

PROPERTY DECORATING CONTEST

The 88th annual Bradford Pumpkin Show will celebrate the “150 Year Sesquicentennial of the Village of Bradford.” On Sunday, October 2, 2016, we will hold a new event for the show this year. Instead of hosting the House and Property Decorating contest, residents are asked to decorate one of the light poles that line Miami Avenue and Main Street. The theme is “Travel Through Time with Us as Bradford Celebrates 150 Years”.

Poles are to be decorated to depict anything pertaining to the last 150 years; history, fashion, inventions, sports, entertainment, famous people, or anything else that has meaning to the last 150 years. There will be \$1500 in total prize money awarded to the winners of the decorated poles, however if you have fall decorations, pumpkins and lights that you would like to put up on your home, we are encouraging individuals and businesses to still decorate your property to add to the festivities.

There will be 3 divisions within the event:

1. Individuals, families, friends, businesses, churches, clubs or organizations. There will be 6 winners in this division, each receiving \$150.00.
2. Elementary class or organization; one winner of \$150.00.
3. Grades 6-12 class, organization, or sports team; one winner of \$150.00.

A People’s Choice award of \$150.00 will also be awarded by popular vote. Votes for People’s Choice will be cast at Patty’s IGA, where donuts and cider will be available, sponsored by the Pumpkin Show Committee. A random drawing of \$150.00 will be held from all entries not winning another prize.

Decorations will be judged on Sunday, October 2, 2016, beginning at dusk. They must be torn down by noon on Sunday, October 9, 2016 by 12 pm (noon).

Poles will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Call now if you are interested in participating. Chairpersons for the event are Glenna Curry (937.448.2897), April Brubaker (937.417.3049) and Rita Leis (937.901.3758).

Rules for the event:

1. Entries must be pre-registered and have pole number by September 23rd. Pole number must be visible in your display for judging.
2. All entries must use some live pumpkins in display. They will be judged in part on the creative use of pumpkins.
3. Display must be lit. There is a plug at the top of the pole to light up your display with your lights.
4. One pole per entry; however, a group or organization may enter one particular pole.
5. Entry must be ready to be judged on Sunday, October 2, 2016 by 7pm.
6. Those entering may not consult with the judges.
7. All winners will be notified no later than Monday, October 3rd by 7pm.
8. Winnings may be picked up at the secretary's office after the parade on Wednesday, October 5th. Also, awards will be placed on the winning display.
9. ABSOLUTELY NO TAPE may be used on poles. May use zip ties to hold the materials to the pole- NO TAPE.
10. Display items must be kept out of the way of both sidewalk and street traffic.
11. Decorations may only go 8 feet up the pole.
12. Display must be torn down by Sunday, October 9th by noon, or all items will be discarded.