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MEMO TO: Winsted Merchants

FROM: Friends of Main Street Board of Directors

DATE: September – 2021

RE: **39TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST**

Friends of Main Street is pleased to once again organize the Halloween Window Painting Contest, to take place on Saturday, October 23, 2021, beginning at 9:00 am. The 2020 Contest event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are moving forward with this year’s contest, advocating masking precautions. Open to Winchester students in grades Kindergarten through Six, including home-schooled children, teams of two will be assigned their window. As some students may be involved in sports teams/activities on that Saturday, the windows will not be judged until mid-day on Sunday, October 24, giving them Sunday morning to complete their artwork.

The Rotary Club of Winsted started this community tradition in 1983. In 2005, Friends of Main Street was happy to become a partner with Rotary in the Contest, assuming the “mechanics” of the event for the club. When the Winsted Rotary merged with the Torrington Rotary in 2013, The Rotary Club of the Torrington & Winsted Areas continued sponsorship of this much-loved event. This is evidenced by the parents who participated as youngsters that are now bringing their own children.

If you would like to have your store window(s) painted with Halloween scenes, please complete the section below and either email it to [fomswinsted@gmail](mailto:fomswinsted@gmail.com), put a signed copy in the “newspaper” mailbox at 389 Main Street or give it to a Friends of Main Street representative by Friday, October 8. Please be sure to specify which window(s) you are giving permission to paint. Additionally, Friends of Main Street will tape paper over the windowsill to make clean-up easier. Following past practice, the Winsted Fire Department will clean the windows the weekend after Halloween (approximately November 6 or 7).

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BUSINESS PARTICIPATION FORM: 2021 HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST

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BUSINESS NAME		BUSINESS OWNER
_____	() - _____	_____
STREET ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS

WINDOW(S) AVAILABLE TO PAINT - if you need more room, please use the back of this sheet.

BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW, I AGREE TO ALLOW SAID WINDOWS OF MY BUSINESS (AS NOTED ABOVE) TO BE PAINTED BY WINCHESTER CHILDREN DURING THE 2021 HALLOWEEN WINDOW PAINTING CONTEST CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 23, 2021.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

FURTHER, BY INITIALING HERE, I GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE WINSTED FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CLEAN SAID PAINT OFF OF THE WINDOWS OF MY BUSINESS: _____