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Welcome to Romulus

Greetings neighbors, friends, guests and visitors!

Welcome to the 21st Pumpkin Festival hosted by the Romulus Downtown Development Authority.

Each year, the City of Romulus hosts the one and only "Pumpkin Festival" in Wayne County. If you're visiting, we hope you get to know our city better and come back soon. Organizers and volunteers have worked since last year's festival to make sure everything is just right for our community and your entire family. There's entertainment, children's games, demonstrations and a variety of vendors.

Romulus is the "Home of Opportunity" - and the Pumpkin Festival is one of the reasons why. In addition to being a great place to live, work and operate a business, Romulus is a city for all seasons, featuring family-friendly events all year long. We host a fall festival in October, a holiday tree lighting, an Easter egg hunt, a summer concert series, free movies in the park, downtown farmers markets and so much more.

Thanks again to the many volunteers who, with our DDA and Festival Committee, work so hard to make the Festival a success. We also thank the local community organizations that participate and hope you'll support them by participating in their fundraisers throughout the weekend.

Thanks, especially, to our first responders and those working to ensure the safety of the public. You will see a number of Romulus firefighters and police officers this weekend, and throughout our community all year



Mayor LeRoy Burcroff

long. Their hard work helps make our celebrations, and city, safe and enjoyable for all of us.

Have a great weekend.

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Parade of Lights

Annual Rotary parade begins weekend Pumpkin Festival

The Annual Parade of Lights begins the City of Romulus Pumpkin Festival at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21.

Dozens of lighted vehicles, floats, people and even animals will parade in front of thousands of residents and visitors throughout downtown Romulus.

The Romulus Rotary Club anticipates dozens of entries with \$100 prizes being awarded to the winners in each of six categories: commercial, motorized, non-motorized

(people/animal-powered), classic cars (and other forms of transportation), live music and schools. All entries and participants must be decorated with working lights - the more lights the better.

There is no fee to enter and advance registration is requested, but not mandatory. The night of the parade, participants start assembling at 6:30 on Goddard Road east of Wayne Road. Participants can arrive no later than 7:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., rain

or shine, the parade entries make their way west and south toward Five Points.

At the end of the parade route, participants are invited to enjoy free refreshments at the Progressive Club Hall, 11580 Ozga St.

The application and a complete set of rules can be found at www.face-book.com/RomulusRotary and www. romulusgov.com/PumpkinFestival.

Organizers request that the application be filled out and mailed to





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If you would like to participate in the scouting experience, please contact Wayne Laginess (734) 223-5807 or Ken Beard (734) 941-7482.

Romulus Rotary Parade of Lights, P.O. Box 74485, Romulus, MI 48174. While advance registration is appreciated, interested participants may also register at the parade assembly location the night of the event.

In addition to providing a sight to behold, the goal of the parade is to capitalize on the nighttime aspect while keeping it safe for everyone by providing an abundance of lights on the entries. Glow sticks are not sufficient lighting. Entries not meeting the lighting expectation will be turned away at the lineup.

Parade participants may not throw candy or enlist in political soliciting. For safety reasons, spectators are asked to watch from the sidewalk.

Photos are taken of the entries as parade through town. The pictures will be posted on the Romulus Rotary Club Facebook page, www.facebook.com/RomulusRotary.



For the first time, the winners will be determined by the number of "likes" each photo receives. The winners will be invited to a Romulus Rotary meeting to receive a certificate, a free dinner and a \$100 prize donated by local businesses.

The Romulus Rotary Club was chartered in 1939 and is made up of local residents and business people who have a desire to serve the community. Besides the Parade of Lights, Romulus Rotarians organize and collaborate on service projects throughout the city.

Most recently, the club partnered with the Romulus Historical Society to clean and organize the basement of

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the Kingsley House, one of the historic buildings in the downtown Historical Park. The club also donates dictionaries each school year to every third-grade student in Romulus. Rotarians cook and provide breakfast each year as part of the annual community Martin Luther King Jr. celebration. They also provide scholarships to graduating Romulus High School seniors.

