

[Barkhamsted Women's Club Scholarship Opportunity](#)

A **\$1,000 scholarship** is available to any graduating senior from Barkhamsted planning to attend classes beyond high school for training, trade school, or college. The deadline has been extended to **April 20th**.

We are proud of all our Graduating Seniors!

The application is available at the Northwestern Guidance office, or call or text Julie Davy, 860-605-8663, to get an application.



Town of Barkhamsted

Weekly Email

April 16, 2026



[From the Desk of Meaghan Cook, First Selectman](#)

This week, we recognize our Animal Control staff, Jen Kershaw and Elizabeth Gosselin, for their dedication to our community and to all creatures, large and small. We all appreciate those feel-good stories when a missing pet is reunited with its family, and we're fortunate to have such caring and attentive people on our team.

Speeding remains a major concern in town. One of the most common ways we address this issue is through ticketing. Our Resident Troop has identified several focal points, and we've discussed stepping up enforcement. To be clear, many of the most frequent offenders live right here in our community.

Our road crew is preparing to tackle it from another angle by identifying roads that may benefit from painted lane markings. Studies show that adding center and shoulder lines can help reduce speeds. While the impact may not always be dramatic, it's a step in the right direction. Ultimately, we all share responsibility, please slow down and be mindful of pedestrians and bicyclists.

I remain open to positive suggestions and feedback.

We also have received great news from the Northwest Community Foundation. Grants have been approved for two of our local organizations. The Barkhamsted Historical Society will receive funding to support our 250th Celebration events. In addition, the Community Garden has replaced its aging raised beds with funds. During a recent visit to Quantum Organics in Harwinton, our garden volunteers were generously offered a high-quality soil and compost blend at no cost, with a little help from their employee, Gil Dube, yet another community member pitching in.

The long-awaited Chair Auction will be held this Saturday, April 18, from 1:00–4:00 PM. Debbie Brydon will be calling the bids, guaranteed entertainment for sure! All are welcome. Silent bids may also be submitted in advance by emailing Erica D. or Deb B.

Finally, I'm organizing period-correct games for our America 250 Town Picnic on June 6 at Barkhamsted Elementary School. I'm currently looking for potato sacks or similar items, and I welcome any suggestions for games.

There's a lot happening, come be a part of it!



FALPS News & Events

Dear Friends of American Legion and Peoples State Forests:
Please [click here](#) for our latest News and Activity Update for April-May, 2026.
- Erik Landgraf, President, FALPS

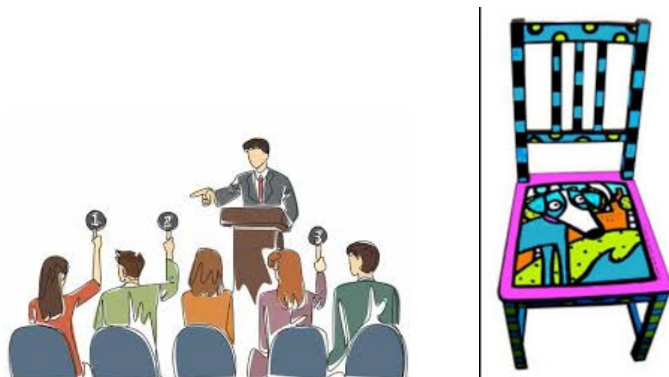
Town Hall News

The Barkhamsted Housing Trust groundbreaking ceremony will be held on May 4, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Old New Hartford Rd. The Housing Trust is inviting anyone interested to attend.

We have had a few inquiries from vendors requesting Peddler Permits. The Town does have an ordinance allowing the door-to-door sales of products and services. Vendors must purchase permits for each peddler. If you do not wish to have any solicitations, we advise that you post "No Trespassing" or "No Soliciting" signs on your property.

There are currently NO ACTIVE PEDDLER PERMITS.

The Painted Chair Auction is Saturday, April 18th at 1:00 pm. Don't miss it!



Painted Chair Auction

★ Get Your Auction Paddles Ready! ★



Bid on one-of-a-kind painted & crafted chairs by local
(non-professional) artists.

★ 20+ Unique Chairs on Display!

★ Starting Bids at Just \$25!

★ Chair Display ★

Senior / Community Center

April 1 – April 18

Auction Event

April 18 at
1:00 PM

Enjoy Light Refreshments!



