



WinterFest 2013 Planning Underway

McLean's Only Community Parade is Sunday, December 1st

McLean, VA - Mark your calendars for McLean's only community parade, **Sunday, December 1st**. To register to be in the parade, go to the WinterFest web site at www.mcleanwinterfest.org. While you're on the site, it's fun to relive last year's parade with the slideshow of entries.

WinterFest again this year will present a check to Share of McLean, the local organization that does so much to help families in need. "We're asking residents to share their good fortune with those who have fallen on hard times by bringing grocery, pharmacy or clothing store gift cards to the parade that Share volunteers will collect," said Trish Butler, chair of the parade steering committee.

What's new about WinterFest in this its fifth year?

- Our **parade route will be the same as last year's: Old Chain Bridge Road from Fleetwood Road to Elm Street. But the parade will start at 3:30 instead of 4:00 PM. The parade route will be closed from 2:30 to 5:30 PM** on Sunday, December 1st. Parking at Langley Shopping Center on parade day will be **very** limited because of the parade vehicles. There will be no parking prior to the parade on Beverly and Fleetwood Roads to accommodate the parade line-up. Please plan ahead for this.
- There is **no fee** to be an entry in the parade. But you must register by November 20th! Go to www.mcleanwinterfest.org to register as an entry or to get more information about the parade.
- Entries in the parade need to check in at Elm Beverly Streets at 2:30 PM to sign the insurance waiver and receive your place in the lineup.
- WinterFest 2013 will have food trucks in Langley Shopping Center: Doug the Food Dude, Mama's Doughnut Bites, Sweet Bites Desserts, and French fries from Bistro Vivant. Naked Pizza will be across the street in their parking lot.
- People can like WinterFest on Facebook and send out Twitter feeds as we get closer to parade day.
- **Peggy Fox from WUSA/Channel 9** will again call the parade from the Fairfax County Showmobile situated at the center curb cuts of Langley Shopping Center.
- There will be plenty of fun and entertainment prior to the parade stepping off.
- The parade will step off at **3:30 PM sharp**.
- Parents who attend the **McLean Volunteer Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 12th** will receive parade balloons, reminder bookmarks and pencils.

- Handicapped parking will be available and other parking options will be added to the WinterFest web site later this month.

Registration for parade entrants is now open. Register now for a great place in the lineup. For more information on WinterFest, go to the website at www.mcleanwinterfest.org or contact the parade committee at 703-917-9336. Anyone wishing to **volunteer as a parade marshal** on the day of the parade should contact Adrienne Albers at adrienne.albers@live.com. Please help us make this year's parade the best yet!

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