



CITY OF CORSICANA, TEXAS

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With the chill of fall in the air and holiday gift giving right around the corner, now is a great time to enjoy shopping in downtown Corsicana. A number of events are on tap to get shoppers strolling and to allow downtown merchants to highlight their offerings.

Saturday, October 13th, marks not only the beginning of Main Street's Pumpkin Harvest Festival, featuring the Great Pumpkin Patch, but also the debut of the monthly 2nd Saturday Sidewalk Sale. Participating downtown merchants will display special items and prices on the sidewalk in front of their stores. Main Street encourages creativeness in their store fronts and will recognize the best decorative display for this month's Pumpkin Walk theme.

Thousands of pumpkins will cover the grounds of the Corsicana Visitor Center by Saturday morning, with sales beginning at 10am. Family movie night, featuring "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" and "Alvin & the Chipmunks" short films will begin at 7:30pm in the Pace Warehouse parking lot beside the Visitor Center. The City is excited to present the screening of the new downtown revitalization and tourism videos at the beginning of the evening. The tourism video may be viewed anytime on the City of Corsicana website by [clicking here](#).

Regular patch hours are 10am to 6pm Monday through Saturday and noon to 4pm on Sunday, through November 3. During this timeframe, each Wednesday at 10am, the Corsicana Public Library will host special story time in the patch for kids 3-5 years of age.

Pumpkin Palooza! returns to the patch from 10am to 2pm Saturday, October 20th, with decorating demonstrations, barrel train rides, face painting, story time, a Corsicana fire engine, a bounce house sponsored by VOICE, Inc., and more throughout the day.

Another family movie night in the Pace parking lot will feature "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" and more "Alvin & the Chipmunks" short films on Thursday, October 25th at 7:30pm. The Downtown Trick-or-Treat takes place from 3 to 5:30pm Wednesday, October 31st, with giveaways, games, contests and activities, including the Wally's Party Factory Costume Contest. New this year, the Corsicana Parks and Recreation Department's "Boo Ride" will make pickups at the Pocket Park throughout the event and travel through the downtown area.

A final opportunity to enjoy the pumpkins will be the Pumpkin Harvest Craft Fair and the Remember When Classic Car Show on Saturday, November 3rd. Vendors will offer quality, hand-crafted items, and many of the downtown district's seven eateries will feature special pumpkin cuisine that day, also.

The following week, on Saturday, November 10th, participating downtown merchants will "Give Thanks by Giving Back" with 2nd Saturday Sidewalk Sale specials hosting their own canned food drives. Bring some cans and find some deals!

Friday, November 30th, brings the traditional Downtown Open House and Lighting Celebration hosted by the Main Street and Parks & Recreation departments, featuring extended hours at many businesses and the annual lighting of the downtown Christmas lights for all to enjoy. The following night, Saturday, December 1st, the return of the Parade of Lights will begin around sundown. Also, the jolly ol' man himself makes an appearance at Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 8th, at Shall We Dance Studio, located at 118 South Beaton. A Victorian Christmas is the theme of the 2nd Saturday Sidewalk Sale that day, with carolers and period characters scattered about throughout the day. Please view and print the attached flyer for a list of events and dates! [Pumpkin Harvest 2012](#)

For over a hundred years, downtown was the heart of Corsicana. Today, there's a growing sentiment that a vibrant downtown is vital to the economic success of the city. I hope you'll join me in enjoying many of these fall events downtown, and while you're there, stop in and rediscover our downtown merchants. You may be surprised at what you find!

Regards,

Chuck McClanahan

Mayor