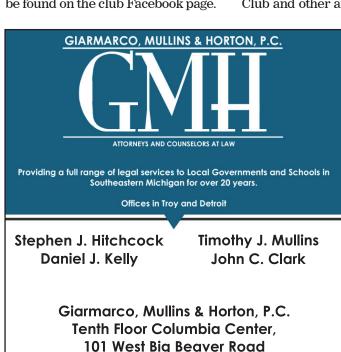
The Romulus Rotary Club extends an invitation to those interested in making a difference in the lives of others both in the community and around the world. Anyone interested in joining or learning more about the club is welcome to attend any club meeting or project. Rotarians usually meet twice per month. Details for location and meeting/project info can be found on the club Facebook page.



The Rotary Club always participates in the parade as well with a truck and trailer decorated with an abundance of lights and flags from around the world representing the worldwide community of Rotary International. Riding on the float will be members of the Romulus Rotary Club and other area clubs, along with

previous scholarship winners.

"Everybody loves a parade - and nighttime parades are the best," said Judge Brian Oakley, a Romulus Rotarian and co-founder of the Parade of Lights. "We think it's a great way to kick off Pumpkin Festival weekend and our club is proud to bring it to the community."



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Labor of Love

Festival co-chairs enjoy the celebration of community

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Maria Lambert, co-chair of the Romulus Pumpkin Festival, describes the event as a true labor of love.

"I love Romulus. We love Romulus and wanted to do something to bring people down,"

She and friend Susan Watts started the Romulus Pumpkin Festival in the late 1990s.

"It was her idea and we both took it to the mayor at that point," said Lambert. This year, the 21st Pumpkin Festival takes place Friday through Sunday, Sept. 21-23, in downtown Romulus Hunt and Goddard streets area. The parade usually has abut 60 entrants, "sometimes more, sometimes less. We have everything from bicycles to fire trucks," Lambert said.

Lambert says attendance during the three days is usually about 10,000, including thousands at the Friday Parade of Lights. She's proud of friend Watts who has moved to the Thumb area of Michigan and started another festival there.

Romulus resident Lambert is also chair of the Romulus Arts Council, which raises money for high school graduating senior scholarships via refreshment sales at the festival. Students must live in Romulus to be eligible for scholarships.

About 20 people serve on the organ-

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The event will open as has become traditional, with the Romulus Rotary Club Parade of Lights, starting through the city at 8 p.m., following a 6:30 p.m. parade entrant lineup at Romulus City Hall.

izing committee, with Romulus schoolteacher Laura James as Lambert's cochair. There are more volunteers during the festival, Lambert said, including National Honor Society students from Romulus High School.



Maria Lambert

"They help out quite a bit. There are various churches, city employees, other residents," Lambert added.

Merrie Druyor, city of Romulus Downtown Development Authority director, is on the Pumpkin Festival committee. "It's nine months of planning, getting things together," Druyor said.

Druyor said Lambert is the driving force of the festival.

"She's got that vision bringing the community together and getting things done."

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The Pumpkin Festival features inflatables for kids to play in as well as pumpkin painting--but not carving. "We don't want to have any children with knives," Lambert agreed with a chuckle. "That's a big draw," Lambert said of pumpkin painting.

Music is also a big draw, Friday after the Parade, Saturday night, and Sunday, with the focus Sunday on local talent.

Nonprofits raise money during Pumpkin Festival, Lambert said, including school involvement and Boy Scouts. Area churches do an ecumenical worship service 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Historical Park on Hunt Street.

"You know what? It's been fun every year. There are always new people. I love it. I'm very happy about it," Lambert said. "We do have crafters and food vendors. I think we've evolved a little more in music. Absolutely, I love my baby," Lambert said of the festival and its hard-working volunteers.

Druyor added that the massive event is the work, really of a few dedicated people.

"It's a small group of volunteers. We're there from start to finish," she said.

The city of Romulus is also key, including the public safety and public services departments, Druyor added.

"We try to add something different each year. We do try to change it up. It's something for visitors to look forward to."

Druyor says of herself, "I do a lot behind the scenes," and notes she and others relax over beverages when the festival ends.

Druyor also serves on the Romulus Arts Commission, and appreciates the efforts of that group to support



Merrie Druyor

Romulus resident student scholarships in the music/arts field

The festival committee's work began in 1996 with the first Romulus Pumpkin Festival taking place in 1997.



