



West Cape May Community Christmas Parade

Originated in 1965
OUR 46TH YEAR

ALWAYS THE FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER

"Zip" the Magical Zipper

In a time so long ago, most people don't have any remembrance that magic was practiced at all levels of life. King James expected his solid gold magical zipper, which was used on all his regal robes, to be handed down to his son Prince James II or his daughters Princess Ruth or Princess Esther.

Carefully divided, the gold zipper was attached at the neckline then down to the hemline with cascading plumage used for wings on either side, just like a butterfly

There was only one authentically true magical zipper. Wizards would try to recreate the actions of the magical zipper, never to realize it could only be used on the six days before Christmas. A very interesting Christmas Extravaganza!

Zip the Magical Zipper was anxious to get started on his adventure to show the Royal Children all there was to learn about Santa's workshop and swept them off on their great adventure! The first ornate building they came to was coated with all types of candy chips shaped like cars and car parts, candy canes, candy glass, molasses cookies and chocolate chip cookies shaped like automobile engines. Every type of candy anyone had ever seen in their lives. Yum! Yum!

The massive gram cracker doors swung open to display cans of paint in every possible color. Many fire puffing furnaces had blobs of metal plunged in and with a quick turn of a knob, out came a police car, a fort or whatever you choose at the push of a button. Santa's workshop produced thousands and thousands of toys. There was even a section making all types of wooden toys. There wasn't a toy that wouldn't have entertained children from six weeks to sixty years and older.

Captain Blue Ben Elf was in charge of the section labeled "Vehicles: Motorized and Manual." His department was extremely well organized. First at the furnace was Jolly Jim Elf inserting metal and taking out toys. Sergeant Sam Elf's duty was in spray painting, bonding and sanding to make the vehicle look just right. Patrolman Pat Elf excelled in spray painting the special decals, tiny numbers and other special lettering on every item.

Boxes of all shapes and description, not to mention every color, lined the far wall. Some were to put the toys on display and others were marked for shipment. The Elf managing the box supply was charged to Bo Bo Box Elf, Chief distributor and he carried out his department with well kept records.

This gives you a pretty good view to the workings of this department, except for the singing, whistling, & happy smiling faces which each and every Elf had! Santa's Workshop, as seen through Zip the Magical Zipper, was one of the happiest places on earth to work.

Charlotte Daily
The Parade Lady



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CONTRIBUTION FORM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011

Always the first Saturday in December, **The West Cape May Community Christmas Parade** has set the stage for the areas holiday season for over 40 years. Under the dedicated and able leadership of "Parade Lady" Charlotte Daily, a small army of volunteers have assembled an unforgettable hometown memory each year, delighting both the young and the young at heart with music, clowns, floats and more.

THE PARADE IS NOT FUNDED THROUGH TAX DOLLARS, but rather depends upon the individual contributions from members of our community, **like you!** Funding for the parade has been and will continue to be through these donations, both small and large, from the men, women, children and businesses of Cape Island and elsewhere, making it truly a "People's Parade."

In 2009, the Borough of West Cape May began assisting Mrs. Daily by managing the financial business, providing staff support for the organization, preparation and parade, and assisting with fundraising activities. The Borough works together with Mrs. Daily, who continues to oversee the Parade, providing her knowledge and wisdom so that the Parade will continue for future generations to enjoy.

We need your help to keep this wonderful holiday tradition going!

We recognize the constraints the economy has placed on each of us and that there are many other highly worthwhile groups turning to you for support. Our request is simple, **please donate at the highest level you are comfortable with** and/or let us know if you can donate some of your time, talents or creativity!

Thank you!

Parade Lady, Charlotte Daily
609-884-4748

Dot Burton

Mayor Pam Kaithern
609-884-1005, ext 113

CONTRIBUTION FORM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011

DATE: _____ DONATION: \$ _____

NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

E MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR DONATION
West Cape May Community Christmas Parade
Attention: The Parade Lady
732 Broadway
West Cape May, NJ 08204

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FUNdraisers

Please save the dates AND bring a friend!

Sunday, October 16th @ The Chalfonte

First seating begins @ 5:30PM

Enjoy Southern-style fare at its finest at the Chalfonte Hotel's nationally acclaimed Magnolia Room Restaurant.

Come enjoy Dot Burton's Southern Fried Chicken- Breaded & pan fried, a 90-year tradition, whipped buttermilk mashed potatoes, sautéed green beans and mixed green salad with homemade dressing. Cash Bar available.

The Chalfonte 301 Howard, Cape May. Cost: \$25 per person.

Don't be disappointed; get your tickets early, limited seating available!

Tickets available at the WCM Borough Hall or at the door.

Call 609-884-1005 ext 2 for information

Tuesday, November 1st @ VFW 4:30- 8 PM

Chef Chris Hubert (of Black Duck & Godmothers)

will sponsor the Annual Spaghetti & Meatball dinner,

all proceeds will benefit the Parade.

Everyone is invited to the VFW 419 Congress St, Cape May.

Cost: \$15 per person. Tickets available at the door.

Thursday, November 10th @ The Congress Hall Ballroom 6 –8 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Annual Winter Wonderland Warm Up

You are invited to a *Winter Wonderland Warm Up*

A Fundraiser to benefit the West Cape May Christmas Parade

Come enjoy your first hot chocolate of the season and other sweet and savory treats.

