

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### PARADE SPECTATORS QUESTIONS

**Q: What day is the 4th of July on?**

A: July 4th unless the holiday falls on a Sunday, then it is moved to July 3rd.

**Q: What time does the parade start?**

A: 3:00 p.m.

**Q: Where is the parade route?**

A: The parade lines up on Montrose Ave. and enters in the 1600 block of Frederick Road (near Matthews 1600 Restaurant). It proceeds down to the 700 block of Frederick Road and makes a right onto Bloomsbury Ave. The parade ends at the Bloomsbury Center (old Catonsville Middle School).

Important note: We are asking residents who are not involved in the parade to stay off the Montrose Avenue portion of the parade route after 2:15 p.m. Everyone's safety is at stake with buses, small children and vehicles trying to get to their spot. Help us out and stay off Montrose Ave.

**Q: How long is the parade route?**

A: The parade route is 1.1 miles.

**Q: How long will the parade last?**

A: The parade will last between 1 ½ - 2 hours for spectators.

**Q: Are there bathrooms facilities available?**

A: NO

**Q: Where can I park for the parade? Is handicapped parking available?**

A: There are no parking lots or other special/handicapped parking accommodations available for the parade.

**Handicapped parking is available for the fireworks on the top lot near the high school cafeteria.**

**Q: What type of beverages can we bring to the parade?**

A. Plenty of water or other nonalcoholic drinks. **Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.**

**Q: Are dogs allowed on the parade route?**

A: For you pet's safety we strongly recommend leaving your pets at home.

**Q: Which streets will be closed and at what time?**

**Parade**

A: Montrose, Ivanhoe, Idlewylde, Seminole and Ridge Avenues will be closed at 1 p.m. No parking along these roads after 1 p.m.

Frederick Road will be closed between Dutton Ave. and Ingleside/ Bloomsbury Avenues beginning at 2 p.m. and all side roads off of Frederick Road will be blocked.

Bishop's Lane will be closed to thru traffic

Rolling Road will be open during the parade, but all traffic will be detoured to side streets and/or turned around and detoured back to Rolling Road

**Fireworks**

Valley Road between Rolling and Hilltop will be closed from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the fireworks celebration.

**Valley and Hilltop Roads will be completely shut down at 7 p.m. and will reopen at approximately 10 p.m.**

**Q: I'm planning a large picnic at my house on July 4th and I live in Oak Forest, Bishop's Lane (or another nearby neighborhood). Will my guests be able to get to my house?**

A: Please advise your guest to arrive at your house by 1 p.m. All street as indicated above will be closed or blocked and vehicles will not have access.

## **PARADE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONS**

**Q: How much does it cost to be in the parade?**

A. There is a registration fee for all entries:

- \$50 non business,
- \$200 business
- \$250 for elected officials. Fee waved if sponsoring a band. [www.catonsvillecelebrations.org](http://www.catonsvillecelebrations.org)

**Q: We are in the parade. What time should we arrive and where should we go?**

A: All parade entries MUST check in through check in process located at Tredegar.

Entries MUST enter from Hilton Ave to Tredegar. All entries MUST be in line up position no later than 2:15pm. Lineup position number will be given to entries at the time of check in. Please DO NOT use Montrose Ave. to access Tredegar.

Please refer to the CHECK-IN map located on our website. [www.catonsvillecelebrations.org](http://www.catonsvillecelebrations.org)

**Q: We are in the parade. How do we get back to the beginning of the parade route?**

A: You will need to walk back to the beginning of the parade.

**Q: At the end of the parade route at the Bloomsbury Center, where should we park our buses, vehicles and trailers so that we can load up after the parade?**

A: Parade officials will direct you on the proper parking place for your bus, trailer or vehicle.

**Q: How is the order of the parade decided?**

A: Parade entries are mixed to ensure that musical units are appropriately spaced throughout the parade and entries are positioned in the parade to provide maximum entertainment.

**Q: We have small children, seniors, costumed characters, vehicle that overheats and/or a busy schedule and need to be at the beginning of the parade. Can you honor this?**

A: Please be sure to note any special needs on your entry parade application. Approximately 90% of our special requests are to be placed near the front of the parade. Obviously, we can't honor all of these request. Please understand our situation and plan accordingly.

**Q: Is there a height restriction for floats?**

A: Yes, floats must be less than 13'

## **FIREWORKS QUESTIONS**

**Q: What time do the fireworks start?**

A: The fireworks begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. However music, entertainment as well as food vendors are available beginning at 6:30 p.m.,

**Q: What roads are closed during the fireworks?**

A: Valley Road is closed at 5 p.m. between Rolling Road and Hilltop.

Valley Road and Hilltop Roads will be completely closed down at 7 p.m. and will reopen at approximately 10 p.m.

**Q: What happens if it rains?**

A: We have an inclement weather policy for your review on our website and you can also follow us on Facebook for up to date information.

**Q: Where should I park for the fireworks? Is there handicapped parking available?**

A: Handicapped parking is available on the top lot near the high school cafeteria.

If you can walk to the high school, please do. There will be detours, road closures and police officers directing traffic. Please follow their directions.

**Q: Are bathroom facilities available at the fireworks?**

A: Yes, Bobby's Potty's are available on the Valley Road parking lot at Catonsville High School. A handicapped accessible bathroom facility is also available at this location.

**Q: Are dogs allowed at the fireworks?**

A: Leave your pets at home as loud bands, sirens, firecrackers and confusing pedestrian traffic can really stress your pet. More frightened pets are lost on July 4th than any other day of the year.

**Q: Can I bring alcoholic beverages to the fireworks?**

A: Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on school property. Smoking is also prohibited.

**Q. What is the quickest way for me to get home after the fireworks?**

A: After the fireworks, all traffic on Rolling Road will be directed to go south and sent to Route 195 towards I-95. All traffic on Wilkens Ave. will be directed to I-695. Plan to be in a backup for at least ½ hours after the fireworks

**General Questions**

**Q: I'd like to buy an ad in the program book. Who can I call?**

A: Call Steve Head at Head Graphics 410-744-0415.

**Q: How can I support the Catonsville 4th of July Committee and its efforts?**

A: You can support the Committee through in-kind and/or monetary donations. Monetary donations can be made all year long by visiting at our website and/or mailing check(s) made payable to the Catonsville 4th of July Committee, P.O. Box 21202, Catonsville, MD 21228. In addition, you are welcome to attend our monthly meetings to voice your suggestions/ideas or volunteer your time and talents during the day of the parade and fireworks, whether for 1 hour or the entire day's celebration. If you wish to support us via an in-kind donation, please contact the Committee directly at [info@catonsvillecelebrations.org](mailto:info@catonsvillecelebrations.org).