

PUMPKIN SMASH – SATURDAY, NOV 8 2:00-3:30PM

Promotion - via the Elementary and Middle School newsletters/websites, HCTV, Rodgers Library, Chamber of Commerce, Rec. Dept + Senior Center email lists, flyers posted at Town Hall and Senior Center, Facebook (two Hudson pages and Sustainability page). **Postings on Facebook need to be done again October 29th? Need a member to take care of this “reminder.”**

Ad in three editions of the Hudson Times.

HCTV will be covering this fun event!

We will have the venue (CTE upper parking lot adjacent to Lowell Rd. and the Community Garden down the farm road to the right of the big red barn) officially from 1:00-4:00pm.

Debbie will give most recent update regarding Smith Farm’s support of the event – Donations of carved pumpkins, etc.

Chris Thatcher will have his truck + trailer at Smith Farm on Saturday, Nov. 8 at a time to be determined (projected to be 12:30pm). Clearly, a few members will be needed to load all. Deb, Craig, Karl and Kate have signed up to help.

Once all items donated are loaded all will head to the site. Hoping for arrival 1:00-1:15pm.

Use the carved pumpkins Smith Farm donates (how many depends on weather as they carve them a week before Halloween for their own display on Halloween) to decorate the entrance and hopefully have enough to put a few along the farm road to show the way to the community garden.

Only Chris’ truck and trailer will be allowed on the farm road during the event....NO personal cars.

Children sized wagons and/or small wheelbarrows will need to be borrowed for the few hours. If members have access to any, please bring them. These will be used to help families bring their pumpkins down to the Community Garden.

Chris will be supplying a tarp to create an “on the ground” smashing station for little kids. The smashing station will NOT have any equipment that could harm a child....no hammers, etc.

Chris will also be supplying photo op panels...where kids can put their face up to an opening and then parents can take pics.

Craig will bring stakes, zip-ties and mallet to set up the photo panels.

A cleanup station will need to be devised to enable kids and possibly parents a point to rinse hands and dry off....so need paper towels and Craig will bring a 5 gallon "Gatorade Cooler" with spigot that will be filled (hopefully on site) with water. An idea for a stand is needed.

Kate will be supplying a large table to set up a spot to promote the Button Up NH Workshop. Deb and Craig will pull the A Frame sign with Button Up NH poster from the Library so that it is at the table before 1:45pm.

Jake Keller will man the table - bringing people's attention to the Workshop on Nov. 12th. Jake will answer questions about Button Up NH and hand out the reuseable vegetable bags.

The truck will arrive at 1:45pm. The door/doors at the end of the truck will be opened and folded back against the sides of the truck.

"Ambassadors" will be needed to guide families down to the Community Garden. The Alvirne Sustainability Club members will be of help!

Katie Murphy will arrange for a trebuchet to be on display in the back of a pickup truck. This will be a non-operational trebuchet. The purpose being to promote the concept of perhaps having a trebuchet in 2026 that can launch small pumpkins into the back of the truck.

We will need multiple people to supply shovels to help clean up. From 3:30 to 4:00pm the focus will need to be on loading the larger chunks into the truck. Truck leaves promptly at 4:00pm.

Being the first time hosting a Pumpkin Smash we have no idea how many families will attend. Even if a member is only available for an hour or two between 1:15 and 4:15pm ...your help will be appreciated!