### Frequently Asked Questions for 2015

**When is the parade?**  Saturday, October 24, 2015, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Will the 2015 Millersville Community Parade have bands and balloons?**

Yes, the parade committee is planning to host approximately 15-20 musical entertainers. Large helium balloons are not scheduled for 2015.

**Where and when does the parade begin and end?** This parade begins at Penn Manor High School (off of Cottage Ave.) as close as possible to 9:00 A.M. The parade usually reaches the Grandstand in front of the MU Student Memorial Center (S. George St) at about 9:30 A.M. The end of the parade will be on James Street, as parade entries pass the reviewing stand and make a left onto James Street (adjacent to Charles Gordinier Hall on the MU campus).

**How long is the parade?** From the time the first parade entry passes your viewing location, you should anticipate about 3 hours until the final entry arrives.

**What is the PARADE ROUTE?**  The parade begins at Penn Manor High School (100 E. Cottage Ave.) and then proceeds onto Herr Avenue; crossing Cottage Avenue, New Street, Quarry Drive, Charlotte Street and Kready Avenue. The parade then turns left onto Landis Avenue and continues to North George Street. The parade then turns left again onto N. George Street and marches toward the university; crossing Kready Avenue, Charlotte Street, Cottage Avenue, Model Avenue, Normal Avenue, East Frederick Street, Ann Street and the finally onto James Street. Prior to the final left turn onto James Street, the parade passes by the Millersville University Student Memorial Center, where the parade grandstand and emcees are stationed; then all entries turn left onto James Street. The parade ends at the parking lot on James Street. [Approximate parade length: 2 miles]

**ATTENTION MILLERSVILLE RESIDENTS:** If you live on any of the streets along the parade route, or those between Herr Ave. and N. George St., you will not be able to drive anywhere on parade day between 8:45 A.M. & approximately 12 noon unless you prepare ahead of time. If you anticipate needing to leave during the parade, please move your vehicle outside of the parade route before 8:45. In the event of an emergency, access to any street will be provided as needed.

**Where should I drop off my child and pick them up?**  Children who are in the parade may be dropped off at Penn Manor High School at the time specified by their group leader and go directly to their parade line-up location. It is suggested that participants park on the MU James Street lots or behind the MU Student Memorial Center and ride the shuttle bus [on James St] to Penn Manor. Parents are welcome to ride the shuttle over with their children and then ride it back again once the children are with their respective organizations. Handicapped parking is available at most parking lots on the MU campus.

**Are vendors allowed along the parade route?** Yes; there is a fee for vendors mandated by Millersville Borough. For more information about vending, please contact the Borough Office at 717.872.4645.

**How can I become a volunteer?** Contact the parade chairman at 717.871.7551 for additional information on job descriptions/duties.

**Is there a cost to be in the parade?** The cost for participating in this year’s parade is free to most entrants except businesses (commercial and all-for-profit) and political candidates who will be assessed $150 per vehicle/entry.

**Where is the staging for the parade lineup?** Staging for the parade will begin at Penn Manor High School and will include Circle Road and part of Herr Avenue, adjacent to the Penn Manor High School area.

**Can our group give out candy to people along the parade route?** Candy may be GIVEN OUT during the parade; however, it may only be handed out by individuals walking along the parade route. Candy (nor any other item) CANNOT be THROWN from floats, cars or other parade entities.

**Are there regulations regarding who may handle the large helium balloons?** If balloons are booked, then balloons must be carried by individuals ages 12 and up (and weigh more than 120 pounds). Children may walk along with the balloon; however, they will be difficult to supervise by anyone handling a balloon. Contact the parade chairman if you or a group is interested in serving as a balloon handler.

**Can my entry include horses or dogs (or other animals)?** Yes. It is the responsibility of the person owning (or using) the horses, dogs or other animals to provide their own cleanup crew. If someone is not present to clean up after the animals, the entry will be disqualified from the parade and taken out of the lineup.

**How do I get information to participate in the parade?** Contact the alumni office or parade chairman at: Millersville Community Parade or c/o Alumni Engagement Office 1.800.681.1855/717.871.7551 Fax request to: 717.871.5050 P.O. Box 1002 www.parade.millersville.edu Millersville, PA 17551-0302 Parade entry packets are available after August 15 for the annual fall parade.

**How can I or my business make a contribution to the parade?** Contributions are received all-year long, but are requested to be paid by May 1 to assure full marketing benefits. Checks can be made payable to: Millersville Community Parade and forwarded to the below address:

Millersville Community Parade, c/o Alumni Engagement Office, Millersville University, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551-0302

There are various sponsorship categories for gifts over $150. All gifts are greatly appreciated (cash or check). Cash gifts should be made in person at the MU Alumni Office in the Duncan Alumni House, 205 N. George St., Lower Level, Millersville, between 8:00AM and 4:30PM.

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