





Town of Lexington
Town Celebrations Committee

DIRECTIONS TO LEXINGTON

Lexington Exits off of Route 95/128:

- Exit 49A Lexington Routes 4/225 - Bedford Street
- Exit 46A Route 2A- Marrett Road East
- Exit 45A Route 2 East

Best Route to be DROPPED OFF at Start of Parade from Route 95/128:

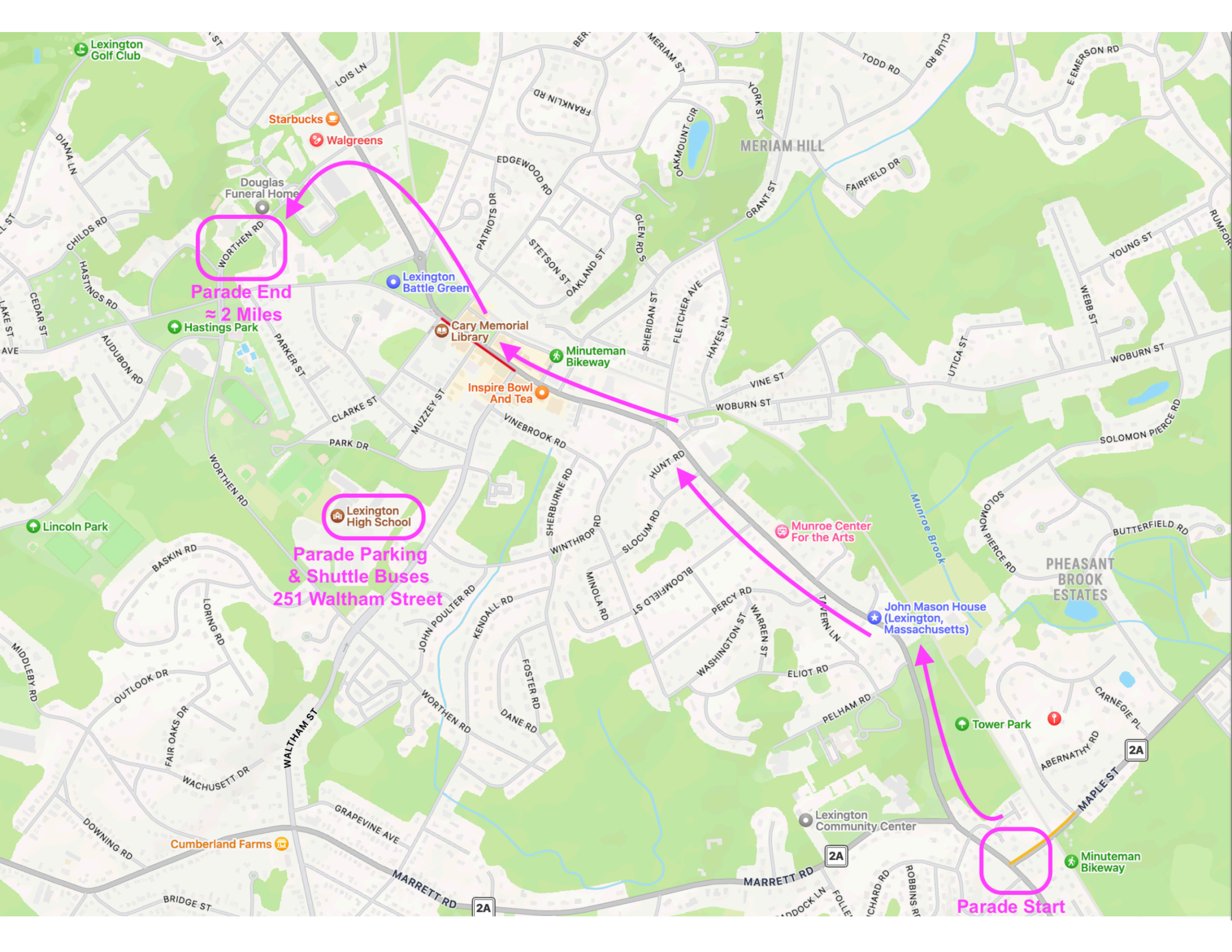
- Route 95/128 to Exit 45A Route 2 East. Follow Route 2 East to Pleasant Street Exit. At bottom of ramp turn left. Follow Pleasant Street past Wilson Farm to end at intersection with Massachusetts Avenue – Start of Parade and Chief Marshal Check-In Area.

