For additional reading on this fascinating subject, we suggest *Hallowe'en: Romantic Art and Customs of Yesteryear* by Diane C. Arkins.

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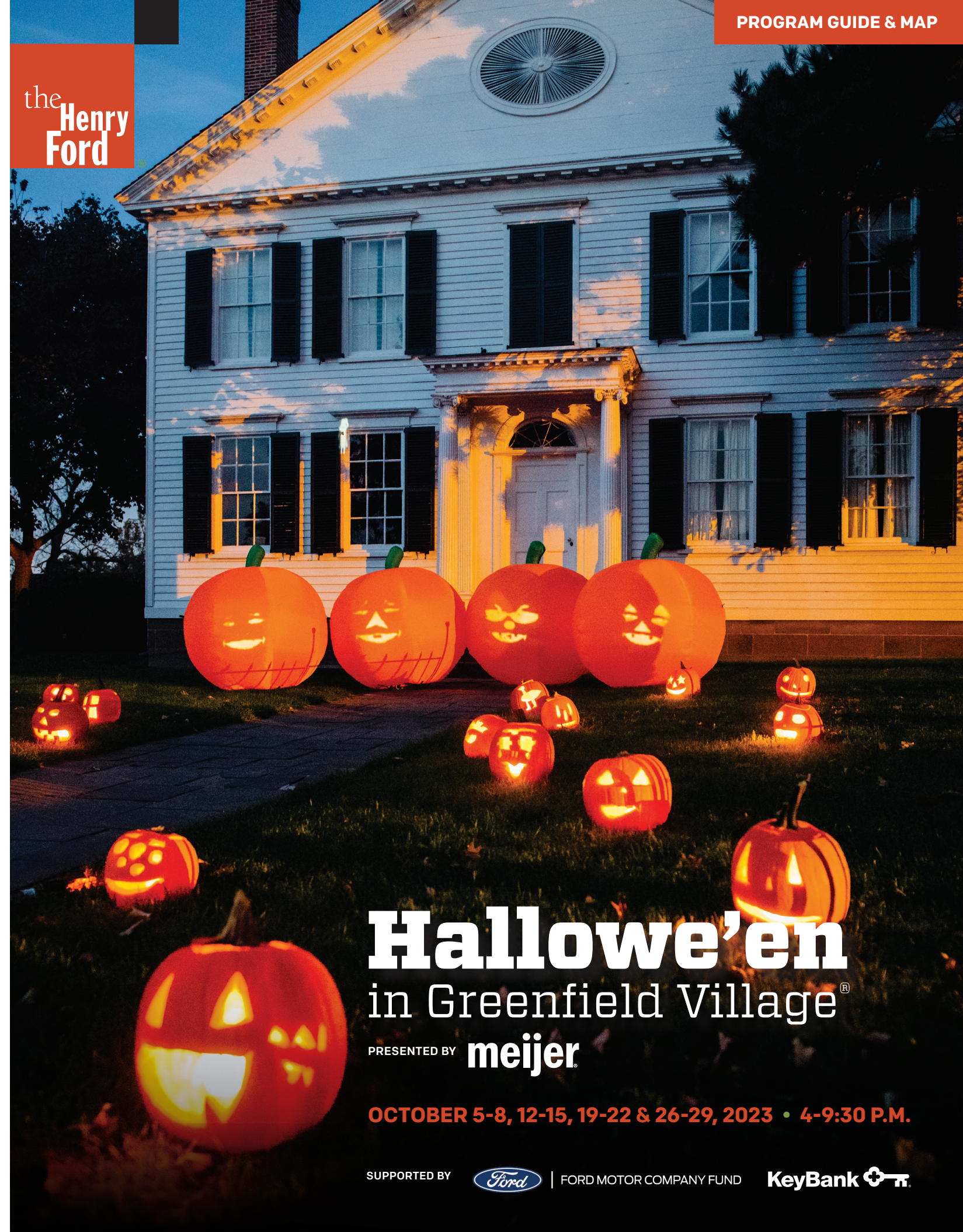


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