



CECIL COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE
P.O. BOX 528
NORTH EAST, MARYLAND 21901-0528

2016
APPLICATION
PACKAGE

October 2016

We hope that you will join us this year in the **December 3, 2016** Cecil County Christmas Parade. An application to participate and pertinent information are enclosed. We look forward to another great parade and certainly look forward to having you join us in the parade.

We are requesting all commercial entries to make a \$50.00 donation to the Cecil County Christmas Parade and to make sure their entry is decorated for Christmas.

If you should have any questions, please contact Stephanie Racine-Dean at 410-287-5801 or via email at sdean@northeastmd.org. Information may also be obtained by visiting our web site at www.northeastmd.org.

THE FOLLOWING FORMS ARE FOR YOUR USE:

- 1) Regulations to Participate & Directions to Staging Area
- 2) Application to Participate – Due November 21, 2016
- 3) Equestrian Application to Participate – Due November 21, 2016

Please read carefully to avoid any problems on parade day!

P.S. Please note "inclement weather date" of December 10, 2016 at Noon!

Postponement of the parade will be announced by 4:00 p.m. on December 2, 2016 at 410-287-5801 and on our website at www.northeastmd.org

CECIL COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE

REGULATIONS TO PARTICIPATE and DIRECTIONS TO STAGING AREA

ARRIVE BY: 11:00 a.m. but **NOT** before 10:00 a.m.

ALL PARADE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING FLOATS (EXCLUDING FIRE EQUIPMENT, SHRINERS AND EQUESTRIAN UNITS): Must enter parade lineup from Red Toad Road. NO EXCEPTIONS!

FIRE EQUIPMENT: Please enter the Town of North East from Rt. 272. You will be staged on North Main Street.

EQUESTRIAN UNITS ONLY: Please enter the Town of North East from Rt. 272. You will be directed to line up along Race Street by a police officer/volunteer. **No cars will be allowed to drop off participants on Race Street.**

SHRINERS: The Shriners will be contacted by the Parade Committee for staging information prior to parade day.

MARCHING UNITS: Due to limited space, please arrange to car pool to drop off participants. **Carpooling cars will be allowed to only stop long enough to drop off participants and must leave staging area immediately.** Please have your child dressed in their costume and ready to go. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SIZE OF FLOATS: All floats including the tow vehicles may not be higher than 11 feet, wider than 12 feet and must be able to make a 90 degree corner within two traffic lanes. Length of float including the tow vehicle may not exceed 60 feet without prior approval. All floats must use fire retardant materials and carry a fire extinguisher. All floats must have handholds or barriers to secure riders in case of sudden stops or non-smooth movement. Vehicle and float drivers must be able to have a clear view from the front of the vehicle at all times.

SAFETY: Due to the increased number of the spectators and to assure a safe environment for the parade participants and spectators, no candy, gum or distribution of gifts, etc. is permitted by anyone walking, riding or participating in the parade! *Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*

PARADE ROUTE: West Cecil Avenue to South Main Street to Walnut Street. Vehicles will be directed to exit parade route by the police officer via Mauldin Avenue. Marching units will be directed down Walnut Street into the North East Community Park so they may be picked up. Vehicles will exit the park via Cherry Street.

LINEUP: Placement in the parade will be assigned by a Committee member on **parade day** upon arrival. Please do not contact the Town Hall prior to the parade to try to obtain this information. Due to parade participants that need to withdrawal last minute final adjustments are made the morning of the parade. *Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.*

DELAYS: ANY ONE WHO DELAYS THE PARADE BY STOPPING IN FRONT OF THE REVIEWING STAND LONGER THAN 90 SECONDS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED AND WILL NOT BE INVITED BACK! WHEN THE WHISTLE SOUNDS, PLEASE MOVE ON! THE JUDGES DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

REVIEW STAND: Judges Review Stand is at 106 South Main Street (North East Town Hall).

AWARDS: Winners will be listed on www.northeastmd.org. Prizes will be mailed to each winner by December 31st.