Shop the Silent Auction for early holiday gifts.

Enjoy live entertainment by some of Cape May's local favorites.

Donation request: \$20 per person. Children are welcome at no charge

and will be entertained by Mrs. Claus and 'Blue' the Pig.

For tickets and information, call 609-884-8421.

Sunday, November 20th @ WCM Fire Co. Hall 4:00 – 7:00 PM

Savor the flavor of a complete Chicken & Dumpling dinner served buffet style while you help support the Community Christmas Parade.

Provided by the members of the West Cape May Volunteer Fire Company, the menu includes chicken & dumplings, salad bar, roll & butter, dessert and beverage.

Tickets are \$20.00 and available in advance @ Borough Hall or at the door.



PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THIS WEST CAPE MAY TRADITION!



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December 3, 2011

Rain date December 4th

Line up starts at 4:00pm – BE THERE ON TIME!

Parade Steps off at 5:00 pm

2011 PARADE RULES

1. All entries must be received **BEFORE NOVEMBER 25TH** to be eligible for awards.
2. **THERE WILL BE NO SANTAS ON ANY FLOAT.....PLEASE.....**No children dressed like Santa and/or Uncle Santa or the like. Observations show that the small children have no way of distinguishing a child Santa or a stuffed Santa from the real thing!
3. **THERE WILL BE NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF ANY KIND**, in, on or around any entry or participant. Violators will be disqualified and be ineligible to participate in the parade. This is no place for alcohol. Plan your party **AFTER** the parade.
4. All Horses, floats with horses or animals walking will be at the end of the parade, after Santa who will be on the Fire truck. This is to protect them from the sirens and loud trucks and is primarily a safety factor.
5. All horse groups or individual horse entries and walking animals of any kind will provide adequate cleanup crews. Lack of such crew will mean disqualification.
6. **ALL CANDY IS TO BE HANDED OUT...NOT THROWN.** Those observed throwing candy will be disqualified. Throwing candy is dangerous as it may lead to children moving into the street and the path of vehicles. If it hits you, IT HURTS. Please plan to **HAND IT OUT!**

Your attention to the above rules is requested, they are for the consideration of others and for the planning of an orderly and well run event. They are kept to the absolute minimum. DISREGUARD OF THE RULES COULD MEAN DISQUALIFICATION DURING JUDGING.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR SPECIAL PARADE PARTICIPATION

1. **VOLUNTEER** and SPREAD THE WORD
2. **VOLUNTEER** to HELP WITH FUND RAISING AND MAKE CALLS TO GET DONATIONS. It's really a door to door job and we could use the assistance in various areas. Call 609-884-1005 for information or to discuss how you can help!
3. **VOLUNTEER** the night of the parade to direct traffic, give directions and assist with keeping Broadway free of traffic.
4. **VOLUNTEER** to be a PARADE MARSHALL to help line up the parade.
5. **PARTICIPATE** as a marching group of any size, shape or description.
6. **PARTICIPATE** with a float! Big ones, little ones, family ones, one person floats, floats on wagons, floats on lawn mower frames. Your horizons are only as narrow as you let them be or as broad as your talent will allow!
7. **PARTICIPATE** as a color guard from any service organization.
8. **DONATE** CANDY BY THE TONS! Our candy bill is usually over \$500

We appreciate hearing from you! If you have suggestions as to a good means to raise money or keep the crowds back, or help with the line up or you just want to say, "I was there," we would really like to hear from you. We really enjoy the letters from far & wide!

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December 3, 2011 ENTRY BLANK

PARADE CATEGORIES

- CHURCH/CHURCH SCHOOL GROUP
- CHRISTMAS THEME- RELIGIOUS GROUP OR FAMILY
- DECORATED FIRE TRUCKS and RESCUE SQUADS
- DECORATED FIRE and RESCUE SQUAD FLOAT
- COMMERCIAL ENTRY
- INDIVIDUAL or SMALL GROUPS, YOUTH GROUPS and COMICS

TO SPEED THE JUDGING, YOU MUST SELECT A CATEGORY TO BE JUDGED.

DONATION: \$ _____

Date: _____

Theme or Title of Entry for Identification:

(Title or Name as it will appear on the entry)

Entered by: _____

(Name of Individual, Organization or Family)

Contact Person: _____ CELL Phone # _____

E Mail: _____

Address: _____

(City) (State) (Zip)

Description of Entry:

(Something Distinctive - As Much Information as Possible - Use Extra Paper If Needed)

Please return this form, **with your donation**, to this address:

West Cape May Community Christmas Parade
732 Broadway, West Cape May, NJ 08204
Telephone: 609 884-1005

To the fullest extent permitted by law, _____ (participant), agrees to defend, pay on behalf of, indemnify, and hold harmless the Borough of West Cape May, its elected and appointed officials, its agents, employees and volunteers and others working on behalf of the Borough of West Cape May against any and all claims, demands, suits, or loss, including all costs connected therewith, and for any damages which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from the Borough of West Cape May, its elected and appointed officials, its agents, employees, volunteers or others working on behalf the Borough of West Cape May, by reason of personal injury, including bodily injury or death and/or property damage, including loss of use thereof, which arises out of or is in any way connected or associated with this contract.

By: _____
Participant