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It's that time of Year! A Main Street Christmas!

MOUNT AIRY, MD – November 26, 2019 – Mount Airy is celebrating its 125th Anniversary and hosting an old-fashioned Main Street Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 7th.

A Main Street Christmas is a hometown favorite, attracting families from Mount Airy, as well as visitors from the four-county community. This year's celebration is kicking off at 5:30 PM with holiday music and the traditional Tree Lighting ceremony. Holiday onlookers are invited to pick their favorite spot along Main Street to enjoy the parade. This year's parade features fire engines, ponies, floats and the guest of honor, Santa Claus himself!

Santa will be available for visits and free pictures immediately following the parade. While making memories on Main Street, join you neighbors for hot cocoa, treats and holiday music! A template for a letter to Santa can be found at the link listed below. If unable to visit Santa at this event, Santa's mailbox will be located outside of Cryin' Johnnies. Santa sends a personal note to all letters received in this special mailbox!

"As we celebrate Mount Airy's 125th anniversary, let's take the opportunity to remember the foundation of our town. The railroad connected us, but it is the people and the families that are the heart of our community," says Mayor Pat Rockinberg.

Please note important event times:

5:00 p.m. – Road Closure from Prospect Road to Paradise Avenue

5:30 p.m. – Tree Lighting Ceremony near Caboose and Train Station

5:45 p.m. – Parade Participants should be lining up at Mt. Airy Elementary School

6:30 p.m. – Parade Begins from Mt. Airy Elementary follows along Main Street and ends at Calvary United Methodist Church which will be open for restrooms and serving hot cocoa and cookies!

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. – Many shops will be open still for shopping! Santa will be available for photos. Note: improvements are planned for the caboose! If they are completed by the event, photos will be in the caboose. Otherwise, photos will be at Town Hall.

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If severe weather causes rescheduling, the rain date for this event is December 14th with the same timeline. Notices will be posted on the Town's website and social media pages.



125th Anniversary ornaments are available at Town Hall and the Historical Society Museum for \$20.

More details can be found at <https://www.mountairymd.org/342/Main-Street-Christmas>