

25th Annual Milford Pumpkin Festival

October 10-12, 2014

Attracting over 35,000 people from around the region, the Milford Pumpkin Festival is held each year in the fall. Featured are some of the largest pumpkins in New Hampshire on display, musicians and entertainers, food, crafts and lots of events for kids. Other events and activities include: kids can make their own scarecrows, face painting on the Community House Lawn and live music on two stages. If you're feeling hungry for soup, hot cider, doughnuts, waffles or smoked ribs, there is no shortage of food!!

Friday Oct. 10th Schedule

5:00pm Festival Opens!
 5:30 - 9:00pm Middle Street and around the Oval
 Food and Craft vendors, Pumpkin sales
 5:30 - 9:00pm Community House Lawn
 Beer, Wine Tasting - Taste the best of New Hampshire's Beer and Wine - over 10 vendors. Live Music by No Guarantees.
 5:30 - 9:00pm Community House Lawn
 Corn Hole Tournament
 5:30 - 9:00pm Milford High Applied Technology Center
 Community House Lawn
 Cowboy Dinner Tent - presented by the Milford Recreation Commission
 6:00 - 9:00pm Emerson Park -
 Enter the Haunted Trail if you dare! \$5 per person, screams are free.
 5:30 - 9:00pm Emerson Park - Bouncy House and Bungee Jump
 5:00 - 9:00pm At the Boys and Girls Club - Amusement Rides

Oval Stage:

5:00 - 6:00pm PB & Jammin'
 6:00 - 7:30pm Studio 2
 7:45 - 9:30pm 13 Steps

Community House Stage:

6:00 - 9:00pm No Guarantees
 6:45pm Opening Ceremony - Presentation of Milford's Citizen of the Year Award by the Historic Society and The Milford Improvement Team Followed by The Pumpkin Runner & Town Hall Lighting! Announcement of the Pumpkin Festival Scholarship Contest Winners Join festival lovers of all ages in this official kick-off ceremony!
 Fireworks Display

Saturday, Oct. 11th Schedule

8:30 - 9:30am Milford Historic Site Tour. Begins at the Milford Historical Society on Union Street.
 9:00am - 5:00pm Milford Ambulance Service Open House - Safety related activities for children of all ages! First Aid, Duck Race Sales.
 10:00am - 8:00pm Milford Town Hall - Arts & Craft Show Craft Fair
 10:00am - 9:00pm Middle Street and around the Oval - Food vendors, Great Pumpkin Contest, Pumpkin Sales, Booths and a great line-up of musical performances
 10:00am - 9:00pm Buy a \$5 raffle ticket to win a 2015 family ski pass valued at \$1599. Available online HERE.
 10:00am - 4:00pm Community House Lawn - Scarecrow Making
 10:00am - 4:00pm Community House Lawn - Pumpkin Painting
 10:00am - 4:00pm Community House Lawn - Face Painting
 10:00am - 4:00pm Emerson Park - Bouncy House
 10:00am - 4:00pm Emerson Park - Bungee Jump ride, Climbing Wall
 10:00am - 9:00pm At the Boys and Girls Club - Amusement Rides
 10:00am - 4:00pm Milford Fire Department Open House and Demos - Learn about fire safety and see the trucks. Educational Programs throughout the day - visit with Sparky.
 10:00am - 2:00pm South Street - Pumpkin Catapult by Dollars for Scholars. Ready... Aim... Fire! Try to hit the floating scarecrow targets in the Railroad Pond! See if you can hit the mark!
 10:00am - 4:00pm Unitarian Universalist Church of Milford Harvest Pantry, Elm Street.
 11:00am & 2:00pm Elm Street Cemetery: Stories From Stone - Join the Milford Historic Society for a walk through the Elm Street Cemetery where local historian Dave Palance will give an interactive, humorous and non-scary tour. Dave has mapped hundreds of Burial Grounds in southern New Hampshire and has assisted in finding lost graves, several over 350 years old. Be prepared to walk on uneven ground and listen as the stones talk of the early days of Milford. Meet at the Milford Historical Society on Union Street and walk over.
 11:00am Children's Puppet Show
 12:00pm On the Oval: Great Pumpkin Weigh-In. Come see who really has the region's biggest and best pumpkins! Cash prizes for Largest and Largest Milford Grown.

