

Bel Air Independence Day Committee, Inc.



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2019 PARADE STAGING INSTRUCTIONS

CELEBRATING BEL AIR — OUR HOME TOWN!

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019 ■ PARADE START: 6:00 PM

Welcome to the 2019 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 in the **ELECTED OFFICIALS** part of the parade — a very important part!


These instructions are accompanied by 6 PDFS — SO, 7 ATTACHMENTS in all. The other 6 are:

1. Entire region around Bel Air showing approaches to the Staging Area PDF
2. Staging Area -- you are **RED** and you go to **LOT P** -- PDF
3. Parade Route 2019 PDF – STARTING at the intersection of Idlewild and S. Main St.
4. Dispersal Area Map PDF
5. A PARADE VEHICLE PASS — **RED: PRINT THIS OUT IN COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE**


Please make sure you are FULLY AWARE of the staging and dispersal. You should PHOTOCOPY THESE INSTRUCTIONS as needed! ALSO, the MAPS & INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE at <http://www.belairjuly4.org/paradestaging.php> (as of June 25).

GETTING TO THE STAGING AREA: SEE Map 1

THE STAGING AREA OPENS AT 4 PM ON JULY 4. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE THEN, BUT YOU MUST ARRIVE BY 5 PM. ALL CARS MUST 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.

NOTE: you MUST approach from the SOUTH OR BY USING MacPHAIL — vehicles will NOT be able to get to this point THROUGH the staging area OR from the Town, using S. Main Street -- which CLOSES at 4 pm. DO NOT TRY TO GET INTO THE STAGING AREA EXCEPT AT THE  POINT! TURN ON YOUR FLASHERS as you approach!

STAGING INSTRUCTIONS: SEE Map 2

AS YOU ARRIVE at the  point, SHOW your VEHICLE PASSES to the Marshals and/or policemen at that intersection. You will then be directed into the **RED AREA** (the school grounds complex). ONCE you arrive in the RED area, you have to go up the Access Road to the **RED P** PARKING LOT in front of the Middle School! There, your **MARSHALS WILL PUT YOU IN PARADE ORDER.**

IF you are DROPPING OFF SOMEONE, use the DROP OFF PASSES to get to LOT P; 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, unless you have received PERMISSION to park in the NOTABLES lot.

First go to:  -----> THEN proceed to **RED — INTO SCHOOL ACCESS ROADS**

Here are the RULES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS — as per the form you filled out and sent to us; **all parade rules as published will be strictly enforced.**

III. PARADE PARTICIPATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

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C. THE PARADE IS A NON-SECTARIAN, NON-PARTISAN EVENT; therefore:

1. Elected officials of Harford County municipalities are invited to apply to participate in the parade free of charge out of respect for their offices; this includes the Town of Bel Air Commissioners; Elected Administrative and Court Officers of Harford County; Elected Officials of the Harford County Government; Maryland State Senators and Delegates with Harford County constituents; Maryland State Government elected officials with Harford County constituents; and United States elected officials with Harford County constituents.
2. Elected officials of Harford County municipalities as described above, whose applications are accepted into the parade, may if they wish display a sign stating their name and the office they hold. No other signage is permitted.
3. No elected official will be permitted to display material advertising any candidacy for public office, nor shall there be any campaigning along the parade route. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.
4. Elected officials of Harford County municipalities as described above, whose applications are accepted into the parade, must ride in the parade in an automobile (not a truck, float or SUV), preferably a convertible, in order that uniformity of presentation may be achieved.
5. There may be only one such vehicle per elected official.
6. These elected officials may be accompanied only by immediate family members such as spouses, parents and children, and by the driver of their vehicle.
7. All elected official participants must "fit" within the vehicle — no "walking" is permitted.
8. Political clubs or Organizations such as Central Committees are not invited and may NOT participate, since they are by definition partisan.
9. Candidates for elected office are not invited and may not participate as such.
10. No unit in the parade may display any signage of a political nature such as "vote for" or "elect."
11. Elected officials of municipalities outside Harford County are invited to apply to participate, but their application to participate must include a \$175 non-refundable Application Fee.
12. Such elected officials may at the discretion of the Committee be placed in the parade according to their unit descriptive category (personal entry; mobile unit or marching unit; etc.).
13. Such elected officials must obey the same appearance rules, including signage and vehicle restrictions, as applied to elected officials of Harford County municipalities.

DISPERSAL INSTRUCTIONS: SEE DISPERSAL AREA MAP

The Parade (red arrows) "ends" Right in front of the Harford County Historical Society HQ (the old Post Office). At that point, your marshals will direct you as per the BLUE ARROWS on the map: all motorized units 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.

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.

If you have any questions, please call Michael Blum at 410-879-4245.

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