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**FALL STREET FAIRE COMMITTEE THANKS VOLUNTEERS**  
*The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Street Faire Drew Crowds and Accolades*

The Reading Fall Street Faire was held on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and was met with enthusiastic crowds. The annual event featured live entertainment on two stages, a large children's area, inflatables by Perfect Parties, and over 180 food vendors and organizations. Brian Snell, Fall Street Faire Chair, commended the hard-working volunteers for another tremendous job. "It is impressive when you consider this Faire draws crowds of over 10,000 to downtown Reading and it is created nearly entirely by volunteers." Snell continued, "It's an amazing tribute to the community of Reading."

The day began with Reading's only green 5K, hosted by PureFit of Reading. This year PureFit also challenged the students of Reading to participate in the 5K. Parker Middle School had the most students participate in the race, and PureFit will provide a donation to Parker's PTO. Runners were awarded medals made of wood and recyclable, refillable water bottles in addition to tee shirts.

The committee really appreciates the time and efforts of sponsors and volunteers. The fair would not be as successful without the community and local business involvement.

There were over 50 volunteers on hand early the morning of September 13 marking off vendor spaces, preparing the children's area, and directing vendors to their locations. John Meyer, Boy Scout Troop 702 and Troop Leaders played an instrumental role in the day, from setting up vendors' tents, to unloading hundreds of pumpkins. Reading Trophy sponsored the volunteer tee shirts and provided support for the event planning as well.

Calereso's and Home Depot of Reading offered hands-on projects and crafts for children to enjoy. Goodhearts Children's Shop featured live farm animals at their booth, and Hallmark Health sponsored the two stages, which spotlighted local performers throughout the afternoon. A special thanks also goes to Mike Testa for acquiring a stage

borrowed from Downtown Boston Business Improvement District Corporation. Representative Jim Dwyer and The Reading Montessori School sponsored the Children's Area again this year, which featured face painting, wholesome crafts, and games. The Antique Car show brought over 20 unique cars to the parking area behind CVS. The Pie Eating contest drew a large crowd and was sponsored by Snap Fitness of Reading. Snap Fitness also offered kids boot camps for children during the Faire.

The Reading Fall Street Faire committee would also like to recognize the Reading Recreation Department, Reading Municipal Light Department, Reading Public Works Department, and Police Officer Savio and his team for spearheading the safety details of the day.

The Reading Fall Street Faire is an Annual September event and more information may be found at [www.readingfallstreetfaire.com](http://www.readingfallstreetfaire.com).

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