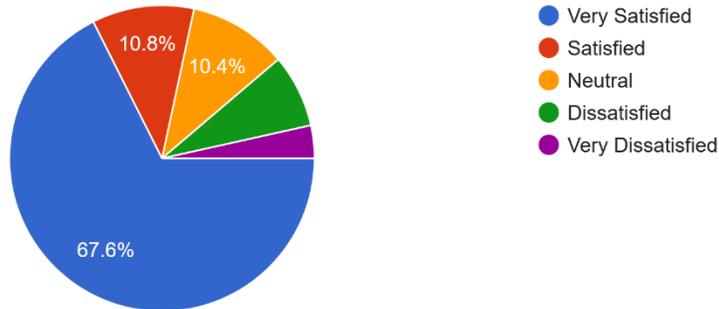


Barnesville Halloween Survey Results

Thank you to everyone that submitted a response to the Barnesville Halloween survey. Below are the results from this survey has been conducted. We received a total of 260 responses to this survey.

How satisfied were you with the two separate Halloween events (Trick-or-Treat Traditional and Barnesville Spooktacular Downtown)?

259 responses



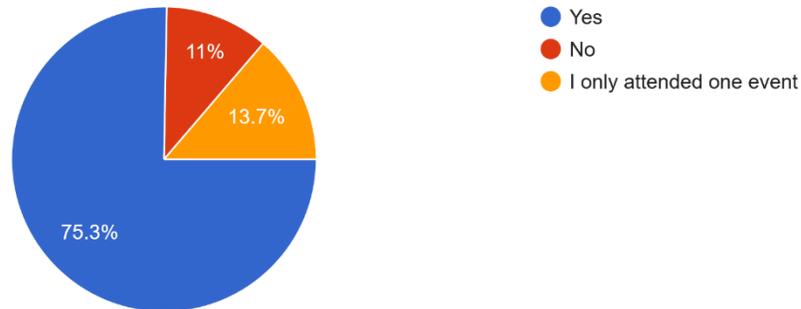
If you preferred having two separate events, which one did you enjoy the most?

257 responses



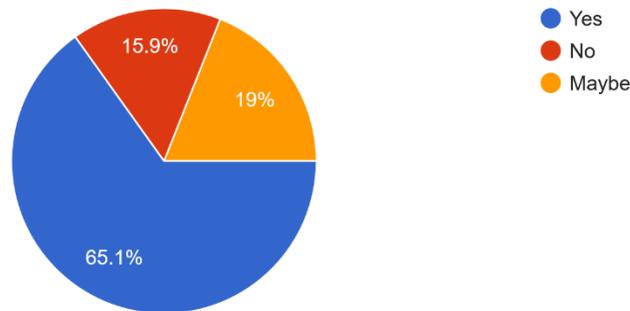
Do you feel there was enough time to enjoy both events?

255 responses



Would you be interested in having food trucks or vendors during the Downtown Halloween Spooktacular?

258 responses



Additional Comments or suggestions – Total of 83 responses:

1. Would have loved the downtown event be longer due to all of the events
2. Saturday afternoon would be great for door to door. It would be less stressful for parents not being on a school night. It was also very enjoyable on an early Saturday in another town
3. One event is enough.
4. We enjoyed seeing kids downtown. We do not have trick or treaters in our area. Kids probably do not need both.
5. Both events are great. We have a strong turnout for Trick-or-Treat, even on the far west end. I believe the Downtown event would be best held as an earlier Saturday event and extended in duration. This approach would better serve families participating in Trick-or-Treat while also increasing foot traffic for local businesses.
6. Love having two events! Loved not feeling rushed and the kids getting to enjoy two nights locally in their Halloween costumes.

