



In spite of Hurricane Hanna, the 2008 East Haven Fall Festival was a hit again this year. Friday night started off the event with one of the biggest opening night crowds ever. Mayor April Capone Almon (pictured above with John----- (l) and Dave Augustine (r)) joined The Spectacles on stage to start the evening. “I haven’t played in many years. It is not something I have time to do anymore so it was great to get up on stage with the band. I had so much fun!” remarked the Mayor.

Friday night’s main act, the Motown review Souled Out, played to a crowd of nearly 10,000 on the Green and though Saturday’s outdoor events were cut short by the storm, folks were treated to a performance by Richard Street of the Temptations at East Haven High School. The return of beautiful weather on Sunday allowed the festival hours to be extended to give patrons extra time to enjoy the event. “In spite of the weather the Fall Festival didn’t miss a beat this year due to the hard work and flexibility of the volunteers and town staff. We are looking forward to having next year’s full schedule on the Green again.” the Mayor commented and then went on to say “This is a great community event and we look forward to continuing this tradition.”

Though the rain made some of the Saturday crowds sparse, the kids ‘Fun Run’, a supplement to the road race, drew over sixty participants—the largest group ever and the Sunday car show saw over 200 cars, the largest number to date, participating in the event. The car show awards were given out by Mayor Capone Almon and Miss Connecticut Princess 2008, seven-year-old, Mikayla Raffone from East Haven. Also joining the Festival this year were the United States Army, the Friends of the Library, East Haven Yellow Jacket Club and The Lions Club just to name a few.