



## It's the Great Pumpkin Carving, Charlie Luken!

### ***Pumpkin Carving Contest Rules and Guidelines***

The Pumpkin Carving Contest will begin at 5 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009, on Fountain Square. Thanks in advance to all those participating. Winners will be selected by three judges. Winners can claim their prizes immediately following the announcement. Happy carving!

#### **How to Enter**

Download the contest rules and guidelines at [www.myfountainsquare.com](http://www.myfountainsquare.com), or pick up a copy of the rules and guidelines at 1014 Vine Street, Suite 1420, Cincinnati, OH 45202. No registration fee is required; however, you must complete an entry form and submit it with your pumpkin. Carve your pumpkin. Drop your pumpkin (and candles to illuminate it) off at Fountain Square on Friday, October 30, 2009, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Staff on site will photograph you with your carved masterpiece. Your pumpkin will be displayed with other contest entries on Fountain Square from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. The hundreds of lighted jack-o-lanterns will create a unique Halloween scene after dark. We invite you to stay and enjoy the display. Participants are welcome to take their pumpkins home at 11 p.m.

#### **Judging**

Judging is simple: the pumpkin with the highest score wins.

#### **Prizes**

One Grand Prize winner will receive \$500. First and second runners-up will receive noncash prizes such as gift cards and/or attraction tickets.

#### **Contest Rules**

By entering the contest, entrants accept and agree to these rules and the judging process, the results of which shall be final. Entrants also agree to allow Fountain Square Management Group LLC (FSMG) to use their names, contest entries, likenesses and/or other related information for promotional purposes.

1. No purchase or entry fee necessary. You must be 18 years or older to enter.
2. You may enter as many PRE-CARVED pumpkins as you like. (You cannot carve your pumpkin on Fountain Square.) A registration form (see next page) must accompany each entry.
3. You must register your pumpkin at Fountain Square between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009. Late entries will not be considered.
4. Submit original carved designs only. FSMG will not consider any copyrighted, traced, licensed, previously published patterns or winners of any previous award.
5. Three judges selected by FSMG will use a scorecard system. The scorecard will have four (4) categories; pumpkin beauty, pumpkin size, design originality, and design complexity. Each category is rated on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent. The four (4) scores are tallied to create a total. The three scorecards are tallied to create a grand total. The highest grand total is the winner.
6. In the case of a tie, the winner will be selected by Charlie Luken. Let's face it: The event is named after him, so he gets to choose.
7. Winners will be announced Friday, October 30, 2009, at approximately 8:15 pm from the stage on Fountain Square. Prizes will be awarded at that time. You must be present to win.
8. Prizes: One Grand Prize winner will receive \$500. Noncash prizes will be awarded for first and second runners-up.
9. Pumpkins and candles left after 11:30 p.m. become the property of Fountain Square Management Group LLC.
10. Any taxes are sole responsibility of the winners.
11. Contest open to legal residents of the United States only.
12. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Void where prohibited.
13. This contest is not open to the employees and families of 3CDC, Fountain Square LLC, Fountain Square Management Group LLC or the event sponsor(s).



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### **Registration Form**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Tips**

1. Do not carve your pumpkin too early. Pumpkins should be cut and cleaned out no more than 3 days before the show.
2. When you've completed carving your pumpkin, put plastic wrap over it and put it in the refrigerator or someplace where it will stay cool and dry.
3. Soak your pumpkin in a bucket of water for an hour before you drop it off.
4. Provide 2-3 candles or something to illuminate your pumpkin so it will be well lit for judging. Wick-burning or battery-powered candles are acceptable.
5. Participants are welcome to take their pumpkins home at 11 p.m. Pumpkins and candles left after 11:30 p.m. become the property of Fountain Square Management Group LLC.

By signing below you acknowledge that you are 18 years or older and have read, understand and will abide by the contest rules.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **For Official Use Only**

Pumpkin Number: \_\_\_\_\_