

**FALL FESTIVAL
POOPDECK PAPPY'S
GREAT PUMPKIN STREET DRAGS
SPONSORED BY O'REILLY AUTO PARTS
OCTOBER 21, 2023**



The Street Drags will feature Pumpkin Racers and Pumpkin Derby Racers battling in a unique side-by-side elimination race featuring handcrafted, decorated Pumpkin Racers and Derby Racers in a funky and hilarious display of racing fun! The entries in each division will battle head-to-head for the coveted trophy. Prizes for the Best Decorated and the Most Innovative Design in all divisions.

PUMPKIN RACERS: made by using a single pumpkin or fall gourd and a pre-fabricated chassis of any kind (skateboard, stroller, Tonka truck, etc... 12 years and under | 13 years and older. **PUMPKIN DERBY RACERS:** made from one pumpkin or fall gourd with independent axles with wheels attached. 12 years and under | 13 years and older. Pumpkin Racers and Derby Racers come in all different shapes, sizes and speeds. Some are elaborately decorated and ready to race. Others appear as if they can't make it down the race track at all. A well-crafted Pumpkin Racer can easily cross the finish line first, or it can catch an unfortunate break and come up short. One never knows. There are always a few mighty Pumpkin racer underdogs who somehow manage to come up with a victory over a seemingly superior opponent. Despite their different appearances, all Pumpkin Racers and Derby Racers (except CHEATERS) will be given an equal opportunity to participate and advance toward victory. The Great Pumpkin Street Drags are for kids and adults. Due to limited space, only 1 Pumpkin Racer entry per person. Children under 18 must be assisted and registered by an adult. The races will start at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 21st. Contestants should check-in between 9-11 am at the Central Stand and be directed to "Pumpkin Street". Pumpkin derby cars must be fully assembled and ready to race at check-in/registration. Registration forms are available online at www.chesterill.com, at city hall and on Race Day at the Central Stand—FREE. Be sure to give your racer a creative Title/Name.

DECORATION & DESIGN JUDGING Racers will be displayed and judged prior to the race from 11 am-12:30 pm. They will be judged based on design, detail, creativity, and originality. Pumpkin and Derby Racers must be made using 1 (one) pumpkin or fall gourd. Winners announced at end of race.

RACE RULES

The Chester Fall Festival Official Pumpkin Street Drags Race Rules have been established to promote fair play and inspire good old fashioned American Ingenuity. All racers must design and race their racers according to these few important rules to ensure that the Pumpkin Street Drags are fun and fair for everyone.

- **RULE #1** Craft your Racer using a single pumpkin.
- **RULE #2** TYPES OF RACERS (see below)

DERBY RACER: Insert two independent axels inserted through your pumpkin, with wheels attached to the axels. The axles must go through the wheels. **NO CASTER WHEELS.** Spice up your racer with style.

PUMPKIN RACER: Attach your pumpkin onto a pre-fabricated chassis of any kind (skateboard, stroller, Tonka truck, etc., etc...)

- **RULE #3** Spice up your racer with style-be creative!
- **RULE #4** **NO PROPELLANTS, NO MOTORS, EXPLOSIVES or PYROTECHNICS. NO SHARP OBJECTS.**
- **RULE #5** Pumpkins/gourds may NOT contain additional weights/concrete/rocks inside or outside.
- **RULE #6** No pushing or "helping" your Pumpkin Racer or Derby Racer at the starting line. Our Race Officials will be on the lookout for it all - the last minute shove, the hidden thumb flick, the early release, the remote control chassis, etc. Your pumpkin must be powered by the gravity from the downhill slope of the track.
- **RULE #7** Racers cannot exceed 20 pounds.
- **RULE #8** The total width of the racers cannot exceed 18 inches. (Including tires and axles)
- **RULE #9** Racers will race side-by-side, there is **NO PENALTY** if the racers bump or collide with other racers, the track walls or anything else.
- **RULE #10** Great Pumpkin Street Drag Race Officials will choose the starting position of every racer.
- **RULE #11** **NO CHEATING.** Feel great about being honest and fair. Don't be tempted to be a Cheater Pumpkin. Obey the spirit of these rules. Our Race Officials will have a keen eye and the Mallet-O-Justice ready to bring a Cheater Pumpkin down. **CHEATER PUMPKINS WILL BE SMASHED!**
- **RULE # 12** Great Pumpkin Street Drag Race Officials have the ultimate and final authority to interpret and apply the rules of the Great Pumpkin Street Drag Races.

FALL FESTIVAL, CHESTER, ILLINOIS
THE GREAT PUMPKIN STREET DRAGS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

PARTICIPANT NAME							
PRINTED NAME							
SIGNATURE (PARENT/GUARDIAN IF MINOR)							
ADDRESS							
CITY		STATE		ZIP CODE		ENTRY #	
DATE OF BIRTH			AGE AS OF 10/21/2023		TODAY'S DATE		

CATEGORY:

PUMPKIN RACER	
	12 AND UNDER
	13 AND OVER

BEST DECORATION	
	12 AND UNDER
	13 AND OVER

MOST INNOVATIVE DESIGN	
	12 AND UNDER
	13 AND OVER

DERBY RACER	
	12 AND UNDER
	13 AND OVER

BEST DECORATION	
	12 AND UNDER
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THE CITY OF CHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, THE CHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE RETAIN THE RIGHT TO PHOTOGRAPH ANY AND ALL DERBY AND/OR PUMPKIN RACERS AND TO USE THESE IMAGES FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES. BY REGISTERING FOR THE ACTIVITY YOU AGREE TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED FOR MARKETING PURPOSES.

(PARENT/GUARDIAN IF MINOR) INITIALS _____

I HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR POOPDECK PAPPY'S GREAT PUMPKIN RACE AND I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM. I UNDERSTAND ANY VIOLATION MAY DISQUALIFY ME FROM THE COMPETITION AND PRIZES/AWARDS.

Please read this information carefully and be aware that in signing the form and participating in this event, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with this event.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this event and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that I my minor child/ward or I may have as a result of participating in this event against the City of Chester, including their officials, agents, volunteers, employees, and sponsors.

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the City of Chester, including their officials, agents, volunteers, employees, and sponsors from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that I or my minor child/ward may have, or which may accrue to me and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this event.

I understand and agree that pictures of myself (or my minor child) and my/their pumpkin may be used as promotional material and advertisements in print, social media and online.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agree to the Waiver and Release of All Claims and Assumption of Risk Form and, if signing for a minor, I am the legal parent of guardian of said minor.

PARTICIPANT PRINTED NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: (IF UNDER 18 YEARS) _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ DATE: _____