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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Steubenville Christmas Parade**  
**Sponsored by National City Bank**  
**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 12 noon**

Steubenville, Ohio - The Steubenville Christmas Parade, sponsored by National City Bank, will be held Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in downtown Steubenville. The theme of this year's parade is "Coming Home for Christmas". Dr. Frank J. Petrola, organizer of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Clinic, will be honored as parade grand marshal. Volunteers from the Steubenville Lions Club, will once again coordinate the parade line up. The parade will be televised live by WTOV9.

Beth Wood, director of the Steubenville Convention & Visitors Bureau, says they have 73 entries in the parade, an increase in entries over last year's parade. This year, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies will be awarded to the best floats. The trophies are on display in the front window of National City Bank, 124 North Fourth Street, in downtown Steubenville. Trophy winners will be announced during the week following the parade.

The parade will open with presenting of arms by the American Legion Argonne Post 33, a welcome from the mayor and grand marshal, the national anthem sung by Abby Hoyt, and performance by Brenda Casey Dance Center. Winners of the downtown Steubenville Festive Windows Contest will be announced at that time.

Following the parade, a Holiday Open House will be held at the Main Branch of the Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County at 407 South Fourth Street. The open house will include refreshments, a children's holiday movie shown at 2:30pm, and a craft project for both children and adults. For more information about the library's open house, call Jennifer Cesta at the library at 740-282-9782.

For more information about the parade or the festive windows contest, please contact the Steubenville Convention & Visitors Bureau at 283-4935.