

The Great Irvington Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest

Join us for the 2019 Great Irvington Pumpkin Carving Contest

Saturday, October 26, 2019 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Please note changes for this year's event:

The 2019 carving event will be held on the Bonna Station parking lot,

South Audubon Road at the Pensy Trail.

Pumpkins will be provided. ***All carving will take place on site.*** Carving utensils and sanitary gloves will be available.

Carvers can choose to compete or to carve for fun. For competition this year, there is

a group for ages 3-6 (with appropriate supervision). Other age groups:

7-12, 13 and over. Trophy awarded for each age group.

The judges and the festival are not responsible for any damage that may occur to the pumpkins.

Judging begins promptly at 2:00 PM.

Contest Rules

Entrants in the competition will declare before carving. Judges will assign each to the corresponding age group. Entrants will carve a pumpkin chosen from those provided by the Halloween Festival. Pre-carved pumpkins and pumpkins obtained off-site may be DISPLAYED ONLY and included with the others for the jack-o-lantern spectacle on Irving Circle, October 26 through Halloween night.

All entries must be labeled with the following information on the back of the pumpkin: name, address, phone number, and age category. Please state if a commercial stencil was used. See event judges/volunteers for labels.

1. This is a carved pumpkin contest only. Painted and decorated pumpkins are not eligible for judging. They will be retained for display.

2. ONE entrant per pumpkin only.

3. Entrants 14 and over are permitted to use their own SAFE carving tools and other sculpting devices. Discretion of judges applies. *The top or the bottom of the pumpkin must be removed* so that a candle (provided by the festival) may be placed into it to illuminate it.

4. The carved pumpkins must be able to stand without any support or back-prop.
5. Inappropriate pumpkins will be disqualified. Appropriateness is at the discernment of the judges.
6. Participants may use carving kits or commercial stencils; however, handmade stencils or free hand carvings will earn more creativity points in the judging.
7. After participants have finished carving, they will move their pumpkins to Irving Circle BY 2:00 PM, when judging begins. Volunteers will coordinate where pumpkins are placed.
8. Pumpkins will be judged on creativity and skill, according to age category. Consideration will be made for assisting the **youngest** contestants (3-6).
9. One trophy will be awarded for each age group: 3-6, 7-13 and 14 to adult.
10. Entered pumpkins, as well as non-entered and non-eligible pumpkins, must be left on the Circle and will be used to light up Irving Circle each evening from October 26th through Halloween.

Make sure to visit Irving Circle in the evening and see the full display in what has become a neighborhood tradition!

Plan well in advance for carving an outstanding pumpkin, making sure you allow enough time before the 2:00 PM deadline to carve and then move your creation to Irving Circle. Organizers expect the new location for the contest to attract more participants and spectators. Good Luck!