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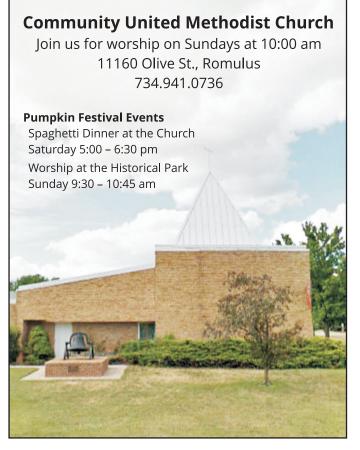


The various activities and entertainment available at the Romulus Pumpkin Festival each year take countless hours of organization and preparation. Each year, a committee of volunteers takes on the Herculean task in an effort to provide an event that celebrates the spirit of the community. The members of the committee last year included, back row from left, Stacy Paige, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Chuck Finch, Julie Wojtylko, Laurie James, Kay Bressler, Rani Bressler, Kevin Martin, Ron Witten, Lisa Martin, Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff, Merrie Druyor, Bambie Stanley and Councilman John Barden. Seated, from left, are Jill Lambert, Jazmine Danci, Christina Wilson, Maria Lambert, Lynn Conway, Linda Collier and Rosalie Berlinn. Kneeling are Riley Lambert, Nicco Lambert and Zadin Witten. Not pictured are Julie Albert, Julie Allison, Carol Bales, Cathy Freitag, Kathy Lindroth, Roger Kadau (Taking the photo), Doug O'Leary, Rose Swidan, the Rev. Arthur Willis, Kevin Wojtylko, and Melvin Zilka.

Best Wishes from Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden, Mrs. Janice Barden & Family









Bob Youtsey and Melvin Zilka began the Pumpkin Festival Tractor Show which began 10 years ago as a tribute to the agricultural roots of the community.

Treasured tradition will end this year

This will be the first year the Romulus Pumpkin Festival does not include the traditional tractor show, a tribute to the agricultural roots of the community.

The tractor show was started by Robert (Bob) Youtsey and Melvin Zilka, who planned the event carefully and included farm tractors and smaller lawn tractors in the annual display. The first show took place on the Sunday of the show in 2007, and drew a large crowd.

The goal of the show was to call attention to the number of farms and agricultural businesses in Romulus, owned by local families that provide such a large percentage of food items, like produce and dairy. The two men worked diligently on the tractor show and the display enlarged as a result of their efforts. By 2015, there were 50-60 machines on display at the festival.

Each year, the show would end with a parade led by Mr. Youtsey that traveled down Goddard Road to Huron River Drive and back to the festival before the tractors were loaded up to be taken away.

Mr. Youtsey lost his battle with cancer in 2015 and the Tractor and Lawn

Tractor Shows for 2016 and 2017 were organized as a tribute to his memory. This year, member of the festival committee reluctantly said goodbye to the display.

Members of the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee issued a formal statement in which they expressed their sincere gratitude "to charter members Bob Youtsey and Melvin Zilka for working so hard to put on a wonderful tractor show the last decade. We also thank all of those that participated and supported the show each year," committee members said.



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- Don't forget to hydrate, don't skip the H2O.
- In the event of a crowd disturbance, stay calm and remove yourself from the commotion.
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Time travel

Historical Museum and Society present a glimpse of city history

Visitors to the Romulus Pumpkin Festival this year can take a step back in time and see an important part of the history of the community, thanks to the Romulus Historical Society.

Members of the group have planned children's games and entertainment along with tours of the historic Kingsley House in conjunction with the festival this year. The Kingsley House is one of two buildings in Romulus suspected to have been sites of involvement in the Underground Railroad.

According to Pearl Varner, Romulus Historical Park museum director, one is the Wesleyan Methodist Church, a white clapboard building originally built in 1855 in the Five-Points area of It also has kept secrets hidden within the 163-year-old walls.

the city and the other site is the Samuel R. Kingsley Sr. house, built in 1855, which was moved to the Historical Park in 1995.

