



## **America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration 2011 Security Guidelines**

**To: 2011 AHTC Event Participants**  
**From: Michael McCourt, Director-Event Security**  
**Re: Security Guidelines**

Dear 2011 Participant:

Thank you for taking part in our celebratory weekend...we truly appreciate your contribution and commitment to making these traditional Thanksgiving events a resounding success! In an effort to ensure the safety of participants and spectators alike, we respectfully request that you carefully review the following security related guidelines.

### **Waterfront Security:**

Overnight event security will be present on the waterfront stage area between 6:00PM Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, and 7:00AM Saturday morning, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Crafters, vendors, Food Festival participants, rein actors and support personnel capable of setting up on Friday evening are encouraged to do so. Setting up Friday evening eliminates confusion and traffic on Saturday morning. (Note: Despite a security presence, please know that America's Hometown Thanksgiving Committee is not responsible for damaged or stolen items belonging to event participants.)

Overnight event security will also be present on the waterfront stage area from 6:00PM Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, to 8:30AM Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> for crafters and participants taking part in Sunday's Harvest Festival.

### **Stage Area:**

Out of respect for our performers, we respectfully ask that you think of the area that makes up the waterfront as a stage, rather than a state park. This is particularly true of the immediate area surrounding the review stand. Crafters, food vendors, rein actors and support personnel should be set-up and prepared for Saturday's events by **9:30AM** sharp! As is true of any theatrical production, we ask that noise be held to an absolute minimum once the opening ceremonies start at 10:30AM.

## Road Closures:

The waterfront area will be referred to as the Celebration Stage Area (CSA). Roads within the CSA will close to general traffic on Saturday morning at **8:00AM**, and remain closed until **4:00PM**. Vehicles left unattended within the restricted area after 8:00AM are subject to being towed at the owner's expense. Roads/intersections within the CSA include Water Street at Union Street, Water Street at North Street, and Water Street at Brewster Street. Participants arriving after 8:30AM on Saturday morning will not be allowed to set up until after the parade has finished at approximately 1:30PM. **Roads will be open to all traffic on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

## Set-Up Guidelines:

Crafters, food vendors, and rein actors will be allowed to drop off their equipment and supplies at their respective locations prior to 8:30AM. Once set up has been completed, vehicles **must** be moved to the Nathaniel Morton School, located less than a quarter mile of the event site. (Refer to our Parking Guidelines document)

AHTC personnel will be on hand to assist with directions and guidance with respect to event parking. We ask for your cooperation in advance in making this policy a reality.

Arrangements have been made to facilitate the replenishment of food supplies. Golf carts will be available to assist crafters and food vendors in these efforts during performances and the actual parade; however, **we ask that your initial set up be sufficient to carry you through to approximately 1:30PM.** Once the parade has passed it will be easier to facilitate replenishing supplies.

We respectfully request that crafters, food vendors, and rein actors restrict the number of vehicles involved in supporting their efforts to the extent possible. If you require more than one support vehicle, please try to arrive at the waterfront at the same time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

## Directions (Saturday AM Set-up):

In an effort to reduce confusion, we ask that you follow the instructions below when arriving on Saturday morning:

- From either north or south on Rt. 3, take exit 6 towards Plymouth Center.
- Cross Main Street and proceed towards the waterfront – Water Street.
- At the rotary, turn right on Water Street and proceed for approximately a half mile.
- Stop at the Check Point located at the corner of Water Street and Brewster Street and identify yourself to the AHTC representative.
- Proceed to the second half circle, just past the Plymouth Rock Memorial.
- Follow instructions given by the AHTC representative on site. Unload your vehicle.

### **Directions (Parking After Unloading):**

Please unload your vehicle and set up as quickly as possible. Once unloaded and set up, you will be asked to move your vehicle to the Nathaniel Morton School parking area by following the directions below:

- Proceed west on Leyden Street to the traffic light at the top of the hill.
- Turn left on Main Street and continue straight for approximately one quarter mile.
- Turn left on Bradford Street and look for school parking entrance on your right.
- Follow the guidance of the AHTC representative on-site.
- Walk back to the Celebration Staging Area. (Short distance...golf carts will also be available for transport.)
- Once your vehicle has been parked and secured, you will not be allowed to remove your vehicle until after the parade has passed. (Approximately 1:30PM)

### **Harvest Festival, Sunday, November 20, 2011:**

- Roads will remain open to all traffic during the Harvest Festival.
- Participants will follow the same unloading and parking procedures as described above regarding Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Parking in the semi-circle directly abutting the state park/event area is prohibited to participants.
- Participants of the Harvest Festival are encouraged to make themselves familiar with Plymouth's parking regulations for Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Please refer to [www.parkplymouth.com](http://www.parkplymouth.com) for more information.

### **Thank you!**

Again, we appreciate your participation in this special weekend and offer our sincere thanks for your cooperation in keeping this a safe, family event. The purpose in limiting vehicles within the Celebration Stage Area is based solely on the protection of the thousands of spectators who look forward to this event each year. Your cooperation ensures a successful and entertaining day on Plymouth's Waterfront!

We look forward to greeting you on Friday evening, November 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday morning, November 19<sup>th</sup> or Sunday morning, November 20<sup>th</sup>!

Yours in Safety,

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