7. One night is enough
8. Costume contest after downtown
9. Suggestion, if all festivities had to be on one night, the time period could be extended.
Example- 4-6 residential, 6-8 town festivities
10. There isn't enough time to do both on the same day. Keeping it separate let's everyone do both
11. I think both events service the community equally. The homeowners still get to see the kids in their costumes like when I was a child. The downtown event is wonderful for the businesses to get involved. I love the small town closeness of both events.
12. Having the events separated was a great idea and I hope they continue to do that in the future.
13. Halloween music on PA system downtown during trick or treating
14. I think having it on Friday benefited families because they were able to stay out longer and enjoy the event as an 7 and 8pm o'clock is bedtime for most smaller children. Especially they didn't have to worry about the expectation of having school the next day after being hopped up on sugar and being out the night before for an event. I think having both on separate days is still beneficial because it gives options for families to be able to go to either or both. It also gives families that are separated. The time to have one or both parents go to either event with the children.
15. Like to see a costume contest downtown like a holloween party. Like saint clairesville has it would be fun
16. Longer downtown event with more to do. Similar to Christmas in the ville
17. Downtown event is too crowded and not safe crossing 800. Many kids on their own - middle school aged- were not sure how to cross road. A trunk or treat at the park on a weekend day may be more kid friendly and safer if the businesses want to participate. I particularly like traditional trick or treat on Thursdays. The time could be 2 hours if it's just one day (5-7) . It's easiest for parents to only do one event. And the amount of candy for 2 days of trick or treating is too much.
18. Very great events. I feel like a lot of turnout depends on weather which is out of anyone's control. My family enjoyed both.
19. Keeping it separate is the best idea. There is not enough time when they were both on the same night .
20. Having downtown spooktacular on a Saturday early evening. And traditional trick or treat on a Friday evening
21. Due to work schedules, getting kids ready for two separate nights (on school nights, around work, practices, etc) is doable but much less convenient. My recommendation is to hold the events one night but during separate time frames. For example, traditional trick or treat could be 5:30 to 6:30, followed by the downtown event from 6:30 to 7:30 or 8. I feel this structure would allow people to be at both events with the convenience of knocking it all out in one evening.
22. Having it as two events is wonderful, gives the kids something to do on two separate evenings as well as getting more use out of their costumes! Thank you for doing this! 😊 🍁 🧛
23. The regular truck or treating was my sons favorite because he prefers the events that have less traffic and gets a little more worked up in big crowds and with the huge wait line to

get thru the main streets at the businesses get got anxious at times when there were long waits without moving and people pushing trying to rush others thru quicker.

24. I loved having two events for the simple fact I share custody with my kids dad and this gave me the opportunity to take them as well
25. The community downtown event is the best
26. If transitioning back to 1 day, consider a Saturday and extend the length. That will give all families a chance to enjoy both traditional and town events.
27. I thought the downtown event was outstanding
28. I thought it was great! Please continue to do this!!
29. I'd like to see traditional trick or treat be extended to 2 or 2.5 hours instead of just 1.5 hours. We have such a large village who look forward to seeing all the kids dressed up but when you only have a little over an hour you can't walk as much of the village. I saw alot of people on Facebook talking about how they barely saw any kids and had candy left over. I live on a main street (N.Chestnut) and it doesn't matter how much candy I buy we always go through it all and have alot of kids come by but I know if trick or treaters had more time they'd get a chance to see more of the village and interact with more of the community. Not to mention when you spend time and money getting kids, yourself, and your house/yard all ready for trick or treat you want it to last more than an hour.
30. Saturday October 25th would have been a great day for downtown trick or treat. After pancake breakfast and before chili event. Would have brought more people to Barnesville to enjoy the events. Friday night the traffic was very heavy. Sunshine would always be best for small ones to be out. Saturday traffic never was a problem during pumpkin festival-shouldn't be during a morning event . Pumpkin festival occurs during football season. Drunk driving is always a concern - day or night.
31. We need more games than candy
32. Make the hours longer!!!
33. I loved the coffee trailer!!
34. With Halloween 2026 falling on a Saturday, I think it would be a great idea to have the Kiwanis Pancake breakfast that morning, followed by a Halloween parade from the Methodist church, turning right by the Presbyterian Church, with another right by the vacant lot where Patrick's once was. Have a few judges and hand out Barnesville Gold to winners, followed by the downtown spooktsular trick or treat with downtown businesses. This would be during the day but I think it would be a great event. Even do a fun in the ville type of event with vendors and food trucks.
35. Halloween is a traditional children's activity. Using it as a commercial venture, with food trucks and a small number of businesses located downtown, is hijacking the meaning of the holiday. Turning it into a profit generating venture for a handful of businesses and adults, including the closing of Arch St, is inappropriate. If businesses want to hand out candy, do so during traditional Halloween. There are far too many events designed for adults boozing it up AND in a single location (beside the Blue Moon Tavern). If the village council and Chamber of Commerce are absolutely rigid in having these events, then have them throughout the village. Start at Riesbeck's, then Save-A-Lot, Wilson's Funeral Home and so on across to the hospital on Main St, then move north and south on Chestnut. The entire "Event in the Ville" gives many of us a sour taste since it involves only a few select businesses and their owners. A terrible "elitist" idea. Suggestion: count the number of people showing up to these events minus the vendors, business owner, and

Dept of Commerce/Village representatives to make a logical decision and please stop spending public funds for such silly events.

