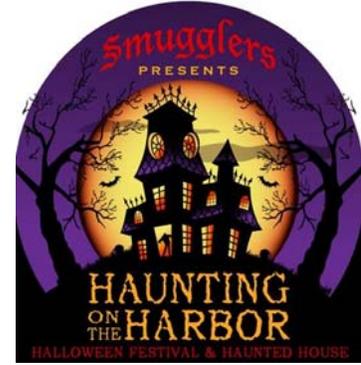


Press Release

The 5th Annual Haunting on the Harbor Halloween Festival and Haunted House - **NOW IN DOWNTOWN PUNTA GORDA!**



Be prepared to be scared at the 5th Annual Smuggler's Haunting on the Harbor Halloween Festival and Haunted House. ***FIVE scary nights-*** October 24-28, 30-31, 2014, City Marketplace in downtown Punta Gorda will be transformed into an autumn showcase of pumpkin patches, hay rides, kid's carnival games, fair food, live music, and the largest haunted house in Charlotte County.

The festival opens on Friday October 24th at 6:00pm; Saturday, October 25th and Sunday, October 26th at 1:00pm. There is a full slate of activities for both young and old. Kids of all ages will enjoy the variety of fun carnival games where everyone is a winner. There will also be a large kid's play area with bounce houses, slides, rides, and more! Returning this year, and one of the crowd favorites, the old fashioned hayride will take a leisurely trip through the *historic district of downtown Punta Gorda* to view all of the Halloween-themed decorated houses! A beautifully decorated Pumpkin Patch with a professional photographer to capture your visit or memory of an outstanding costume.

Costume contests will be held throughout the weekend. The Kid's Costume Contest will be held on Saturday, October 25th at 3:00pm- the Kid's Contest is divided into 3 age groups-0-3, 4-7, and 8-14 years old. The Adult Contest will be held on October 25th at 9:00pm and is divided into male, female, and group categories. Our canine friends get their chance on Sunday, October 26th at 3:00pm when our Doggie Costume contest hits the Stage. There is no charge to enter any of the costume contests.

Come enjoy live entertainment each day with Zombie University kicking off the party on Friday night, Oct 24th at 8pm, On Saturday evening, world renowned hypnotist Richard Barker returns to the Haunting stage for a performance you don't want to miss! The Jack Michael Band will finish out the night with a special high energy concert you won't want to miss! A complete list of entertainment is available at www.puntagordahaunting.com. All live entertainment is included in the \$3 gate admission.

There will be plenty to feast on at the festival too with all your carnival and Halloween favorites on hand for young and old, as well as adult beverages.

The highlight of the festival is the Haunting on the Harbor Haunted House. The largest anywhere in Charlotte County and one of the largest in Southwest Florida, enter if you dare! With over 5000 square feet of twists and turns with a different fright around every corner, it's sure to make you heart race and you knees weak. This year, the haunted house will be even better with new special effects never seen in Charlotte County, and it's ***Air conditioned*** too! For the younger children (10 and under) The Not-So-Scary Fun House will be available.

The Haunted House will be open throughout the weekend festival and the Haunted House ONLY will be open for special encore performances on Oct 30th and 31st, Halloween night starting at 6:00pm!

Halloween Night, make sure to include the Haunting on the Harbor in downtown Punta Gorda in your plans. The Haunted House will be open for an encore performance, in addition we will have live entertainment on stage as well as food booths and beverages available. The Haunted House opens at 7:00pm with the live music kicking off at 8:00pm, a special adult costume contest will be held at 9:00pm on stage with great prizes! There will be no gate admission on Halloween night and plenty of free parking.

So mark your calendars for October 24-31, The Haunting on the Harbor Halloween Festival and Haunted House in Punta Gorda- scary fun for all ages. Gate Admission is \$3, kids under 12- free gate admission. Haunted House admission is \$9.00, Thursday Oct 30th is student night, any student with an ID receives a \$2.00 discount. Additional fees charged for rides, games, food, beverages. For more information visit www.puntagordahaunting.com or call 941-637-5953