Best Route to PARADE PARKING/SHUTTLE BUS at Lexington High School from Route 95/128:

- Route 95/128 to Exit 46A Route 2A Marrett Road East. Follow Marrett Road East till you come to the first traffic light at Waltham Street. Take a left onto Waltham Street. Follow Waltham Street to next traffic light. Take a left at the traffic light onto Worthen Road. Entrance to High School will be on your right.

******* REMINDERS *******

- Parking and Shuttle Bus to the start of the Parade are available from the Worthen Road parking lot at Lexington High School beginning at 11:45 a.m.
- Parade Check-In Desk will be located at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Pleasant Street in East Lexington. Parade will start lining up on Massachusetts Avenue just after Maple Street and head back towards Arlington on Massachusetts Avenue in order.
- Massachusetts Avenue WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC between Maple Street and Pleasant Street beginning at 12:30 p.m. – THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.
- ALL UNITS MUST CHECK-IN BY 1:15 P.M. AT THE CHIEF MARSHAL CHECK-IN DESK AND BE IN PLACE BY 1:30 P.M.



Parade End
≈ 2 Miles

Parade Parking & Shuttle Buses
251 Waltham Street

Parade Start

Lexington Golf Club

Starbucks
Walgreens

Douglas Funeral Home

Hastings Park

Lexington Battle Green

Cary Memorial Library

Inspire Bowl And Tea

Minuteman Bikeway

Lexington High School

Munroe Center For the Arts

John Mason House
(Lexington, Massachusetts)

Tower Park

Cumberland Farms

Lexington Community Center

Minuteman Bikeway

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From: David Grabel <dgrabel125@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2024 11:57:14 AM

Subject: Safety Notice for Lexington Patriots Day Parade

WARNING ALERT AND SAFETY NOTICE TO UNIT LEADERS

LEXINGTON, MA

PATRIOTS' DAY AFTERNOON PARADE

Monday, April 15, 2024

Roadway pavement is uneven on Bedford Street from the Minute Man Statue to and through Harrington Road.

There are **new road dividers and a new large, unevenly paved rotary** at the intersection of Bedford Street and Harrington Road.

Please alert marchers, animal handlers and vehicles to follow directions and to divide wide units at the Minute Man Statute before reaching the barriers to ensure safety for all.

All unit leaders should walk the stretch from the Minute Man Statue to the intersection of Mass Ave and Harrington Road prior to the parade date.

Operators of large vehicles should communicate with the Lexington Police Department prior to the parade.

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David Grabel

dgrabel@acm.org

A Message from the Lexington Police Department

The Lexington Police Department has partnered with the Town Celebrations Committee, Lexington Fire Department, Department of Public Works, and the many volunteers who help make Patriots' Day possible to ensure a safe and enjoyable event for all.

If you have a safety emergency during an event, call 911 immediately.

If you have a non-urgent safety concern, dial 781-862-1212, then press 1 to be connected to the dispatch center.

We work hard to make ensure the safety of all attendees and participants during Patriots' Day weekend. Please do your part by adhering to the following guidelines.

- Limit the use of backpacks or other large containers. Use a clear or mesh bag to carry your personal items.
- Do not leave bags or personal items of any kind unattended. Items left unattended will be removed by Lexington Police
- Do not bring ladders, scaffolding, or step stools to any event or parade.
- When watching the parade, be mindful of those around you, especially people with accessibility issues. If you are able-bodied, please do not stand in any designated handicap parking spaces to watch the parade.
- Please do not crowd into the street while the parade is ongoing. Remain close to the curb and sidewalk to ensure your own safety and the safety of parade participants.

There will be a noticeable police presence at all events during the weekend, especially the parade. Attendees should feel free to approach any officer with questions or concerns.

If you see something, say something.

Thank you,
Chief Michael McLean



Town of Lexington Town Celebrations Committee

PATRIOTS' DAY PARADE ORDERS **Monday, April 15, 2024**

1. PURPOSE:

To commemorate the 249th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, a parade will be held in Lexington, Massachusetts on Monday, April 15, 2024.

2. PARADE CONTACT:

Town Celebrations Committee,

Sondra Lucente

Cell: 781-799-8614 email: sondralucente41@gmail.com

Dvid Grabel

Cell: 978-473-9361 email: dgrabel@acm.org

3. HEADQUARTERS/PARADE CHECK-IN:

The Town Celebrations Committee Check-In Desk will be at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Pleasant Street. ALL parade information, including your slot number for the lineup, will be available at this point. Every unit must check-in. If you are charging a fee, you must check-in in order for the Town of Lexington to issue payment.

