



# CANDY VOLUNTEER RULES & INFORMATION

Updated 10/11/2025

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Lanes: Each volunteer or group of volunteers will be designated a lane around the oval. The lanes will be 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 [knickortreat@gmail.com](mailto:knickortreat@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: **Will be finalized the week before the event.**
5. Inside and Out: Both the inside perimeter and outside perimeter of the oval will be used to accommodate cars, meaning larger setups need to back their vehicles off of the oval as much as they can to keep the oval clear for kids to walk.
6. 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 spring up on the back straightaway. In the days leading up to the event ducks were using it. We've been lucky the past couple of years and hopefully everything stays dry.

## GENERAL RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Thank you so much for volunteering for Year FIVE 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. **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 be able to provide.



3. **TABLES:** The Knick Park Board will be providing 20 of our own folding tables to help volunteers with their setups. So far we have 50+ signups. It is recommended that each group bring their own table (if they want one) and decorations.
4. **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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Not only is it inappropriate at a kids' event, 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. .<sup>1</sup>
5. **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.**
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **BATHROOMS:** Bathrooms are available inside the front doors of the Ice Rink. The bathrooms are available to participants during the hours of 1-4. During our event there will be youth hockey games taking place inside the rink. Please be respectful of the hockey teams and do not go into the rink.

## **IMPORTANT PARKING UPDATE**

Due to the ongoing construction of the Knickerbacker Park Aquatic Facility, the main parking lot of the Park **WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE EVENT**. If you have friends assisting you at your lane, they will need to carpool, or park at the high school parking lot (107<sup>th</sup> Ave), or the Softball fields parking lot (106<sup>th</sup> Ave). We will have a shuttle bus for those who need it from the high school parking lot to the oval courtesy of the Rensselaer Senior Center. The shuttle will begin at 12:45 pm and continue until 4:15 pm.

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<sup>1</sup> If you support the NY Jets, you are not permitted to participate in this event until they win a game.



## LANE ASSIGNMENTS:

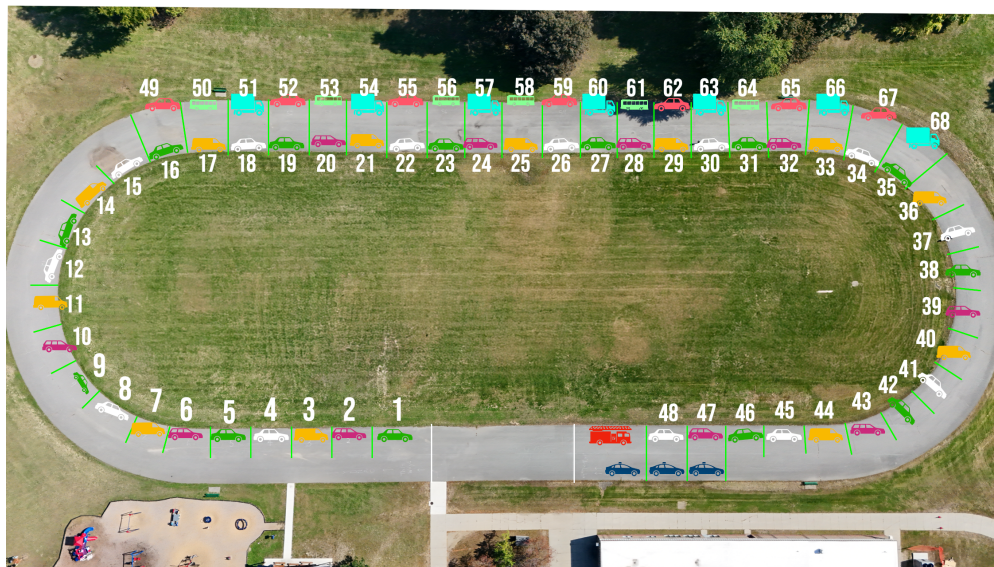
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## LANE MAP:



## OFFICIAL LANE MAP 2025

[www.knickortreat.com](http://www.knickortreat.com)



## ARRIVAL AND GETTING TO YOUR LANE

1. Volunteers can start arriving as early as 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If you need additional setup time, or have badass decorations that require special accommodations, please contact me directly at [knickortreat@gmail.com](mailto:knickortreat@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](http://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, you may walk 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**

1. 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, including bracelets, rings, and other small toys. 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 supplement what we have provided.

### Disgusting Candy:<sup>2</sup>

2. The Fourth Annual Banned Candy List is below.
3. 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.



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<sup>2</sup> This is a joke.



## **2025 BANNED CANDY LIST**

|                                                                                     |                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|    | Candy Corn                                                            |
|    | Black licorice (gross)                                                |
|    | Whatever these are.                                                   |
|    | Wax bottles.                                                          |
|  | Circus peanuts.                                                       |
|  | Ok, grandma.                                                          |
|  | Tell me with a straight face you like these after eating more than 3. |
|  | Who hurt you?                                                         |
|  | Leave.                                                                |



#### 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. In years past, we have had adults "trick or treat" around the oval. Politely explain to the adults that this event is for the kids, and that we have a limited amount of candy. If an adult is being demanding, or unruly, just give them candy and keep it moving.
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. 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.