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## **Nightmare on Warren Street**

**Mellenville, NY:** Coarc, Greenport Rescue Squad and the Hudson Department of Youth host the eleventh annual Operation Pumpkin Haunted House on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> to bring a scary but safe Halloween to youth and families. Doors are open from 6-8 p.m. at Coarc's Promenade Hill Center, 11 Warren Street in Hudson. This treat with tricks is totally free to the public, courtesy of the three presenting organizations and their volunteers.

Operation Pumpkin frights include Dracula's Library, a Rotting Meat Deli, the Haunted Graveyard, a Freaks and Geeks Circus with a caged beast, plus some breath-taking surprises. Young children play in the Pumpkin Patch, a less scary stop for little spirits. Children can also enter the Operation Pumpkin costume contest to win prizes for the cutest, funniest, scariest, prettiest and most original costumes. Judging of the costumes begins at 6:15 pm. Free popcorn, cookies, candy and cider are served.

Operation Pumpkin follows other Warren Street Halloween events on October 29<sup>th</sup>, beginning with Trick or Treat on Warren from 3-5 p.m. Families can pick up trick or treat bags at 3 p.m. from the table at Hudson's 7<sup>th</sup> Street Park to collect treats from the participating businesses. The Hudson Halloween Parade meets at 5:15 on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Warren and ends with a costume contest in front of Coarc's Promenade Hill Center at 11 Warren Street.

Coarc is a Columbia County, NY, nonprofit organization serving 500 individuals. Its mission is to expand abilities, one person at a time, so individuals experiencing disabilities can achieve their individual goals. Coarc provides vocational and employment services, residential and supportive community services, day activity programs, service coordination, legal and family support services, children's services, community habilitation, respite services, recreation opportunities, traumatic brain injury services and contract manufacturing. Coarc is supported through state and federal funding and by members, donors and foundations. It is a chapter of NYSARC, Inc. Information about Coarc and Operation Pumpkin is available at [www.coarc.org](http://www.coarc.org) or 518-672-4451.

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Operation Pumpkin Haunted House, 11 Warren Street in Hudson, promises to frighten brave visitors on October 29<sup>th</sup> between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., courtesy of Coarc, Greenport Rescue Squad, the Hudson Department of Youth and their volunteers.

