

December 2011
Issue

Pumpkin Dispatch

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Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee
P.O. Box 262 Sycamore, IL 60178

Save the Dates:
51st Annual Festival
October 24 – 28,
2012

Festival Committee

7:00 p.m.
Sycamore Center

Use the Somonauk Street entrance and go down the back staircase.

2012 Meetings:

January 18*
February 15
March 21
April 18
May 16
June 20
July 18
August 15
September 19
October 17
November 21
December 19
***Vendor meeting & 2012 Board elections**

Important Vendor Dates:

September 19, 2012
Deadline for Vendor Application

ALL vendor forms are on the PF website.

October 17, 2012
Mandatory Vendor Meeting

50th Annual Pumpkin Festival Celebration!



Thanks to all of you for making the 50th Pumpkin Festival so successful!

Photo: Grand Marshal, Bill Nicklas, with Friend of the Festival, Browns' County Market representatives, Roberta Smith and Dan Brown!

Thanks for the memories!

Sycamore High School Rugby Takes Top Honors!

Congratulations to *Sycamore High School Rugby* for winning the "Silver Spatula Award." Each year Christel Springmire from the DeKalb County Health Department certifies that each food vendor adheres to the rules for proper food temperatures, food prep guidelines, cleaning procedures, etc. and awards one of them this honor.



DeKalb Rotary Wins Vendor's "Best Use of Theme"

For the third straight year, the DeKalb Rotary Club won the Pumpkin Festival's award for the best decorated vendor booth. Isn't Mr. Pumpkin cute with his "50" glasses!

Congratulations to them!



Vendors Remember: The 10% Contribution

If you have not sent in your 10% contribution report and check to Julie Brannon and Kate Storey, please send it by the January 18, 2012 meeting.

Thanks in advance!

The Sycamore Pumpkin Fest address:

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The Pumpkin Festival Needs Your Help!

Some of the Pumpkin Festival Committee members' terms are expiring at the end of 2011 and we are looking for some new club or organization members to fill their **orange vests!**

Won't **YOU** please consider joining us; we have a lot of fun and it's for a great cause....**PLEASE!**

If you are interested in serving on the PF Board, submit your name to Jerry Malmassari prior to the January 18, 2012 meeting.



Pumpkin Festival Parade

Best of Parade: Ideal Industries

Best Use of Theme: Malmassari Float

Crowd Pleaser: Huckleberry Pet Parlor

Neighborhood & Family: Aldis Family

Organization: Sycamore United Methodist Church

Commercial: Ideal Industries

Non-Commercial: Class of '73

Bands, Class 1

1st-West Aurora Blackhawks; 2nd-DeKalb High School; 3rd-Plainfield High School

Bands, Class 2

1st-Genoa-Kingston High School; 2nd-North Boone High School; 3rd-Central High School

Bands, Class 3

1st-Somonauk High School; 2nd-Indian Creek High School; 3rd-Forreston High School

Bands, Junior High

1st-Eisenhower Junior High School; 2nd-DeKalb Huntley Middle School; 3rd-Kaneland Harter Middle School; 4th-Sandwich Middle School.

2011 Board Members

President - Jerry Malmassari

Vice President - Bart Desch

Treasurer - Rick Poe

Recording Secretary - Jerome Perez

Corresponding Secretary - Kate Storey

Directors - Jennifer Diehl, Julie Brannon,
Gary Crain & K.O. Johnson

Advisory - Wally Thurow

Legal Advisor - Jim Dombek

Police Advisor - Mike Anderson

2011 Committee Chairs

Banners/Property/Flags - Jerry Malmassari

Teen Carnival/Kiddie Carnival - Bart Desch & Gary Crain

Historian - Jerry Malmassari

Information Booth - Jerry Malmassari

Newsletter - Kate Storey

Parade/Bands - Bart Desch, Jerome Perez,

Mike Anderson & K.O. Johnson

Permits/Health Dept. - Julie Brannon & Kate Storey

Port-a-Potties/Trash/Food Court - Rick Poe

Brochure - Julie Brannon

Theme Contest - Jennifer Diehl