

**9-14-2023 Testimony of David Ellis at
El Paso County BoCC Land Use Hearing**

Topic 1: Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC operates an Outdoor Amusement Center, not an Agritainment enterprise as defined by the El Paso County Land Development Code, and therefore cannot be allowed to operate in its current RR-5 zoned location.

My name is David Ellis and I am a resident and property owner in the Canterbury Equestrian Estates neighborhood. Thank you for this opportunity to oppose Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC (CPP LLC) which our residential neighborhood surrounds on three sides.

The “Agritainment” provisions in the county’s Land Development Code were newly inserted in the Code six years ago, effective August 2017, by all appearances to facilitate a land transfer by CPP LLC registered agent John Chapman to the Walden property developer Matthew Dunston and relocate Chapman’s pumpkin patch operation a couple miles northwest to its current location in an RR-5 zoned residential neighborhood. Events since then have increasingly demonstrated that “Agritainment”, as written in the Code, is a terribly flawed concept. This is because there are precious few checks and balances to deal with the continuous abuses of “Agritainment” parameters by Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC as well as habitual lies in their submitted Site Development Plans and subsequent failures to comply with those plans. My hope is that today’s hearing will quick start a process to heal the county’s “Agritainment” concept and just as quickly stop the CPP LLC’s egregious abuses.

I will start by providing prima facie evidence that CPP LLC is operating an outdoor amusement park and not a compliant “Agritainment” endeavor. This will take only 50 seconds.

One of CPP LLC’s attractions is a “barrel train” requiring a permit from the State of Colorado, Division of Oil and Public Safety, Amusement Rides and Devices Program. CPP LLC operated this amusement park attraction without the required amusement ride permit in 2022 and May 2023. Regardless of whether CPP LLC has subsequently obtained the required permit, CPP LLC’s “barrel train” is a mechanized amusement park ride as defined by the State of Colorado and does not fall within “Agritainment” parameters. Neither is the “barrel train” agriculturally

related. It is a thrill ride. See the following email chain with Leslie Sohl, Colorado Amusement Rides and Devices Program Manager.

-----Original Message-----

On Mon, May 15, 2023 at 3:16 AM Dave Ellis wrote:

Hello Leslie Sohl,

I wish to inquire whether the barrel train amusement ride operated by the Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC at 18065 Saddlewood Road Monument CO 80132 on 12, 13 and 14 May 2023 is registered with and regulated by your agency.

Attached are photos of the barrel train in operation on 12 and 13 May 2023. The barrel train is next scheduled for commercial operation at this same location on May 20, 2023.

I do not see the Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC on the "Amusement Permit Holders List" posted on your website.

Thanks in advance for responding to this inquiry.

Dave Ellis
Monument, CO

-----Original Message-----

From: "Sohl - CDLE, Leslie" <leslie.sohl@state.co.us>

Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 10:20am

To: "Dave Ellis"

Subject: Re: Barrel Train Operated 12-14 May 2023 Re: Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC Mechanized Amusement Rides Operating in El Paso County

Hi Dave,

Thank you for your email. We do not have this operator registered with our office at this time. Thank you for advising that a barrel train was operating; we will pursue this.

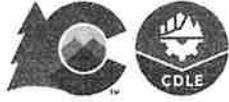
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CPP LLC also operates non-mechanized amusement park attractions that are completely outside agriculturally related “Agritainment” parameters. Among these are:

- Three 100 foot “Thrill Slides” which CPP LLC calls “Hay Slides” but have nothing to do with hay or agriculture. They are purely amusement park attractions eliciting screams from delighted children six days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- A “Laser Tag” attraction, again, purely an amusement park attraction causing yelling and screaming.
- A giant “Sewer Pipe Swing”, I don’t know what CCP LLC calls it, again eliciting yelling and screaming all day and having nothing to do with agriculture.

I never visited the attractions on the CPP grounds, but am a volunteer to accompany county officials during their inspection of CPP attractions. There are very likely other attractions not related to agriculture. In my youth I milked a herd of Guernsey cows twice a day, cared for three Belgian draft horses, mowed, raked, baled and put up hay, combined oats, raised pigs, etc. I think I have a better than average sense of what is agriculturally related versus not and can be of assistance to county inspectors.

