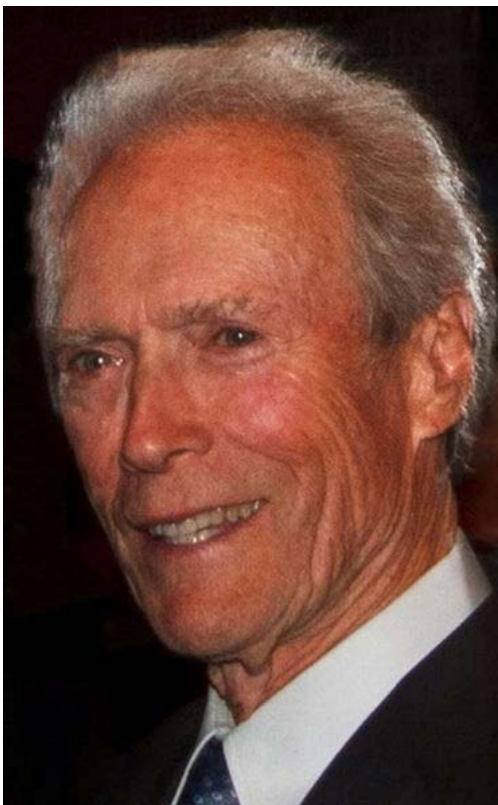


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Clint Eastwood to lead colorful Carmel-by-the-Sea Centennial celebration parade



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Clint Eastwood to be Grand Marshall at colorful Carmel-by-the-Sea centennial parade
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Superstar, actor, director [Clint Eastwood](#) who is debatably most famous for his character "Dirty Harry," once held the role as mayor of the quaint and colorful one square-mile long Carmel-by-the-Sea (from 1986 to 1988). Now several years later, Eastwood has been selected to be the Grand Marshall of the town's centennial celebration parade. The 100th year anniversary festival will kick off on Oct. 29, 2016 with lots of action from locals dressed in costumes to dancing, music, dog and horse shows, vintage autos, and a parade of fabulous floats led by Eastwood who will be perched atop the Wells Fargo Stagecoach. "We are honored that Clint, who is so indelibly identified with Carmel-by-the-Sea and vice-versa, has confirmed to be our Grand Marshal," said Sue McCloud, a Centennial Committee board member as well as a former mayor of Carmel. "We were holding our collective breath because, as everyone knows, he keeps a very busy schedule."

Carmel Centennial Committee

In case you didn't know, Eastwood is a native of San Francisco who, the story goes, fell in love with Carmel-by-the-Sea in the 1950s following a stint at the Fort Ord Army base. He threw his hat in the ring for a run for mayor of the village in 1986 and not only won the role but put the area on the worldwide map. Eastwood, however, isn't the only famous face gracing Carmel, as dog-loving, animal activist and former leading lady/singer Doris Day co-owns the popular pet-friendly [Cypress Inn](#) in the village she also adores. And what's not to love? Carmel is about the cutest, most picturesque city in the country. It also obeys some quirky, archaic rules such as disallowing high heels to be worn on the streets without a permit (no fooling), you can't sell or eat ice cream on a public street, people aren't allowed to have mail delivered at home (it must go to a main post office), and chain restaurants are taboo.

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