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## Join us for a great celebration on Oct. 12!

*by Jo Ann Serpico, President*

Celebrating Columbus is our No. 1 priority during Italian Heritage Month. On Oct. 12, we will convey our community and our values in a unique way. In this column, I'll take you behind the scenes of the Columbus Day Parade: our Italian-American tradition.

Everyone involved is a critical thinker. We take our mission very seriously to connect our efforts for success. Our commitment is for excellence. From those in charge of decision making to those in charge of our mass mailings we all share this same perspective.

The JCCIA has talented, skilled volunteers who rise to this rigorous undertaking every year. They have a great sense of what needs to be done. Each volunteer is an integral part of our parade preparation applying their creativity and imagination. Constructing the framework is never easy, however their efforts shape our dynamic community and projects us as the leaders we are.

This year, we have a new addition borne from the passion and excitement that drives us. The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans hosts Fiera Italiana, a five-day festival on Daley Plaza, highlighting our culture, culinary expertise, art, fashion, music and entertainment. This event contributes to the character and vitality of our Columbus Day extravaganza. We have never been and never will be followers. We have always created our own way forward.

The JCCIA has strong leadership with the devotion of making the parade a success. Our journal photos are of our force multipliers. They are the pillars that support our community celebration, the role enhancers. Everyone who comes out to ride on a float, be a marcher, or be a spectator enlivens the parade with their presence.

I am privileged to be surrounded by these loyal and responsible Columbus Day planners whose priority is to promote our Italian heritage and ensure a stimulating day for all of us.

**We need YOU to join us at the parade. It is all being done for YOU!**

