

Bel Air Independence Day Committee, Inc.



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2017 PARADE STAGING INSTRUCTIONS

One from Many – Celebrating the Creation of the United States

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017 ■ PARADE START: 6:00 PM

Welcome to the 2017 Bel Air Independence Day Parade! We think we have a VERY EXCITING PARADE this year — thank you for participating. THESE INSTRUCTIONS are the same as last year but even if you are a SEASONED parade veteran, please read them very carefully!


YOU ARE A **GREEN** UNIT

These instructions are accompanied by:

1. A PDF that has 3 maps: Regional Map; Staging Area Map; Dispersal Area Map.
2. A VEHICLE PASS — **GREEN**
3. A Drop-off PASS — **GREEN**

Please make sure all members of your unit are FULLY AWARE of the staging and dispersal. You should PHOTOCOPY THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP! **ALSO, the MAPS & INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE** at <http://www.belairjuly4.org/innerpages/unit.html> (as of June 22).

GETTING TO THE STAGING AREA: SEE MAP 1

ALL UNITS SHOULD REPORT FIRST to the intersection of S. Main Street (Rte. 924) and MacPhail road -- this is the  point. Its address is 900 S. Main Street, for those using GPS Devices.

NOTE: you MUST approach from the SOUTH — you will NOT be able to get to this point THROUGH the staging area. SO, if you are north or east of Bel Air, take Route 24 to RING FACTORY ROAD to S. Main Street and MacPhail. TURN ON YOUR FLASHERS as you approach!

GREEN UNIT STAGING INSTRUCTIONS: SEE MAP 2

AS YOU ARRIVE at the  point, SHOW your VEHICLE PASSES to the Parade Marshals or police personnel at that intersection. You will be directed into the **GREEN AREA** (S. Main Street; Route 924). In full:

GREEN AREA: Bands
Large Units/Floats

RED AREA: Marching Units — ACCESS ROAD AND IDLEWILD
Notables — AREA N
Elected Officials — AREA P
Mobile Units — ACCESS ROAD AND IDLEWILD
Car Clubs — AREA C
Equestrian (Horses) — AREA E

First go to: 



THEN proceed to

GREEN — GO UP S. MAIN ST.

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ONCE you arrive in the GREEN area, YOUR MARSHALS WILL PUT YOU IN PARADE ORDER, which is pre-set.

IF you have people being DROPPED OFF, use the DROP OFF PASSES to get to where your unit is staged, to drop off parade participants; but remember — **DROP-OFF VEHICLES MUST LEAVE THE STAGING AREA AFTER DROPPING-OFF** — ONLY PARADE VEHICLES will be permitted to REMAIN in the staging area!

However, you must **ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 5 PM** in order to make sure you are put in the right place!

The 2017 Parade begins at the intersection of S. Main Street (Rte. 924) and Idewild Street, which is precisely where the parade used to END. The RED and GREEN units come together AT THE **RED X AT IDLEWILD & S. MAIN** — AND THAT'S THE PARADE!

DISPERSAL INSTRUCTIONS: SEE MAP 3

The Parade (red arrows) “ends” at the red dot, right in front of the Harford County Historical Society HQ (the old Post Office). At that point, your marshals will direct you as follows:

- All marching units and floats or trucks bearing children or other participants will go straight (beige and blue arrows); floats go PAST the Klein's ShopRite entrance and offload or go into the lot as directed by the marshals; Marching Units turn right into ShopRite where they may meet the parents, etc.
- All motorized units, cars, trucks, etc. that are not carrying passengers to be offloaded (this includes beauty queens, elected officials, commercial motor units, etc.) will either (as they wish) make the u-turn onto Bond Street or the hard right turn onto East Gordon Street, and then exit the area (purple arrows). **EQUESTRIAN UNITS MAKE THE U-TURN AND GO DOWN BOND STREET.**
- **BANDS** march to the left (green arrow) to W. Gordon; the **BAND BUSES** are either in the large lot (yellow arrows) or on W. Gordon Street; the bands will meet their buses, and the buses will exit the lot and turn right onto Bond Street and exit the area. A few bands might be sent to the McComas lot on Broadway — again, obey your marshals and all will be well!

PARADE DECORUM

DURING THE PARADE: there is no stopping at any time, especially at the Reviewing Stand! No distributing or throwing anything at spectators! This is very important and we will be rigid about enforcing this!

KEEP THE PARADE MOVING and OBEY YOUR PARADE MARSHALL AT ALL TIMES!

INCLEMENT WEATHER PARADE CANCELLATION

The “go/no-go” time for cancellation due to inclement weather is 4:00 pm on the afternoon of July 4th. Cancellation (if it occurs) will be announced on **FACEBOOK & TWITTER** and on the following radio stations:

WBAL-AM 1090, WAMD-AM 970 & WXCX-FM 103.7

If the parade is cancelled, it will not be rescheduled.



Note: All parade rules as published will be strictly enforced.
If you have any questions, please call Michael Blum at 410-879-4245.