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Pumpkin Dispatch

www.sycamorepumpkinfestival.com



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

Save the Dates:
49th Annual Festival
October 27 – 31,
2010

49th Pumpkin Festival: *Pumpkins Across America*

PF Grand Marshals: Rocko & Hammy

Festival Committee
7:00 p.m.
Sycamore Center

The Pumpkin Festival Committee is pleased to announce Rocko and Hammy as this year's parade Grand Marshals. Rocko, mascot for the Rockford Riverhawks, and Hammy, mascot for the Rockford Icehogs, will be an exciting addition to the PF parade this year!

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

Prior to riding in the parade at 1:00 pm on October 31, Hammy and Rocko will attend a "Meet the Mascots" event for fans and children from 11:00 am - noon by the PF information booth, located across from the Courthouse on Highway 64.

For more information about the mascots, please visit the teams' websites at www.rockfordriverhawks.com and www.icehogs.com.

2010 Meetings:

October 20*
November 17
December 15

Let the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival Begin!

Wednesday, October 27, from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the DeKalb County Courthouse in Sycamore, the Sycamore Lions Club & the Pumpkin Fest Committee will kick-off the Pumpkin Festival activities, rain or shine.

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm Decorated pumpkin will be checked in by the Sycamore Lions Club and displayed through Wednesday, Nov. 3.

5:00 pm Cake-cutting ceremony begins. Through the generous donation of Brown's County Market, two gigantic and very delicious cakes will be served to all in attendance.

*Important Vendor
Date:

October 20
Mandatory
Vendor Meeting

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



Mr. Pumpkin, Wally Thurow, congratulates 2010 theme winner, Courtney Voigt, a first grader at South Prairie Elementary School.



Sycamore History Museum

1730 North Main Street

PO Box 502

Sycamore, IL 60178

sycamorehistory.org

This year's theme at the Sycamore History Museum is what makes Sycamore unique as a vibrant small town and of course they have included a display case full of Pumpkin Fest artifacts, one of the original PF banners signed by Wally Thurow, and the bike that Wally has ridden in so many PF parades. It's a great display and the rest of the house has a wonderful assortment of what makes Sycamore so special!

The SHM is missing an official Pumpkin Fest button from 2009. If anyone would like to donate one and other PF memorabilia for the display, please contact the SHM at 815-895-5762.

The next SHM theme beginning in July/August 2011 will focus on the history of Sycamore's manufacturing community, and they are already starting to collect artifacts for that display. If you have any articles, memorabilia, etc. to donate, please call the SHM.

There are many ways to volunteer your time at this wonderful museum! Contact the SHM or stop by if you haven't visited the museum before. It is amazing how much history and artifacts they have packed into a few small buildings.

Hours of operation vary by season. Please call for the up-to-date information. Group tours, reunions, etc. can be made by appointment.

On October 2 at 7:00 pm their final summer concert series will feature Kyle White and Kim Wheaton. This concert series was sponsored by the Mary E. Stevens Concert and Lecture Fund.



Pumpkin Fest License Plates



The National Bank & Trust is currently selling the temporary PF license plates that can be displayed from now until October 31, 2010.

It's quite a deal for only \$25 a pair! 100% of the proceeds benefit the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival.

Go to www.nabatco.com to order or stop by the NB&T in downtown Sycamore or the Coltonville Branch to place your order!

Calling All Vendors!

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

October 20, 2010: Mandatory Vendor Meeting in Council Chambers (second floor of Sycamore Center)

- Speakers:**

Christel Springmire	DeKalb County Health Dept.	Food safety
Denny Winelawski	City of Sycamore Building & Zoning Dept.	Electrical safety
Pete Polarek	Sycamore Fire Dept.	Fire safety
Mike Anderson	Sycamore Police Dept.	Public safety
- Review and distribution of vendor packets
- Vendor awards discussed: “Best Use of Theme” and “Silver Spatula”



Pumpkin Fest Youth Partnership Award

This award was created in 2009 to formally recognize companies or organizations that actively involve youth as resources, demonstrate they value youth, provide adult role models and seek out the creative skills of young people in the Pumpkin Fest float-making process.



The Pumpkin Fest Committee and KEYS (Keep Encouraging Youth to Succeed) will be recognizing parade floats this year that have involved youth from community organizations in the project. Information on this contest and an application can be downloaded from the parade page of the Pumpkin Festival website at www.sycamorepumpkinfestival.com. Questions about this award can be directed to Mary Hess at 815-756-9577, ext. 38.

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Please check website for email addresses and phone numbers.

Committee Chairs

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Parade/Bands - Bart Desch/ Jerome Perez
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Publicity/Brochure - Jerome Perez
Theme Contest - Jennifer Diehl