

250th Anniversary

EVENT IDEAS

October 16, 2024

Attendees: Christine Fowles, Heidi Corbett, Luci Dalton, Becky Nimmons,
David Huntley, Janet Brown, Alexandra Seney, Luann Archambeault

- Parade - antique cars, ox carts, floats, invite other towns/organizations to participate
- Congregational Church host a dinner? (also sledding hill day with cocoa)
- Play written by Lew and Jean Miller
- Play written by Beulah Bray (involve drama club at HRHS)
- Ring church bells 250 times
- Local history book discussions: library
- Native America and Southampton history
- Dance troupe to demonstrate old dances
- Square dance
- Multiple live bands one weekend - music/bands typical of the different decades
- Update Points of Interest map
- Trivia night re town history
- Compilation of births/deaths/ marriages – last 50 years
- Birthday cake- party at Town Hall (build birthday cake – see Westfield)
- BBQ – Lions Club
- Garage band concert – HRHS kids
- Sugar Eat (maple syrup on snow)
- Decades Experience and Ultimatum is the bane of the band—they do oldies and rock music.
- Adult/youth sports activities
- Pancake breakfast
- Town scavenger hunt / Raffle
- Cemetery tour
- Commemorative postage stamp
- Gala for adults maybe at Country Club – sell tickets, help pay for other things
- Dance night for teens

- Different experts, different topics about Southampton
- House tour of some of oldest houses
- West Part Cemetery tour
- Time capsule
- Bonfire / fireworks
- Sponsored town hikes: Lead Mine, Pomeroy Mountain (ck with Open Space Comm)
- Tighe Carmody reservoir tour
- Booklets, plates, mugs, coins, T-shirts, baseball caps, playing cards
- Coffee table picture book – post celebration that recaps events
- Costume party events – 20-30 year olds
- Movie night: PG13 / teenagers only
- Carnival with old-fashioned games (at Norris)
- Coordinate with Celebrate Southampton (August 15/16)
- Pie baking / eating contest
- Celebrate Black History in town
- Underground Railway and Southampton
- Veterans graves talk / video (Revolution + Civil War, World, World War I and II
- Soldier memorial flags for telephone poles
- Involve Scout troops in some way
- Piggyback on established town events: Memorial Day, Spring into S'ton, Celebrate S'ton, Lions Club BBQ and expand the weekend
- Parade might need to be early (April?) rather than end of the year-long celebration
- Robert Madison – author/artist: New Haven and Northampton Greenway: Bike and Rail Trails Following the Historic Canal presentation
- New Haven - Northampton Canal discussion/update