



2023 was scheduled to be our 34th Annual Haunted Hayride. This is a huge community event bringing together over 120 volunteers, over 20 in-kind and monetary sponsors and over 900 visitors from near and far. Our dedicated volunteers work on their sets and props for weeks and spend several hours on site getting ready before our visitors arrive. It is not a small undertaking. In the 34 years, we have had snow, morning showers, rain the whole week before and other crazy New England weather but it has never come down to having to cancel. Sadly, this is a first. The decision to cancel is not an easy one.

The money raised from this event helps to fund special projects such as new playgrounds and summer camp scholarships. The summer of 2023 we were able to install a playground at the Wells Activity Center and replace a large piece of playground equipment at the Walter Marsh Recreation Area. In the future, would like to replace the smaller pieces of playground equipment.

Although we advertised no refunds, with this unprecedented turn of events, we would like to offer those who have purchased tickets an option to donate the money for tickets, accept a credit to your Wells Recreation account or request a full refund.

Please consider the following options:

- Donate – You may choose to donate the money (either a full or partial amount) to the Wells Recreation Commission for special projects.
- Credit – You may choose to have the money credited to your Wells Recreation account to be used for 2024 Hayride tickets, Christmas trees sales or other Wells Rec programs.
- Refund – You may choose a full refund. A check will be issued in the next 2-3 weeks and mailed to the address on your account. We are unable to refund back to your credit card.

Please respond by October 31st with your choice via the [Google Form provided here](#). If you do not respond, your ticket will automatically be considered a donation.

Thank you for understanding.

Wells Recreation Staff,
Wells Recreation Commission,
And all the Haunted Hayride volunteers