

**Q: What is the date and start time of the parade?**

A: Friday, December 2, 2011 the parade starts at 7:15pm

**Q: When should I arrive?**

A: It is recommended to arrive as early as possible. Come into downtown West Chester and grab a bite to eat at any of our many fabulous restaurants. A full list of downtown restaurants can be found at [www.downtownwestchester.com](http://www.downtownwestchester.com)

**Q: What time will the streets close in West Chester?**

A: Based on the parade set-up some side streets in West Chester will close at various times throughout the day on Friday, December 2nd. The main streets; Gay and Market Street will begin to close at 5:30pm on Friday, December 2nd.

**Q: Where should I park that evening?**

A: Parking is available in the following parking garages:

**Chestnut Street Garage-** Located on the corner of Chestnut and Walnut Streets

**High Street Garage-** Located on High Street between Market and Miner Streets

**Parking Lot 13-** Located on the corner of Matlack and Chestnut Streets (Flat Lot)

**Borough Parking Lot-** Located on Chestnut Street between High and Church Streets

**Borough Parking Lot-** Located on Chestnut Street between Church and Darlington Streets

**West Chester University-** Open lots on campus for general parking. Sharpless Street Garage is a pay to park lot on campus

**Henderson High School-** 400 Montgomery Ave.

Street parking is also available on various streets throughout the borough. Just be sure to avoid parking posted as "permit parking only."

**Q: Where is the best place to stand and watch the parade?**

A: The parade route runs New Street to Gay Street, Gay Street to Matlack Street, Matlack Street to Market Street and back up Market Street past New Street (in the opposite direction of traffic). The parade can be seen from all along the parade route.

**Q: Can I bring a chair to sit on?**

A: YES! We encourage spectators to arrive early and reserve a space on the sidewalk along the parade route. Please do not leave your chairs unattended as people may move them.

**Q: Will there be refreshments?**

A: YES! MARS drinks will have complimentary hot beverages available on High Street between Gay and Market Streets.

**Q: When will we see Santa Claus?**

A: Santa is our honored guest of the evening and will appear last in the parade.

**Q: Will I be able to start my holiday shopping the evening of the parade?**

A: YES! Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> is also FIRST FRIDAY in downtown West Chester. Many of the retail shops will stay open late for shopping. Check out a list of great places to shop at [www.downtownwestchester.com](http://www.downtownwestchester.com)