I posit that entertainment attractions causing screams are not likely to be within “Agritainment” parameters. Instead, scream causing attractions fall in the category of “Outdoor Amusement Center” which is never permitted in any Residential Zoning District like RR-5 but instead can only be placed within an Agricultural or Commercial Zoning District (see El Paso County Land Development Code, Table 5-1). If CPP LLC wants to continue with its current business model, it must relocate to one of those zoning districts.

Are these allowable “Agritainment” attractions likely to produce yelling and screaming from children all day?

- pumpkin patch
- hay ride
- corn maze
- hay maze
- petting zoo (farm animals only)
- historical farm
- farm tour
- vineyard
- agricultural festival
- community garden
- and other similar uses

Note that CPP LLC does not even have a traditional home grown pumpkin patch or corn maze. It imports its pumpkins in giant boxes from which it sells and distributes them. The operators don’t grow plants for the fall CPP season.

Because CPP LLC is clearly non-compliant with the limited scope of an “Agritainment” business, it must not be allowed to open its planned September and October 2023 operating season.

Topic 2: Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC (CPP LLC) has not obtained a single building permit for its buildings and structures on its pumpkin patch grounds open to the public.

The El Paso County Land Development Code explicitly states that Agritainment “Buildings or structures that are open to the public or employees shall be subject to the requirements of the building code.” (Paragraph 5.2.4.(F))

There are three 100 foot long thrill slides on the CPP property used by customers. I estimate this single structure is at least 1,500 square feet in size. There has never been a building permit requested from or issued by the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department (PPRBD) for this structure. This is a clear violation of the Code’s Agritainment requirements that places the public at risk.

There are other commercial structures on the CPP LLC property, such as the Admission/Ticket Sales building and others. There is no evidence of building permits ever being requested for any of these commercial structures. The lack of any permits on the pumpkin patch grounds open to the public can easily be verified by a permit search at pprbd.org entering the CPP LCC address of 18065 Saddlewood Rd. The permits that have been issued pertain to residence structures that are not part of the pumpkin patch commercial operation.

Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC has a long history of shocking negligence in failing to obtain required government agency approvals for the amusement park rides and services (e.g. food sales) they advertise to their paying customers. It appears that business' failure to secure building permits and satisfactorily pass required building inspections is yet another example of CPP LLC's negligence.

The implications of Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC not having any building permits or inspections on file for their "Agritainment" business goes far beyond a hearing on a requested Special Use application. It should completely shut down that business' "Agritainment" operation due to failure to comply with PPRBD requirements necessary for safe operations protecting both customers and employees.

I first filed a complaint about CPP LLC’s lack of required building permits with the PPRBD in May 2023. PPRBD’s Non-Compliance Inspector Irving Sanchez (phone 719-327-2933) recently told me he went up his chain of command with my complaint and was told one of two things will happen:

1. If any CPP Special Use application is approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) at the 14 Sep 2023 Land Use Hearing, then the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department (PPRBD) will do nothing. *Yes, you read that correctly.*

2. If the CPP Special Use application is denied on 14 Sep, only then will PPRBD investigate my complaint on commercial buildings used by employees and/or customers on the CPP grounds that have no building permits.

Since the effect of approving any CPP LLC Special Use application at the September 14, 2023 BoCC Land Use Hearing would result in no investigation by PPRBD into CPP LLC's total lack of building permits for their pumpkin patch and thereby placing the safety and welfare of both employees and paying customers at risk, CPP LLC's Special Use application must be denied.

-----Original Message-----

From: "PPRBD Notifications" <notifications@pprbd.org>

Sent: Monday, May 29, 2023 4:31am

To: David Ellis

Subject: We've Received Your Complaint for: 18065
SADDLEWOOD RD, MONUMENT, CO



PPRBD has received your complaint about work being done without a permit.

Subject: Complaint: 18065 SADDLEWOOD RD,
MONUMENT, CO

Name: David Ellis

Email:

Message: Property owner Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC operates a commercial outdoor amusement center with no record of building permits for numerous buildings used by employees / paying customers (Ticket Sales/Admissions bldg, Laser Tag bldg, Concession Sales bldgs, etc) and tall 100 foot long human slide outdoor Amusement Center Attraction. How can I attach photos in support of this complaint?

