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## Clint Eastwood to serve as grand marshal of Carmel's Centennial Celebration Parade

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Carmel >> Long-time resident and former Mayor Clint Eastwood has been named grand marshal of Carmel's upcoming Centennial Celebration Parade. And true to the actor/director's many western film roles, the 86-year old Eastwood will ride shotgun on top of the Wells Fargo stagecoach during the Oct. 29 parade.

The parade, which will begin at 11 a.m. in downtown Carmel, is the culmination of a host of events including the annual winemakers celebration and sandcastle competition, honoring the city's 100 years.

It will feature costumed residents, dancers and musicians as well as some furry four-legged participants. Vintage cars and other floats built by the same company that constructs the floats for Pasadena's Tournament of Roses Parade will also be present along with the Wells Fargo stagecoach that will be making its first appearance in a Carmel parade in more than 20 years.

Sue McCloud, a former Carmel mayor and current Centennial Committee board member, said she and her fellow board members were hoping Eastwood would be able to fit grand marshal duties into his busy schedule and were relieved when he confirmed he could.

"We were holding our collective breath," said McCloud. "We are honored that Clint, who is indelibly identified with Carmel-by-the-Sea and vice-versa, has confirmed to be our grand marshal."

Eastwood served as the city's mayor from 1986-88. He ran on the slogan "Bringing the Community Together" and amassed 72.5 percent of the vote.

A native of San Francisco, Eastwood was introduced to Carmel in the 1950s after being stationed at the Fort Ord. He landed his first major acting role on the TV western series "Rawhide," which aired from 1959 to 1965.

Since then, Eastwood has earned four Academy Awards. His latest project is as director of "Sully," a drama documenting the heroic actions of Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, who successfully landed US Airways Flight 1549 in New York's Hudson River.

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