GENERAL:

1. The Committee has arranged for Santa Claus who will appear at the end of the parade. **No one may have a Santa in their entry – please do not confuse the children with another Santa!** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
2. To aid the judges, please have some way of identifying your unit or car – a sign, banner, etc. Do not forget to identify yourself from both sides of Main Street. Antique/Modified vehicles please have the model and year of your vehicle on both side windows. Parade units can compete in only one category. Each unit will be judged on its overall presentation.
3. All cars, trucks, and other motorized vehicles must be driven by licensed, insured drivers.
4. Horses, dogs, cows, reptiles and any other wild or domestic animals shall not be in the parade without being identified on the Parade application.
5. No soliciting or advertising for membership of organizations is permitted on floats, signs, vehicles, etc.
6. All applicants must return the application with a signature.
7. All entries must stay 25-30 feet (3 car lengths) behind the entry in front of you. Please do not bunch up or allow a large gap to form in front of you.
8. You may not park in the staging area unless your vehicle is to be driven in the parade.
9. The Parade Committee will be wearing orange reflective vests – please follow their directions!
10. Entries depicting violence, drugs, illicit or illegal activities and otherwise inappropriate for a family audience, will be disqualified and not be allowed in the parade.
11. Parade participants' cars, buses, and vehicles may park at the North East Community Park after dropping off participants at their assigned locations. Fire Police will be in the park to assist parking.
12. Cancellation: If the weather prevents the parade, notice will be given on the answering machine at 410-287-5801 and at www.northeastmd.org.
13. The Parade Committee reserves the right to refuse entry into the Parade of any unit that violates the Regulations aforementioned in the Application Package.
14. Inclement weather date is **December 10, 2016 at Noon.**

DIRECTIONS TO PARADE STAGING AREA – see page 3.

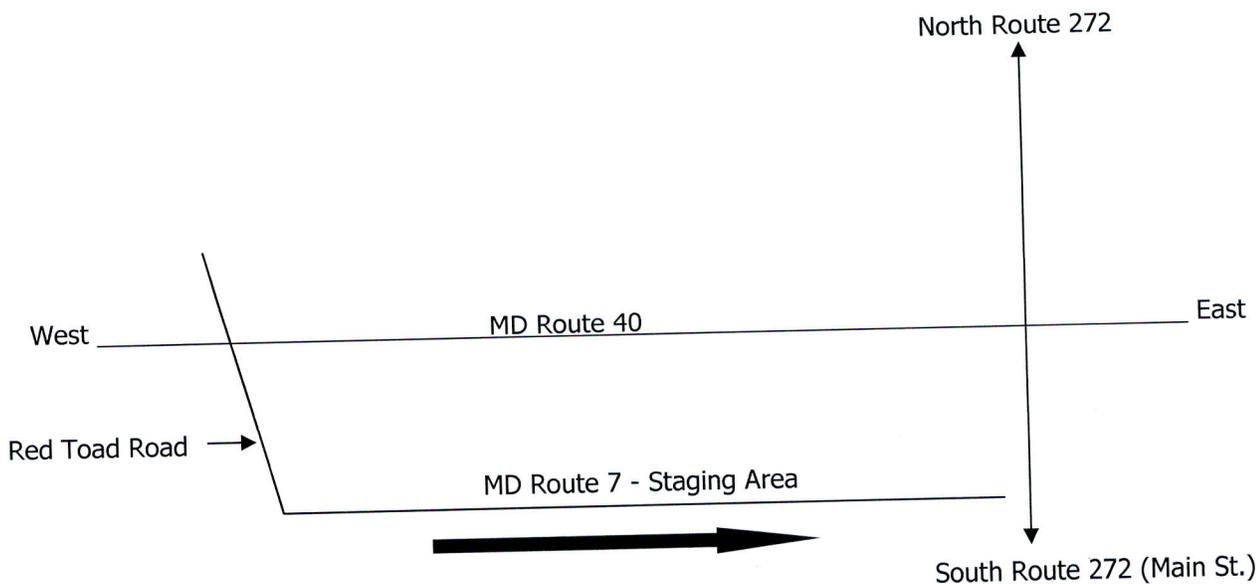
DIRECTIONS TO PARADE STAGING AREA

Eastbound Rt. 40 - make right hand turn onto Red Toad Road (at red light), proceed through two stop signs, make left onto Rt. 7, follow to parade staging area (3/4 mile).

Westbound Rt. 40 - make left hand turn onto Red Toad Road (at red light), proceed through two stop signs, make left onto Rt. 7, follow to parade staging area (3/4 mile).

