

Hillsdale Hamlet Committee Meeting

October 5, 2024

Attendance: Shannon Bell, chair; Supervisor Mike Dvorchak, Brandon Lentine, Tim Stookesberry, Alfred Tessier, Bart Ziegler

1. Spring bulb planting at Town Hall garden

Date: 9:30 am on October 19

- Reach out to Safe at Home for volunteers (Mike D)
- Will post on Facebook seeking other volunteers

2. Kidsdale/Pumpkinfest 2.0 in Hillsdale Hamlet Park

Date: October 26, 2:30 to 5:30 pm (rain date the following day)

- The following items are confirmed:

Count Slinkula group booked to perform
Half Moon Pizza truck booked

The following items need to be completed:

- Secure Highway Department's large tent (Joanna V)

- Bales of hay for décor (Joanna V)
- A large number of pumpkins needed for décor and for kids to decorate. May have to purchase these if donations not available. (Brandon will talk to Foodtown)
- Candy and small bags for kids (Robina W to buy)
- Markers for children to draw on pumpkins (Robina W to buy)
- Fairy lights for tent (Joanna V)
- Beverages and desserts (Brandon will ask Foodtown if it could contribute these)
- Other entertainment such as lawn games (Tim Stookesberry, Joanna V)
- Prizes for best costumes? (Brandon to ask local merchants about gift certificates)
- Promotion (Mike D and Joanna V – posters and social media; Press Release Bart Z)

3. Christmas tree lighting

Late afternoon December 6

- Coordinate with Fire Department's Santa hayride
- Shannon and Bart will ask local businesses about staying open and otherwise contributing
- Look into having choir sing or group caroling
- Possible Hamlet Committee table with hot chocolate and hot cider

4. Hillsdale Hamlet Park update

- Town Highway Department is fixing drainage issues with pipe, gravel underlay of affected area
- Bids for resurfacing the basketball court are coming in. Assumption is work won't take place until spring. (Brandon)
- Committee has finalized survey for resident input about features desired in the park; will hand out survey and links to online version at Kidsdale/Pumpkinfest.
- A Friends of Hillsdale Hamlet Park nonprofit group is being formed to undertake fundraising for further park enhancements. The group will have a presence at Kidsdale/Pumpkinfest and an account for tax-deductible donations has been created at the Hillsdale Economic and Community Development Corporation.

5. Next Hamlet Committee meeting set for Nov. 2 at 9 am at Town Hall and via MS Teams