We will be investigating this complaint and will be in touch regarding it.

Thank you.

Topic 3. Disapprove Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC Special Use Request for Additional Vehicles on Property Due to Canterbury Estates Entrances, Interior Roads, and the Lack of Equestrian Caution Signs

a. There are four entrances to the Canterbury Estates equestrian neighborhood, established in 1969, which encompasses more than a square mile in northern El Paso County Colorado and is zoned RR-5, Rural Residential. These entrances are:

- a. Hwy 105 and Canterbury Dr.
- b. Roller Coaster Rd. and Shahara Rd.
- c. Roller Coaster Rd./Higby Rd. Intersection and Shahara Rd.
- d. Hwy 105 and Appaloosa Rd.

b. Canterbury Estates is comprised of 134 properties of 5 acres or more in size, and property owners are permitted to keep one horse for each one and a quarter acres of property they own. Therefore a 5 acre property owner may keep four horses and some Canterbury owners do keep four horses, some owners keep fewer horses.

c. Canterbury property and horse owners regularly ride their horses on the interior roads of our large neighborhood and the length of these interior roads totals 5.35 statute miles. All the roads are maintained by El Paso County and are dirt/gravel except the northern 0.7 miles of Canterbury Dr. These roads are:

Road Name	Road Length
Shahara Rd.	1.35 miles
Saddlewood Rd.	1.2 miles
Appaloosa Rd.	1.0 miles
Canterbury Dr.	0.95 miles
Mohawk Way	0.4 miles
Charros Loop	0.15 miles
Arabian Way	0.1 miles
Pinto Way	0.1 miles
Shetland Way	0.1 miles

d. There is only ONE Equestrian Horse Riding Caution Sign on our Canterbury neighborhood roads. That one sign is on the west end of Shahara Rd. approximately 125 feet inside the Roller Coaster Rd. and Shahara Rd. entrance to Canterbury Estates. Drivers of vehicles entering Canterbury Estates from any of the other three entrances never have the opportunity to see a Horse Riding Caution Sign and regularly exceed the 25 mph speed limit.

e. In recent years El Paso County has allowed the operation of a commercial amusement park run by Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC (CPP LLC) on 40 acres of RR-5 zoned land that is not part of Canterbury Estates but surrounded on three sides by Canterbury Estates properties. The address of this property is 18065 Saddlewood Rd., Monument, CO 80132 and its property schedule identifier is 6116000001. Most importantly, vehicle access to the Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC property can only be had through the four entrances to Canterbury Estates and thereafter on the interior roads of Canterbury where residents ride their horses, walk, jog, and ride their bicycles for exercise. Many thousands of cars enter Canterbury Estates interior roads searching for the Saddlewood Rd. entrance to Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC. As Saddlewood Rd. is a completely interior Canterbury road with no direct connection to the Canterbury entrances on the perimeter roads of Highway 105, Roller Coaster Road, and Higby Road, traffic chaos on the Canterbury Estates interior residential roads is a regular occurrence when the Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC amusement park is in operation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. six days a week. Thousands of visiting vehicle drivers are totally unfamiliar with the Canterbury neighborhood and dangerously ignorant of Canterbury equestrian activities. There have been numerous extremely close calls between drivers of visiting vehicles trying to find the 18065 Saddlewood Rd. address and our resident owners, their children and their horses. This luck, having dodged an accident involving serious injury or death, will certainly run out if Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC is allowed to continue its commercial amusement park operation and continue to have hundreds of visiting vehicles on its grounds at one time.

f. This year I submitted two separate work requests to the El Paso County Road and Transportation Department requesting Equestrian Caution signs be installed on roads inside the four entrances to Canterbury Estates and also towards each end of Saddlewood Rd. On one of the requests I offered to secure payment for the cost to El Paso County to install these caution signs. My requests were never fulfilled by the county and no equestrian caution signs were installed. These were Street Signage Requests SS-2302037 and SS-2302014 created in April 2023.

g. Because of the county's failure to install requested equestrian caution signs in Canterbury Estates, it would be extremely dangerous to our neighborhood's residents and horses if the Planning Commission were to approve the Special Use Application of Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC to permit additional vehicles on their grounds at any one time. The current limit of 50 vehicles on the CPP LLC property is bad enough for our Canterbury neighborhood and should not be increased due to serious public safety concerns.

