



## Mundelein Park & Recreation District

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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 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 4 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Held at Keith Mione Community Park (1401 N. Midlothian Road, Mundelein), this event is for all ages and includes games, pumpkin launching and when all the fun is over, you can drop off your pumpkin at our community-wide composting opportunity.**

A 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) regardless of weather conditions.

There will be the traditional pumpkin rolling races down the sled hill, and smashing pumpkins to smithereens. "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. It will send the pumpkins soaring into the sky and smash upon their

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landing. The distance will be measured and the winner will receive a special prize! Also, **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.** At the conclusion of the Pumpkin Drop and community-wide pumpkin composting event, all pulverized pumpkin remains will be taken to a composting facility.

Special thanks to our Pumpkin Drop Partners Joel Fiorelli State Farm Insurance Agency and Integral Orthodontics for helping to make this fun event possible.

For a chance to have their pumpkin launched by Big Red, children must be pre-registered by October 26 at [www.mundeleinparks.org/pumpkindrop](http://www.mundeleinparks.org/pumpkindrop). Pre-registration is encouraged and only pumpkins from the 20 selected will be launched. Please remove all materials from inside your pumpkin. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information on the **Pumpkin Drop**, visit <https://mundeleinparks.org/event/pumpkin-drop-ages/>.

#### **FOLLOWING PUMPKIN DROP:**

Join us for a free **GO MUNDELEIN walk. We will meet at 2 pm at Cambridge Country Park (1200 Regent Drive)**, take a brisk walk and talk about safe walking tips during the coming winter months. GO MUNDELEIN is a walking initiative that promotes healthy and active living through programming and events. It encourages everyone to make a commitment to walk for 30 minutes every day. Mundelein Park District organizes monthly free walks to help meet this commitment. For more information on the GO MUNDELEIN walks, visit <https://mundeleinparks.org/recreation/special-events/go-mundelein/> .

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