36. Weekends need to be an option as well as Fridays
37. Keeping both events ensures everybody gets to have fun! The traditional event means older folks whose kids are grown now still get to hand out candy and see all the kids dressed to impress in their costumes. And having 2 events helps to ensure separated families still get to participate (Mom can take the kids to one event, and Dad can take kids to the other event) It's also beneficial to working parents who may not be able to make an event, they atleast have another chance to celebrate with their kids.
38. Make it same night, 1 hour door to door and 1 hour downtown.
39. Adult event with food trucks and alcohol will bring lots of business and traffic to town. Making Barnesville a place people come to enjoy
40. It all was very nice with being on separate nights. i say keep this format. 🙌 kudos
41. Maybe a children's Halloween party in front of the police station. If not it just as good.
42. we need to support our downtown businesses and pizza shops instead of bringing outsiders continually into our village. We already do this often during in the ville events and Christmas in the ville events.
43. Most downtown to a week day and door to door on a weekend.
44. You can't make everyone happy. Whether you have one night or two separate, people are going to complain. If they don't like having two separate events, they don't have to attend both. I like getting my money's worth out of expensive costumes when my kids can wear them more than once.
45. I say keep it all in one day just give more time for all activities. We live like 40 minutes away but trick or treat barnesville every year and I could not make it out there for two separate days. I'd prefer to just celebrate all one evening say from 4:30-8. To have plenty of time for all activities.
46. If there were food trucks and vendors the time of the spooktacular would have to increase because there's no way to get it all done and also have time to stand in a food line
47. I was one of the "trunks" set up and I felt that if it's a seperate event it needs to be one hour instead of 1 1/2 hr. Honestly I think you could do away from it. We only had 5 people set up for the trunk or treat. With Emerald Pointe having one, I don't think it's necessary.
48. Leave the downtown event and forget the door to door event
49. We love the separate events! Food trucks would be a wonderful addition.
50. Either extend trick or treat times to include both events on the same night or end door to door at a specific time giving downtown event more traffic. In years prior when combined we had no issue walking from hospital all the way downtown through the town event and all the way to the park and back almost to hospital before time was up.
51. I love having two events!
52. Maybe have a little longer time on the door to door trick or treat. Like 5-7 or 4:30-6:30? Or maybe a map of high area places like east Main Street so less busy streets could possibly do a trunk or treat in a higher traffic area or even kn the downtown day so there's more trunk or treats would be cool. My kids enjoy both events equally well. Combining them would cause us to have to pick one or the other because of the long lines to go through downtown. I hope you consider keeping them separate so we don't have to "rush" to get to go to each person handing out door to door and each business. It be

awesome to also have a little party afterwards at the elementary gym and have tickets sold for games to play and have a costume contest for the most scary, the prettiest, the best for each age group etc. I think it definitely be a hit for young kids. I remember centerville used to do this and we always had a blast and always went there for their little after party they had for the kids. I'd love to see something like this in our community. We have a great little community and I think these could help attract more people to go trick or treating and give the kids something fun to do after trick or treat!

53. I think youans should combine spooktacular and fun in the ville, have food trucks and spooky games and such for the kids. Bring more people and more business for the town.
54. I like having the spooktacular because houses stop putting candy out by 7. I understand not having it on weekends but it does take some of the fun out of it
55. Have them the same night
56. We would be interested in having food trucks after the spooktacular event. We enjoyed having two separate events this year and also enjoyed having it on Friday night. We thank you for throwing together such a wonderful event while still respecting the traditional trick or treat night in the neighborhoods. I also appreciate having these events booked so far in advance so that families can request off work to attend.
57. Food trucks would only be useful if you did an actual daily event that ran into the trick or treating. We love the option for 2 days allowing people to attend whichever one would work for the families. I suggest trying a weekend prior to Halloween for an adult trick or treating similar to Saint Clairsville
58. I think it should just be door to door !!
59. My children are not of age to trick or treat anymore but I do hear wonderful things about the downtown event. But, may I make a suggestion. I think with the heavy traffic on North Chestnut Street that it is a huge safety concern for all the young children. The children along with parents have to cross the North Chestnut Street which is heavily traveled by semi trucks who do not obey the speed limit. Maybe the event should be moved out to the park, the elementary parking lot or even the high school parking lot. You could have more trunk or treats, games, food trucks and music for the kids to enjoy. And it would be much safer for the children to enjoy. Thank you for all your hardwork!!
60. Seemed like there weren't as many houses participating for Traditional, at least on my street.
61. So very thankful for our town and everyone in it that works hard to make sure the children have a great time. My kids look forward to it every year. I would suggest, if you do food trucks, maybe extend the time.
62. I LOVE that there are two separate events. We moved to Barnesville almost 9 years ago and I love that our family has enjoyed so many Fun in the Ville events, and now more holiday events!
63. Loved the two nights! It was fun to not rush to do both!
64. It would be nice to have an hour of trick or treat then an hour and half downtown on the same night. Also have on same night as neighboring towns. If you live in a Main Street you have an over abundance of kids well over 225. We like to give treats but it is getting very expensive
65. Maybe some Halloween related games in the parking lot next to the blue moon that groups could volunteer their time
66. We love the seperate halloween events

