



# Cambridge-Dorchester County Christmas Parade

PO Box 1083 – Cambridge, Maryland 21613

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October 19, 2016

Dear Friend:

First, let us humbly thank you for your continued support. We cannot do this without YOU. That's right, this event is completely volunteer run and completely donor supported. **Job well done! And that leads to our having the opportunity to gear up for the 2016, 68<sup>th</sup> annual, Cambridge-Dorchester County Christmas Parade. And we must again ask for your help and humble donations.** This year's event is scheduled to kick off on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 5:00 PM, and we excitedly announce the theme, "Rock N' Roll Christmas." But, alas, we need your help to be a grand success.

We are pleased to be receiving entries. We will host marching bands, floats, fire engines, classic cars, equestrian teams, and foot units; all for the delight of spectators. A new change this year; we have selected Maces Lane Middle School Marching Tigers as our host band. Our committee agreed that the middle school programs should receive equal recognition as the high school programs, as this is where it all starts. We will rotate to allow NDMS to host next season! We also welcome back by popular demand at the reviewing stand, Christmas music performed by the steel drum band, Spark in Da Pan, as they were so well received last year and provided a special ambiance prior to the parade kick-off.

The committee cannot say thanks enough; our donors are the reason for the success of the parade each year. The fact that the parade still lives is a direct result of the unwavering support of our local businesses, organizations, and the community as a whole. It cannot be said enough; without your support, there would be no Cambridge-Dorchester County Christmas Parade. The parade is a timeless family tradition in the County, surviving the decades. Our parade brings newcomers and visitors into our community, which benefits our local businesses. What a shame it would be if the tradition were allowed to die.

The presence of the parade in downtown Cambridge depends solely upon monetary and in-kind donations. Without help, the parade will cease to exist. **We are therefore reaching out, in effort to continue a well known and beneficial event for our community. Please send a contribution to allow us to continue the tradition of years past.**

Financial contributions assist us in purchasing awards/trophies for division winners, providing transportation assistance and/or stipends to school marching bands in attendance, and to facilitate the yearly expenses associated with planning and putting on the parade including, accounting fees, insurance for the event, and purchasing of materials. If you have any questions or would like further information about the parade, please contact Bruce McWilliams at (410) 228-5125. **There is no donation too large or small.** The donation of services and in-kind contributions are also welcome. The Committee thanks you in advance for your kind support and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Bruce McWilliams*

Bruce P. McWilliams  
Christmas Parade Chairman - President of Board of Directors

**I/We wish to contribute to the Cambridge/Dorchester County Christmas Parade**

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**Enclosed is my/our donation:**

- \$25
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- \$500
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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Cambridge, Dorchester County Christmas Parade  
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