



HOPKINS ACADEMY 350th CELEBRATION

PARADE SUB-COMMITTEE

TOWN OF HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

A PUBLIC INVITATION TO ATTEND

HADLEY'S ANNUAL VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ALONG WITH THE HOPKINS ACADEMY 350TH CELEBRATION PARADE DIVISION

Sunday, May 25, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Memorial Day in Hadley is always celebrated with an American Legion Veterans service at each of the Town cemeteries followed by a parade honoring all those who have served our country.

The annual Memorial Day parade will start with American Legion members marching to the amazing music of the Hopkins Academy band. The parade formation begins, as usual, behind the Hadley Senior Center, then exits at American Legion Post #271 and proceeds west on route 9 (Russell Street) down to the West Street Commons (1 mile). Many town organizations and businesses join in this parade every year to remember and honor members of our Armed Services.

This year, a special Hopkins parade division will form on North Middle Street and merge with the regular memorial parade. **Hopkins Academy, founded in 1664, celebrates 350th years** of continuous operation as an institution of learning for Hadley's children. Hopkins Academy ranks tenth in the nation for this status.

2014 is indeed a proud year for the schools administration, teachers, staff, alumni, trustees, citizens and town government, for continuously nurturing such a successful education system for 350 years in the historic "Pioneer Valley".

The Hopkins Academy 350th Celebration Parade division will consist of the Hadley Farm Museum horse drawn stage coach, floats from the classes of 1959, 1963, 1964, 2014, and a Boisvert Farm "cow train". Also participating are Hopkins 350th Celebration Committee officers, the Hopkins Academy Alumni Association, representatives from our sister Hopkins School, founded in 1660, from New Haven, CT, members of the current and retired Hopkins Academy school administrators, teachers, boards, committees and Hopkins trustee members. Also provided for your enjoyment in this Hopkins division will be Polka music, Irish music, and music by the Holyoke High School marching band.

Come and enjoy the celebration of 350 years for Hopkins Academy!

Hopkins Academy 350th Celebration Committee

Joe Pelis '59 - Chairperson

Judy Rodak Pelis '63 - Vice Chairperson

Louise Moczulewski Olbis '60 - Secretary

Robert Fil '59 - Treasurer

Norm Barstow '61 - Parade chairperson

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