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TOUR OF DUTY 2025 TOWN OF MERRIMAC, MA SANTA PARADE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

I am pleased to announce Illustrious Clifford A. Critch has accepted an invitation for the Aleppo Shriners to participate in the 2025 Town of Merrimac, MA Santa Parade on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

As Chief of Staff, it gives me great pleasure to provide the following details and instructions.

PLEASE NOTE THE ALEPPO PARKING LOCATIONS ON PARADE DAY:

Aleppo: Member Parking / Bus and Van departure will be at the Carpenter's Union Lot.

Parade Assembly Area: Willowdale Drive, Merrimac, MA

10:00 AM Nobles assigned for unloading their vehicles from the tractor trailers before the start of the parade will meet Mark Norton – Captain, Transportation, and will proceed to the parade assembly area for unloading and parade assembly.

Aleppo trucks will participate in the parade. After unloading they will remain in the assembly area.

All Units transporting their own equipment and Nobles traveling by private vehicle will proceed to the assembly area to unload their vehicles prior to parade assembly time.

After off-loading, private vehicles will leave the assembly area and proceed to the end of the parade route – Short's Express on School Street (see directions). The Aleppo Bus / Vans will run until 12:15 PM from Short's Express to the parade assembly area.

10:45 AM Nobles traveling to the assembly area by Aleppo Bus / Vans will park in the designated parking area and load from that location.

11:00 AM Aleppo Bus / Vans will leave promptly to proceed to the parade assembly area.

11:30 AM Parade Assembly.

Aleppo Stewards, under the direction of Chief Steward John Maihos, will provide sandwiches, chips, and soft drinks PRIOR to the parade in the parade assembly area.

1:00 PM Parade step-off – rain or shine.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Paul D. Watts, Sr.

Chief of Staff

This is an annual event sponsored by the Town of Merrimac, MA; and I urge all Nobles to join me in making an impressive showing for them and their community.

The parade is 1.1 miles long and begins from Willowdale drive – proceeds down Church Street to the town square – around the rotary clockwise (backwards to normal traffic flow) giving the tractor trailer units room to turn; down West Main Street (Route 110 West towards Haverhill) to Union Street, left onto Union Street to the Donaghue School. Aleppo units will proceed through the school yard and continue to Short's Express lot on School Street.

PARADE DRESS

Divan & Ceremonial Masters: Dark Blue Sports Jacket, White Shirt, Kid's Tie, Gray Pants, Jewel, and Fez
Past Potentates: Grey Jacket, White Shirt, Black Pants, Jewel, and Fez
Appointed Officers: White Shirt, Black Pants, Shrine Cumberbund, and Fez
Uniformed Units: Parade Uniform and Fez
Parading Nobles: White Shirt, Black Pants, and Fez

Unit Heads and/or Unit Members:

Unit / Member reservations **MUST BE RECEIVED** on or before **November 21, 2025**.

PLEASE return by mail the coupon below to Shriners Auditorium; -or- send an email to Maribel Deluca at mdeluca@alepposhriners.com, -or- call Maribel at 978-657-4202 Ext. 216 with your unit's count.

PLEASE NOTE: The need for outside bus transportation must be arranged by the Aleppo Office at least two weeks prior to the parade / event date.

Your cooperation will assist us in planning for bus transportation and ensure that enough food for collation is prepared. Thank you.

----- CUT LINE -----

ALEPPO SHRINERS
99 Fordham Road
Wilmington, MA 01887
TOWN OF MERRIMAC, MA SANTA PARADE
Sunday, December 7, 2025

- [] Yes, I will participate in the **Town of Merrimac, MA Santa Parade**
- [] Yes, I will need a ride on the Bus / Van from the Auditorium to/from the parade
- [] Sorry, I cannot participate in the **Town of Merrimac, MA Santa Parade**