The Wesleyan Methodist Church was moved in 1955, 100 years after it was built. It remained on the same site but was moved north a few hundred feet to allow for the expansion of the church. Varner said that workers received a shock when two trap doors, one near the entrance and another near the pulpit were found, leading into tunnels carved out beneath the church. Scraps of pottery and wood carvings were recovered before the expansion continued.

The Samuel R. Kingsley Sr. house, also part of the Romulus Historical Park, was built adjacent to the church by a member of its congregation in 1855. It also has kept secrets hidden within the 163-year -old walls. The home features a double stairway and beneath the area where the two staircases meet, there is a fairly large space with a disguised door.

"That was not too unusual, but there



was also a trapdoor that led directly into the basement," Varner said. "From the basement, you couldn't tell where the door was." Further scrutiny turned up additional hidden trapdoors in the living room and in one of the bedrooms.

Carol Mull, a member of the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission and an Underground Railroad researcher, said that sites are often found in communities served by certain churches.

"You can pretty much expect that anywhere there was a Wesleyan Methodist Church, there were abolitionists," she said. Some of the founding tenets of the church involved doing whatever possible to bring slavery to an end. Certain Quaker sects and the Wesleyan Methodists are among the most commonly known anti-slavery sympathizers, but people of all different backgrounds played a role, too.



The Wesleyan Methodist Church is shown east and north of the Kingsley home.

During the Pumpkin Festival, the museum will host children's games beginning at 11 a.m. on both Saturday, Sept. 22 and Sunday, Sept. 23. Tours of the museum and the Kingsley House will be available from noon until 5 p.m.

both days.

On Saturday, Balloonmeister Marc Meyer will perform from 2 until 4 p.m. and from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23, Tina Sorice will create special face paintings for children.

The museum is located at 11120 Hunt St. in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-2340.







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8 p.m.





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 21, 2018

6 p.m. Pumpkin Festival Officially Opens

Craft vendors open until 8 p.m. Food vendors open until 10 p.m.

6 p.m. - 1 a.m. Pumpkin Pub will be open serving beer and wine (Must be 21 to enter)

Parade of Lights - presented by the Romulus Rotary

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018



8 - 11:30 a.m. Boy Scout Troop #872 Pancake Breakfast

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. St. Aloysius White Elephant Sale - 11280 Ozga Road

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cruisin' 2018 Car Show

11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Craft vendors and Food vendors open

11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Kid Zone inflatables area open

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pumpkin Painting Tent \$3 to paint a pumpkin

Noon - 4 p.m. Free Kids Games - Pumpkin Treat Walk, Sack Races,

Marshmallow Race and Pumpkin Rolling

3:30 p.m. Punkin' Chuckin

5 - 6:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinners - 11160 Olive St.

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Noon - 6 p.m. Craft vendors and Food vendors open

Noon - 6 p.m. Kid Zone inflatables area open

6 p.m. Festival closes



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MIRRAINWENT SCHADULE

Friday, Sept. 21, 2018

6 - 8:30 p.m. Second Wind (Main stage)9 -11:30 p.m. Atomic Radio (Main stage)

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018

12:30 - 1 p.m. Puppet Show (Kid Zone area)

1 - 2 p.m. Karate Demo (grass area in front of the Freight House)

2 - 2:30 p.m. Puppet Show (Kid Zone area)

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Step in Line (brick paver are near gazebo)

3:30 - 4 p.m. Puppet Show (Kid Zone area)

4:30 - 6 p.m. 10th Street Tuesday (Freight House stage)

6 - 9:30 p.m. Square Pegz (Main Stage)

9:30 - 11 p.m. Larry Lee and back in the day (Main Stage)

11 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tequila Mockingbirds (Beer Tent)

Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018

9:30 - 11 a.m. Romulus Ministerial Alliance Ecumenical Services (Freight House stage)

Noon - 2 p.m. Romulus local youth performances

2 - 4 p.m. Lip Sync Challenge

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Romulus resident band performs









Pumpkin Festival offers family entertainment

The 21st Romulus DDA Pumpkin Festival - the largest city family celebration - features something for everyone and is expected to draw thousands of participants from Romulus and southeast Michigan.

