

CANDY VOLUNTEER RULES & INFORMATION

Updated 10/10/2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Lanes: Each volunteer or group of volunteers will be designated a lane around the oval. The lanes are marked on the pavement and extend into the grass. This will be your home away from home for the duration of the event.
2. Lane Map: Below is this year's expected lane map. If you have a lane preference, or have a friend or group of friends you would like to be near (or not near) we always do our best to accommodate. Just email mpallozzi@gmail.com
3. Seniority: If you participated last year and want your same lane, you can make that request. If you want to switch lanes, that is fine, but we cannot promise where you will end up.
4. Lane Assignments: Finalized by 10/24-ish.
5. Inside and Out: Both the inside perimeter and outside perimeter of the oval will be used to for cars and decorations, meaning larger setups need to back their vehicles off the oval as much as they can to keep the oval clear for kids to walk.
6. Weather: There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing. Dress accordingly. If it rains before or during the event, the grass on the infield will be wet, and some of the lanes may pool water. In 2021, we had a pond on the back straightaway that ducks were swimming in. We marched on. We will do the same on 10/31. Canoes will be provided.

GENERAL RULES

Thank you so much for volunteering for Year SEVEN of Knickerbacker Park's Trick or Treat Street. This event is designed to give children a safe space alternative to trick or treating through the busy city. While this event is relatively unrestricted, there are some general rules and recommendations to follow:

1. NO DRIVING: Once the event starts, under no circumstances are you to drive your vehicle on the oval.
2. NO SCOOTERS/E-BIKES: There is a blanket ban on any motorized bikes/scooters on the oval. There will be police from three different departments at this event, and they have been instructed to confiscate any scooters/e-bikes.[1]

[1] Fines are $650. Impound fees are $2,350.



3. **BYOS:** Bring Your Own Supplies. This event works because people like you are creative, and resourceful. While the Knick Park Board is providing as much candy as we can get our hands on, it is recommended that each group bring candy of their own to supplement what we have. If you are not able to purchase candy, please let us know. We will make it work.
4. **TABLES**: The Knick Park Board will be providing 20 of our own folding tables to help volunteers with their setups. So far we have 45 signups. It is recommended that each group bring their own table (if they want one) and decorations.
5. **NO POLITICS:** While on the oval, or in the Park during the event, there is no political campaigning, electioneering, or candidate signs for any candidates for the General Election on November 3rd, 2026. Not only is it inappropriate (kids can't vote), but the Knickerbacker Park Rink is a polling location. Electioneering at a polling location is a crime. Signs supporting local organizations are permitted such as the local schools, sports organizations, businesses, religious organizations, the Library, and the Buffalo Bills. .[2]
6. **NO HANDOUTS:** With the exclusive exception of local youth sports organizations within the City of Troy, you are not permitted to hand out any literature, or business advertisements of any kind.
7. **NO SOLICITATION/DONATION JARS:** Please no donation jars for local organizations. The majority of the participants in this event are under the age of 10, and do not have their own money. We are happy to give a shout out and link on our social media page to each and every organization that volunteers. Just email mpallozzi@gmail.com
8. **ONE PIECE OF CANDY PER KID:** We are providing the bulk of the candy for this event. If you hand out one piece per kid, this will ensure we have enough for the kids arriving near the end of the event. In years past we have actually run out of candy.
9. **KIDS ONLY:** This is a kid's event. Unfortunately, grownups will ask for/take candy for themselves. Sometimes they will bring their own treat bags. We really want to curb this behavior as best we can because it means running out of candy for kids much sooner. Politely tell grownups that the candy is for the kids. That should be enough. If grownups persist, don't argue, just let them have a piece and keep it movin'.
10. **BATHROOMS:** Bathrooms are available inside the front doors of the Ice Rink. The bathrooms are available to participants during the hours of 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. During our event there will likely be youth hockey games taking place inside the rink. Please be respectful of the hockey teams and do not go into the rink.

[2] If you support the NY Jets, you are not permitted to participate in this event until they get a second win. Giants signs will be allowed.



PARKING

Parking will not be permitted in the main parking lot of the Rink, and the lot will be closed off at the start of the event. Parking will be available for participants at the softball field parking lot on 106th Ave, and the high school on 107th Ave. If you have friends assisting you at your lane, they will need to carpool, or park at the high school or softball fields.

