

The pumpkin Dispatch

March 2008

Join us for the 47th
Annual Sycamore
Pumpkin Festival
October 22-26



Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee

P.O. Box 262 Sycamore, IL 60178

Welcome to all new and returning vendors of the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival! If you have received this newsletter for your organization and are no longer the contact person, please pass this on to that individual and provide us with the new contact information. Thank you!

Vendor applications will be available on our website in June. September 17th is the deadline for both vendor applications and parade entries. Please remember that insurance is required for participation.

Health permits are required for vendors serving health-checked food items (check application for clarification).

This is Sycamore's 150th anniversary and "anniversary/birthday" ideas could easily be tied into your vendor displays and/or parade floats! Since the theme has not been chosen yet, it may or may not reflect this idea; however, the Sesquicentennial will be an ongoing celebration in Sycamore throughout the year. This will be a great year to get some creative ideas flowing!



Festival Committee Meeting Schedule

All regular meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the Sycamore Center. Use the Somonauk Street entrance and go down the back staircase.

April 16

May 21

June 18

July 16

August 20

September 17

**October 15 –
Mandatory vendor
meeting (Chamber
Room)**

November 19

December 17

**January 21, 2009 –
Mandatory vendor
meeting (Chamber
Room)**

Anyone wanting to use the Pumpkin Festival logo must get Board approval prior to the September meeting!

www.sycamorepumpkinfestival.com

Our website is being refurbished with an addition of a vendor's page listing participating vendors. E-mail our webmaster if your organization would like a brief summary, picture or link to your site added to the information (sycamorejerry@comcast.net).

Some specific inquiries we have had in the past are requests for blooming onions, kettle corn, buffalo wings, corn dogs and hamburgers. Maybe these items would be of interest to one of the new vendors or an organization looking to expand their profit base. Remember Board approval is necessary! Please contact the Permit Chairperson if you have any questions about possible ideas. Your success is important to us and the overall outcome of the Festival!

2008 Festival Committee Contacts

President	Jerome Perez	815-899-2166
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Committee Chairs

Banners- *Jerry Malmassari*

Brochures – *Kim Timmer*

Bus/Parking Meters/Towing – *Mike Liszka*

Carnivals – *Julie Brannon*

Information Booth – *Rick Poe*

Parade – *Randy Panzer, Cary Singer, Al John*

Permits/Health Department – *Traci Gardner*

Port-a-Potties/Trash/Food Court – *Bob O'Keefe*

Publicity/Newsletter – *Melissa Turner*

Theme Contest – *Jennifer Diehl*

School children in grades 1-7 (Sycamore, St. Mary's, Cornerstone and home-schooled) have until April 1st to fill out theme contest entry forms. Winners will be announced May 21st at 6:00 p.m. Please join us on the courthouse lawn and help congratulate the participants!



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