Expect to see a thousand witches and goblins at Halloween in the Village

By Erik Vidstrand The Southwest Portland Post

Halloween falls on a Saturday this year so Multnomah Village may be a bit more congested, and scarier than usual. Approximately 1,500 – 2,000 little goblins will descend upon local businesses asking for treats or a trick.

Halloween in the Village will take place from 3 – 5 p.m. on Oct. 31, rain or shine.

Tye Steinbach, co-owner of Thinker Toys, said it's one of the highlights of the year.

"It's our way of giving back to the community," Steinbach said. "Safety is our utmost concern and dishing out fun, and candy, is our goal."

Sheriff cadets and traffic police will be on hand to assist ghosts and zombies at crosswalks and will direct traffic. The route begins at Starbucks, heads clockwise through the village, and finishing at dentist Lisa Jensen's office.

One unnamed owner said that parking is insane, half of the kids

are from out of the area, and pillow cases are packed with loads of candy.

The Herrle family discussed their plans while they were out enjoying a final summer day of sunshine. Ella will be a mermaid, and her brother, Evan, is going to be a portal god (a reference to a popular video game).

"We're here for Multnomah Days and Breakfast with Santa," said mom Christine who is dressing as a giant pink squid, "but somehow we have missed Halloween." They'll be making their

first try at it this year.

Riversgate Church, one of the sponsors, will be SW Capitol Hwy. Switch Clothing is sponsoring

a photo booth at the Southwest Community Health Center (across



their new building at 7634 coming to the Halloween festivities for the first time. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

> from Starbucks) with all donations going to Neighborhood House.

Recreational marijuana

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According to White, traffic and parking has not been an issue on Troy Street west of 35th Avenue.

"Both our businesses have great parking," White said, "and the traffic flow is much slower here compared to where they used to be located (31st Avenue and Capitol Highway)".

Sales of edibles have been put on hold until the OLCC advisory committees and other regulatory agencies can firm up the rules about marketing, packaging, child proofing, and labeling. The OLCC anticipates decisions won't be finalized until the end of next year.

Smoking marijuana in public is still illegal. Consumers can only smoke in their homes or backyards.

Several other business owners in the village, all who wanted to remain anonymous, said they are pleased with the new regulations and some said that they are looking forward to Oct. 1.

Editor's Note: While recreational marijuana will be initially untaxed, a 25 percent sales tax begins in January, ending the tax holiday. For more information on recreational marijuana sales and use, visit www. whatslegaloregon.com.

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