



# Clarksville Downtown Market

October 22, 2011

## Join us at the Last Market of 2011

### Did you know this about Halloween Pumpkins.

Pumpkins are a fruit that originated in Central America.

90% of the pumpkin is made up of water.

The name "pumpkin" comes from the Greek word "pepon," meaning a large melon.

The yellow-orange flowers that bloom from a pumpkin vine are edible.

Using pumpkins as lanterns at Halloween is based on an ancient Celtic custom brought to America by European immigrants.

The world's heaviest pumpkin was grown by Chris Stevens (USA) and was recorded on October 9, 2010 weighing 1,810.5 lbs. (source: Guinness World Records)

Pumpkins, and their seeds, were a celebrated food of the Native American Indians who treasured them both for their dietary and medicinal properties.

Illinois grows more pumpkins than any other state in the country. It harvests nearly 12,300 acres of fruit.

I would like to take the time to thank every customer and vendor that attended the 2011 Clarksville Downtown Market this season and have made our market so wonderful! There have been so many smiling faces each Saturday that have come through the market this year and it is such a great sight to see. This was the third season for the Downtown Market and it has been our biggest yet with record numbers in public attendance and vendor numbers alike. We placed first in Tennessee among all markets once again and finished in the top 20 nationally so this is something that we all should be very proud of. We will begin our fourth market season in 2012 on the third weekend in May. Be sure to look for the signs and advertisements around town and join us for another great year!

Please join us this Saturday to say goodbye to the 2011 season and finish up your market shopping for Christmas. There will also be pumpkins provided to all children under 12 years old to paint onsite at the market for Halloween until they run out. We look forward to seeing you there! Once again, thank you for another GREAT YEAR!



### Music at the Market: Red River Breeze



Red River Breeze will be joining us at the final market of the season to play for us!



The Clarksville Downtown Market was voted the Number 1 Market in Tennessee for the Second Straight Year!!! We also placed 15th nationally among markets of similar size.

Thank you to all the patrons of the market who voted for and made this title possible for us this year.

Check out the Clarksville Downtown Market, and don't forget we have a Facebook page.

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