Topic 4. The screaming sounds incessantly coming from the Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC property during its eight hours of operation six days a week are extremely distressing to Canterbury residents. Any increase in the amount of vehicles and hence customers allowed on the property makes it worse.

When the Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC first began operation most Canterbury residents were unopposed, thinking "Agritainment" was a nice concept and good for children. Today the complete opposite is true, especially for those Canterbury owners within earshot of CPP LLC which is usually within three to four 5 acre lots. CPP LLC's greed for dollars has led to their development of an outdoor amusement center extremely attractive to children. What child doesn't enjoy an amusement park? With stresses from the excessive and dangerous neighborhood traffic and the constant amusement park screaming, some Canterbury residents including myself discovered we suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD). Mine is triggered by the constant screaming. I must wear ear protection when outside during CPP LLC's operating hours to avoid being constantly startled and figuratively shoved into a dark place. After 38 years in the Air Force, flying as a pilot the entire time, I instinctively wanted to retire to a quiet rural neighborhood. Canterbury fit the bill perfectly until CPP LLC and its gross excesses came along. Both I and affected neighbors look at the CPP LLC grounds as a junkyard 365 days a year that during its operating seasons brings daily pain and anguish to our formerly peaceful lives. Anyone who thinks CPP LLC deserves special privileges above the laws is being sadly fooled. CPP LLC brags about its charitable contributions to kids. Free admission to some kids is a "donation in kind" that costs CPP LLC nothing. We Canterbury residents give real money out of our pockets to our charities and churches and real value in our donations to the local food banks. CPP LLC brags that it provides jobs to local kids while violating Federal Child Labor laws to its monetary advantage. One of our Canterbury owners whose mail box was knocked over five times by the excessive CPP LLC traffic last year likely spent more repairing and replacing his mailbox than CPP LLC paid any of their exploited child labor kids. What was once friendly acceptance of the Agritainment concept and the CPP LLC has now turned into outright revulsion. And the operators of CPP LLC are now looked at as disgusting people who prey on children.

I would consider the granting of any special use permit to CPP LLC by El Paso County a crime against the humanity of the residents of Canterbury Estates and also against the humanity of the people CPP LLC exploits.

Addendum for the Record

Remarks by David Ellis to El Paso Board of County Commissioners at Land Use Meeting, Agenda Item 3, "Items Not on the Agenda", 5/16/2023, 1 p.m. at Centennial Hall Auditorium, Colorado Springs, Colorado

"As a nearby property owner, I am compelled to call your attention to the egregious continuing violations of the Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC, a profit making enterprise which preys on our children and their safety. Meanwhile the county continually rewards incessantly law breaking Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC with renewed permits to operate whose limitations are never complied with. The county's new experiment authorizing residential area "Agritainment" businesses in the Land Development Code has gone off the rails and this must be corrected before tragedy inevitably occurs.

I will only ask you for two things:

First, that you do not shoot the messenger.

Second, that the county immediately revoke the temporary use permit it granted Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC to operate its "Tulip Festival" last weekend and this coming weekend. Stop the illegal activities now by revoking your permit now.

Violations last weekend by the Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC:

1. Exceeding the 50 vehicle "Agritainment" limit on the entire property at 18065 Saddlewood Road, Monument, CO 80132 by more than double.
2. Improperly marking locations of its commercial roads on its property in the permit application.
3. Conducting its commercial activities up against the wire fences of neighboring residential properties without required setbacks.
4. Operating a mechanized children's amusement park attraction without the required registration from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Amusement Rides and Devices Program, which among other things ensures annual third-party inspection of the mechanical amusement

ride and that adequate insurance coverage is in place in the event an accident occurs.

5. Advertising to the public that concessions are available and stating in their permit application that retail food will be sold, without applying for or obtaining the required El Paso County Department of Health Special Event License. Therefore CPP LLC is not approved to sell food items.

I could go on listing other violations but my three minutes are almost up.

Check with your County Code Enforcement Division for more violations by Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC.

