

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 **NOTABLES - LOT N**
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 N** -- PDF
3. Parade Route 2019 PDF
4. Dispersal Area Map PDF
5. A PARADE VEHICLE PASS — **RED: PRINT THIS OUT IN COLOR OR BLACK & WHITE**


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/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. ALL MOTORIZED UNITS (CARS, HUMVEE, TRUCK, ETC.) 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.

NOTE: vehicles MUST approach from the SOUTH or from MacPhail Road — 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. 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!

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 LOT N** PARKING LOT at the end of the Access Road! There, your **MARSHALS WILL PUT YOU IN PARADE ORDER. IF YOU ARE MEETING A CAR AND DRIVER for the parade, THIS LOT N is where you will meet them!** You can leave your car there, in Lot N.

First go to: 

THEN proceed to

RED — INTO SCHOOL ACCESS ROADS

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IF you have people being DROPPED OFF to be in your car or with you, use the DROP OFF PASSES to get to LOT N, to drop off parade participants; but remember — **DROP-OFF VEHICLES MUST LEAVE THE STAGING AREA AFTER DROPPING-OFF** — ONLY PARADE VEHICLES and YOUR PERSONAL CAR will be permitted to REMAIN in the staging area LOT N.

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

The Parade begins at the intersection of S. Main Street (Rte. 924) and Idewild Street.

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 follows:

- **BLUE ARROWS:** All motorized units, cars, trucks, etc. that are not carrying passengers to be off-loaded (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.

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.



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