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Visitors are invited to experience the many new mischievous pumpkin characters, artfully imagined and frolicking in their enchanted garden home. In addition to the playful pumpkins and holiday vignettes, Villafane and his team will carve ten 3-D pumpkin faces, which are preserved and displayed in tanks that resemble Saguaro cacti.

Another popular attraction is the giant pumpkin on display, with Villafane handling the carving chores the second weekend of the event. Villafane's team of carvers will create new offerings daily throughout the garden.

LIVE PUMPKIN CARVING Daily from 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
The extraordinarily talented carvers from Villafane Studios take over Carefree Desert Gardens for ten days, with Live Artist Pumpkin Carvings!

~ TOWN OF CAREFREE'S ~ ENCHANTED PUMPKIN GARDEN

October 19 – 28, 2018

CarefreePumpkinGarden.com

Ample **FREE** parking is available in and around the Gardens and throughout the downtown area!



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Adopt a Pumpkin Patch. Sponsored by Basha's and Desert Foothills YMCA.
Located by the Kiwanis Splash Pad.
Fridays, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

The Enchanted Pumpkin Beer Garden. Sponsored by Four Peaks Brewery, will be offering a variety of Fall brews and wines in two locations: the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion Main Stage and Historic Spanish Village.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

Harvest Market. The popular market will feature a variety of vendors offering Halloween trinkets and autumnal treats.
Located along Ho Hum Road and Easy Street.
Fridays–Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Sundays 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Haunted Happenings. Prepare for a frightfully good time at our Haunted Happenings area, with family-friendly activities for kids of all ages! The \$5 admission gets you access to all activities, including an inflatable Corn Maze and Bouncy House, a Petting Zoo and Pony Rides (hours are Noon–6:00 p.m.), a spook-tacular Haunted House (appropriate for all ages, hours are Noon–9:00 p.m., sponsored by the Carefree/Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce), Face Painting and Kid's Arts and Crafts.
Located in Historic Spanish Village.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Gourmet Food Trucks. A variety of food trucks will be on hand to satisfy every craving, including Munch Box AZ (gourmet grilled cheese) and Tom's BBQ Pig Rig (Chicago-style BBQ) both weekends; with Cousin's Maine Lobster (gourmet Maine lobster creations) weekend two only. In addition, Carefree boasts an extraordinary array of local restaurants and fine dining options.

Visit CarefreeRestaurants.com for a list of local eateries!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Costume Contests. Dress to impress in your holiday finest and join us for our annual Costume Contests, held on the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion Main Stage. On Saturday, Oct. 27, we welcome all little ghouls and goblins for our Kids Contest at 2:00 p.m., followed by our Family/Group Contest at 3:00 p.m. (note: costumes do need a unifying theme in this category), and the 'big kids' get their turn for our Adults Contest at 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 28, we welcome animals of all kinds for our Pets Contest at 2:00 p.m., sponsored by Carefree Pet Resort.

Family Pumpkin Carving Nights. Desert Foothills YMCA again presents its Family Carving Nights on Wednesday, Oct. 24 and Thursday, Oct. 25 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. on the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion Main Stage. *Additional fees apply; advance reservations suggested as space is limited.*
More info at CarefreePumpkinGarden.com

Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest. Our always popular Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest, sponsored by Venues Café, will be held both weekends, Sunday, Oct. 21 and Sunday, Oct. 28. The Kids Contest (ages 10-17) begins at 1:00 p.m., and the Adult Contest (18+) begins at 1:30 p.m. on the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion Main Stage. *Space is limited to the first six competitors in each category; advance reservation is suggested.*
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Pumpkin Carving Contest. Calling all carvers! Display your talents at the Pumpkin Carving Contest, sponsored by the Carefree/Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce. Judging will be held both weekends, with submissions accepted in four categories:

Kids (under 10)	Adult (18+) Amateur
Teens (11–17)	Adult (18+) Professional

Entry fees are \$10 per pumpkin for youth/amateur and \$25 per pumpkin adult/professional. One entry per person. Event attendees are encouraged to come to the Chamber to vote for their favorites! Judging will be held both weekends on Saturday, with First, Second and Third Place receiving prizes. Space is limited; visit CarefreePumpkinGarden.com for complete details.

Turkey Toss Tournament. Test your cornhole skills at the Turkey Toss Tournament, hosted by the Carefree/Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce, on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at the Carefree Sundial. Bring a frozen turkey or ham, a \$10 grocery gift card or \$10 cash to enter. All proceeds benefit Foothills Food Bank.

