

# Patriots' Day Weekend 2022

## Program of Events



247<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington

Saturday, April 16 – Monday, April 18

This schedule is subject to change

For up-to-date information @

[patriotsday.com](http://patriotsday.com)

Town Celebrations Committee

1625 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington MA 02420

781-698-4640

**The events are also subject to State and Local COVID-19 requirements at the time of the event.**

**Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library**

**33 Marrett Road, Lexington**

**Alarm Letter on View**

**Monday, April 4 – Friday, April 22**

Couriers delivered the news of the conflict at Lexington soon after the event. One of the letters that helped spread the news will be displayed at the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library in April. Joseph Palmer, a member of the Massachusetts Committee of Safety, sent the first urgent missive by messenger Israel or Isaac Bissell in the late morning of April 19, 1775. Bissell rode to Connecticut and perhaps further. Recipients duplicated Palmer's letter several times to carry the news far and wide. For further information, call (781) 861-6559 or visit [srmml.org](http://srmml.org).

**The museum is open Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM.  
closed Patriots' Day.**

### **A Message from the Lexington Police Department**

The Lexington Police Department has worked closely with Town officials and regional law enforcement authorities to review and revise our security plan for the April 16 to 18 weekend. We have partnered with the Town Celebrations Committee, Reenactors, DPW, and Lexington Fire Department to ensure a safe and enjoyable community event.

Please help with our security efforts by:

- Limiting the use of backpacks or large containers, where possible
- Using clear or mesh bags to carry large personal items

In addition,

- Do not bring ladders, scaffolding or step stools
- Do not leave bags or containers unattended; items left unattended will be removed from public areas by Police

Please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department if you have concerns:

- 781-862-1212 (then press "0") direct line to the dispatcher
- 911 for emergencies
- 911 calls from cell phones will go directly to our dispatch center

**If you see something, say something.**

Thank you, *Chief Michael A. McLean*

### **Saturday, April 16**

**9 am - 5 pm** Visit the New Lexington Visitors Center. Purchase tickets here for a 90-minute Liberty Ride Guided Trolley Tour or one-hour Battle Green Walking Tour. Tours can also be booked online at [www.tourlexington.us](http://www.tourlexington.us). View our famed

diorama depicting the Battle of Lexington and shop for unique Lexington gift items. 1875 Massachusetts Avenue, next to Buckman Tavern. 781-862-1450. Public restrooms available.

**8:30 am Parker's Revenge.** Lexington Minute Men gather on the Battle Green to reenact the second call to arms from Captain John Parker, which took place on the afternoon of April 19<sup>th</sup>, with additional dialogue from Rev. Jonas Clarke. Following this event, the Minute Men march up Mass Ave to Fiske Hill before continuing on to the Parker's Revenge site in the Minute Man National Park for a skirmish reenactment. Free

**9:30 am - 4 pm Buckman Tavern Tours.** 1 Bedford Street. Self-paced audio tours available. Admission tickets available at the house. Single house \$12 adults/\$7 children; three houses \$25 adults/\$13 children [www.lexingtonhistory.org](http://www.lexingtonhistory.org)

**10 am - 4 pm Hancock-Clarke House Tours.** 36 Hancock Street. Guided tours available every half hour. Admission tickets available at the house. Single house \$12 adults/\$7 children; three houses \$25 adults/\$13 children [www.lexingtonhistory.org](http://www.lexingtonhistory.org)

**10.30 am Parker's Revenge Wreath Laying Ceremony.** Lexington Minute Men lay a wreath at the site of the Parker's Revenge skirmish, which occurred in the afternoon of April 19<sup>th</sup> when the Lexington Militia Company under Capt. John Parker ambushed the retreating Redcoats near the Lexington-Lincoln town line. On the Battle Road near the Minute Man National Park Visitor Center, Route 2A, Lexington. [www.nps.gov/mima/patriots-day.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mima/patriots-day.htm) Free

**12 pm - 4 pm Munroe Tavern Tours.** 1332 Massachusetts Avenue. Self-guided tours available. Admission tickets available at the house. Single house \$12 adults/\$7 children; three houses \$25 adults/\$13 children [www.lexingtonhistory.org](http://www.lexingtonhistory.org)

**1 pm Parker's Revenge Reenactment.** Lexington Minute Men reenact the Parker's Revenge engagement on the Battle Road near the intersection of Old Mass Ave and Route 2A. [www.nps.gov/mima/patriots-day.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mima/patriots-day.htm) Free

**1 pm Lexington Bicentennial Band Concert.**

A tribute/remembrance of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWII, which was originally planned for Patriots' Day 2020, will include a collection of memorable music of the time and more. *The Greatest Generation* will be narrated by Suzie Barry, Select Board Member. At the Lexington High School Auditorium. Free, donations accepted.