As the Colorado Pumpkin Patch LLC is a for-profit business, it has a duty of care it does not come close to meeting. Thank you for your time."

End of remarks by David Ellis to El Paso County Commissioners on 5/16/2023.

At the conclusion of my remarks I left the podium and headed up the stairs and out of the auditorium. Before reaching the auditorium's exit doors I was asked to return to the bottom of the auditorium for a discussion with county staff. I declined to do this as I had another appointment to attend. Then before reaching the building's exit doors, a county staff member ran up to me, handed me his business card, and asked that I email him. His business card is below. I agreed to email him and gave him a printed copy of my remarks. I earlier gave the Board of County Commissioners Secretary multiple printed copies of my remarks, enough for her and one each for the five Commissioners.

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Jackie Allred

From: Citizen Comments
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:30 AM
To: Jackie Allred
Subject: FW: Colorado Pumpkin Patch

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Hi Jackie,

Is it okay that they sent in their comment on the email, or do they have to be at the meeting to make it?

-Deborah Contreras

From: Tiffany Heiberger <luvjc82@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 9:31 AM
To: Citizen Comments <citizencomments@elpasoco.com>
Subject: Colorado Pumpkin Patch

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of keeping the Colorado Pumpkin Patch open. We are local Monument residents who attend the pumpkin patch every October with our family. The owners are a great family and do a fantastic job of creating a fun outdoor space for families to enjoy. Please keep this family business open!! It would be devastating to so many families if you force them to shut their business down.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Heiberger

Jackie Allred

From: Citizen Comments
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:43 AM
To: Jackie Allred
Subject: Public Comment #1 / FW: Colorado Pumpkin Patch

Public Comment #1

From: Taylor Buelke <taylorbuelke@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:10 AM
To: Citizen Comments <citizencomments@elpasoco.com>
Subject: Colorado Pumpkin Patch

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To Whom it May Concern,

I'm writing to voice my support for the Colorado Pumpkin Patch in their case asking for the county's approval in parking in order that their small local business can continue to run at a level where they can make their livelihood.

Every fall the Chapman's provide a wholesome experience where families can go to enjoy the fall season. The Colorado Pumpkin patch is more than just a day where El Paso country families can go and have fun. It's childhood memories being made. It's future stories that begin with "remember when?" It's years from now looking at old pictures of years ago when your grown kids were little.

I understand the opposition. I realize that having a running business in the neighborhood for 6 weeks of the year during business hours disrupts tranquility.

However, in a world where every open space is being built on, and wholesome family opportunities are becoming fewer and farther between, it would be a travesty to limit the parking of the Colorado Pumpkin patch, effectively shutting them down since they wouldn't have enough people visit per day to cover the costs of operations.

Please vote in favor of the parking the Pumpkin Patch needs.

Sincerely,
Taylor Buelke

Sent from my iPhone

Jackie Allred

From: Citizen Comments
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:44 AM
To: Jackie Allred
Subject: Public Comment #2 / FW: Support of Colorado Pumpkin Patch

Public Comment #2

From: Alysse Forde <alysseforde@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 10:17 PM
To: Citizen Comments <citizencomments@elpasoco.com>, Carrie Geitner <CarrieGeitner@elpasoco.com>, Stan VanderWerf <StanVanderWerf@elpasoco.com>, Longinos Gonzalez, Jr <LonginosGonzalezJr@elpasoco.com>, Cami Bremer <CamiBremer@elpasoco.com>, Holly Williams <HollyWilliams@elpasoco.com>, nina.ruiz@vertexcos.com <nina.ruiz@vertexcos.com>, hello@colordokidsranch.com <hello@colordokidsranch.com>, Ryan Howser <RyanHowser@elpasoco.com>
Subject: Support of Colorado Pumpkin Patch

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Colorado Pumpkin Patch. I have been a local resident for the past 4 years and I drive by the site of the Colorado Pumpkin Patch each day. Each fall, our family looks forward to going to the pumpkin patch. We have gone every year that our son has been alive, and we love to take friends from all over the state. Our attendance has always been smooth and we have had no issues with traffic, crowds, etc.

