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PAL gears up for month of fun, ghosts and ghouls

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FORT PIERCE – To usher in the opening of the new home of the Fort Pierce Police Athletic League, volunteers are making plans for a grand affair.

Located at 1401 North 2nd Street, the new PAL Center will offer its usual choices of programs and activities for at risk kids needing a safe place grow and develop. For the past six months, approximately 50 volunteers, including a St. Lucie County Deputy, a staff member of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office Work Farm and jail inmates, have worked to renovate the 40,000 square-foot facility and complete a laundry list of repairs to get the building suitable for PAL's use.

"It is because of the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency and the generosity of the City Commission, that we have so much to celebrate," said Officer Paul Pearson, who approximately six months ago was searching for new home for the program after having to move from its fourth location, a 3,500 square-foot store in the now demolished Coral Square Plaza.

The opening of the new location will coincide this year PAL's annual PALTOBERFEST which is slated for Saturday, October 27th, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The day of family fun will feature free hay-rides, youth boxing demonstration, drag/street car show, bounce house and a host police equipment and other displays. The day will culminate with a 7:00 p.m. Kids Show, presented by the Helen Abbott Theatre of Hope under the direction of Brenda Cooper. **There is a \$5 per person cost for admission to the show. For more information call 772-466-0606.**

Three days after the grand opening, the Heathcote Botanical Gardens will team up with PAL to sponsor a "Haunted Forest" on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 30 and 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The gardens, located at 210 Savannah Road, will be turned into a virtual haunting ground. There will also be a pumpkin carving contest, a witch's coven fashion show and other ghoulish activities. The groups are asking for a \$5 donation to experience the creepy attraction. Heathcote members will be admitted free.

To create the haunted forest, the organizations are in need of some scary donations, including props, sheets, costumes, etc. Donations can be dropped off at Heathcote or for more information contact 772-462-5672.

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