

# 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 A **RED** UNIT

These instructions are accompanied by 6 PDFs -- so that makes SEVEN (7) attachments in all; this one, plus:

1. Entire region around Bel Air showing approaches to the Staging Area PDF
2. Staging Area -- you are **RED** -- 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**
6. A Drop-off 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 Staging Area Map

THE STAGING AREA OPENS AT 4 PM ON JULY 4. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE THEN. 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.

NOTE: you MUST approach from the SOUTH OR FROM MacPHAIL ROAD — you will NOT be able to get to this point THROUGH the staging area OR from the Town, using S. Main Street — it CLOSES at 4 pm. PLEASE CONSULT MAP #1 to find ALTERNATE ROUTES!!! TURN ON YOUR FLASHERS as you approach!

### STAGING INSTRUCTIONS: SEE Staging Area Map

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, YOUR MARSHALS WILL PUT YOU IN PARADE ORDER, which is pre-set.

IF you have people being DROPPED OFF, THEY MUST 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! So, run off and distribute these **DROP-OFF PASSES** to EVERY vehicle dropping off!

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

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

The 2019 Parade begins at the intersection of S. Main Street (Rte. 924) and Idewild Street. The **RED** and **GREEN** units come together **AT THE RED X AT IDLEWILD & S. MAIN — AND THAT'S THE PARADE!** See **PARADE ROUTE MAP (#3)**!

### DISPERSAL INSTRUCTIONS: SEE DISPERSAL AREA MAP # 4

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 (here are all the instructions, so you can see how it all works):

- **ORANGE OR GREEN ARROWS:** All marching units and floats or trucks bearing children or other participants will go straight; 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.
- **BLUE ARROWS:** 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.

### 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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