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IT'S A TOSS UP AT MUNDELEIN PARK'S PUMPKIN DROP

Soaring, rolling, smashing fun at eco-friendly post-Halloween event

Mundelein, Illinois—Be monster green after Halloween by composting your past-it's-prime Jack O' Lantern at the Mundelein Park District's FREE PUMPKIN DROP on Sunday, November 5 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. The eco-friendly event is at Keith Mione Community Park (1401 N. Midlothian Road, Mundelein), on and near the sled hill.

The event is bigger than ever with **new activities added**. Mundelein Park District and Washington Early Learning Center (www.washington.district75.org) have teamed up to offer a **large-scale, pumpkin only, community-wide composting opportunity in conjunction with the Pumpkin Drop event**. A roll off dumpster will be available for pumpkin drop off (pumpkins only, no candles or added decorations) during the hours of 11 am to 2:30 pm near the sled hill at Community Park (1401 N. Midlothian Road, Mundelein).

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Also added, **composting specialist Vytas Pabedinskas will be educating participants on the science behind composting and the benefits of diverting those past their prime pumpkins from the trash.**

We've "pumpkined" up the fun with new activities including a Pumpkin Walk game for a chance to win a pumpkin pie, a hands-on kids craft constructing a mini catapult, and other fun activities.

There will be the traditional rolling races down the sled hill, and smashing pumpkins to smithereens, and of course composting of all those squashed squashes. "**Big Red**", the trebuchet/catapult designed and **built by Mundelein High School students** is back to **launch 20 lucky winning pumpkins** selected from pre-registered participants soaring into the sky and smash upon their landing. The distance will be measured and the winner will receive a special prize! At the conclusion of the Pumpkin Drop and community-wide pumpkin composting event, all pulverized pumpkin remains will be taken to a composting facility.

For a chance to have their pumpkin launched by Big Red, children must be pre-registered by October 27 at https://apm.activecommunities.com/mundeleinparks/Activity_Search/pumpkin-drop/3348. Registration is not required for participating in the other pumpkin activities. One pumpkin per person (ALL INSIDES REMOVED, PLEASE). Only pumpkins from participants will be accepted. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information on the **Pumpkin Drop**, visit <https://mundeleinparks.org/event/pumpkin-drop-ages/>.

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