

**December
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Pumpkin Dispatch

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Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee Meetings

7:00 p.m.

Sycamore Center

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

2015 Meetings:

January 21
February 18
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17
July 15
August 19
September 16
October 14*
November 18
December 16

* Mandatory Vendor Meeting:

October 14, 2014

2016 Meetings:

January 20*

***Vendor meeting & 2015 Board elections**

Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee

P.O. Box 262 Sycamore, IL 60178

53rd Annual Pumpkin Festival Celebration!

Thanks to all of the PFC Committee members and Hy-Vee for making the 53rd Pumpkin Festival Cake Cutting a successful event!



Scenes from the 53rd Annual Sycamore Pumpkin



Pumpkin Festival Parade Results

Floats

Best of Parade: Ideal Industries

Best Use of Theme: Sycamore Public Library

Crowd Pleaser: Chick'n Shack

Organization:

1st-Sycamore Girls Softball

2nd-American Cancer Society Relay for Life

3rd-Sycamore Girl Scouts

Commercial:

1st-Ideal Industries

2nd-Northern Illinois Dance Center

3rd-Bemis Auto Group

Non-Commercial:

1st-Sycamore Public Library

2nd-Cornerstone Christian Academy

3rd-Immanuel Lutheran Church



Bands

Class 1:

1st-DeKalb High School,
2nd-Kaneland High School

Best in Class:

Auxiliary-Kaneland HS,
Drum Major- Kaneland HS,
Percussion-DeKalb HS

Class 2:

1st-Plano High School ,
2nd-Central High School ,
3rd-Forreston High School

Best in Class:

Auxiliary-Central HS,
Drum Major- Central HS,
Percussion-Plano HS

Class 3:

1st-Genoa-Kingston High School
2nd-Somonauk High School
3rd-Indian Creek High School

Best in Class:

Auxiliary-Genoa-Kinston HS,
Drum Major- Somonauk HS,
Percussion-Genoa-Kinston HS



Junior High:

1st-DeKalb Rosette-Huntley Middle School
2nd-Eisenhower Jr. High
3rd-Jr Regiment from Sandwich Middle School

Best in Class:

Auxiliary-Eisenhower Jr. High
Drum Major- Eisenhower Jr. High,
Percussion- Eisenhower Jr. High

Vendors Remember: The 10% Contribution

If you have not sent in your 10% contribution report and check to Julie Brannon, please send it is ASAP!

Thank you!

The Sycamore Pumpkin Festival address:

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Silver Spatula Award

Congratulations to St. Mary's Youth Ministry for winning the "Silver Spatula Award." Each year the food vendor who exemplifies what it takes to insure proper food temperatures, food preparation, cleaning procedures, etc. is recognized by the Committee.

Best Use of Theme Award

Congratulations to the Sycamore Angels Rebekah Lodge for winning the Pumpkin Festival's award for the best use of theme in decorating their vendor booth. (The 2nd year in a row !)



Departing Board Members recognized by the PFC

The Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee would like to thank two of its board members who will be leaving after the end of their terms this year.

Gary Crain and Mike Anderson have provided stellar service to the Committee during their association with the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee. Gary has been the Treasurer, chair of the Carnival Committee, and helped with the parade.

Mike has been the City of Sycamore representative from the Police Department and had been very active in all stages of the festival. Mike has also been on the board for a number of years.

They will both be missed.

2014 Board Members

President - Jerry Malmassari
Vice President - Bart Desch
Treasurer - Gary Crain
Recording Secretary - Marianne Vogel
Corresponding Secretary - Jerome Perez
Directors - Julie Brannon, Jennifer Diehl
Tom Whitaker, Traci Gardner,
Dan Gible and Julie Sgarlata
Legal Advisor - Jim Dombek
Police Advisor - Mike Anderson

2014 Committee Chairs

Banners/Property/Flags - Jerry Malmassari
Teen Carnival/Kiddie Carnival - Gary Crain
Historian - Jerry Malmassari
Information Booth - Jerry Malmassari
Newsletter/Website - Jerome Perez
Parade/Bands - Bart Desch, Julie Brannon,
Jerome Perez, Mike Anderson Tom Whitaker,
Traci Gardner, Julie Sgarlata
Permits/Health Dept. - Julie Brannon, Dan Gible
Port-a-Potties/Trash/Food Court - Bart Desch
Brochure/ Publicity - Marianne Vogel