

2009 FALL FESTIVAL HEADLINERS ANNOUNCED

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Mayor April Capone Almon has announced the featured entertainment scheduled for this September's eighteenth annual East Haven Fall Festival.

This year's Fall Festival will be held on the Town Green from Friday, September 11, through Sunday, September 13. The Festival is co-sponsored by the Town and the East Haven Chamber of Commerce, and is coordinated by the independent non-profit corporation, East Haven Fall Festival, Inc.

"I'm looking forward to this year's Fall Festival, and I'm very excited about the entertainment the Town and the Festival Committee will be presenting," said Mayor Capone Almon. "We are very happy to announce that the main musical attraction will be Jr Walkers Allstar Band. Junior Walker and the All Stars were famous for their hits of the 1960's and early 1970's including "Shotgun," "What Does It Take (To Win Your Love)," "Road Runner," and "These Eyes." At this year's Festival, Jr Walkers Allstar Band will appear with The Legendary Classic Motown Show, which will also feature the hits of classic Motown female performers like The Supremes, Martha and the Vandellas, The Marvellettes, and Gladys Knight.

The featured act on Friday evening will be The Spectacles featuring the Sin Sisters, a versatile group with local roots and a devoted area fan base. The Spectacles have pleased the crowds at past Fall Festivals with their energetic style and diverse repertoire, earning them a featured spot this year. "Whenever they have played for us in the past, audience members have suggested they be scheduled during prime time so that even more people can enjoy them. This year the committee decided to do just that," said Fall Festival President Michael Albis.

Performances by other bands, singers, dancers, and karate students will fill out the weekend's schedule. More details will be announced as the event approaches. Mayor Capone Almon announced that the Fall Festival

will again this year have its own web page on the Town website to promote and provide information about the event.

Mayor Capone Almon and Festival President Albis stressed the importance of the generosity of the sponsors whose support makes it possible to present great entertainment free of admission charge, especially in these difficult economic times. The businesses who have already committed to sponsor this year's event will be acknowledged on the Festival web page. Also, for the first time the web page will provide individuals the opportunity to make online donations to the Festival. "Given the economic difficulties so many families face this year, it will be more important than ever to offer a community event with no admission charge so that people can come together to enjoy a weekend of fun and friendship," said Albis. "We encourage those who are in a position to do so to help with this effort in any way they can."

Mayor Capone Almon closed by saying, "Thanks to the sponsors and the overwhelming participation of the people of East Haven, there is no better community event in the region than our own Fall Festival. One of my greatest honors and pleasures as mayor is to host this event and share a wonderful weekend with our townspeople and our neighbors."