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Issue

Pumpkin Dispatch

www.sycamorepumpkinfestival.com



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:

July 18
August 15
September 19*
October 17*
November 21
December 19

***Important Vendor Dates:**

September 19
**Deadline for Vendor
Application**

**ALL vendor forms are
on the PF website.**

October 17
**Mandatory
Vendor Meeting**

51st Pumpkin Festival Theme: *Happiness is ...the Perfect Pumpkin*



On Wednesday, May 16, 2012, this year's theme winner, **Hanna Schramm**, was announced. Hannah is a fifth grader at Saint Mary's School. She received a plaque, \$50, her name added to the theme trophy, and the opportunity to ride in the Pumpkin Festival parade on October 28, 2012. Her school received \$100 for student programs.

Honorable mention awards went to **Mitch Edwards**, Pumpkin Palooza Party, from North School, and **Anna Lochbaum**, Hats off to Mr. Pumpkin, from North Grove. They each received a plaque, \$25, and will ride in the parade too.

There were almost 200 theme entries this year. Jennifer Diehl, chair of the theme contest committee, said four entries were selected from each of the elementary schools in town: North Grove, West, North, Southeast, South Prairie, and St. Mary's. There were no submissions this year from the home school group or Cornerstone. The committee narrowed the entries down to the following 24 semi-finals; each student received a certificate:

North: Mitch Edwards, Karl Peterson, Braden Dailey and Aleida Wilkins

North Grove: Anna Lochbaum, Joseph Brestan, Madyson Block and Isaac Ward

St. Mary's: Brogan Welsh, Bryan Burke, Hannah Schramm, and Ashley Kijowski

South Prairie: Zachary Wilkinson, Madeleine Vinz, Graham Flieder, and Madeline Rangel

Southeast: McKayla Fitzpatrick, Conner O'Donnell, Evan Radisic, and Caleb Heims

West: Brody Pfund, Olivia Ramsey, Caitlyn Grehn, and Megan Brannon

Vendor and Parade Applications

In 2012 Pumpkin Festival Vendor and Parade Applications are available on the Pumpkin Festival Web site. Download them from the vendor and parade pages.

Happiness is ... the Perfect Pumpkin

Trophies for FLOAT & BAND Winners!

SEE WEBSITE FOR PARADE APPLICATION FORMS.

Although there will be no cash awards this year, enter a float and you may win a trophy in one of the following categories:

Best of Parade
Best Use of Theme
Crowd Pleaser
Non-Commercial (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place)
Organizations (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place)
Commercial (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place)
Family/Neighborhood (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place)

Numerous Band trophies will be awarded in four categories: Overall, Auxiliary, Drum Major, and Percussion.
Junior High awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
High School awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd (Class 1, 2, and 3)



Vendor Fee Changes

See website for information and forms at www.sycamorepumpkinfestival.com

Standard Application Fee - \$25

If vendors are participating in any way in the festival, regardless if you are selling food items or not, you will need to submit the application & pay the fee by September 15, 2010.

Food Court Only - Additional Space Fee

\$25 Standard fee includes 10X10' space
+\$25 1st 10' of additional space (10X20)
+\$25 2nd 10' of additional space (10X30)

Spaces Greater than 10X30 need approved by the vendor chair

Pumpkin Fest Logo Items

Vendor items with the Pumpkin Fest logo on them need to have PF Board approval **no later than the September 15th meeting.** Please contact President Jerry Malmassari prior to attending so he can accommodate your group on our agenda. **Thank you!**

Health Permit—\$40

The health permit fee remains the same price as last year.

Remember: All vendor booths in the food court need to be parallel to the sidewalks in order to keep the center aisle clear for emergency access

2012 Board Members

President - Jerry Malmassari
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Recording Secretary - Jennifer Diehl
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Directors - Julie Brannon,
K.O. Johnson
Marianne Vogel
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2012 Committee Chairs

Banners/Property/Flags - Jerry Malmassari
Teen Carnival/Kiddie Carnival - Gary Crain
Historian - Jerry Malmassari
Information Booth - Jerry Malmassari
Newsletter - Jerome Perez
Parade/Bands - Bart Desch, K.O. Johnson, & Mike Anderson
Permits/Health Dept. - Julie Brannon
Port-a-Potties/Trash/Food Court - Bart Desch
Brochure - Marianne Vogel
Theme Contest - Jennifer Diehl