There will be 60 vendors on hand as well, many featuring food and crafts.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) began funding and organizing the festival seven years ago, when it returned to its glory days. DDA Director Merrie Druyor said that since the festival has something for everyone, the event brings the community together in celebration.

Hours: The festival gets under way at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21. The Romulus Rotary Club Parade of Lights will start at 8 p.m. Concerts will keep the fun going until 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 22 - starts at 8 a.m.

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with a pancake breakfast served at the Historical Park Pavilion by Boy Scout Troop 872. Concerts entertain through the night until 1 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23.

Sunday, Sept. 23 - starts with Romulus Ministerial Alliance Ecumenical Services at 9:30 a.m. The close of the three-day festival is at 6 p.m. Sunday.

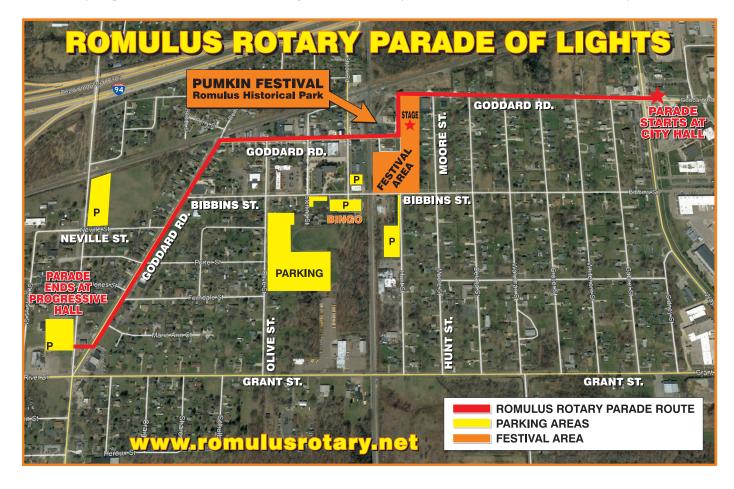
Festival Parking: Hunt Street will be closed between Goddard and Bibbins during the three-day weekend.

Goddard Road also will be closed from Moore Street to the railroad crossing located just east of Shook Road.

Parking is available at 11334 Hunt and on the open field on Olive Street between Grant and Bibbins, with overflow parking at 37200 Neville and handicap parking at 36525 Bibbins.

Entertainment: The Pumpkin Festival Committee has signed some impressive acts to provide free entertainment during the weekend. Performing from 6 until 8:30 Friday, Sept. 21, will be classic rock band Second Wind and from 9 until 11:30 p.m. "top 40" band Atomic Radio will perform.

Entertainment will begin at 4:30 on Saturday, Sept. 22, when 10th Street Tuesday performs until 6 p.m. on the Freight House Stage, Square Pegz from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on the main stage, Larry Lee and Back in the Day from 9:30 to 11



p.m. on the main stage and Tequila Mockingbirds from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the beer pavilion.

An afternoon of entertainment is planned on Saturday as well at the Freight House Stage area. There will be puppet shows featuring ventriloquist Richard Paul at 12:30, 2 and 3:30 p.m., a karate demonstration at 1 p.m. and "Step In Line" at 2:30.

Romulus residents will display their local talent on stage from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23.

Car Show: Classic car owners are invited to participate in the Cruisin' 2018 Car Show on Goddard Road near Hunt Street. Hours of the 17th annual car show are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22. The entry fee is \$10 per car. The first 125 cars to register by 2 p.m. will receive dash plaques. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Donations benefit local organizations. The show is sponsored by Auto Value, The Chevelle Club



of Michigan and Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers. To register or obtain more information, call (734) 941-1727.

Fun and Games: Youngsters will enjoy the Kids Zone, which will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 and noon to 6 pm. Sunday, Sept. 23. There will be inflatable attractions on site. Parents and children will be able to buy a wristband so the young people can have fun in the bounce

houses throughout the day.