Name: _____ Unit: _____

**MERRIMAC SANTA PARADE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
ASSEMBLY AT 11:30 AM
STEP OFF AT 1:00 PM**

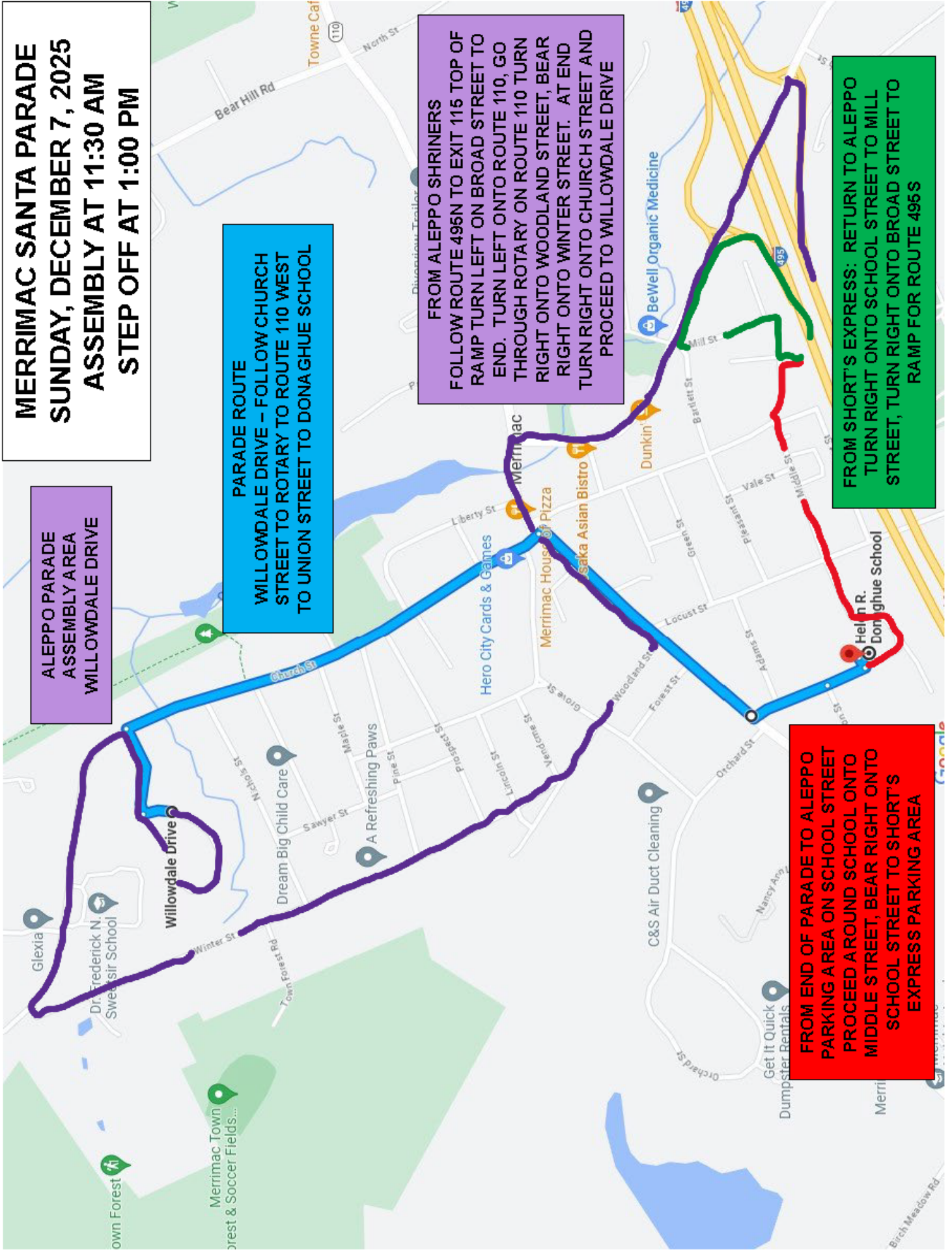
**ALEPPO PARADE
ASSEMBLY AREA
WILLOWDALE DRIVE**

**PARADE ROUTE
WILLOWDALE DRIVE – FOLLOW CHURCH
STREET TO ROTARY TO ROUTE 110 WEST
TO UNION STREET TO DONAGHUE SCHOOL**

**FROM ALEPPO SHRINERS
FOLLOW ROUTE 495N TO EXIT 115 TOP OF
RAMP TURN LEFT ON BROAD STREET TO
END. TURN LEFT ON ROUTE 110, GO
THROUGH ROTARY ON ROUTE 110 TURN
RIGHT ONTO WOODLAND STREET, BEAR
RIGHT ONTO WINTER STREET. AT END
TURN RIGHT ONTO CHURCH STREET AND
PROCEED TO WILLOWDALE DRIVE**

**FROM SHORT'S EXPRESS: RETURN TO ALEPPO
TURN RIGHT ONTO SCHOOL STREET TO MILL
STREET, TURN RIGHT ONTO BROAD STREET TO
RAMP FOR ROUTE 495S**

**FROM END OF PARADE TO ALEPPO
PARKING AREA ON SCHOOL STREET
PROCEED AROUND SCHOOL STREET
MIDDLE STREET, BEAR RIGHT ONTO
SCHOOL STREET TO SHORT'S
EXPRESS PARKING AREA**



DIRECTIONS TO THE MERRIMAC, MA SANTA PARADE:

From Aleppo Shriners: South on Fordham Road, turn right onto Concord Street. Turn left onto Route I-93 North and proceed 7.5 miles to Route I-495 North – Exit 40A (Lawrence). Proceed 18 miles to Merrimac, Broad Street Exit (Exit 115). At top of ramp, turn left onto Broad Street for 0.6 miles, then turn left onto MA-110 West for 0.1 miles; at the traffic circle take second exit onto Route 110 West; take second right onto Woodland Street - bear right onto Winter Street to end. Turn right onto Church Street and proceed to the parade assembly area on Willowdale Drive.

DIRECTIONS TO THE ALEPPO PARKING AREA AT SHORT'S EXPRESS:

After offloading vehicles and for Aleppo Van Shuttle - leave Willowdale Drive and turn right onto Church Street, and proceed to the Rotary, take second right onto School Street, and proceed to the Aleppo Parking Area at Short's Express on School Street (right-hand side). Aleppo Transportation will run shuttle buses from Short's Express to the parade assembly area until 12:15 PM for members parking their vehicles.

Aleppo Shuttle Vans are to return to the parade assembly area by returning on School Street to the Rotary, go three-quarters around and proceed West on Route 110 to Woodland Street – follow directions above to the assembly area.

NOTE: This is at the request of the parade committee, to keep a one-way loop around the area.

To leave the parking area to return to Aleppo, turn right out of the property onto School Street, turn onto Mill Street to the end. Turn right onto Broad Street to the ramp for Route 495S and proceed to return to Aleppo.