

# 26th Annual Milford Pumpkin Festival

## October 9-11, 2015

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!!

Visit: [www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org](http://www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org)



Watch the fabulous fireworks display Friday night.



The Great Pumpkin weighin reveals the winner

### Got Talent? The 26th Annual Milford Pumpkin Festival Wants You!



Amherst Musician Matt Campbell performs at the 2014 Milford Pumpkin Festival Talent Show

MILFORD – It's that time of year again! The 9th Annual Milford Pumpkin Festival Talent Show needs singers, dancers, amateur comedians, jugglers, tumblers and anyone with an unusual talent! Entries are now open for this year's Talent Show, which will be held at the Amato Theater on Saturday evening, October 10th at 7 pm.

#### Great Prizes!!

- \*FIRST PRIZE \$500
- \*1st RUNNER UP \$250
- \*2nd RUNNER UP \$150
- And the
- \*AUDIENCE FAVORITE \$100

Auditions for Talent Show 2015 will take place Sat, Sept 26th from 10 am-4 pm at the SVBGC, 56 Mont Vernon Street, Milford. Interested performers can sign up now at [www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org](http://www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org).

The Milford Pumpkin Festival is organized each year on behalf of the Town of Milford, New Hampshire, by the Milford Improvement Team (MIT), a 501 c6 non profit whose mission is a public-private partnership, working to promote, revitalize, and enhance the historic, natural, social, and economic vitality of Milford. This year, MIT is proud to partner with the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls Club as they coordinate this year's Milford Pumpkin Festival Talent Show!

For more information on the Talent Show or other questions: call Theater Director Robin LaCroix at [rlacroix@svbgc.org](mailto:rlacroix@svbgc.org) or call 603-672-1002 ext.20

#### Friday Oct. 9th Schedule – Festival Opens 5:00PM

- 5:30 – 9:00 pm Middle Street and around the Oval – Food and Craft vendors, Pumpkin sales  
5:30 – 9:00 pm Community House Lawn Beer Tasting Tent – Taste the best of New Hampshire's Beer Wine and More! There will be Food Available for purchase at Beer Tent:
- 6:30 – 9:00 pm Community House Lawn Stage, LIVE music!  
6:00 – 9:00 pm Emerson Park – Enter the Haunted Trail if you dare! \$5 per person, screams are free.  
5:30 – 9:00 pm Emerson Park – Bouncy House And Climbing Wall by Vertical Dreams  
5:00 – 9:00 pm At the Boys and Girls Club – Amusement Rides by
- Oval Stage –  
5 – 6:45 pm PB & Jammin'  
6:45 – 7:00 pm Opening Ceremonies  
7:15 – 9:30 pm Rumblefish
- Community House Stage –  
6:00 – 9:00 pm Murphy's Blues  
5 pm – 9:00 pm MIT tent on the Oval: Buy a \$5 raffle ticket to win a 2015 family ski pass valued at \$1599. Available online HERE.  
6:45 pm 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  
8:45 pm Fireworks Display

#### Saturday, Oct. 10th Schedule

- 8:30 – 9:30 am Milford Historic Site Tour. Begins at the Milford Historical Society on Union Street.
- 9:00 am – 10:00 pm Milford Ambulance Service Open House – Safety related activities for children of all ages! First Aid, Duck Race Sales.  
10am – 7:00 pm Milford Ambulance Service Bay: Bone Marrow Drive  
10:00 am – 8:00 pm Milford Town Hall – Arts & Craft Show Craft Fair  
10:00 am – 9:00 pm Middle Street and around the Oval – Food vendors, Great Pumpkin Contest, Pumpkin Sales, Booths and a great line – up of musical performances  
10:00 am – 9:00 pm MIT tent on the Oval: Buy a \$5 raffle ticket to win a 2015 family ski pass valued at \$1599. Available online HERE.  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Community House Lawn – Scarecrow Making  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Community House Lawn – Pumpkin Painting  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Community House Lawn – Face Painting  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Emerson Park – Bouncy House by  
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10:00 am – 9:00 pm At the Boys and Girls Club – Amusement Rides by  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Milford Fire Department Open House and Demos – Learn about fire safety and see the trucks. Educational Programs throughout the day – visit with Sparky.  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm South Street – Pumpkin Catapult . Ready...Aim...Fire! Try to hit the floating scarecrow targets in the Railroad Pond! See if you can hit the mark!  
10:00 am – 4:00 pm Unitarian Universalist Church of Milford Harvest Pantry, Elm Street.  
11:00 am & 2:00 pm 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.
- 12:00 pm On the Oval: Kokko Realty Great Pumpkin Weigh – In. Who really has the region's biggest and best pumpkins! Cash prizes for Largest and Largest Milford Grown.

#### OVAL STAGE:

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|---------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Oval Stage    | Community House Stage        | 2-3 pm       | Hanging Scarlet                |
| 11 AM-12 pm   | Ukestra with Mike Loce       | 2:30-3:30 pm | Blame It on Sally              |
| 11AM-12 pm    | Joe & Marlena                | 3-4 pm       | Rob Oxford                     |
| 12-12:30 pm   | Announcements                | 3:30-4:30 pm | Studio 2 – The Beatles Tribute |
| 12-1 pm       | The Kukuleles                | 4:30-5:30 pm | Casual 6                       |
| 12:30-1:30 pm | Off the Cuff                 | 5:30-6:30 pm | Duty Free                      |
| 1-2 pm        | Amy Conley's Family Fun Band | 6:30-7:30 pm | Shabnormal                     |
|               |                              | 7:30-8:30 pm | Russell Hill                   |
|               |                              | 8:30-9:30 pm | The Ballou Brothers            |

#### Saturday, October 10th

- 6:00 – 9:00 pm Emerson Park – Enter the Haunted Trail if you dare! \$5 per person.  
6:00 – 9:00 pm Community House Lawn – ZOMBIE WALK & Costume Contest. Zombies should meet at the Community House Lawn at 6 pm for judging in several categories, before parading to the Oval. Presented by the Milford Recreation Commission.
- 7:00 – 7:30 pm Pumpkin Lighting! Bring your carved pumpkin to the Oval Bandstand between 6:30 – 7:00 pm. :  
7:00 pm Amato Theater – Talent Show . Parking available onsite or walk lighted trail from Emerson Park to Amato Center. Book online –

#### Sunday Oct. 11th Schedule

- 7:30 – 11:00 am Milford Fire Department Waffle Breakfast. \$6.00 dollars per person.  
8:30 – 9:30 am Milford Historic Site Tour. Begins at the Milford Historical Society on Union St.
- 9:00 am Milford High School – Milford High School 5k Road Race. Race course winds around and through the festival.
- 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Milford Town Hall – Arts & Craft Show Craft Fair  
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| Oval Stage           | Community House Stage    |
| 11 – 12 pm TBD       | 11 – 12 pm TBD           |
| 12 – 1 pm Lexi James | 12 – 1 pm TBD            |
| 1 – 2 pm B3          | 1 – 2 pm The Troubadours |
| 2 – 3 pm The Slakas  | 2 – 3 pm SheepDip        |

3:00 pm FESTIVAL CLOSES. Thank you for coming!!



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