



## Balloons given 'all clear' to fly at NYC Thanksgiving parade

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*Thanksgiving Day in New York City started with something many New Yorkers and visitors will be grateful for: the giant balloons in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade were given the all clear to fly after fears strong winds could ground them.*

1-1. New York City streets came alive, Thursday, \_\_\_\_\_

1-2. for the 93rd annual \_\_\_\_\_

2-1. The colorful balloons \_\_\_\_\_

2-2. after fears earlier in the week \_\_\_\_\_

3. It was a huge relief \_\_\_\_\_

UNIDENTIFIED SPECTATOR, SAYING:

"I love how each year there's different balloons. So you're not getting the same thing over and over again. So it really really makes me excited to see what they're going to do next."

UNIDENTIFIED SPECTATOR, SAYING:

"It's always my childhood dream to come here, my best friend Matt had passes to come here, so we're here to enjoy the parade."

4-1. The game-time decision to fly the balloons \_\_\_\_\_

4-2. when thousands of spectators \_\_\_\_\_

[Vocabulary]

□ **come alive**: If a place comes alive, it becomes filled with activity; to become energetic and lively

- Just watch! Maria come alive when she hears this song.
- A: "OK, schedule Tuesday's meeting, get John on the phone, and then come in my office so we can all discuss that big project." B: "Wow, you really came to life after that cup of coffee!"

□ **reveler**: someone who enjoys themselves at a lively and noisy party or celebration by dancing, singing, and drinking alcohol

- *The streets were crowded with revelers on New Year's Eve.*
- *wedding revelers whooping it up until dawn*

□ **annual**: occurring or happening once a year; yearly

- *an annual festival/vacation/physical checkup*
- *The annual stockholders meeting will be held on May 22.*

□ **Thanksgiving Day**: fourth Thursday in November in the United States; second Monday in October in Canada; commemorates a feast held in 1621 by the Pilgrims; a day appointed for giving thanks for divine goodness. It originated as a harvest festival. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, with a proclamation by President George Washington after a request by Congress. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe the holiday, and its celebration was intermittent until President Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. On June 28, 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant signed into law the *Holidays Act* that made Thanksgiving a yearly appointed federal holiday in Washington D.C. On January 6, 1885, an act by Congress made Thanksgiving, and other federal holidays, a paid holiday for all federal workers throughout the United States.

Under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the date was changed between 1939 and 1941 amid significant controversy. From 1942 onwards, Thanksgiving, by an act of Congress, signed into law by FDR, received a permanent observation date, the fourth Thursday in November, no longer at the discretion of the President. Thanksgiving is regarded as being the beginning of the fall–winter holiday season, along with Christmas and the New Year, in American culture.

The event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving" was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as recounted by attendee Edward Winslow—it was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims. The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating "thanksgivings" days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory or the end of a drought.

□ **Thanksgiving Day parade**: Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City: one of the world's largest parades, is presented by the U.S. based department store chain Macy's. The parade started in 1924, tying it for the second-oldest Thanksgiving parade in the United States with America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit (with both parades being four years

younger than Philadelphia's Thanksgiving Day Parade). The three-hour parade is held in Manhattan, ending outside Macy's Herald Square, and takes place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Thanksgiving Day, and has been televised nationally on NBC since 1952. Employees at Macy's department stores have the option of marching in the parade.

□ **give the all clear:** to signal or indicate to one that something has been resolved or that it is safe to proceed; indicate (*or get a sign*) that a dangerous situation is now safe: In wartime a signal or siren is often sounded to indicate that a bombing raid is over.

- *After the police officer gave us the all-clear, we were able to continue down the road.*

- *We can't make a move on this until we've got the all-clear from the boss.*

- *Yeah, I had the flu, but I'll be back at work tomorrow—the doctor just gave me the all-clear.*

□ **relief:** a relaxed happy feeling that you get because something bad has not happened or a bad situation has ended

- *It's a relief that it's all over.*

- *It's a relief to get back home.*

- *To her relief, someone had found the keys and turned them in.*

- *It's a huge relief to know that everyone is safe.*

□ **pass:** an official document that gives you permission to enter a place: a written permission to move about freely in a place or to leave or enter it; a permit or ticket allowing free transportation or free admission

- *a backstage/boarding*

- *a backstage/a boarding pass*

- *You always have to show your pass before they'll let you in.*

- *I got some movie passes for my birthday.*

□ **official:** someone with an important position in an organization

- *government officials*

- *A company official responded to our request.*

□ **spectator:** someone who watches a public activity or event, especially a sports event

- *Crowds of spectators were massed along the route of the parade.*

- *The spectators lining the road cheered the racers on.*

□ **route:** the roads or paths that you use when you go from one place to another

- *We took an alternative route to the hotel.*

- *The tunnel is the route taken by most drivers.*

- *The sea was the most direct route between the two cities.*

**[参照辞書: Merriam-Webster, Oxford English Dictionary, America Heritage of the English language, Collins English Dictionary, Macmillan Dictionary, the Free Dictionary, Wikipedia]**