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Record Crowds Expected for 2008 Catonsville Parade & Fireworks High Gas Prices Keeping Residents in Community for 4th

June 20, 2008 – Catonsville, MD The Catonsville Celebrations Committee is expecting record crowds for the 62nd Annual Parade and Fireworks which will be held on Friday, July 4, 2008. Residents are opting to stay home and enjoy local celebrations instead of traveling over the long holiday weekend due to high gas prices exceeding \$4.00 a gallon.

In 1947, the parade was founded to keep Catonsville residents in the community and off the roads with the theme of a “safe and sane” holiday. In 2008, with gas prices soaring, residents are staying home and the committee is billing this year’s celebration as a “safe and SAVE” holiday. Organizers expect attendance to be approximately 20% higher than in past years.

“We have 13 hours of activities beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing through the fireworks which end at approximately 10:30 p.m.,” explains DyAnn Moree, the 2008 Celebrations Committee Chairperson. “Residents don’t have to leave Catonsville to have a memorable, fun-filled holiday.” Activities include children’s games and races, a morning concert of American music, a 2 hour parade, a pre-fireworks concert and a mammoth fireworks display.

For more information, visit the Catonsville Celebrations Committee website at www.catonsville.org/july4 or call 410- 744-9655.

The following interviews are available:

Peggy Bailey – Rated as Baltimore’s Best Waitress in Zagat’s Survey, Peggy, a waitress at Jenning’s Cafe can tell you what customers are saying about gas prices and their plans

DyAnn Moree – 2008 Chairperson, can discuss plans the committee is making to handle the larger crowds.