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Find Family Fun at Pumpkin Fest

Grayslake Community Park District Announces 12th Annual Event

Grayslake, IL. The Grayslake Community Park District invites the public to the 12th Annual Pumpkin Fest on Thursday, October 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Central Park Aquatic Fields (250 Library Lane, Grayslake, IL 60030).

"Pumpkin Fest is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy an evening together in Central Park," said Grayslake Park District Executive Director Kristin Splitt. "Children visit with their favorite characters along the character path, play Halloween games, and show off their costumes at this fun-filled event."

Pumpkin Fest features a character path, Halloween-themed games, hay rides, inflatables and bounce houses, storytelling by the Grayslake Historical Society, and more. Children and parents are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes and enter the costume contest that starts at 7:00 p.m.

New this year, spooky ghosts and pumpkins made from recycled gallon milk jugs will line the train route. Decorated by Grayslake Park District I Love Learning Preschool classes and children who visited the Park District booth at the Grayslake Farmers Market, the decorations will set the scene for Halloween fun.

Register in advance with the Grayslake Park District for a reduced rate of \$8 or pay \$13 per child the day of the event. Adult attendance is free with a paying child. The rainout date is Thursday, October 24.

The Park District extends thanks to presenting event sponsors Kids Dentist and Grayslake Orthodontics for helping make the event possible. Special thanks to Lou Malnati's for serving free pizza slices, while supplies last.

Visit <u>www.glpd.com</u> for more information and to register.

About the Grayslake Park District:

Established in 1959, the Grayslake Park District has 33 park sites with over 240 acres of open space, wetlands, playgrounds, and ballfields. It offers hundreds of programs including youth and adult athletic leagues, youth sports, a dance studio, a public golf course, adult day trips, fitness classes, day camps, family special events, and much more. Find Your Fun at <u>www.glpd.com</u> or follow @grayslakeparkdistrict on Facebook and Instagram.

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Press encouraged to attend. Photo opportunity.