



STAMFORD DOWNTOWN PARADE SPECTACULAR

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Sunday, November 24, 2019 – 12 Noon–Stamford Downtown

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Please join us at the 2019 Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular on Sunday, November 24. The parade promises to be the highlight of the holiday season starring Comedic Daredevil – Bello Nock! The Master of Ceremonies for the parade will be Television Personality, Alan Kalter. The parade features 14 colossal helium balloons, dance troupes featuring Locust Performing Arts, floats including Stamford Teacher of the Year and 12 award winning bands including the University of New Haven Chargers Marching Band, the Butler Golden Tornado Marching Band and bands from Stamford and other parts of Connecticut, Westchester and Long Island.

The Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular is recognized as one of the most outstanding parades in the country. It is a partnership among the City of Stamford, Stamford Public Schools and the Stamford Downtown Special Services District. The parade is supported by dozens of community-minded corporations and organizations proudly sponsoring balloons, bands and floats.

This is an event you will not want to miss. The festivities start the day before, Saturday, November 23, at the Point72 Giant Balloon Inflation Party. Watch the drama of giant helium balloons coming to life. Many of the balloons reach heights of 60 feet! Balloons this year include Octonauts, Mr. Potato Head, Shrek, Peppa Pig, Rudolph, Bob the Builder, Elmo, Scooby-Doo and more. And, the Inflation Party features daredevil sway pole stunts by Bello Nock, dancing with Locust Performing Arts Center of Stamford, clowns, holiday characters and of course the big man in red, Santa!

Also, don't forget to come back to Stamford Downtown on Sunday, December 8 to see Heights & Lights, Rappelling Santa and Tree Lighting, presented by Reckson, A Division of SL Green Realty Corp. Join our Celebrity Rappelling Elf, Brian Cashman – GM NY Yankees, Santa and friends as they rappel down 22 stories from the roof of the Landmark Building. Then follow Santa and his entourage to the fabulous Tree Lighting and holiday music with the Stamford Downtown Children's Choir in Latham Park.

Come one, come all to these exciting events. It's a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends and raise the curtain on a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,



David Martin
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Mayor
City of Stamford



Greg Caggainello
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Chairman
Stamford Downtown
Special Services District



Sandy Goldstein
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President
Stamford Downtown
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Do you know...

- The Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular is 26 years old.
- If we were to stand the 14 giant balloons on top of each other they would be as long as 2 football fields!
- It will take 24 tons of sand to keep the balloons from flying away – that's equivalent in weight to 12 elephants!
- It takes an average of 3,000 steps to walk the parade route.
- 1,500 volunteers will walk the parade route this year, that's 1,500 miles all together in just one hour!
- 1,000 barricades are used along the parade route. If you lined them up edge to edge they would extend from Stamford Downtown to Long Island Sound!
- Last year, an estimated crowd of 200,000 attended the Parade Spectacular.
- The American Bus Association voted the Parade among the Top 100 Events in the Country, Mofly Publications awarded it the "Most Uplifting Celebration" and Yankee Magazine named the Parade as a "Well Worth the Drive" Destination.

Parade of Stars

- ★ Starring **Bello Nock–Comedic Daredevil**
- ★ Master of Ceremonies, Television Personality **Alan Kalter**
- ★ **14 Giant Helium Balloons** including: Bob the Builder, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Daniel Tiger, Mr. Potato Head Octonauts, Peppa Pig, Rudolph, Scooby-Doo, Shrek, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and more!
- ★ Fantastic floats including Stamford Public Schools' **Teacher of the Year Float** and **Santa's Workshop**
- ★ Magnificent Marching Bands including the **University of New Haven Chargers Marching Band, Butler Golden Tornado Marching Band, NYPD Emerald Society Pipe & Drum Band, The Saints Brigade Drum & Bugle Corp, Fairfield County Pipes & Drums, and Stamford, Westhill, Harrison, Trumbull, Roosevelt, Brentwood and Uniondale High School Marching Bands**
- ★ **Second Company Governor's Horse Guard**
- ★ Dazzling performances from Center Stage, City Center Dance, HOOP Girls, Locust Performing Arts Center, Marinera CT – Peruvian Dance School, Master Na's Traditional Martial Arts, Nova Jazz and the Westport Weston Family Y Showtime Exhibition Gymnastic Team
- ★ **Clowns! Clowns! Clowns!**

It will take 51,600 cubic feet of helium to fill up the 14 helium balloon characters.



Official Hotels of Stamford Downtown Events



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