

## HOLLISTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

The following are some suggestions you may find helpful for your gathering:

- Parking: Our parking area can accommodate about 35 cars. If you have a tent, it will be less. However, there is a full lane of parking along the sidewalk on our side of the street. You may want to ask your service people to park on the street so there will be more spaces for your guests.
- Vehicles: Be sure to have enough vehicles at cleanup time to take all of your belongings, some of which you may not have brought to the party ( leftover food, beverages, *and trash* ) A pickup truck is ideal for removing your trash, as some of the trash bags may leak.
- Clean Up: If your party goes until 10 pm, you will only have an hour to cleanup and vacate the property. You will need an organized crew who has not overindulged.
- Bartender: It is not a good idea to have a friend as your bartender, even if they have insurance. There is a tendency for them to become guests and neglect their professional responsibility.
- Coordinator: Particularly for weddings, it is almost necessary to have an official party coordinator to make sure everything is on schedule and take the responsibility off of the bride and groom. If you have it in your budget, a hired party planner is the best. If not, a trusted friend or relative.
- Transportation: If you have out of town guests for your wedding, some of the local hotels can provide shuttle service to and from. There may be discounts if you have booked multiple rooms. This ensures that all guests arrive and depart on time.
- Rental Options: The following are optional add-ons to the basic rental fee, primarily for weddings:
- changing area: For \$200 you may rent the first floor of the house for use *by the bridal party only* to prepare for the ceremony.
  - bathrooms: For \$150, you may rent the house bathrooms only, if you have a large guest list.
  - setup day: If the property is available the day before, you may rent it as a set up day for \$300. There can be no major food service or alcohol and you must leave by 9 pm.