



FAQ's & Guidelines for The Great Pumpkin Carving Event

What is the Great Pumpkin Carving Event?

The Great Pumpkin Carving Contest is a community event open to all ages. Groups will have fun carving pumpkins and are encouraged to come in their costumes and to decorate their vehicles for a chance to win prizes.

What can I expect at the event?

The event will consist of a pumpkin carving contest along with music, fun activities for you and your group to enjoy, and of course candy!

Included with the fee: Set of Pumpkin Carving tools and Pumpkin

How long is the pumpkin carving contest?

Once the buzzard sounds, groups will have 1 hour to complete their pumpkin.

Will awards be given?

Yes. Awards will be given based on the following categories: Scariest, Silliest, Most Artistic, and Best Design.

How much is the event?

Registration is \$30 per group (max. 6 per group). Not including the non-refundable 4% service fee

I have a large group; can I reserve spaces next to each other?

All registration is General Admission. Vehicles will be placed on a first come first served basis to a parking space. Parking spaces may NOT be reserved.

Do I have to stay next to my vehicle?

Registration will ensure a parking space for your vehicle and an adjacent space for you and your group to participate in the pumpkin carving contest. All members of your party must remain in your designated area unless going to the restrooms. All CDC and County guidelines must be adhered to when outside of your vehicle, including wearing a mask and social distancing from those not in your group.

What do I bring?

You will be provided with a pumpkin carving tool, however, you are encouraged to bring your own pumpkin carving tools, paints, brushes, etc. in order to carve your pumpkin to your liking. You are more than welcome to bring chairs as well.

Do I need a registration receipt for each person in my vehicle?

You will only need one registration receipt per vehicle. The number of passengers in your vehicle must not exceed the number of safety belts/seats in your vehicle. Keep in mind your registration includes no more than 6 total participants. It is recommended that you only share a vehicle with household members with whom you have been sheltering in place.



When can I arrive and where do I go?

The parking lot will open at 9:00 am, 1 hour prior to the start of the contest. Guests should enter the Sports Center off Rochester and the RC Sports Center. RECEIPT MUST BE SHOWN to enter the parking lot area. Gates will close at 10:00 am. No vehicles will be allowed in after that.

Will food/concessions be available?

No food will be sold at the event, but you may bring in your own food and drinks.

Where do I pick up my Pumpkin?

Pumpkins will be placed on tables upon arrival.

What am I NOT allowed to bring?

The following items and activities are prohibited at this event:

- Power tools
- Alcohol
- Disorderly conduct
- Advertising, selling or promoting any third-party product (including, but not limited to, food and beverage items)
- Fireworks
- Generators
- Grills or fryers
- Open flames of any kind
- Laser pointers
- Noisemakers
- Tents
- Use of drones
- Weapons

Other Notes to Remember

When outside of the designated area, guests must always wear a mask and maintain at least 6 feet of separation from those in other vehicles. Vehicles and trucks must fit in a single, standard parking space. Oversize vehicles such as RVs, trailers, buses are not permitted.

Please follow the direction of parking attendants and staff. For everyone's safety, it is important that you stay in the space you are assigned throughout the event.



Receipt must be shown to attendant in order to enter the parking lot. This will be cross-referenced with our list of tickets sold.

All sales are final and there will be NO Refunds.

In and out (leaving and coming back) privileges are not permitted.

We ask that everyone stay in their parking space until the end of the event

In case of an emergency you may exit by finding a staff member who will assist with the exit route.

The event will last approximately 2 hours.

Restrooms are available, but the following guidelines must be observed:

- All guests exiting their vehicle **MUST** wear a mask or face covering.
- Please only use the restroom in case of emergency to limit interactions with others
- Restrooms will not be sanitized after each use.

If inclement weather or changes in the COVID related guidelines arise, please check the City's Facebook page for up to date information regarding cancellation of event. Ticket holders will also be notified via email should a cancellation take place.

We ask that you do not leave your vehicle running and turn your lights off.

Smoking is not permitted on City property.

NO Pets allowed.

Please note that failure to follow these guidelines may result in the removal of you and your party.