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### **Fredericksburg Christmas Parade Announces 2018 Parade Judges**

Fredericksburg, VA. (November 20, 2018) – The Fredericksburg Christmas Parade has selected Clay Huber, Lani Silber Weiss and Matt Weiss to be float judges for the 2018 Fredericksburg Christmas Parade presented by Huber Motor Cars.

Clay and Gail Huber, owners of city-based Huber Motor Cars, have supported the annual parade as Title Sponsor since 2014, spurred by the company principle of giving back to the community it serves. Since that time, the Huber Motor Cars team has offered significant support including many event volunteers who add to the smooth operation and cheery crowd setting on event day. The City of Fredericksburg is thrilled to have the Hubers back on the judges' stand again this year.

The City of Fredericksburg is also excited to announce two new judges for this year's event. Lani Silber Weiss and Matt Weiss, of the Potomac Nationals baseball team, which is planning to relocate to Fredericksburg and have a stadium built in time for the April 2020 opening season. The Silber/Weiss family are newcomers to the community who have embraced local life here in Fredericksburg. This will be their first year judging the Christmas Parade and experiencing the thrill of the crowds enjoying our magical nighttime parade setting which is unlike any other in the region.

This year's parade lineup features 79 entries in 6 categories: Animals (including Equestrian), Commercial/Corporate, Dance (this includes Majorettes, Cheerleaders and Gymnastics groups), High School Marching Bands, Youth Organizations, and Novelty. The judges will score entries based on many criteria including precision, appearance, originality, attention to details, and incorporation of the parade theme.

"This year's parade theme is the Songs of Christmas," said Jane Shelhorse, Director of Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation & Events. "I'm excited to see what our parade entries come up with for this year's interpretation of this musical theme. Last year we had so many positive comments from the public about the great floats and marching groups... and we are looking forward to a parade filled with plenty of music!"

The judges' stand, located along the 700 block of Princess Anne Street, is being provided courtesy of Hilldrup Moving and Storage. Parade organizers will announce first through third place winners, and will be awarding a first place plaque in each of the 6 categories.

The parade begins at 5:30pm on Saturday, December 1 on Caroline Street and Princess Anne Streets between Wolfe and Amelia Streets. The parade winners will be announced on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> on [FredericksburgChristmasParade.com](http://FredericksburgChristmasParade.com). The parade will be held rain, shine or snow.

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