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Subject: South Montgomery County 4th of July Parade

Experience “United We Stand” with the 44th Annual South County 4th of July Parade presented by Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – The Woodlands.

The Woodlands, TX – The 44th Annual 4th of July Parade, "United We Stand," will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Lt. Fiona Sullivan singing the national anthem from the balcony in Market Street and Gideon Bustamante singing at Town Green Park. More than 20,000 spectators will line the streets in Town Center to celebrate.

An expected 150 entries will parade along the 1.3-mile route through The Woodlands Town Center, including four five marching bands and federal, state and local dignitaries, Color Guard, fire engines, horses, street performers (superheroes, balloonists, jugglers, stilt walkers, cowboys, and mimes) and the most military of any parade in the region.

Christine Clinkenbeard named Community Grand Marshal and Charles Abell named Military Grand Marshal.

In accordance with this year’s parade theme, “United We Stand,” the coveted Parade Grand Marshal position has been awarded to two Woodlands residents. Christine Clinkenbeard was named Community Grand Marshal for her efforts in helping Hurricane Harvey victims and Charles Abell, retired Lt. Commander of the US Navy, was named Military Grand Marshal.

“We are excited to have two Grand Marshals this year, which is a testament to the 2019 Theme, *United We Stand*,” said Kelly Dietrich, President of the South County 4th of July Committee.

Prior to the parade, street performers and The Woodlands Concert Band will entertain parade goers in Market Street.

“The committee is once again excited to have one of the largest military presence of any parade in the region,” said Anna Anklam, Vice President of Community and Military Dignitaries.

The parade is funded through community donation and would not occur without the support of The Woodlands Township. The parade is produced with help from 200 volunteers, including special guest announcers Nick Wolda, President of Visit The Woodlands, and Ramon Torres.

Announcer booths are also located in front of Town Green Park, The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion and 24-Hour Fitness. The parade will be live streamed from the three announcer locations. Community Judges score the entries to culminate in 12 Parade Entry Awards.

This year's presenting sponsor is Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – The Woodlands, a local multi-specialty clinic serving The Woodlands and surrounding area and is known as the first nationally accredited Accountable Care Organization by the National Committee for Quality Assurance in our region. Kelsey-Seybold has 20 clinic locations, including The Woodlands Clinic and The Woodlands OB/GYN and Women's Health, and more than 400 providers representing 50 medical specialties caring for patients in the Greater Houston area.

"The South County's 4th of July Parade is a time for our community to come together each year to celebrate our heritage and this country that we all love. We are proud to serve as the presenting sponsor for the parade and look forward to seeing residents – and our patients – lining the streets on July 4th," said Leonardo Espitia, M.D., M.M.M., managing physician of Kelsey-Seybold Clinic – The Woodlands.

The committee hosts an annual Marching Band Scholarship Program. This year four marching bands will be in the parade:

- Hempstead High School - Hempstead ISD
- Willis High School - Willis ISD
- College Park High School - Conroe ISD
- The Woodlands High School - Conroe ISD

Calling all parade entries! The deadline date to submit parade entries is June 26. There is limited space available for additional entries-

NEW this year, parade entries can fill out an online form:

<https://www.4thofjuly.org/entry-info/parade-entry-registration>

Attendees are encouraged to follow the parking plan for the Red, Hot and Blue Festival.

Timeline:

Market Street Stage (Above North Commons on the Balcony) Sponsored by Trademark Properties:

8:00 am – Woodlands Concert band starts playing

8:00 am – Pre-Parade Entertainment Begins with Strolling Performers

8:30 am – Judges begin to arrive

8:45 am – Nick Wolda, Visit The Woodlands President, and Ramon Torres, local entertainer, begin announcing

9:15 am – National Anthem by Lt. Fiona Sullivan

Town Green Park Stage Sponsored by the Woodlands Lion's Club:

8:00 am – Pre-Parade Entertainment Begins with Strolling Performers

8:15 am – Music begins

8:55 am – National Anthem by Gideon Bustamante

9-10:30 am – Announcer- Miguel Lopez, Executive Director of SBDC, Lone Star College, announces the dignitaries and entries.

For more information about the event and how to become a sponsor for this year's parade, visit www.4thofjuly.org.

About Market Street's National Anthem Singer:

Lt. Fiona Sullivan is an Expeditionary Medical Facility nurse with the US Navy and is assigned to EMF Dallas One. Before serving in the Navy, she performed with the Houston Symphony for 10 years. As a civilian, she has spent the last 10 years working as a nurse at Memorial Hermann in The Woodlands. She is married to Todd Sullivan, a US Navy Veteran, and has two daughters, Shelby and Ashlyn.

About Town Green Park National Anthem Singer:

Gideon Bustamante, or The Painter, is an alternative pop artist on the front lines of post digital culture, covering everything from classics like "Stand By Me" to new artist favorites like "Chandelier" and "XO." He has become a North Houston/Woodlands area performing favorite with his haunting collection of original songs like "Mirror," with its throbbing moody vibe chock full of lyrical motifs sure to stick to the ribs. His quietly wise voice can quickly build to impressive hair-raising levels.

About The Woodlands Concert in Market Street:

The Woodlands Concert Band is directed by Paul Worosello. (pronounced Wo (long o), cell (like cell phone), and loe (sounds like low). The Woodlands Concert Band has the honor of being invited to perform at the Texas Bandmasters Association, Texas Choral Directors Association, and Texas Orchestra Directors Association on July 25 in San Antonio, Texas. This is its 15th season as a band of 65 plus members. They rehearse at Christ Church United Methodist on Research Dr. next to The Woodlands High School, every Thursday night from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm. All musicians are welcome-to come and join the band – musicians who are just picking up their horns or sticks after a hiatus, as well as semi-professional and professional players who are after a relaxed atmosphere with fulfilling program choices.

About Kelsey-Seybold Clinic

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic is Houston's premier multispecialty group practice, founded in 1949 by Dr. Mavis Kelsey in Houston's famous Texas Medical Center. More than 400 physicians and allied

health professionals practice at 20 locations and an accredited Sleep Center in the Greater Houston area. Medical services offered by Kelsey-Seybold include medical care in 55 medical specialties, including primary care and specialty care, outpatient surgery centers, an accredited Sleep Center, a Radiation Therapy Center, laboratory services, advanced radiology services and other diagnostic services, 15 onsite Kelsey pharmacies, and a secure web portal for patients to communicate with their Kelsey-Seybold doctors, get test results, and schedule appointments. Patients enrolled in a KelseyCare health benefits plan have access to Virtual Health managed by Kelsey-Seybold providers, including E-Visits and Video Visits.

Kelsey-Seybold has been recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as the nation's first accredited Accountable Care Organization and a Level 3 (highest) Patient-Centered Medical Home. Kelsey-Seybold has many physicians in the Greater Houston area certified for excellence in diabetes and heart and stroke care by the NCQA. In 2018, KelseyCare Advantage, a Medicare Advantage plan affiliated with Kelsey-Seybold Clinic, was awarded a 5-out-of-5 star rating by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the third year in a row. In addition to these recognitions, Kelsey-Seybold is home to a nationally accredited Breast Diagnostic Center, Endoscopy Center, Infusion Center and Cancer Center.

About South County 4th of July Committee:

The South County 4th of July Committee is an organization of nine dedicated volunteers responsible for the 4th of July Parade in The Woodlands area and is designated as a 501(c)(3) corporation funded through donations and sponsorships. The parade would not occur without the support of The Woodlands Township. The parade dates to the late 1970's when it was originally organized by The Woodlands Lions Club. The South County 4th of July Committee was organized in the early 1990's.

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