4. PARADE ROUTE:

The route around the Lexington Battlegreen has been updated to reflect the newly installed Rotary at the intersection of Bedford St. and Harrington Rd. We recommend that, if possible, the unit leader come to Lexington center prior to Patriots Day and walk around the Battlegreen to familiarize yourself with the updated route

- a. Proceed west on Massachusetts Avenue from the East Lexington Fire Station through the center of town.
- b. Bear RIGHT at the Minuteman Statue to Bedford Street.
- c. All vehicle units must stay to the right and proceed around the ROTARY.
- d. Take the 3rd exit off the ROTARY, to Harrington Road.
- e. At the end of Harrington Road, make a sharp right turn onto Massachusetts Avenue towards Worthen Road.
- f. At the end of the parade, all units must turn LEFT onto Worthen Road and continue beyond the parking lot at the Town Pool before stopping.
- g. For the safety of your fellow parade participants, DO NOT STOP before turning onto Worthen Road.

NOTE: Marching units wider than 4 abreast will need to split before the ROTARY. After splitting, those on the right-hand group will proceed counter-clockwise around the ROTARY. Marchers on the left-hand side will proceed clockwise around the ROTARY. The split groups will reunite as they exit the ROTARY onto Harrington Road.

5. PARKING:

1625 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE • LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02420
Telephone: (781) 698-4640 ~ Fax: (781)-863-9468
Email: celebrationscmte@lexingtonma.gov

There is NO parking at the start of the parade for vehicles.

Marchers have two options:

a. Shuttle Bus:

A shuttle bus is available at the Lexington High School parking lot for transportation to the parade check-in desk. **The first shuttle leaves the High School at 11:45 AM. and the last shuttle leaves the High School at 1:30 PM.** Those using the shuttle may park in the High School parking lot, a short walk from where the parade terminates.

b. Drop Off:

Your unit may be dropped off at the start of the parade by following Marrett Road (Route 2A) East to Follen Road. Take a right on Follen Road (just prior National Heritage Museum) and follow to the end at the Pleasant Street rotary. Parade participants may be dropped off here. Your transportation however must return to the Lexington High School Parking Lot.

6. ASSEMBLY:

- a.** Massachusetts Avenue will be closed to all traffic (with the exception of official parade vehicles) from Pleasant Street of Maple Street beginning at 12:30 pm. **This will be strictly enforced to ensure the safety of all parade participants.**
- b. Units may begin checking in at 11:30 AM. ALL units must be checked in by 1:15 PM. and in place by 1:30 PM.** The Parade will step off PROMPTLY AT 2:00 PM.
- c.** Instructions will be given upon check-in. ALL units must abide by changes issued by the check-in desk.
- d.** ALL units are placed at the sole discretion of the Committee. NO CHANGES in the line of march may be made without the express permission of The Chairman of the Town Celebrations Committee.
- e.** Unauthorized units WILL NOT be permitted to join the parade. Only units with prior approval of the Town Celebrations Committee and shown on the parade roster are authorized.
- f. IMPORTANT NOTE. Any handouts or distribution of any kind, by any group, MUST be pre-approved by the committee.**

7. INTERVALS (between parade units), FORWARD MOVEMENT & CADENCE (speed of march down Mass Ave)

- a.** Parade participant units should keep a spacing interval of 20 paces (i.e., steps) between them and the unit in front of them. Keep a spacing interval of 10 paces within your unit if you have multiple sub-units in your Parade participant unit.
- b.** March approximately 4 abreast as you proceed down Mass Ave. Allow any vehicles you have to take up the entire lane on Mass Ave (left to right) and try not to have marchers alongside the vehicles. Have vehicles move in single file - i.e., not abreast of each other. Instead, have vehicles proceed down Mass Ave in front of and behind each other..

- c. Proceed down Mass Ave at a pace of 120 paces (steps) per minute. So, each Left-Right step takes 1 second. Each L-R step should be about 3 feet. So, proceed down Mass Ave at about 180 feet per minute. However, it is most important that you maintain your interval of 20 paces to the Parade unit in front of your unit in the Parade.
- d. Please consolidate space when positioned for the Start of the Parade. Keep 20 paces to the unit in front of you, so Step off when that unit in front of you begins to move - at that point after you start your unit may expand as needed to the spacing or formation you desire in the Parade down Mass Ave.
- e. Units should not stop during the parade. However, if the unit in front of you slows or stops, PLEASE Continue to proceed down Mass Ave, allowing your unit to expand and contract as necessary to maintain your Parade Speed and especially your 20-step interval to the Parade unit in front of you.

