

***** MEDIA ADVISORY *****

**Minuteman Marching Band Will Parade Through Campus Monday,
Nov. 25, to Prepare for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Appearance**

DATE: Monday, Nov. 25, 2013
TIME: 5:30 to 6:30 pm.
WHAT: Minuteman Marching Band parade through campus
WHERE: UMass Amherst campus lawn, south of the pond

To help prepare for their appearance next week in the nationally televised Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Manhattan, the award-winning University of Massachusetts Amherst Minuteman Marching Band will march through the campus beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 25 at their practice field west of the Mullins Center.

Media organizations, the campus community and the public are welcome and encouraged to line the campus parade route to cheer the band on and to hear the musical program in person before the students travel to New York City the following day. One of the best viewing areas may be at the well-lit Haigis Mall at about 6 p.m., organizers estimate.

From the practice fields at 5:30, the band will march behind the Mullins Center and along Mullins Way, past the Central Heating Plant and across Massachusetts Avenue, past the Softball Complex to a turn between parking lots 21 and 33. The group will then turn left to march along University Drive near the Southwest Residential Area, then turn right and go up the Massachusetts Avenue hill toward the main campus and into Haigis Mall.

After making a complete circuit of the mall, the band will march back down Massachusetts Avenue to turn right onto Commonwealth Avenue and parade past the Commonwealth Honors College and the Recreation Center. The group will turn right onto Hicks Way to return to the George N. Parks Band Building. This approximately 1.5-mile parade route is expected to take about one hour, according to Director Timothy Todd Anderson.

In addition to the show-stopper "Big Noise from Winnetka," the band will play "Fight UMass," "God Bless America," "Roll Down the Field" and "Sweet Caroline."

The next morning, band members will load buses beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the George N. Parks Band Building and will leave for New York at about 10:30. Fans are welcome to give them a hearty send-off.

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