

December 2010
Issue

Pumpkin Dispatch

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Save the Dates:
50th Annual Festival
October 26 – 30,
2011

Festival Committee

7:00 p.m.
Sycamore Center

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

2011 Meetings:

January 19*

February 16

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21

***Vendor meeting & 2011 Board elections**

Important Vendor Dates:

September 21, 2011
Deadline for Vendor Application

ALL vendor forms are on the PF website.

October 19, 2011
Mandatory Vendor Meeting

Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee

P.O. Box 262 Sycamore, IL 60178

Congratulations to *Pumpkins Across America!*



Thanks to Rocko & Hammy

The 49th Pumpkin Festival had it all: perfect weather, thousands of enthusiastic Sycamore residents and neighbors, area non-profits selling yummy treats, carnival rides for kids of all ages, and a very entertaining parade!

Get ready because the **50th** Pumpkin Festival is coming next year!

Sycamore Lions Club Takes Top Honors!

Congratulations to the Sycamore Lions Club for winning the "Silver Spatula Award." Christel Springmire from the DeKalb County Health Department checks each vendor selling food to be sure they adhere to the rules such as proper food temperatures, food prep guidelines, cleaning procedures, etc.



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

For the second year in a row, the DeKalb Rotary Club won the Pumpkin Festival's award for the best decorated vendor's booth.

Congratulations to them!

Vendors Remember: The 10% Contribution

If you have not sent in your 10% contribution report and check to Julie Brannon by the January 19, 2011 meeting, please send it to her as soon as you can. Thanks in advance!

The Sycamore Pumpkin Fest address:

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

We Need Your Help!

Some of the Pumpkin Festival Committee members' terms are expiring in 2010 and we are looking for some new club or organization members to fill their **orange vests!**

Also, since we want to make the 50th Pumpkin Festival the biggest and best ever, we are hoping for even more volunteers than usual to assist the rest of us in making that goal a reality!

Won't **YOU** consider joining us; we have lots 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 19, 2011 meeting.



Pumpkin Fest Parade

**Best of Parade: Brian Bemis Automotive Group
Best Use of Theme: Ideal Industries
Crowd Pleaser: Sycamore Public Library
Neighborhood & Family: Aldis Family
Organization: Sycamore Future Farmers of America
Commercial: Brian Bemis Automotive Group
Non-Commercial: Ballet Folklorico Infantil "Littlejohn"**

Bands, Class 1 - First Place

Best Overall: DeKalb High School; Auxiliary: Yorkville High School; Percussion: Yorkville High School; Drum Major: Yorkville High School.

Bands, Class 2 - First Place

Best Overall: Central High School; Auxiliary: Central High School; Percussion: Central High School; Drum Major: Central High School.

Bands, Class 3 - First Place

Best Overall: Indian Creek High School; Auxiliary: Indian Creek High School; Percussion: Indian Creek High School; Drum Major: North Boone High School.

Bands, Junior High - First Place

Best Overall: Eisenhower Jr. High School; Auxiliary: Eisenhower Jr. High School; Percussion: Eisenhower Jr. High School; Drum Major: Eisenhower Jr. High School.

Board Members

**President - Jerome Perez
Vice President - Jerry Malmassari
Treasurer - Rick Poe
Recording Secretary - Julie Brannon
Corresponding Secretary - Kate Storey
Director - Jennifer Diehl
Director - Bart Desch
Legal Advisor - Jim Dombek
Police Advisor - Mike Anderson
City Council Advisor - Jannice Tripp**

Committee Chairs

**Banners/Property/Flags - Jerry Malmassari
Carnival/Kiddie Carnival - Bart Desch
Historian - Jerry Malmassari
Information Booth - Jerry Malmassari
Newsletter - Kate Storey
Parade/Bands - Bart Desch & Jerome Perez
Permits/Health Dept. - Julie Brannon & Kate Storey
Port-a-Potties/Trash/Food Court - Rick Poe
Publicity/Brochure - Jerome Perez
Theme Contest - Jennifer Diehl**