

# The Pumpkin Dispatch

September 2008

Join us for the 47<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Sycamore  
Pumpkin Festival  
October 22-26



*Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Committee*

*P.O. Box 262 Sycamore, IL 60178*

**"PUMPKINTOPJA!"**



PUMPKIN FESTIVAL KICK-OFF – Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, rain or shine, the tradition continues . . . Join us at 5:00 p.m. for the cake-cutting ceremony on the west side of the courthouse lawn. This year's masterpiece is being provided by Brown's County Market. If you've never attended this part of the festival before, try to put it on your agenda! The sheer size of the cake is unbelievable (not to mention it's a free dessert), plus watching all the creative entries of the school children going by as they place them into the Lions' Pumpkin Display Contest from 4-9 p.m. is sure to add visual entertainment. You are bound to run into old friends at this hometown event.



This year's Grand Marshal is being selected by the City's Sesquicentennial Committee. Their selection should be announced sometime soon. One of the most frequently asked questions every year is, "Will the road construction be finished on time?" Our committee city council representative, Darren Knuth, assured us last meeting that yes, indeed, road construction will be finished when festival time rolls around! Not only will it benefit the festival endeavors, but it will also be a welcome relief to Sycamore residents.

Don't forget this year's parade float category for families and neighborhoods! Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Encourage your neighborhood kids to dress up and participate in the costume kids section. Surely the excitement of marching in the parade will work up an appetite and they can enjoy some of the samples the downtown vendors are offering!

Also, once again the National Bank & Trust Co. is selling official Sycamore Pumpkin Festival license plates, good for use September and October. This makes a wonderful collectable. The cost is \$25. Stop in the bank and fill out an application form to reserve yours today and support the efforts of the Pumpkin Festival Committee.

## **Festival Committee Meeting Schedule**

7:00 p.m. in the Sycamore Center. Use the Somonauk Street entrance and go down the back staircase.

**September 17**  
**\*October 15\***  
**November 19**  
**December 17**  
**\*January 21, 2009\***

## **Dates to Remember:**

**Vendor Permit  
Deadline –  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Parade Permit  
Deadline –  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Mandatory  
Vendor  
Meeting – Oct.  
15<sup>th</sup>**

Anyone wishing to use any part of the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival logo must appear at a SPF Committee meeting (September is the deadline) with a sample of the merchandise. Approval is granted on a yearly basis. Pumpkin Festival logos are trademark protected and may only be used with the SPF Committee's permission.

**Don't forget to send your representative to the mandatory October 15<sup>th</sup> vendor meeting!**

Your contact person or representative will pick up your permit package, which contains all the participating information. Remember, one of the forms is your 10% contribution report, due back to the PFC by December 17<sup>th</sup>. All monies generated are used to put on the festival each year, including covering costs for advertising, brochures, port-a-potties, buses, clean up – just to name a few items. The more that is contributed, the bigger the PFC budget can be and that contributes to a well-run, cleaner atmosphere with more entertainment that will draw bigger crowds.



PLEASE check our website for any changes that need to be made to the schedule or activities! If information needs to be updated, contact our webmaster at [sycamorejerry@comcast.net](mailto:sycamorejerry@comcast.net) as quickly as possible. With your help we can provide the most accurate information to the public for a successful festival.

Thank you!

The 2008 Pumpkin Festival Committee

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<b>President</b>		<b>Banners – Jerry Malmassari</b>
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