There also will be a free pumpkin treat walk at noon, sack races at 1 p.m., a marshmallow race at 2 p.m., pumpkin rolling at 3 p.m., punkin chuckin' at 3:30 p.m. and, for \$3, pumpkin painting from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Contests: Residents can enter four contests during this year's Pumpkin

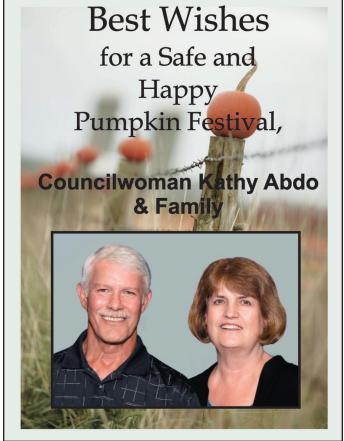
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Festival that involve food or growing plants. The contests will award ribbons for canning homemade foods (tomatoes, green beans, pickles and fruit), pie baking (pumpkin, sweet potato, peach and apple), pumpkin growing (largest pumpkin wins) and sunflower growing ("largest face" and "tallest"). Winners will be announced on 12:30 p.m. Sept. 22 at the hospitality tent.

The eighth annual Downtown Development Authority Cutest Baby Contest photos will be on display in the hospitality tent throughout the Pumpkin Festival. Visitors can vote for the baby of their choice Sept. 21-23. Votes are \$1 each.

The top two vote-getters among boys and girls will be declared the winners at 4 p.m. Sept. 23. Gift cards will be awarded to the winners and certificates will be presented to all partici-



pants.

The contest is open to children who are no older than 2 as of Sept. 21, 2018.

The third annual DDA Cutest Pet Contest photos will also be on display in the hospitality tent throughout the Pumpkin Festival. Visitors can vote for the pet of their choice Sept. 21-23 at \$1 per vote. The top three pet vote-getters will be declared the winners at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23. A gift card will be

awarded to the winner and all participants will receive a certificate.

The Romulus DDA Pumpkin Festival "Lip Sync Challenge" is set for 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, on the Freight House Stage at 11120 Hunt St. The challenge is open to the public, who will show off their lip sync skills to songs. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, best lip sync and best overall performance. The contest is open to Romulus residents and students, who must register their song choice in advance by calling (734) 955-4531. Competitors may be singles or groups up to six people. There will be one judged song per performer or group. The contest will feature D.J. Jose as master of ceremonies.

Food and Drinks: The members of Boy Scout Troop 872 will serve their annual Breakfast with the Boy Scouts. There's an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.







Saturday, Sept. 22, and Sunday, Sept. 23 at the Historical Park. Breakfast also includes sausage, coffee, milk, and juice. Admission is \$6; the cost for seniors and kids ages 12 to 4 is \$5. Children 4 and younger are served free with an adult purchase. Proceeds will be used to ensure Scouting programs remain available to the boys of Romulus.

Pumpkin Festival spaghetti dinners will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Community United Methodist Church at 11160 Olive St. at the corner of Bibbins. Donations for the meal are \$8 each; \$4 for children ages 6 to 12. Children 5 and younger eat free. Carry-out orders can be placed at (734) 941-0736.

The Pumpkin Pub will be open from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, and Saturday, Sept. 22, serving beer and wine. The Romulus Arts Council is committed to promoting all the arts with community young people.

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their education in the arts.

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Several Pumpkin Festival-related events take place off-site, including a white elephant garage sale at St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 37200 Neville St., Romulus. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 21-22 and noon to 4 p.m. Sept. 23. The sale will take place in two buildings and include household items, toys, tools, linens, sporting goods, holiday items, books, radios and much

more. For more information, call (734) 941-5056.

The Romulus Ministerial Alliance will present ecumenical services at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Romulus Historical Park. The service is open to the public.

Thanks to festival sponsors, which include city engineering consultant OHM (Orchard Hills & McCliment), Safiedine Trucking, Greenlawn Grove Flea Market, Streamco, Block's Stand & Greenhouses, Comerica Bank, the City of Romulus, and the Romulus Downtown Development Authority. Romulus first responders will be on site to ensure public safety. The Romulus High School National Honor Society members are among the volunteers.

For more information on the Romulus Pumpkin Festival, visit the City of Romulus website at www. RomulusGov.com.





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Second place artwork by Sarah Scott, 13



Third place artwork by Susanna Scott, 16

And the winners are...

