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**Pumpkin Point Returns to Governors Island This October**

*The annual free pumpkin patch will bring new programs, family-friendly activities, performances, and more to historic Nolan Park October 21-22 and October 28-29*

**NEW YORK (September 21, 2023)** – The Trust for Governors Island and the Friends of Governors Island today announced the return of Pumpkin Point, a free annual pumpkin patch and fall festival on Governors Island. Located in historic Nolan Park, Pumpkin Point will bring over 10,000 pumpkins of all shapes and sizes to the Island's historic district, transforming the idyllic setting along with its naturally stunning fall foliage into a delightfully autumnal escape with free programs and activities for visitors of all ages. Visitors are invited to pick out their own pumpkins (free with suggested donation) on the weekends of October 21-22 and October 28-29, 2023, from 10am to 5pm.

“Fall is one of the best seasons to come explore Governors Island. Whether you’re coming to check out the beautiful foliage adorning our 3,500+ trees, explore public artworks amidst the changing seasons, or to enjoy one of New York City’s biggest pumpkin patches, there is something for everyone here on the Island this fall,” **said Clare Newman, President and CEO of the Trust for Governors Island.** “We invite all New Yorkers to hop on the ferry and enjoy the incredible lineup of free programs at Pumpkin Point 2023!”

“We are so excited to host Pumpkin Point on Governors Island once again this year. This beloved public event welcomes thousands of families to celebrate autumn with pumpkin picking, trick-or-treating, free public performances, arts and crafts, and so much more,” **said Patti Davis, Executive Director of the Friends of Governors Island.** “We have an entertaining lineup of kid-friendly programming that we can’t wait to share with our visitors! It is a truly magical experience to bask in the beauty of Governors Island while enjoying a fun-filled fall day.”

This year’s festivities will include plenty of free fall moments, pumpkin painting, and crafting activities, as well as a rotating schedule of special events and performances from WonderSpark Puppets, Bubbledad, Brooklyn Magic Shop, and more to be announced. New for 2023, Pumpkin Point is partnering with Brooklyn Book Bodega to bring a fall book corner to Nolan Park. Books will be available to take home on the final Sunday of the event (October 29). Nickelodeon will bring new life to the historic Admirals House through larger-than-life decorations that will feature characters from PAW Patrol, SpongeBob SquarePants, Monster High 2, and more, providing an exciting photo opportunity and daily giveaways for kids (and kids at heart). Island visitors will be able to trick or treat at the Nolan Park houses on Sunday, October 29—costumes encouraged,

featuring candy from Tony's Chocolonely alongside other sweet treats. Food will be available for purchase onsite from Governors Island vendors each weekend.

A full schedule of each weekend's events and vendors can be found online at [www.govisland.org/pumpkin-point](http://www.govisland.org/pumpkin-point). Any pumpkins left over from Pumpkin Point will be composted on Governors Island by Earth Matter, which runs a Compost Learning Center at the Urban Farm on Governors Island.

Pumpkin Point is co-presented by the Trust for Governors Island and the Friends of Governors Island. Generous support for the event is provided by Nickelodeon, Tony's Chocolonely, and Bloomberg Philanthropies.

In addition to Pumpkin Point, visitors can enjoy a roster of new events and activities all month long: Governors Island Arts will present two free weekends of performances, *iHarken!* by Modesto "Flako" Jimenez September 29-October 1 and Indigenous Enterprise October 7-9; Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's Arts Center at Governors Island will be open through October 1 with a day of free public programs on September 30; the Island will participate in Forest for All NYC's second annual City of Forest Day with a volunteer activity and guided tree tour on October 14; FAD Market will hold their final fall pop-up on October 21 and 22; NYCRUNS will hold their annual Haunted Island 5K and 10K race on October 28; the Governors Island Arts Organizations in Residence will present their final monthly THIRD Saturdays celebration on October 21; QC NY Spa is open daily with dozens of wellness experiences and two large heated pools; and more. See a full event calendar at [www.govisland.org/things-to-do](http://www.govisland.org/things-to-do).

Governors Island is open to the public daily from 7am to 6pm. Trust for Governors Island-operated ferries run daily from the Battery Maritime Building at 10 South Street in Lower Manhattan. Seasonal Brooklyn ferry service operated by the Trust for Governors Island also runs Saturdays and Sundays through October 29 from Red Hook/Atlantic Basin and Brooklyn Bridge Park/Pier 6. For schedules and ticketing information, visit [www.govisland.org](http://www.govisland.org).

Visitors are encouraged to reserve tickets for Trust-operated ferries in advance. Round-trip ferry tickets cost \$4 for adults. Governors Island ferries are always free for children 12 and under, seniors 65 and up, residents of NYCHA, IDNYC holders, current and former military service members, and Governors Island members. Ferries before noon on Saturdays and Sundays are free for all. There is no surcharge for bicycles or strollers at any time.

NYC Ferry also serves Governors Island weekdays on the South Brooklyn route and weekends via the Governors Island Shuttle from Wall Street/Pier 11. For ticketing information and full schedules for NYC Ferry, visit [www.ferry.nyc](http://www.ferry.nyc).

**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 realize the full potential of Governors Island for the inspiration and enjoyment of all New Yorkers, demonstrating a bold vision for public space. For more information, visit [www.govisland.org](http://www.govisland.org)

**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.