8. **MUSIC & SALUTES:**

- a. **ALL** Bands are asked to play as they pass the National Heritage Museum, Muzzey Condominiums and Saint Brigid's Church
- b. **ALL** Bands are asked to play as much as possible from the Police Station through the Center of Town.
- c. **ALL** Bands **MUST** play as they pass the reviewing stand on Massachusetts Avenue in front of the Visitor's Center
- d. Military Bands should be ready to play "Ruffles-Flourish" for General Officers. Band Master will be notified prior to start of Parade the rank of the Senior Officer present.

9. **VEHICLES:**

ALL Vehicles operating in the parade must be properly registered and carry appropriate insurance.

ALL drivers of vehicles **MUST** have the appropriate license with them for the type of vehicle they are operating. The Lexington Police Department will be verifying this information prior to the start of the parade.

10. **RESTROOMS, FIRST AID & EMERGENCIES:**

- a. Restrooms are available adjacent to the check-in desk and along the parade route.
- b. Police cruisers have first aid capability and direct access to Fire and Police Headquarters as well as the Town Celebrations Committee. If you need assistance, contact an officer or any member of the Committee.
- c. In the event of an emergency, **ALL UNITS** will move to the **RIGHT SIDE** of Massachusetts Avenue to allow emergency vehicles to pass and remain there in formation until the order to move forward is given by the Chief Marshal.

11. **DISABLED VEHICLES:**

Any vehicle that becomes disabled along the parade route shall be pushed to the **RIGHT** side and the following units pass around it and close the gap. The disabled vehicle **WILL NOT** rejoin the parade.


12. **CANCELLATION:**

The Chairman of the Town Celebrations Committee in consultation with the committee members and the Board of Selectmen will cancel the parade **ONLY** if unusually bad weather

conditions require them to do so. Information about cancellation can be obtained on the day of the parade by calling:

(781)-862-0500 x 84640

Geetha Padaki and Glen Bassett, Co-Chairs
Town Celebrations Committee

From: Michael Valila mvalila@davma.org 
Subject: FW: Lexington Patriots' Day Parade Acceptance
Date: March 13, 2024 at 9:02 AM
To: Bob Kinsman (DAV Billerica 47) BobKDAV47@comcast.net, Herb Colon herb2378@aol.com, Nelson bkserrao@aol.com

Please review email below and attachments for our confirmation of the Lexington Patriots Day Parade.

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Department of Massachusetts
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From: David Grabel <dgrabel125@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 10:41 PM
Subject: Lexington Patriots' Day Parade Acceptance

Hi,

The application your group submitted for participation in the 2024, Patriots' Day Afternoon Parade on **MONDAY, April 15, 2024 at 2:00 pm** in Lexington, MA **has been approved** by the Town Celebrations Committee.

Attached to this email are the 2024 parade orders, float guidelines, driving directions and a message from the Lexington Police Department. Please read these papers thoroughly.

We strongly recommend that you plan your arrival with plenty of time to allow for parking at Lexington High School (end of parade route) where shuttle buses will be available **beginning at 11:45 AM** to transport your group to the parade staging area in East Lexington.

Restrooms will be available in the parade staging area however, food concessions will not, so please plan accordingly to ensure your group is fed and hydrated.

The Parade check in desk will be located at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

Units can begin checking in at 11:30 AM; everyone must be checked in by 1:15 pm and in place by 1:30 pm.

Floats taking part in the Float judging contest need to be in place by 11:45 am.

When you check in you will be given a pre-assigned number which will be located somewhere along Massachusetts Avenue in the parade staging area which is where your group will assemble to line up for the parade.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call or email. We look forward to seeing you on the 15th, let's hope for spring weather!

Please be sure to check our website on the morning of the parade in the event of inclement weather.

And, looking ahead to 2025 – Next year we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington. The reenactment and parade will take place on **SATURDAY, APRIL 19th, 2025** (not Monday). For now, just keep this in mind and save the date.

David Grabel & Sondra Lucente
Parade Co-Coordinator
Lexington Town Celebrations Committee

Attachments:

- 2024 Parade Orders
- 2024 Float Guidelines
- Driving Directions
- 2024 Lexington Police Department Information

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