PUMPKIN FEST BACK AT SILVERMONT

Pumpkin Fest is a fun, family friendly and artistic event with 18 artist-designed lighted carved pumpkin displays on a newly-paved short walking trail.

The event, which begins this weekend, includes local musicians, food trucks and coffee house, games, storytelling, face painting, white squirrel scavenger hunt, games, dress ups, and the Silvermont historic mansion and second floor museum open for tours.

Pumpkin Fest will be held Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18 and 24 from 6-9 p.m.; Oct. 25 from 5-9 p.m.

After taking a break in 2024 (and fortunately avoiding Helene damage to the displays), Pumpkin Fest returns with the new exhibits from 2023 (Land of Waterfalls and photo-op), 2022 (Syd's Silvermont Adventure) and 2021 (the spectacular White Squirrel Circus).

Old favorites include 15 other lighted pumpkin displays such as Butterfly Garden, Pirates Cove, Under the Sea, Witches Garden, Ghost Circle, Totem Garden and more.

Many of the exhibits have been repainted and relighted and the entrance totems have been redesigned.

Silvermont Park has a paved 1/3-mile trail that works well for strollers, walkers and wheelchairs.

Pumpkin Fest is a fundraiser for Friends of Silvermont to help maintain and improve the Silvermont Park and the 106-year-old historic mansion, which houses the county senior center

Friends of Silvermont was founded in 1981 to help save the mansion and has continued to make significant financial contributions to both the mansion and

and a history museum.

park each year including \$71,000 since 2018.

The Silvermont Park is located at 364 E. Main St. Admission is \$7 per person (ages 13 and over); \$5 for ages 3-12; and 2 and under are free.

Pumpkin Fest accepts cards, cash or check with ID. Onsite parking costs \$5 per car (cash preferred).



Free parking is available offsite on nearby streets and Comporium and church parking lots one block away.

Handicap sticker vehicles get free parking onsite.

Volunteers also receive free admission and two free tickets. Contact pfest-brvdvols@gmail.com if interested in volunteering for event nights, set up or tear down through Nov. 3.