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KEEP 'GREEN' AND THOSE PUMPKINS FLYIN'

AT ANNUAL PUMPKIN DROP

Join flying, rolling & composting fun at Mundelein Parks

Mundelein, IL —Look, up in the air, is that a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a flying pumpkin!

Days are getting shorter, temperatures cooler, leaves fallin' and **PUMPKINS are FLYIN'** over Mundelein. Before you trash that pumpkin, **Mundelein Park District** (www.mundeleinparks.org) has a "green" use for those past-prime jack-o-lanterns.

Go "**monster green**" after Halloween at the **4th Annual Pumpkin Drop**. Bring your pumpkin (1/person) to this **FREE EVENT, Sunday, November 6**, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Keith Mione Community Park (1401 N. Midlothian Road)—and watch them soar, roll and compost to help the environment.

"Big Red" the trebuchet/catapult, spanning nearly 10 feet across and designed and built by **Mundelein High** students, will hurl pumpkins across the field. All ages will enjoy this unique, eco-friendly and award-winning event. Age-group pumpkin rolling also takes place, as well as a "fill –the-cans-with-pumpkins" race.

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Participants assist in cleanup and learn about recycling. The pumpkins' "remains" are composted at **Prairie Crossing Organic Farm** in Grayslake, keeping the sustainable cycle going, an important component of the event.

NEW: All kids pre-registered by October 30 will be entered into a lottery, with 20 lucky winners having their pumpkin launched by Big Red. Ones that go the farthest receive a prize. Pre-registration can be done by calling **847-566-0650**. More information is also available on the Park District's Facebook page or online at www.mundeleinparks.org.

Pumpkins can only be accepted from participants and any materials should be removed from the inside.

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