



Giant Pumpkin contest, farmer's market at City's Fall Festival Sept. 11

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KENOSHA – The popular giant pumpkin contest returns to the annual City of Kenosha Fall Festival from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 at Veterans Memorial Park outside City Hall, 625 52nd St. Now in its ninth year, the Fall Festival is partnering with the Kenosha Public Market to add food and craft vendors to the event.

Wisconsin Giant Pumpkin Growers will once again host a weigh-off, with prize money for the heaviest pumpkin. In 2019, the winning pumpkin at the Kenosha contest was 1334 pounds, grown by John Barlow. He is also the state record holder of a 2,283 pumpkin.

Entries will be weighed and measured beginning at noon, with growers competing for prize money and bragging rights. The top prize for the largest pumpkin is \$1,500 and a plaque.

Ribbons and prize money also will be awarded to runners-up. Sign up for the contest with the Wisconsin Giant Pumpkin Growers representatives between 9-11:30 a.m. For further details on the giant pumpkin contest visit: WisconsinGiantPumpkinGrowers.com.

Look for a visit from a certain “Glass Slipper Princess” from the Fairytale Birthday company between 12-2 p.m. She will be available for photos with people and the giant pumpkins. The Kenosha Public Museum will offer hands-on activities and projects based on all three of their museum collections. Scheduled activities include digging for dinosaur fossils using the Dinosaur Discovery Museum's Dino Dig, playing 19th century games, creating original works

of art using watercolors, and exploring animal pelts to learn about Wisconsin's role in the fur trade era.

The Kenosha Public Market is sponsoring collectible Giant Pumpkin Coloring Book pages, which may be picked up each Saturday during the regular market hours, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Collect a minimum of three of the five pages, color or decorate them and bring them to the information booth at the market on September 11th to receive a free pumpkin donated by market vendor Jerry Smith's Pumpkin Farm. Pages will be available to the first 100 families each Saturday in August and the first Saturday in September.