

## **Rail Festival Postponed Until 2022**

Dear Rail Festival Participants,

As you know, we have started construction for an approximately mile-long, narrow gauge railroad at Carillon Historical Park. We are very excited to see work progressing throughout the campus. We remain on schedule for the right of way to be finished this calendar year, and for the new train to be running in time for *A Carillon Christmas* in 2022.

However, the construction team building the 100 ft.-long bridge, which will carry the train over the CPR&SS tracks, has encountered an unexpected delay. We completed thorough civil engineering, soil testing, and survey work, but once on-site excavation began, soil conditions and access issues have dictated that one of the utility poles carrying high voltage power lines through the Park will need to be re-located a short distance to the west.

In light of this, our contractors are not confident that the bridge will be completed in time to make the CPR&SS tracks operational in time for an August event. With this uncertainty, we feel it is prudent at this time to cancel this year's Rail Festival so that our loyal railroad vendors and exhibitors are able to explore options for participating in other trains shows and festivals. While disappointing, please know that great things lie ahead for rail fans at Carillon Park! Please mark your calendars now for next year's Carillon Park Rail Festival on **June 25 and 26, 2022!**