**2:30 pm Fife and Drum Performance** featuring Lexington's own **William Diamond Fife and Drum Corps.** Tower Park, Mass Avenue opposite Pelham Road. Free

**4 pm Battle at Tower Park.** Follow the British retreat as they fight the Colonial Militia in Tower Park, featuring a working reproduction cannon. Organized by the Lexington Minute Men. Mass Ave opposite Pelham Road. [www.lexingtonminutemen.com](http://www.lexingtonminutemen.com) Free

### **Sunday, April 17**

**9 am - 5 pm Visit the New Lexington Visitors Center. Take a 90-minute Liberty Ride Guided Trolley Tour or a one-hour Guided Battle Green Walking Tour.** Visit [www.tourlexington.us](http://www.tourlexington.us) for tour times or to book a tour. Details, Saturday, April 16.

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**11:30 pm Paul Revere Ride Reenactment.** Hancock-Clarke House, 36 Hancock Street. A reenactment of the arrival of Paul Revere at the Hancock-Clarke House. Admission is free. [www.lexingtonhistory.org](http://www.lexingtonhistory.org)

### **Patriots' Day, Monday, April 18**

**5:30 am "The Alarm" at the Old Belfry, Belfry Hill.** Massachusetts Avenue at Clarke Street across from the Battle Green. Come ring the bell that sounded the alarm that the Redcoats were coming. Free

**5:30 am Reenactment of the Battle of Lexington.** The central event of Patriots' Day weekend, the Lexington Minute Men have organized

and sponsored the Reenactment since 1971 to recreate the birth of American Liberty on Lexington Common in 1775. "They nobly dared to be free!" Mass Ave at Bedford Street.

Rain date Saturday, April 23 @ 5:30 am  
(Dress rehearsal Sunday, April 3 @ 2 pm – 4 pm);  
Rain date Saturday, April 9 @ 2 pm - 4 pm  
[www.lexingtonminutemen.com](http://www.lexingtonminutemen.com) Free

**6 am - 5 pm** Visit the New Lexington Visitors Center. **One-hour Battle Green Walking Tours are available throughout the day. Liberty Ride TBD. For tour times or to book online visit [www.tourlexington.us](http://www.tourlexington.us).** Walk-ins also welcome space permitting. View our famed diorama depicting the Battle of Lexington and shop for custom and unique Lexington gift items. 1875 Massachusetts Avenue, next to Buckman Tavern. 781-862-1450. Public restrooms available.

**6 am - 8 am** **Buckman Tavern Walk Through Tours.** 1 Bedford Street. Walk through the rooms of the historic tavern (interpreters present). Admission tickets available at the house. Suggested donation \$5 [www.lexingtonhistory.org](http://www.lexingtonhistory.org)

**6 am - 10 am** **Pancake Breakfasts**

- **Boy Scout Troop 160 at St. Brigid Church,** 2001 Massachusetts Avenue. Subject to change.
- **First Baptist Church of Lexington,** 1580 Massachusetts Avenue (across from Police Station)

**7:30 am** **Sunrise Youth Parade.** Starting at Munroe Cemetery driveway, proceeding west along Massachusetts Avenue through Lexington center onto the Battle Green. Free

**8 am - 2 pm** **Buckman Tavern Tours.** 1 Bedford Street. Self-paced audio tours available. Admission tickets available at the house. Single house \$12 adults/\$7 children; three houses \$25 adults/\$13 children [www.lexingtonhistory.org](http://www.lexingtonhistory.org)

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**8:15 am** **Patriots' Day Ceremonies on the Battle Green.** Massachusetts Avenue at Bedford Street. Free

**9:00 am** **"First Shot! The Day the Revolution Began"**. Enjoy a film screening of Lexington Historical Society's award-winning video along with a special Q & A session with British and Colonial Reenactors and a sampling of Colonial Music: Lexington Depot, 13 Depot Square. Admission tickets available at the door. Suggested donation \$10 adults/\$5 children [www.lexingtonhistory.org](http://www.lexingtonhistory.org)

**10:00 am** **Lexington Lions Club 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Five-Mile Road Race.** Starting/ending on Massachusetts Avenue at the Battle Green. For more information, call (781) 862-4710 or visit [www.lexingtonlions.org](http://www.lexingtonlions.org)

**10:00 am** **"First Shot! The Day the Revolution Began"**. Details at 9 am.

**10:30 – 11 am** **Lexington Minute Men/Daughters of the American Revolution 112<sup>th</sup> Wreath Laying Ceremony.** The LMM and DAR lay wreaths at several of the war monuments around the Battle Green, including the Revolutionary Monument where the Lexington soldiers killed on April 19, 1775 are buried. Free

**11:00 am** **USS Lexington Memorial Ceremonies.** Visitors Center, 1875 Massachusetts Avenue, adjacent to the Buckman Tavern. Free [www.lexingtonlions.org](http://www.lexingtonlions.org)

**11:00 am** **"First Shot! The Day the Revolution Began"**. Details at 9 am.

**12:30 pm** **Float Judging.** Massachusetts Avenue in East Lexington, across from Sacred Heart Church. Free

**1:00 pm** **Paul Revere Arrives at the Battle Green on Horseback.** Greeted by the Select Board and the Lexington Minute Men. Free

**2:00 pm** **Patriots' Day Afternoon Parade.** Starting at Massachusetts Avenue and Maple Street in East Lexington, proceeding west along Massachusetts Avenue through Lexington center, left onto Worthen Road ending at the town pool parking lot. Free