Northbound I-95 - to Exit 100, Rt. 272 North East, Maryland. Proceed south on Rt. 272 to the intersection of Rt. 272 and Rt. 40 (Wal-Mart will be on your right). Turn right at the Rt. 272/40 traffic light. Proceed westbound and turn left onto Red Toad Road (at red light). Proceed through two stop signs, make left onto Rt. 7, follow to parade staging area (3/4 mile).

Southbound I-95 - to Exit 100, Rt. 272 North East, Maryland. Proceed south on Rt. 272 to the intersection of Rt. 272 and Rt. 40 (Wal-Mart will be on your right). Turn right at the Rt. 272/40 traffic light. Proceed westbound and turn left onto Red Toad Road (at red light). Proceed through two stop signs, make left onto Rt. 7, follow to parade staging area (3/4 mile).



Note: ALL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING FLOATS (EXCEPT NORTH EAST FIRE COMPANY, SHRINERS AND EQUESTRIAN UNITS) MUST USE THE STAGING DIRECTIONS AS STATED ABOVE. NO ENTRIES WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE PARADE VIA RACE STREET. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!

Questions before 4:30 p.m. on December 2nd

Call North East Town Hall at 410-287-5801
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

or email sdean@northeastmd.org

Questions on December 3rd

Call 410-287-3311

CATEGORIES

1. High School Band
2. Commercial Float
3. Non-Profit Float – Adult
4. Non-Profit Float – Youth
5. Adult Marching Unit with Music
6. Adult Marching Unit without Music
7. Youth Marching Unit with Music
8. Youth Marching Unit without Music
9. Equestrian
10. Animal
11. Antique Car
12. Modified Car
13. Other - please describe

Note: Categories 1 through 12 will be judged for prizes or recognition.

PRIZES

County High School Bands (*) Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place
(*) COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND BUS TRANSPORTATION COST PROVIDED UP TO \$300 UPON PRESENTATION OF VALID RECEIPT.

Non-Profit Floats – Adults	1st \$100	2nd \$75	3rd \$50
Non-Profit Floats – Youth	1st \$100	2nd \$75	3rd \$50
Adults Marching Units with Music	1st \$100	2nd \$75	3rd \$50
Adult Marching Units without Music	1st \$100	2nd \$75	3rd \$50
Youth Marching Units with Music	1st \$100	2nd \$75	3rd \$50
Youth Marching Units without Music	1st \$100	2nd \$75	3rd \$50
Equestrian	1st \$75	2nd \$50	3rd \$25
Animal	1st \$75	2nd \$50	3rd \$25

Ribbons

Commercial Floats

Antique Cars

Modified Cars

Seemed Happiest to be in the Parade (First Place only)

Plaque

Mayor's Award



**CECIL COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE
MAIN STREET – NORTH EAST, MARYLAND**

**DECEMBER 3, 2016
NOON**

EQUESTRIAN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF ANIMALS/PARTICIPANTS: _____

**"POOPER SCOOPER" (PERSON) RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR ANIMAL(S)
BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE PARADE:**

NAME	CELL PHONE

**NOTE: PROOF OF NEGATIVE COGGINS IS REQUIRED OF ALL HORSES. PLEASE ATTACH
COPY OF CERTIFICATE FOR EACH PARTICIPATING HORSE.**

YOUR SIGNATURE ON THIS FORM IS HEREBY CERTIFIES THAT YOU HAVE READ AND HEREBY AGREE TO THE "REGULATIONS TO PARTICIPATE AND DIRECTIONS TO STAGING AREA" AND THE DECISION(S) OF THE PARADE COMMITTEE AND JUDGES. FURTHER, YOUR SIGNATURE ON THIS ENTRY FORM INDICATES THAT YOU AGREE THAT THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, CECIL COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS ARE RELEASED FROM ALL RESPONSIBILITY. I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED REGULATIONS AND DIRECTIONS.

<i>Signature</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>

REMEMBER TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY YOUR ENTRY FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET!

PLEASE RESPOND BY NOVEMBER 21ST TO: CECIL COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE
P.O. BOX 528 NORTH EAST, MD 21901-0528

QUESTIONS: Please call 410-287-5801 or email sdean@northeastmd.org

<u>PRIZE AMOUNTS</u>			
Equestrian	1st \$75	2nd \$50	3rd \$25