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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**WAYNE COUNTY & DETROIT CITY COUNCIL  
CELEBRATE THE FALL HARVEST AT DETROIT EASTERN MARKET  
Saturday, October 17, 2009 – 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**SATURDAY, October 17, 2009** – Wayne County and Detroit City Council in partnership with Eastern Market Corporation will celebrate their annual Harvest Festival at historic Eastern Market. Festivities begin at 11:00 a.m. in Shed 5 on Russell Street and Alfred Street.

In Michigan, we can't help but celebrate the fall harvest: pumpkins, apples, pears, squash, cornstalks, gourds and hardy mums. Join us in the celebration. This annual event draws thousands of families to Eastern Market and is one of the best free children's events in Detroit.

The Harvest Fest will include activities for children, hayrides, pick out your pumpkin, pony rides, face painting, pie eating contests, and coloring table. In honor of fire safety month the Detroit Fire Department will attend and teach fire safety and prevention techniques.

Michigan State University will be on site to provide free health screening for Cholesterol, Glucose, Blood Pressure, Height & Weight along with Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine will provide free health screening for your precious pets.

The event will include free food and refreshments for the children attending the event. Experience the sights, smells and tastes of harvest at the cooking demonstrations going on in Shed 2 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and the abundance of fall produce available from local farmers & vendors at Eastern Market.

“Just the smiles on the children's faces tell us what a great event this has always been,” said Robert A. Ficano, Wayne County Executive. “Our historic Eastern Market is the perfect place to host the event. Rain or shine we look forward to great attendance.”

“This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Harvest Fest and for our communities to come together to celebrate all things that are bright and beautiful especially our children who are the stars of the day,” said JoAnn Watson, Detroit City Councilwoman.

“Part of what makes Eastern Market special is that it delivers a memorable experience with every visit. We are honored to partner with Wayne County and Detroit City Council to promote one of Michigan’s largest industries and present one of the year’s most festive family events at Eastern Market,” said Dan Carmody, President of the Eastern Market Corporation.

Eastern Market is located between Gratiot and Mack, bordered by Orleans and I-75 service drive just northeast of downtown Detroit. For more information go to [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com) or call (313) 967-3869.

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