

March 2013  
Issue

# Pumpkin Dispatch

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**Save the Dates:**  
**52<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Pumpkin Festival  
October 23 – 27,  
2013**

**Festival Commit-  
tee Meetings**  
7:00 p.m.  
Sycamore Center

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

### 2013 Meetings:

**January 16\***

February 20

March 20

April 17

May 15

June 19

July 17

August 21

September 18

October 16

November 20

December 18

**\*Vendor meeting  
& 2013 Board  
elections**

**Mandatory Vendor  
Meeting:**

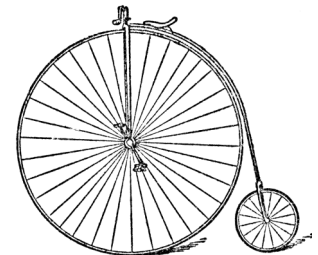
**September 18,  
2013**

**Deadline for Ven-  
dor Application  
Vendor & parade  
forms will be**

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

## Wally Thurow Tribute

The Wally Thurow Tribute Committee is soliciting public contributions to create and maintain a memorial tribute in honor of Wally Thurow, who created the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival.



The memorial will be a bronze, life-size statue of Thurow and his high wheel bicycle. The exact look of the statue is still in the works. It will be placed on the corner of Somonauk and Elm streets in hope of obtaining the best visibility throughout the year.

## 2013 Theme Contest

Entry forms for the 2013 Theme Contest will be distributed to children in the Sycamore Elementary Schools after Spring Break and forms need to be turned in by April 11th. The contest is open to Sycamore School Children in grades K through 5. This year's theme contest winners and the theme for 2013 will be announced on the Courthouse steps May 15th at 6PM. See the Theme Contest page on our website for an entry form and details.



## Vendors 10% Contribution:

### **THANK YOU!**

To the Pumpkin Festival Not-for-Profit Vendors.

Everyone has submitted their 10% contribution from last year.

#### **The Sycamore Pumpkin Fest address:**

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

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## **Help Wanted**

The Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee is still looking to fill two vacant board positions. Non-Profit participants of the festival may nominate someone from their organization to serve on the board. The terms are for 3 years.

The festival does not run itself, and without adequate staffing on the PFC board some activities may have to be curtailed due to the lack of staff to organize and run them. Please inquire within your organizations to see if any members would be willing to serve on the Pumpkin Festival Board.

Won't **YOU** please consider joining us? Contact one of the current committee members to find out more if you are interested.

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#### **2013 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  
Legal Advisor - Jim Dombek  
Police Advisor - Mike Anderson

#### **2012 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  
Permits/Health Dept. - Julie Brannon, Marianne Vogel  
Port-a-Potties/Trash/Food Court - Bart Desch  
Brochure/ Publicity - Marianne Vogel  
Theme Contest - Jennifer Diehl