

Giant Pumpkin contest at City's Fall Festival Sept. 22

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KENOSHA – The City of Kenosha's Fall Festival will feature a giant pumpkin contest, live entertainment, games and craft projects for kids from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22 at Veterans Memorial Park outside City Hall, 625 52nd St.

As part of the event, Wisconsin Giant Pumpkin Growers will once again host a weigh-off, with prize money for the largest pumpkin. Last year's Kenosha contest winner weighed in at 1,743 pounds, while the state champion pumpkin weighed more than 2,100 pounds. Entries will be weighed and measured beginning at 11 a.m., with growers competing for prize money and bragging rights. The top prize for the largest pumpkin is \$1,000 and a plaque. Ribbons and prize money also will be awarded to runners-up. People may sign up for the contest with the Wisconsin Giant Pumpkin Growers representatives between 9- 11 a.m.

Source 1 DJ services of Kenosha will play family-friendly music and announce the contest throughout the festival. Small pumpkins will be distributed to the first 200 children in attendance. Craft supplies for decorating the pumpkins also will be available. Kids can enjoy games provided by the Wisconsin Outdoor Games, the Mayor's Youth Commission and Blackhawk Community Credit Union. The Kenosha Art Association (KAA) and the Kenosha Public Museums will offer a variety of kid-friendly activities under the Johnson Bank tent:

- Face painting with KAA volunteers.
- Digging for fossils at the Dino Digs provided by the Dinosaur Discovery Museum.

- Civil War Museum will set up 19th century games and challenge attendees to use their artillery firing skills by firing stomp rockets at targets.
- The Kenosha Public Museum will make images using leaf, fruit, and animal track prints. animal pelts on display correspond with animal track prints.

This is the seventh year for the city-sponsored Fall Festival. For further details on the giant pumpkin contest visit: WisconsinGiantPumpkinGrowers.com.