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Issue**

# **Pumpkin Dispatch**

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

**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

## **50th Pumpkin Festival**



### **New President for Pumpkin Festival Board**

For the past three years Jerome Perez has presided over the Pumpkin Fest Board meetings. Beginning with the fiftieth Pumpkin Festival, **Jerry Malmassarl** will be the new President.

### **NEW 2011 PF Board Members**

Two brave souls from Sycamore have volunteered to be apart of the Pumpkin Fest Board for 2011. They are **K.O. Johnson** (left) and **Gary Craln**. Their terms will be for three years each.



### **Special Events Sub-committee for 50th Pumpkin Fest**

We are very pleased that the following people have volunteered to develop and coordinate the special events portion of this year's Pumpkin Festival: **Sue Emberson, Mary Emmer, Ken Hirschbeln, Barb Leach, and Joanne Spartz**. Among the five of them, they have devoted over thirteen years of service to the Pumpkin Festival. A couple of their ideas from a long list of suggestions are fireworks and the band, The Saturday June Band, on Saturday, October 29th, in Sycamore Park. More details and additional special events to be announced in the June newsletter!



## **The 2011 Pumpkin Festival Theme Contest**

The 2011 contest entry forms were distributed by Jennifer Diehl to all Sycamore schools before spring break. They need to be returned to the schools by **April 11, 2011**. Some time during April the Pumpkin Fest Board will meet and determine the semi-finalists. At the April 20th meeting, the 50th theme winner and the two honorable mention awards will be determined.

### ***Who will be the 50th Pumpkin Fest theme winner?***

Come to the DeKalb County Courthouse lawn in Sycamore at the intersection of Highway 64 and 23 on May 18, 2011, at 6:00 pm and the theme and honorable mention winners along with the semi-finalists will be announced. Winners will receive special 50th anniversary commemorative medallions.

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## **Board Members**

**President - Jerry Malmassari**  
**Vice President - Bart Desch**  
**Treasurer - Rick Poe**  
**Recording Secretary - Jerome Perez**  
**Corresponding Secretary - Kate Storey**  
**Directors:**  
    **Julie Brannon**  
    **Gary Crain**  
    **Jennifer Diehl**  
    **K.O. Johnson**  
**Advisory - Wally Thurow**  
**Police/City Representative- Mike Anderson**  
**Legal Advisor—Jim Dombek**



**Your PF Board hard at work!**

## **Committee Chairs**

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