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**Halloween in the Harbor: Pumpkin Patch, Trick or Treating and Night of 1,000 Jack O'Lanterns Return to Governors Island this October**

*'Pumpkin Point' to transform Nolan Park with a sea of pumpkins during the last two weekends in October*

*Night of 1,000 Jack O'Lanterns to return for an illuminated fall evening experience*

**October 1, 2019.** Governors Island today announced its lineup of fall and Halloween-related programming for October. Just in time for fall, Governors Island's historic district will transform during the last two weekends of October with *Pumpkin Point*, a free, family-friendly patch of over 5,000 pumpkins opening October 19 in historic Nolan Park. Lighting up Colonels Row evenings October 17-20 and October 24-27, *Night of 1,000 Jack O'Lanterns* will bring back a spectacular ticketed nighttime event featuring over a thousand hand-carved and illuminated jack o'lanterns. And on Saturday afternoon, October 26, young visitors and their families are invited to come in costume for free Trick or Treating at Nolan Park's historic former officers' homes.

"The fall season is just as vibrant as the summer on Governors Island," said **Clare Newman, President and CEO of the Trust for Governors Island**. "We invite New Yorkers and visitors alike to take a short ferry ride and experience the colorful fall foliage, seasonal programs for all ages, and all that Governors Island has to offer through October 31."

Located in historic Nolan Park, *Pumpkin Point* will bring over 5,000 pumpkins of all shapes and sizes to Governors Island, transforming the idyllic setting along with its naturally stunning fall foliage into a delightfully autumnal escape during the last two weekends of October. Visitors are invited to stroll through the pumpkin patch and purchase their own pumpkins, while enjoying free, Halloween-inspired arts and craft activities with Children's Museum of the Arts, including pumpkin painting and a costume design workshop. Governors Island's own Little Eva's will offer a menu of seasonally inspired food and beverages, with Threes Brewing hosting a pop up bar serving their tasty craft brews.

*Pumpkin Point* will be open October 19-20 and October 26-27, 10 AM-6 PM. Pumpkins will also be available for purchase Thursday, October 24 and Friday, October 25, 10 AM-5 PM.

"Governors Island gives New Yorkers the chance to experience a true 'small town Halloween' feeling without leaving the big city," said **Merritt Birnbaum, Executive Director of the Friends of Governors Island**. "Everyone is invited to our car-free oasis to crunch through the autumn leaves, go trick-or-treating at our front porches, and pick out the perfect pumpkin to take home."

As part of *Pumpkin Point*, Governors Island will once again host free Trick-or-Treating on Saturday, October 26. Beginning at 1 PM, young visitors and their families are encouraged to come in costume and join the Island's dozens of arts and cultural organizations in Nolan Park to receive

free treats. Trick-or-Treating will be first come, first serve and will last throughout the afternoon until supplies run out. Blazing Saddles will also offer free candy for Trick-or-Treaters at its Liggett Terrace location that day.

This year's Pumpkin Point and Trick-or-Treating events are co-presented by the Trust for Governors Island and the Friends of Governors Island. Generous support for the events is provided by Bloomberg Philanthropies. Any pumpkins left over from Pumpkin Point will be baked into pumpkin pies and donated to The Bowery Mission, which serves homeless and hungry New Yorkers, or composted on Governors Island by Earth Matter, which runs the Island's Compost Learning Center.

Continuing the Halloween fun into evenings in October, *Night of 1,000 Jack O'Lanterns* will return to Governors Island for the first time since 2017, bringing more intricately carved and painted pumpkins than ever before to historic Colonels Row. Visitors are invited to experience the Island after dark between October 17-20 and October 24-27 to enjoy a display of one thousand pumpkins designed by master carvers and illuminated for nighttime viewing. Presented by RISE of the Jack O'Lanterns, *Night of 1,000 Jack O'Lanterns* also features live carving demonstrations and makes for a perfect, family-friendly fall outing. Advance tickets are required. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.therise.org](http://www.therise.org).

Governors Island is open every day through October 31, from 10 AM to 6 PM on weekdays and from 10 AM to 7 PM on weekends and Columbus Day. For a list of additional events, exhibitions and activities on Governors Island this fall, as well as visitor and ferry information, visit [www.govisland.org](http://www.govisland.org).

### **About The Trust for Governors Island**

The Trust for Governors Island is the nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York that is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to transform Governors Island into a vibrant resource for New York City, making this island at the center of New York Harbor a destination with extraordinary public open space, as well as educational, not-for-profit and commercial facilities.

### **About The Friends of Governors Island**

The Friends of Governors Island is an independent nonprofit that works to ensure the Island's continued growth and accessibility as a vibrant public resource. As the designated fundraising partner of the Trust for Governors Island and the National Park Service, the Friends stewards the Island's green spaces, enhances the visitor experience and builds a community dedicated to the Island's future.

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