With all the development going on around town, there are few "establishments" lately that allow you to enjoy family outdoors. Developers keep building but the small locally owned businesses are struggling. As a community, I pray we will rise up and support them.

Thank you for your consideration,
Alysse Forde

Jackie Allred

From: Citizen Comments
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Jackie Allred
Subject: Public Comment #3 / FW: Supportive

Public Comment #3

From: Crystalyn Johnson <crystalynl@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 10:00 PM
To: Citizen Comments <citizencomments@elpasoco.com>
Cc: Colorado Kids Ranch <Hello@coloradokidsranch.com>
Subject: Supportive

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To Whom It May Concern,

Our family is supportive of the Chapman family and their project. I believe there is an issue with the amount of traffic during the pumpkin patch season as that should be expected. If JD and Bengetta are limited to the number of cars it will make running their business not sustainable as well as cause frustration with families that can't attend due to the limitation of cars each day. I am asking y'all to allow access to the pumpkin patch for this short time of the year.

The pumpkin patch is the best pumpkin patch our family has ever attended. I am a fan of pumpkin patches and all things fall, so I've been to them all! The Colorado Pumpkin Patch exceeds all the other ones. When we moved up here 5 years ago, we were so excited to be able to attend several times throughout the season because of its location. It gives our family a day to spend together, connect with friends and family, and make memories.

Also, the Chapmans are very dear to us. JD and Bengetta have poured their time and energy into two of our children. Our oldest daughter, Olivia, is a previous foster child whom we adopted a few years ago. Bengetta has had the privilege of teaching her in AWANA at The Ascent Church. JD and Bengetta have also had Olivia in their Farm Camp. She is now volunteering on their farm a few times a week. Olivia has thrived because of the connections she has made with the Chapman family in all of these activities. The Chapmans enjoy pouring their time and energy into kids that come from difficult backgrounds. Olivia has improved in who she is as a young woman, gained some responsibility, and her social skills have improved because of the Farm Camp, volunteering at the pumpkin patch, the volunteer program they offer throughout the year, and the church activities. She can't wait until she's a little bit older to have her first job at the pumpkin patch.

They also have helped our other child, Christian, who has special needs. Each year, they offer a season pass, and we buy it because we enjoy attending the pumpkin patch throughout the season. We have little ones, so we can't stay all day; therefore, we come back several times. Christian needs to do an activity over and over for him to learn and understand concepts. This past year was his first year he tried riding a pony at the pumpkin patch! That is huge for Christian! Christian is usually terrified of all animals. It's taken several years of attending the pumpkin patch for him to get used to animals and understand the relationship between humans and animals. Christian not only struggles to understand and retain information, but he struggles with fine and gross motor skills; therefore, all the activities at the pumpkin patch challenge him to overcome his fine and gross motor setbacks. He is the most joyful, thankful, appreciated, and happiest kid you will ever meet. All year long, he talks about the pumpkin patch. It will be January, and he will ask to go to the pumpkin patch. He looks forward to the pumpkin patch every year.

I'm asking you to do whatever you all can to keep the pumpkin patch going as it's a safe place for our children, it's part of our Monument community, it brings so much joy to my family and me, and it's our family tradition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Jackie Allred

From: Citizen Comments
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Jackie Allred
Subject: Public Comment #4 / FW: Colorado Pumpkin Patch

Public Comment #4

From: Mark Myers <mark@visionharvest.com>
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:01 PM
To: Citizen Comments <citizencomments@elpasoco.com>
Subject: Colorado Pumpkin Patch

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I support keeping the Pumpkin Patch open. It's a great thing for our community.

Mark Myers
710-243-0665

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Jackie Allred

From: Citizen Comments
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 11:46 AM
To: Jackie Allred
Subject: Public Comment #5 / FW: Pumpkin Patch

Public Comment #5

From: Kat Huerta <khuerta66@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 5:57 PM
To: Citizen Comments <citizencomments@elpasoco.com>
Subject: Pumpkin Patch

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Hello El Paso County,

I live in 80908 zip and I LOVE the CO Pumpkin Patch. I would like it to stay open.

The event is open for just a short time every year and adds value to our community. The Patch brings all ages together and is a tradition for our family.

Please keep this small business open in our community.

Kathleen Huerta
719 264 0632

