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**HALLOWEEN EVENTS AT OLD YORK:  
Third Annual Lighting of the Pumpkins and Trick-or-Treat!**

Old York Historical Society will hold a **Haunted Halloween** on **Saturday, October 30**, to coincide with the Town of York's annual trick-or-treating.

Enjoy some spooky fun in 18th-century style! Children are invited to **Trick-or-Treat** from **3:30 to 6pm** at Old York's historic buildings in York Village, including Jefferds Tavern, York Corner Schoolhouse, Emerson-Wilcox House, and the Old Gaol. Creepy characters and ghosts of Halloweens past will hand out candy to all who have the courage to knock on Old York's historic doors.

The third annual **Lighting of the Pumpkins** will begin at approximately **5pm**. Once again the walls of the Old Burying Ground in York Village will be illuminated with jack-o'-lanterns in a spectacular sight! The pumpkins are lit for several hours, and extinguished around 8pm. Stop by to enjoy a magical scene!

**CALL FOR HELP:** Bring a jack-o'-lantern to help fill the stone walls around the Old Burying Ground. Carved pumpkins may be dropped off at the Old York Museum Center, 3 Lindsay Road in York, on Friday, October 29, until 4pm, or on October 30 until 2pm. Or, join the Old York for a **community pumpkin-carving event** on Friday, October 29 from 11am to 4pm, or on Saturday, October 30, from 11am to 2pm. We provide the pumpkin—you bring the carving tools!

Jack-o'-lanterns may be picked up by their makers after 8pm on October 30 or the next day. Any remaining pumpkins will be discarded on November 1.

This event is **FREE** and open to the public. In event of heavy rain, the event is postponed until October 31.

Parking is available at the Old York Museum Center, 3 Lindsay Road, York, ME 03909.

**A note on health and safety:** This event takes place outside, and Old York's buildings will *not* be open to the public. Staff and volunteers will wear masks while handing out candy, but visitors are not required to do so. Candy will be distributed using tongs and we ask that the public not reach into the candy containers. Thank you for helping us to keep this a safe and happy Halloween for our children!

## **ABOUT OLD YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Located at the heart of York Village, Old York is a vital part of the community. The organization maintains 16 buildings and 20 properties including the 17-acre Steedman Woods; has 5 full-time and 25 part-time employees; more than 20,000 artifacts and 50,000 archival materials in the library; and serves thousands of people year-round through tours, educational programs, and special events. For more information, please visit [oldyork.org](http://oldyork.org).

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