Oval Stage:

11:00am - 12:00pm Rob Oxford
 12:00 - 1:00pm The Stephanie Hurley Combo
 1:00 - 2:00pm Rich Kumpu & Bobby Allwarden
 2:00 - 3:00pm Amy Conley & the Kukeleles
 3:00 - 4:00pm Rumblefish
 4:00 - 5:00pm Cassette
 5:00 - 6:00pm Red Tail Hawk
 6:00 - 7:00pm Russell Hill
 7:00 - 8:00pm Duty Free
 8:00 - 9:30pm The Ballou Brothers

Community House Lawn Stage:

11:00am - 12:00pm Random Acts of Harmony
 12:00 - 1:00pm Hanging Scarlet
 1:00 - 2:00pm The Slyders
 2:00 - 3:00pm Temple Dance Band
 3:00 - 4:00pm Amy Conley/Music Together
 6:00 - 9:00pm Emerson Park - Enter the Haunted Trail if you dare! \$5 per person, screams are free.
 6:00 - 9:00pm Community House Lawn - ZOMBIE WALK & Costume Contest. Zombies should meet at the Community House Lawn at 6pm for judging in several categories, before parading to the Oval then returning to the CHL for refreshments. Presented by the Milford Recreation Commission.
 7:00pm Pumpkin Lighting. Bring your carved pumpkin to the Oval Bandstand between 5:30-6:30pm.
 8:00pm Amato Theater - Talent Show . Parking available onsite or walk lighted trail from Emerson Park to Amato Center. Book online -

Sunday Oct. 12th Schedule

7:30 - 11:00am Milford Fire Department Waffle Breakfast. \$6.00 dollars per person.
 8:30 - 9:30am Milford Historic Site Tour. Begins at the Milford Historical Society on Union Street.
 9:00am Milford High School - Milford High School 5k Road Race. Race course winds around and through the festival. Register HERE
 10:00am - 3:00pm Milford Town Hall - Arts & Craft Show Craft Fair
 10:00am - 3:00pm Middle Street and around the Oval - Food vendors, Pumpkin Sales, Booths and a great line-up of musical performances
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11:00am - 12:00pm TBD
 12:00 - 1:00pm B3
 1:00 - 2:00pm Mike Loce Trio
 2:00 - 3:00pm The Slakas

Community House Lawn Stage:

11:00am - 12:00pm Suzuki of Milford
 12:00 - 1:00pm Emmarie
 1:00 - 2:00pm Deep Hole Road
 2:00 - 3:00pm Temple Dance Band

3:00pm FESTIVAL CLOSES.

Thank you for coming!!



There's a lot of local talent. Come watch (and listen to) your favorites...

Pumpkins... fresh off a local farm



Enter the Haunted Trail if you dare... screams are free!

The Milford Oval is the place to be...



There's lots of pumpkins ready to go... some may need a forklift



The Great Pumpkin weighin reveals the winner



Watch the fabulous fireworks display Friday night.

Entrants Sought for Milford Pumpkin Festival Talent Show

MILFORD - The eighth annual Milford Pumpkin Festival Talent Show needs singers, dancers, amateur comedians, jugglers, tumblers and anyone with an unusual talent. Individuals and groups are welcome!
 Entries are open for the show, which will be held at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Oct. 11. Four prizes will be awarded: \$500 for first, \$200 to first runner-up, \$100 to second runner-up and \$100 to audience favorite.
 Auditions will take place from 1-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Amato Center, 56 Mont Vernon St. Interested performers can sign up at www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org.

You must be 12 or older to audition. The closing date for entries is Friday, Sept. 26.
 The festival is organized each year on behalf of the town by the Milford Improvement Team, a nonprofit whose mission is a public-private partnership working to promote, revitalize and enhance the historic, natural, social and economic vitality of Milford.
 For more information about the festival or talent show, call Wendy Hunt, Executive Director, at the MIT office at 249-0676, email director@milfordimprovementteam.org or visit www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org.