The artwork on the cover of the program for the 21st Pumpkin Festival in Romulus was created by Carolina Cortes, a 15-year-old Romulus resident who attends John Glenn High School.

Her work was chosen for the cover by members of the Romulus Arts Council and she was awarded firstplace honors and a \$200 cash prize. The cash awards were funded by the Leo D. and Eva Roach family.

Every year, the arts council members sponsor the contest for residents from pre-school through 12th grade. The art is submitted to city hall and the winners work framed and displayed at the festival.

Second place honors and a \$150 cash prize this year were awarded to 13-year-old Sarah Scott. Third place artwork award went to Susanna Scott, 16, who was awarded a \$100 cash prize. Honorable mentions and \$50 prizes went to Sydney O'Connor, 15, and

Mercy Scott, 13.

Sarah. Susanna and Mercy Scott are all homeschooled Romulus residents as is Sydney O'Connor. They participate in the Pumpkin Festival art contest part of an arts portion their studies.



Honorable mention artwork by Sydney O'Connor, 15



Honorable mention artwork by Mercy Scott, 13

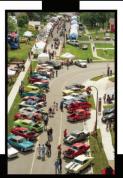
Downtown Romulus and the Downtown Development Authority











The Romulus Downtown Development Authority, also referred to as the DDA, is a board of nine local business people and residents that together, with Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff, and our elected officials, work to promote the economic growth, development and revitalization of our City's original Central Business District.

These responsibilities include the development and implementation of long range plans for public facilities and infrastructure, the acquisition and disposal of property, the restoration and reservation of all buildings and the correction and prevention of deterioration.

The Downtown is also the home of our annual Romulus DDA Pumpkin Festival and Rotary Parade of Lights. Each year, on the third Friday in September, our festival begins with a night parade where everything is lighted, from unicycles to cement trucks. Thousands of people line Goddard Road to wait for the fun. Our street festival offers wonderful music, food, crafts and games for all ages. You can enter a pumpkin rolling, pumpkin pie eating or a pumpkin seed-spitting contest. Visit or enter our Classic Car Show, or just relax and listen to music.

Our Downtown festival is a celebration of friends and family; a harvest celebration that generates enthusiastic spirit and regenerates our sense of community.

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Music to the ear

Festival will showcase varied musical entertainment during weekend

The music at the 2018 Romulus DDA Pumpkin Festival has been designed to attract and entertain large crowds Sept. 21-23 in downtown Romulus.

The 21st annual family-friendly Pumpkin Festival features a diverse lineup of musical acts, ranging from tribute bands to a group headed by a former Detroit Lion to a duo featuring a retired band director from the Romulus Community Schools.

Free musical entertainment has always been a staple of the festival, which opens with a Parade of Lights on Friday night, continues with a classic car show on Saturday and features family entertainment throughout the three-day weekend.



Here is a brief profile on each of the six musical acts, presented in order that they will appear on stage:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

Second Wind, 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the

Main Stage - A classic rock band that has been performing in the Detroit area since the year 2000, Second Wind features a wide variety of songs and power vocals. The five-member group

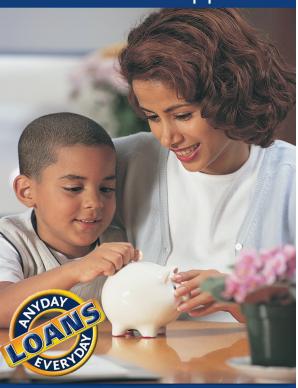




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features a female lead vocalist, a guitar/keyboard player, a lead guitarist, a bass player and drummer. All members sing and have been performing in the area for decades, including clubs, corporate parties, weddings, festivals and casinos.

Atomic Radio, 9 to 11:30 p.m. on the Main Stage - Atomic Radio has an excellent pop and rock stage show that has headlined several Michigan festivals and packed the dance floor at weddings. The four-piece band will bring every bit of the production, style, charisma and the hits performed by the biggest bands in the city.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

10th Street Tuesday, 4:30 to 6 p.m. on the Freight House Stage - A popular rock 'n' roll cover band, 10th Street Tuesday features five local musicians who concentrate on rock and pop classics ranging from the 1950s to today. Current band members are Steve



Larry Lee and Back in the Day

Polisuk on bass guitar, Pete Hagen on lead guitar and backing vocals, Janice Ceane on keyboards and vocals, Tom Ellenhorst on drums and vocals and Stuart Kerr on vocals.

