An amazing parade is coming to Shutesbury!

Invite your family and friends! But first, some things you should know:

You can still join the parade

-- last-minute entries of any sort are welcome if you contact Dagen Julty at 259-1808.

The parade starts at 3:00 p.m.

on Saturday, June 11. The route runs from the Shutesbury Elementary School on West Pelham Road, up Leverett Road to the field behind Shutesbury Town Hall.

Marchers, floats, etc., will begin forming up at the Elementary School at 2:00 p.m.

The parade should be over by 4:00 p.m.

Plan ahead to avoid closed roads!

Public safety officials have announced that a 2-mile portion of Leverett Road, the main road in town, and a short section of West Pelham Road, south of the Elementary School, will be closed to all traffic from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Where you can park:

on the east side of West Pelham Road (south of the Elementary School)
on the west side of Montague Road
on the east side of Pelham Hill Road
on the west side of Wendell Road.

Shutesbury Elementary School's Band

will begin to play on the Town Common as the end of the parade approaches. Follow the parade up the hill to enjoy some jazz!

Post-Parade BBQ/Party/Music!

Come for supper and more fun at the Shutesbury Athletic Club, 282 Wendell Road, even if the parade is postponed to June 12 (see below).

At 5:30 p.m. the club will be serving up reasonably priced a la carte BBQ food, including hamburgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork sandwiches, and complementary side dishes. Both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

At 7:00 p.m, a grant from the Shutesbury Cultural Council will serve up a live performance by Briefcase Full of Blues. Founded in 1993, Briefcase Full of Blues (formerly Mission from God) is a nine-piece Blues Brothers tribute band, featuring Fake Jake and Phoney Elwood, backed by exciting rhythm and horn sections.

If the forecast calls for rain

and the parade will be postponed until June 12, a message will be available by 9:00 a.m. June 11 at 259-1204, and will also be emailed to subscribers of the town "announce" list and posted under "What's New?" at www.shutesbury.org.

Between now and then . . . get your tickets to Sunday, June 26's Farm & Garden Tour!
Tickets are at the M.N. Spear Memorial Library, from Town Clerk Leslie Bracebridge at
Town Hall, and at the Shutesbury Farmers and Artisans Market every Saturday morning!