



Please join us for the  
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of Northern California's

## **15TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY & WINTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Saturday, December 12, 2009, 12 – 5 p.m.**  
**California National Guard Armory**  
**711 Hillcrest Avenue, Benicia, CA**

Potluck Luncheon followed by a Membership Meeting at 2 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share with the group:

A-G: Main Dish    H-O: Appetizer    P-Z: Side Dish  
Dessert, Coffee, Beverages, and Tableware will be supplied by the Club

- Please offer to help with set-up, W&M sales, and especially clean-up. Call Litia Bohlig (510-787-3185) to volunteer!
- You're welcome to drop off items before the parade – doors open at 8:30 a.m.
- Don't forget leashes and ex-pens to control your four-legged friends during lunch and the meeting. We could also use extra ex-pens for the off-leash area outside.
- Please bring a gift item to donate to our annual raffle and silent auction!
- And don't forget our less fortunate friends: Bring a dog care item to be collected and presented to a local shelter/rescue organization.

### Quarterly Membership Meeting Agenda:

- Approve Fall Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- Officer & Committee Reports
- Election of New Members
- Unfinished Business
- New Business – to include 2010 Board of Directors Nominations

# Join Us For the BMDNC 2009 Entry in the



## Benicia Main Street Holiday Parade

### Where?

1st Street, Downtown Benicia  
Staging Area: East Second & D Streets  
(Cynthia Hilton will pick up the parade marker from the judging stand)

### When?

Saturday, December 12, 2009  
Assemble at 9:00 a.m. / Parade begins at 10:00 a.m.

### What to Wear?

Our Theme is Christmas (of course ...)

**People:** Please wear Santa hats (dogs can, too), and bring any extras for others. Wear as much red and green as you can to help us coordinate as a group.

**Dogs walking:** Dogs can wear decorated harnesses, bells, hats, scarves, packs, etc.

**Dogs with carts:** We will have a team leading our group with the Club Christmas tree. The other carts should be decorated as, or filled with, wrapped presents, to create a holiday theme. Add wooden soldiers, stuffed animals or other toys, a train set, candy canes, toy Berners, or whatever your imagination comes up with – have fun!



**A reminder:** Candy can be handed to bystanders along the parade, but not thrown!

**PLEASE CALL CYNTHIA HILTON (510-235-4922)  
IF YOU WILL BE JOINING THE PARADE!**

We hope lots of you will participate this year – especially you carters. This is traditionally one of our biggest parade turnouts, and we're always popular with the spectators, and are looking to keep our 1<sup>st</sup> place rank! You can linger after the parade at the Benicia Holiday Market, and then join us at the BMDNC party at the Benicia National Guard Armory.



★ CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY  
711 HILLCREST AVENUE, BENICIA, CA

**FROM THE 680 FREEWAY:** Take the **780 Freeway West** toward Benicia/Vallejo.  
**FROM THE 80 FREEWAY:** Take the **780 Freeway East** toward Benicia/Martinez.

**FROM THE 780 FREEWAY:** Take the **East 5th St. exit**, turn **north onto 5th St.** at the end of the off-ramp (under the freeway if exiting from 780 East). 5th St. ends at Hillcrest Ave. Turn **right onto Hillcrest Ave.** The Armory is at the **end of the road on your left.**

✘ BENICIA HOLIDAY PARADE STAGING AREA  
EAST 2ND STREET & D STREET

**FROM THE 780 FREEWAY:** Take the **2nd St. exit**, turn **left onto 2nd St.** at the end of the off-ramp. Turn **right on Military West St.**, then **turn left on 1st St.** You can continue on 1st St. or jog back over to 2nd St. to park. Parade runs north up 1st St., so it's best to park above H St. to return to your car. **Meet at 9:00 a.m.**