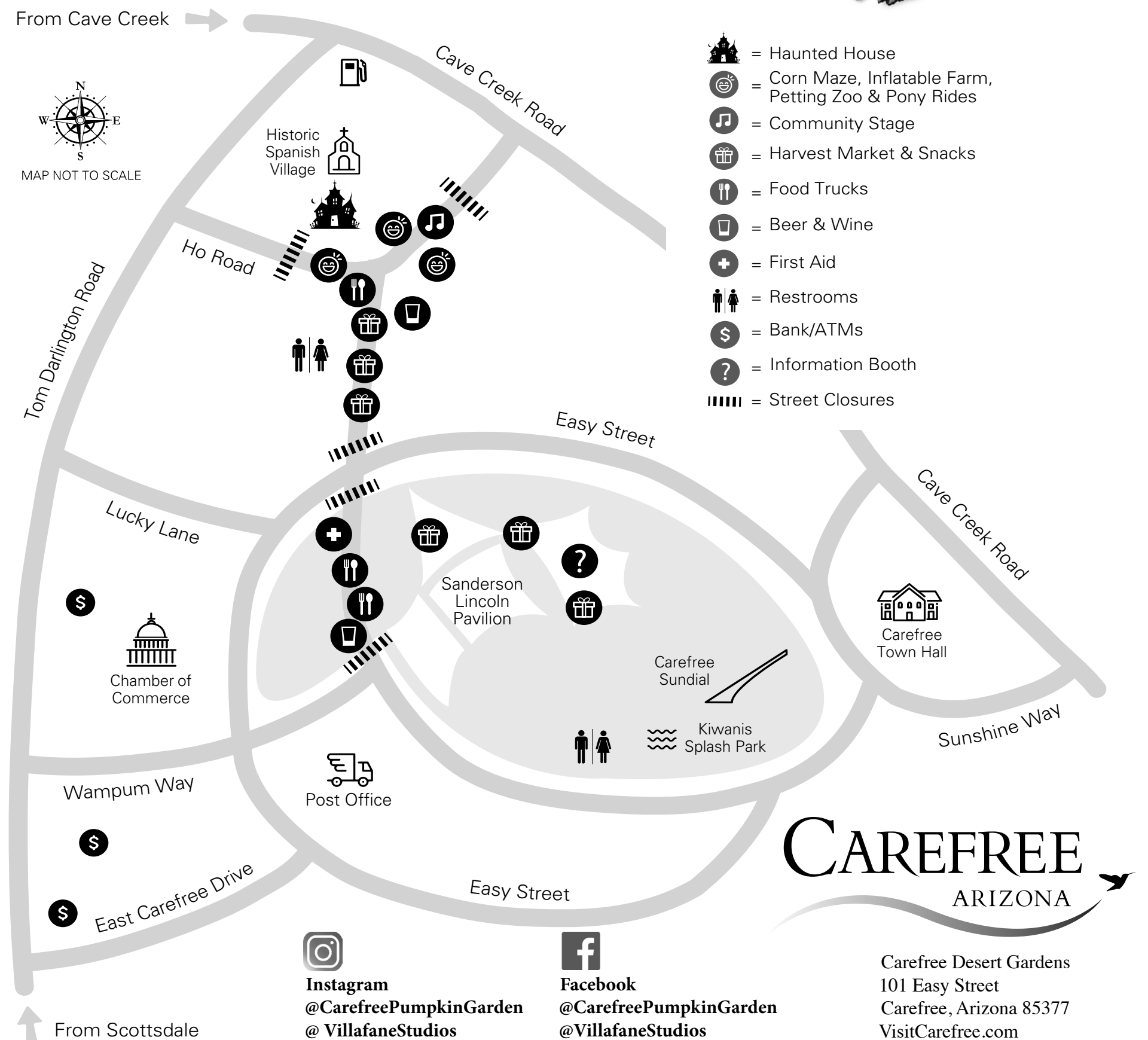
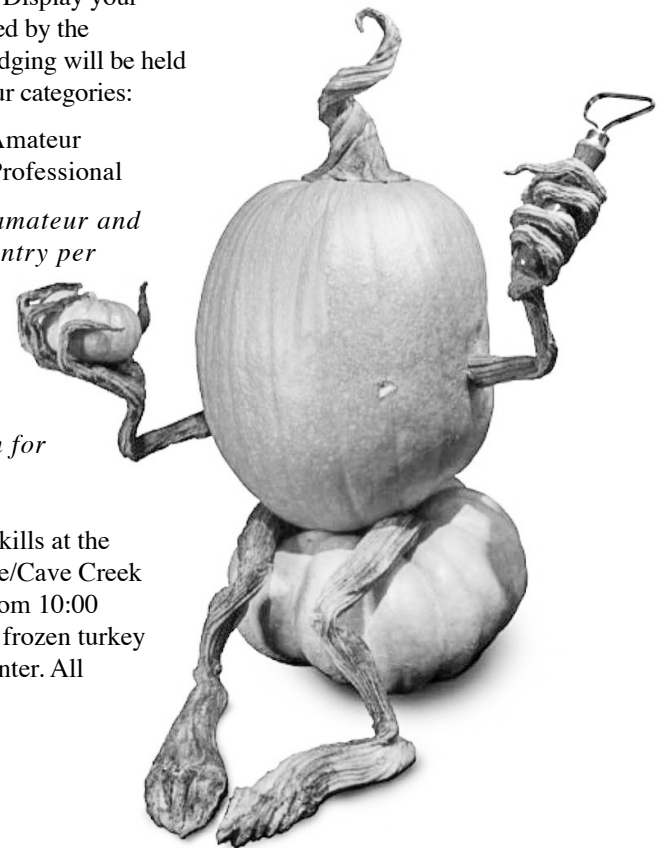
ENJOY LIVE MUSIC ON TWO STAGES!

The Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion Main Stage, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

- Friday, Oct. 19
Main Event Band
- Saturday, Oct. 20
Joshua Stone Band
- Friday, Oct. 26
Better Beat
- Saturday, Oct. 27
Smoke and Mirrors

The Community Stage, located in Historic Spanish Village, will feature a variety of local bands and performers!

- Friday, Oct. 19 and 26
3:00–7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 20 and 27
10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.



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