THE 2021 CLAYMONT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARADE

DATE/TIME: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021   10:00 AM to 12 NOON

PARADE ROUTE   Start at MAPLE LANE SCHOOL (near 2400 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont), proceed north on Philadelphia Pike to Darley Road. Entire route is 1.3 miles.

STEP-OFF: The first unit will move out promptly at 9:59 AM. YOU MUST BE IN PLACE (all of the group) AND READY TO MOVE OUT WHEN YOUR TURN COMES.

GENERAL INFO: <u>**Your group CANNOT contain a Santa Clause**</u>. Children UNDER 12 years old must have one adult per eight children WITH the children in the parade. Ages 12 to 18 must have one adult per 12 youths. All police (State, County, Fire and Parade Officials with tags) must be listened to and their instructions followed. **NO BUSES IN THE PARADE**. BATHROOMS ARE AVAILABLE MAPLE LANE SCHOOL from 9:00 am to 10:15 am ONLY.

PARKING: DO NOT PARK ON MAPLE LANE OR OTHER AREAS POSTED NO PARKING. Park along the SIDE streets, but not in front of driveways or entrances. AT PARADE'S END, YOU MUST KEEP MOVING AFTER ENTERING THE PARKING AREA AT THE END OF THE PARADE – MOVE TO THE REAR OF THE SHOPPING CENTER. DEPART VIA DARLEY ROAD. Please make sure that EVERYONE marching and picking up knows this. We cannot cause the parade to back up along the Pike. NOTE: EACH GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE PICKUP AND/OR TRANSPORTATION AT THE END OF THE PARADE AT THE CLAYMONT SHOPPING CENTER.

TEMPORARY PARKING / LINE UP: ARRIVE AT THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT FOR LINE UP BEFORE 9:30 AM (Some streets will be closing by then.) The first unit will move out promptly at 9:59 AM. YOU MUST BE IN PLACE (all of the group) AND READY TO MOVE OUT WHEN INSTRUCTED. A limited amount of temporary 15 minute parking for dropping off parade participants is on Providence Road across from the back parking lot entrance to the school. (across Lincoln Ave.).

BIG TRUCKS & LARGE FLOATS: (of the tractor trailer variety) – Assemble on the curbside of Philadelphia Pike, others will assemble in the Extra Space Storage (old Superfresh) parking lot at 2105 Philadelphia Pike. YOU MUST HAVE PERMISSION AHEAD OF TIME TO PARK IN THIS LOT. Call Barb Harbin at 302-792-2120 to find out IF your rig is considered "big" and to see if you are permitted to park in this lot.

ALL OTHERS: (cars/bands/walking groups/smaller floats and smaller trucks) – Assemble in the Maple Lane School parking lot, ENTERING AT THE REAR OF THE LOT BY COMING OFF LINCOLN AVE. (Lincoln Ave. parallels the Pike to the west, and can be reached from Holly Oak Ave OR from Harvey Road behind the WAWA. Turn into the parking lot driveway across from Providence Ave and go up the hill as directed by Parade Officials**. ALL VEHICLES <u>NOT</u> IN THE PARADE AND ONLY DISCHARGING PARADE PARTICIPANTS MUST DO SO ON MAPLE LANE FROM LINCOLN AVE. AND EXIT THE SCHOOL AREA VIA WASHINGTON AVE. THERE IS <u>NO</u> PARKING ON MAPLE LANE.** A limited amount of temporary 15 minute parking for dropping off parade participants is on Providence Road across from the back parking lot entrance to school (across Lincoln Ave.) **.**

ALONG THE ROUTE   PLEASE KEEP UP WITH THE GROUP IN FRONT OF YOU. Dance Teams must dance moving forward. All participants must maintain a forward motion to prevent gaps. Candy, etc. may be **HANDED OUT** along the route. Candy **CANNOT BE THROWN** from vehicles as this causes children to run out into the street between parade vehicles! ALL FOOD ITEMS MUST BE PURCHASED WRAPPED (NO homemade or hand-wrapped items).

CLOSING CEREMONIES: There will be CLOSING CEREMONIES at the Church of the Ascension (north of Darley Road on the Pike at the end of the parade) for those who want to participate. Bring one ornament per organization if you wish to hang it on the CLAYMONT CHRISTMAS WEED. Notify a parade official at the church so you can be called up individually to hang your ornament. We encourage homemade ornaments, but "store bought" ones are OK.

MORE INFORMATION: e-mail questions to <u>claymontparade2000@gmail.com</u> or call Don LeCates at 302-798-3407 or Lee Bird at 302-475-9003

REGISTRATION FORM: ENCLOSED/ATTACHED
<u>**Any donations gratefully appreciated. Make check payable to CDLCF and mail to Don LeCates ,
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ENTRY INFO: (Please check all that apply)

_____ Float   _____ Vehicle   _____ Music   _____ Marchers/Walkers

APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF FLOAT: _____
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: _____
WILL PROVIDE ORNAMENT TO DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS WEED
AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

DATE: _____

DIRECTOR/LEADER SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME:_____PHONE #:_____

E-MAIL: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT NAME: _____PHONE #: _____

Keep one copy for reference and return the SIGNED copy to Don LeCates, 19 Cameo Road, Claymont, DE 19703, or email as pdf to claymontparade2000@gmail.com
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WE MUST HAVE A SIGNED COPY ON FILE BY 11/15/21.

If you are not the correct contact person for your organization, please pass this on OR call Don LeCates at 302-798-3407 or Lee Bird at 302-475-9003. We must have a signed copy on file for you to participate.

*** IMPORTANT ***
TELEPHONE CONTACT INFO FOR "MORNING OF PARADE" CALLS (example: cancellation, etc.):

Cell phone number: _____   NAME: _____