The Vine Line

Official Newsletter of the Battersea Pumpkin Festival • Fall 2026

It's Back! It's Orange! It's time for...

The 32nd Annual Battersea Pumpkin Festival!

Battersea will be humming with fall fun on Saturday, October 3, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Battersea Ball Diamond & Park, 5167 Battersea Road. Come for the pumpkins and stay for family activities, live music, food, contests, rides, local vendors and community fun.



A busy Pumpkin Fest day in Battersea.

2026 Ticket Prices

Bring cash and pay at the gates. Admission helps support the activities that make Pumpkin Fest such a great community day.

- $10 per adult
- Kids ages 5–12: $5
- Kids under 5: FREE
- Maximum $30 per family

Volunteer to be a Pumpkin Person!

Students and adults are welcome, with two-, four- and six-hour shifts available. High-school volunteer hours are available, and volunteers receive a $5 meal voucher as a thank-you.

We especially need helpers with wagon rides, kids' activities and pumpkin carving. Contact Angela at angelabaldwin1470@gmail.com, call 613-572-1470, or text 613-888-5824.

Getting Here: Parking & Shuttle Service

Parking is available at Storrington Community Centre, 3910 Battersea Road in Sunbury, and Storrington Public School, 4576 Battersea Road, just south of Battersea. There is also plenty of on-site parking at the festival grounds via Doris Smith Lane.

Free Shuttle Buses

Shuttle buses run throughout the day beginning at 10 a.m. Leave your vehicle at one of the off-site locations and ride into the festival. Thank you to Robert Hogan Bus Lines for helping provide the shuttle service.



Festival day starts with a warm Battersea welcome.

Kickoff Parade

Dress up, bring your walkers, wagons, bikes or anything else that gets you moving and join the fun. The parade is a great way to kick off a day in the village.

A Friendly Parking Reminder

Please follow posted parking directions and avoid blocking driveways, lawns and restricted areas. Keeping the village moving safely makes the day better for everyone.

Kids, Pumpkins & Family Fun



Pumpkin carving is always a favourite.

Under the big top tent, look for cookie decorating, pumpkin carving, kids' games, face painting and more. There's plenty to keep younger festival-goers busy throughout the day.



Volunteers help make the hands-on activities happen.

New This Year: Haunted Tunnel

Looking for a little extra Halloween fun? Stop by the new Haunted Tunnel at 5190 Battersea Road — and snap a picture while you're there!

Family Games

Challenge your family, friends and fellow festival-goers to a little friendly competition. Win or lose, the point is to jump in and have fun.

Contests!

Pie Eating Contest

No hands! The festival-favourite pie eating contest returns. Come cheer on the competitors as they race for bragging rights — and a face full of pie.



The pie eating contest gets messy — exactly as intended.

Guess the Weight of the Giant Pumpkin

Take your best shot at guessing the weight of our giant pumpkin. This year's "Guess the Weight" replaces the former weigh-off and gives everyone a chance to test their pumpkin instincts.

House Decorating Contest

Battersea gets into the spirit with the annual house decorating contest. Watch for creative harvest and spooky displays throughout the village.

Miniature Train Rides

The Frontenac Society of Model Engineers returns with miniature train rides — one of the festival's most popular attractions. Climb aboard and enjoy a ride on the club's impressive scale railway.

Wagon Rides Throughout the Village

Tractor-drawn wagon rides will be running through the village during the festival. Please follow volunteer directions while loading and unloading, and children must be accompanied by an adult.



Pumpkin Fest is powered by neighbours, volunteers and community spirit.

Music, Music, Music!

Live music will keep Pumpkin Fest moving throughout the day. Performance times are approximate — musicians may start a few minutes early or play a little longer than indicated.



- Elexus — 10:30 to 11:15
- Mary Minstrels — 11:30 to 12:45
- Teilhard Frost — 1:00 to 1:45
- Barry Yuen Trio — approximately 2:15 to 3:15
- **King of the Swingers are back too!**

Vendor Market

The Vendor Market brings together local makers, artisans and businesses for a great day of browsing and shopping. Spaces are almost at capacity for 2026, so interested vendors should get in touch soon.

Please contact Market Coordinator Chris Pantrey BEFORE sending an e-transfer: email: cpantrey@aol.com, phone: 613-353-6653, text: at 613-888-5824.

Hungry?!



Food, friends and fall fun at the ball field.

Come hungry. Festival food, treats and refreshments will be available around the grounds and village. Grab a bite, take a break and enjoy the atmosphere.

Wild Art Walk

Take a fall walk and enjoy art in the landscape along the Milburn Creek trail area. The Art Walk adds a creative twist to a beautiful outing and is another reason to explore beyond the ball field.



See You at Pumpkin Fest!

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It Takes a Village — Thank You to Our Sponsors!

The 2026 Battersea Pumpkin Festival would not be possible without the incredible support of local businesses, organizations, volunteers and community sponsors. Their generosity helps keep the festival affordable, welcoming and packed with things to do. Please support the local businesses that support our community.

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Festival map from The Vine Line — keep it handy on festival day.