67. I really appreciate having two nights for Halloween events—it gives children the opportunity to go door-to-door on one of the nights. When Barnesville first introduced this, it really helped encourage more people to participate, and it made the experience feel more like the old days. As a result, we had a better turnout, which was great! I also love the Spooktacular event downtown on a separate day. Spreading out the activities helps ensure that kids get to enjoy both events equally and wear the costume more than once. The addition of food trucks during Spooktacular would be a fantastic idea. The coffee truck this year was especially wonderful! A huge thank you to whoever made that decision—it added a lot to the evening, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. It's always a joy to see the community come together during these Halloween events, and we really appreciate how the city building is decorated. It adds so much to the festive atmosphere. One suggestion, though—the line for the Spooky Jail Cell can get pretty long, and it often feels like it takes a while to get through. It might be helpful to find a way to manage the crowd more efficiently so everyone can enjoy it without such a long wait.
68. Not have it on a school night because parents with small kids feel rushed. On school nights you have to do homework, make dinner and then rush out the door for trick or treating. Then once you get home you fight with kids to not eat all that sugar before bed and to get a bath. Also the kids don't really get to enjoy the candy because it is a school night and will be up all night from the sugar rush so they aren't allowed to eat a lot or sit down and go thru the candy and see what all they got.
69. Loved that people in neighborhoods got to hand out candy and there were lots of kids. Don't feel there is enough time for neighborhoods and downtown in one night.
70. As an older sibling who is unable to attend events in the middle of the week I would love to see trick or treat on a Friday or Saturday. I'm sure parents would also appreciate this with work schedules as well. The downtown event is more for the littler kids but being able to still be involved with my younger siblings' childhood memories means a lot to me.
71. I would have rather had the downtown event on a day that was different than all the other trick or treat days in the surrounding areas towns. All the towns should be able to celebrate downtown instead of having to choose between their own town door to door trick or treat and the downtown only one. I took my kids to our town trick or treat and was only able to make it to the last 20 min of the downtown spooktacular even though we rushed as fast as possible. My kids were so disappointed because they missed it. If you decide to combine the two again please make it its own thing on a different day than the other towns events. I am sure you noticed not as many people came. I saw the amount of leftover candy the police station alone had at the end. I am sure the employees downtown would also have rathered to accompany their own kids/grandkids trick or treating than miss out because they had to hand out candy at work. I think a costume contest would be a nice addition next year! I also think that door to door trick or treat should always be on a set day. For example its always on the 30th or the 31st or at least the thursday nearest to halloween if you are really must avoid friday and weekends. I loved having it separate from barnesville door to door, but please think about the other towns as well when scheduling next year. Thank you for doing something special for the kids!
72. I think having 2 seprate events is fine. But I believe trick or treating should always be on actual Halloween, stop changing it around all the time.

73. I think one event and a longer period of time would be amazing.
74. Keep up the good work! I'm proud of our little town and what it's able to provide for the community! 2 separate events is a great idea!
75. If doing food trucks and becomes during downtown, it could be fun to also have a band playing live Halloween theme music and make the event last longer
76. We loved having two separate events for the kiddos! Gives them a chance to make it to at least one or both in our own town & the chance to wear their costumes more than once! We love this so much and hope it stays!
77. Have the one downtown and have open to anyone that wanted to maybe park along street or in parking lots and do trunk or treat along with the businesses.
78. Love it being 2 different nights.
79. One trick or treat , maybe a Saturday event No to food trucks, it is not fair to your restaurant businesses and pizza shops in town .You are trying to build up the village not destroy it by not supporting the food establishments you already have here!!
80. I think the time for trick or treat is fine. Food trucks would be a waste of time. Only one trick or treat is enough! Go back to the door to door. The downtown Spooktacular is too much!
81. I think having 2 events is absolutely wonderful. We did the traditional trick or treat and then ended up sick and had to miss the downtown. If there had only been one, we could have missed out completely. Keep up the great work!!
82. love the two events!
83. Change time to 6-7:30 allowing parents time to get home from work.