Square Pegz, 6 to 9:30 p.m. on the Main Stage - The Square Pegz has a reputation for being "like, the most wicked pop band around." A female

and male 1980s tribute band based in Detroit, the group brings back the '80s with songs by Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, Duran Duran, Pat Benetar, The B-52s, Blondie, Paula Abdul, Bananarama, The Go-Go's, The Bangles, Salt-N-Pepa and Wham.

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Larry Lee and Back in the Day, 9:30 to 11 p.m. on the Main Stage - The Back In the Day Band was formed by Larry Lee, who played professional football with the Detroit Lions, Miami Dolphins and Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos. In 1993, Lee transitioned from the football field to the front office and became a vice president of the Lions until 2001. After leaving the Lions, he decided to take his second love - playing bass - and make it a new career. Lee assembled some of the finest musicians around, including former members of The Temptations, the Four Tops, The Spinners, The Dramatics. The Contours and The Funk Brothers. The musicians have played at some of the most prestigious venues and music tours across the country and around the world. Back in the Day plays a mix of cover songs and



10th Street Tuesday

originals that span R&B, funk, pop, soul, blues, hoop-hop, disco and even rock. The band performs regularly in Metro Detroit at places such as Ford Field, the Fox Theater, the Sound Board Theatre, the Jazz Café and Baker's Keyboard Lounge and such events as Arts, Beats & Eats, the Rib & Soul R&B Fest and River Days. They have played their high-energy music and funky sound nationally at Carnegie Hall, the Greek Theatre, Hines Field

and Super Bowl XL in Detroit.

Tequila Mockingbirds, 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Beer Pavilion - Comprising Mark Fernandez and Tim Spoehr make up the duo known as Tequila Mockingbirds, which play a wide variety of classic and current pop, rock and Motown hits. Their large repertoire is accompanied by a compact but powerful sound and lighting system. Westland native Fernandez is a retired band director from the Romulus



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Community Schools. To help the "Birds" achieve their "full band" sound, he creates all of their backing tracks and arrangements in his home studio. Fernandez plays keyboards, kevtar, sax and flute and handles half of the vocal duties. He has been the musical director of several popular area bands over the years, including Channel Six, Party of 3 and Rustbelt Revival. Spoehr is from Flat Rock and resides in Trenton. After graduating from Wayne State University, he was the technical director of the Mever Theater at Monroe Community College before retiring. Spoehr plays acoustic and electric guitar and provides the other half of the vocal duties. He was a long-time member of the downriver area's premier wedding band, Lavender:

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23

Youth Performances: Romulus residents will display their local talent on



Tequila Mockingbirds

the Freight House Stage from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Selected performers who sent in audition tapes will be given a five- to 30-minute time slot to sing family-friendly songs or acts.

Lip Sync Challenge: The Romulus DDA Pumpkin Festival "Lip Sync Challenge" is set for 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday on the Freight House Stage. The challenge is open to the public, who will show off their lip sync skills to songs.

Prizes will be awarded for best costume, best lip sync and best overall performance. The contest is open to Romulus residents and students, who must register their song choice in advance by calling (734) 955-4531. Competitors may be singles or groups up to six people. There will be one judged song per performer or group. The contest will feature D.J. Jose as master of ceremonies.



Best Wishes for a Great Pumpkin Festival

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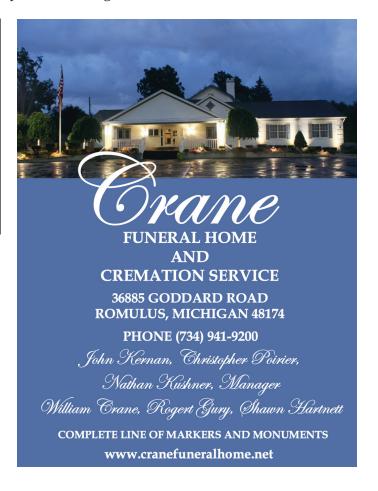
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