LANE ASSIGNMENTS:

COMING SOON

LANE MAP:





ARRIVAL AND GETTING TO YOUR LANE

1. Volunteers can start arriving as early as 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 31st, 2026. If you need additional setup time, or have badass decorations that require special accommodations, please contact me directly at mpallozzi@gmail.com
2. Signs and Troy PD cadet volunteers will assist and direct you safely into the oval from the south side of the rink.
3. Volunteers will also confirm your lane assignment, and we will send out updated lane assignment maps in advance of the event and they will also be posted on the www.knickortreat.com website.
4. You cannot access the oval from the main parking lot. Each lane will have lines and a sign identifying each lane assignment.
5. A link to an old (but wonderful) video demonstrating where to go from last year's event is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BUM8vE5o98
6. DRIVE SLOW!
7. Once you have arrived and parked, walk around, take a jog, stretch out, go to the general registration area to retrieve any additional supplies, or you can wait for volunteers to make their way to you with a shopping cart of supplies.

CANDY

If needed, candy will be provided at the event. We have purchased 100,000 pieces of assorted peanut, non-peanut, chocolate, and non-chocolate candy, as well as non-candy treats. We greatly appreciate the many volunteers who bring their own candy, or handouts such as books. Please, if you are able, bring your own candy to help add to our supplies. Two years out of 6 we have run out of candy.

Disgusting Candy:[3]

1. The Fifth Annual Banned Candy List is back.
2. This list continues to grow based in popularity and suggestions from volunteers. If you bring any candy that is on the below list, it is clear you do not like children, or fun, and you will likely not be allowed in. Troy Police will be on hand to enforce the candy ban and make arrests if necessary for harassment and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Handing Out Candy:

1. We will be providing 1000s of bags for children to collect their candy around the oval. Given the size and scale of this event, we are encouraging volunteers to only hand out candy to children (SEE ABOVE).

[3] This is a joke.



2. Throughout the event, "candy runners" will be circling the oval with a shopping cart full of supplies. Flag them down if you need more.

LEAVING YOUR LANE

Leaving the Event Early:

1. If you need to leave the event early, flag down a volunteer who will help direct you and your vehicle safely towards the early-exit location.
2. DO NOT TRY TO LEAVE ON YOUR OWN WITHOUT THE HELP OF A VOLUNTEER!
3. We need to make sure that all children are clear of your path to leave. There will be Troy PD cadet volunteers there to assist you in exiting.
4. If you know you need to leave early, please let us know in advance (mpallozzi@gmail.com). Accommodations will be made and your lane assignment will be placed closer to the exit.

Departure/Close of Event:

5. At the conclusion of the event, after all trick or treaters have left the oval, volunteers will assist you leaving.
6. Please drive slow.

Emergencies or Questions:

7. Throughout the event, Knickerbacker Park Board members will be circling the oval in their blue shirts making sure everything is going smoothly. In addition, there will be uniformed Troy Police Officers as well as Troy Police Cadets volunteering throughout the event. In the event of any unforeseen problems or emergencies while volunteering, please notify Knickerbacker Board volunteers or police immediately.



KNICKERBACKER PARK
2026 BANNED CANDY LIST



 **Candy Corn** Tastes like a crayon had a baby with regret.	 **Black licorice (gross)** Still gross in 2026. No exceptions.
 **Whatever these are.** No one knows what flavor. No one wants to find out.	 **Wax bottles.** Drink the juice, chew the wax, regret your life choices.
 **Circus peanuts.** They've been around since 1900 for a reason.	 **Ok, grandma.** We love you, but this stays in your candy dish.
 **Smarties.** Chalk. In candy form. Pass.	 **Necco Wafers.** A historical artifact, not a treat.
 **Candy cigarettes.** Encouraging bad habits since forever.	 **Candy buttons.** They always fall off the paper. Always.
 **Loose bubble gum.** We're not walking around with mystery gum in 2026.	 **Generic lollipops (no wrappers).** Looks like it rolled around in someone's pocket.
 **Old fashioned taffy.** Sticky, stale, and stuck in the past.	 **Peanut butter kisses.** Sounds good. Tastes like disappointment.
 **Jawbreakers.** Great for dentists. Terrible for kids.	 **Raisins (and other healthy foods).** This is Halloween, not a snack intervention.

KEEP THE GOOD STUFF COMING!

CANDY THAT KIDS ACTUALLY WANT IS ALWAYS A TREAT!