

**27th Annual  
BEL AIR CHRISTMAS PARADE & TREE LIGHTING  
CELEBRATION — December 4, 2016  
PARADE PARTICIPATION INFORMATION & APPLICATION**

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**NAME OF UNIT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**The 2016 Bel Air Christmas Celebration - Sunday, December 4, 2015**

**A. General Outline of the Event:**

1. Concert at 2:30 pm on Office Street.
2. Parade down Main Street and Lee Street at 3:30 pm, to Shamrock Park.
3. Entrance of Santa; Bonfire; Concert, sing-along with hot chocolate and cookies begins at ±4:00 pm in Shamrock Park and continues while the parade gets there.
4. Tree Lighting at ±4:45 pm at Town Hall. End of event.
5. Event will be cancelled if inclement weather is experienced. Cancellation time will be no later than NOON on 12/4. If cancelled, the event will not be rescheduled.

**B. Details of the Parade**

1. Participation in the Parade is by ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION only, and the specific presentation of the applying unit, including a description of itself and of its performance (SEE BELOW), is key to acceptance, and must be approved in advance.
2. All Parade participants must report and assemble in the large municipal lot at the intersection of Main Street and Churchville Road, next to the "Oyster House Restaurant" (if it changes its name, we will let you know), at ±2:00 pm on the day of the event, where they will be placed in order by the Parade Marshals.

3. The actual Parade starts at 3:30 pm and should end by ±4:15 pm, if not sooner.
4. The Parade route starts where the parking lot debouches onto Main Street; it proceeds past the Courthouse to RIGHT on Lee St. The end of the Parade is the first entrance to Har-Co Federal Credit Union on Lee Street. Note: this is the same as in recent years. All Parade participants will disperse at that point.
5. All Parade performers are invited to join in the celebration in Shamrock Park, which ends at ±5 pm. This is voluntary.
6. Prizes will be awarded to various Parade participants; these will be announced at Shamrock Park by the Master of Ceremonies. These prizes are at the sole discretion of the judges.
7. The Parade features an official Mr. and Mrs. Santa. Therefore, **there shall be NO OTHER SANTAs or Mrs. Santas** in the various procession units. This restriction, of course, does NOT APPLY to costumes that include "Santa accessories" such as Santa hats, Santa skirts, elf shoes, etc.: these are encouraged! Be creative and have a fun time! This is a holiday event, after all, and we want everyone to have a good time!

#### **C. Specific Rules for Parade Performers and Participants:**

1. No walking except bands, performers, musicians, special guests and costumed characters, or by advance permission.
2. All floats must have music and be decorated in a "holiday theme."
3. All participants MUST KEEP MOVING at a "walking, marching or hopping" pace.
4. No stopping in front of the reviewing stand, or anywhere else along the parade route.
5. PARADE MARSHALS must be obeyed at all times along the way. Failure to obey a Marshal results in immediate expulsion from the Parade.
6. All performing groups that use music must have music playing the whole time.
7. All performing groups must specify in advance and have approved any vehicles necessary to their performance.
8. All performing groups must be costumed or dressed in some sort of a holiday or seasonal way (see above).
9. All performing groups that use music should be in some way use music that is "holiday" or seasonal in nature or spirit.
10. No group or performer may distribute or hand out anything to the crowd without prior permission from the Parade Chairman.

D. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR UNIT & ITS PERFORMANCE (you can add a page!):

Multiple horizontal lines for writing the description of the unit and its performance.

SIGNED BY PARTICIPANT CONTACT

E. Please FAX the completed form to 410-893-2598, or scan it and return it via e-mail to: Michael Blum <michaelblum@martinoblum.com>

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If you are accepted, we let you know via e-mail.

Thanks!

Michael Blum
Chairman, Bel Air Christmas Parade 2016