★ Supporting America's 250th Anniversary ★

★ All Proceeds Benefit Town Programs & Events! ★



Red Daisy

Ladybug

Yellow Brick Road

Thank you



Saville Dam

Native Herbs

Paint



Signing of the Declaration

Daisy black and white

Yellow Chair w daisies



Honor the Hollow



Children Rock America



Geese in flight quilted



It's All About Bread!



Free Buns!



Poetry in Motion



Honor the DTC



Animals of Barkhamsted



60 Years of Stanlift Cove!

Chair Viewing Schedule Pre Event

April 9 7 AM - 10 AM and 5 PM - 6:30 PM

April 11 9 AM - 11 AM

April 14 8 AM - 2 PM and 5 PM - 6:30 PM

April 16 7 AM - 10 AM and 5 PM - 6:30 PM

April 18th at 1:00 PM is final viewing prior to Auction at 1:30 PM

11TH ANNUAL BARKHAMSTED EARTH DAY NATURE FESTIVAL



**Come celebrate Nature, Sunday,
April 26th, 12:30-5:30 p.m.**

Birds of Prey Show

Presented by *Christine's Critters*, 4:15 p.m.

Kids build your own bird box, walking stick or make nature crafts; hear about the birds, bees and bears who move among us! Learn about wild animal tracks and how to find them. Talk to experts on native plants for wildlife, Bald Eagles, Fish, Moose, Deer and loads of other natural things. Find out how to backpack, how to set up camp and talk with seasoned hikers and campers. Learn to fly cast.

Meet a CT Environmental Conservation Police dog and her Officer and watch them "work." Visit with our Volunteer Fire Departments, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Fire Suppression Unit and view their trucks and equipment.

Food, music* and fun!

***Music graciously provided by Cheryl J Campagne**

**Peoples State Forest Pavilion
Matthies Grove, East River Rd., Barkhamsted**

**Co-sponsored by Town of Barkhamsted,
Friends of American Legion and Peoples
State Forest with funding from the
Farmington River Coordinating Committee.**

Senior/Community News

Here's the schedule of events and meals:

LUNCH – Tuesday, April 21 – 12:00 noon – Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, veggies and homemade gingerbread.

BREAKFAST – Thursday, April 23 – 7:30 – 9:00 – cooked to order, as usual -- your choice of eggs any way you prefer, bacon, sausage links or patties, ham, pancakes, French toast, waffles, home fries, hash, fresh fruit cocktail, orange juice and more.

As always, meals are \$5.00 – additional donations are always welcome. Gluten-free options are also available, so please let us know if those dishes are something you would like or need. We also try to accommodate other dietary restrictions for those who cannot eat certain foods.

Here are the upcoming activities:

Monday, April 20 and 27– Lorna Delaney is bringing her Spring yoga class to the Center for 4 weeks. The first class was Monday, April 6 at 9:30 AM. The cost of the class will be \$5. Lorna let me know that the Weeders and Readers will be planting red, white and blue flowers at the Center this year.

Monday, April 20 and Wednesday, April 22 – 11:30-12:30 – Tai Chi – The classes are \$5 and are held Monday and Wednesday each week. Feel free to join us even if you have never tried it. I can vouch for the fact that it really helps your flexibility and balance. It is focused on seniors who are beginners, so no one needs to worry about looking like an amateur.

Friday, May 15, and Friday June 19; 6:30 -9:00 – The Traveling Trout will be back at the Senior and Community Center for their jam sessions. They have been practicing some new music and may invite some other musicians to join them. Come on down and enjoy a very fun evening with good music.

Saturday, April 18, 1:30PM (opens at 1:00PM) –The chair auction will be held on April 18th for the fundraiser for the 250th celebration. The chairs are at the Center, along two of the walls. It makes things a little more crowded, but please walk around and take a look at the great artistic efforts made by our residents. To see the chairs, please click this link: [chair auction](#)

Tuesday, April 21 - 6:00PM - we will have our monthly Trivia night. These continue to be great successes, thanks to Bob and Linda Pulford. Everyone is welcome whether you are part of a team or come by yourself. We always have room for individuals to join a table even if you are new to the group or the game.

Thursday, April 30, after breakfast - Weeders and Readers is a group that meets during the Spring/Summer months as a garden club and during the Fall/Winter it becomes a book

club. Meetings are normally the last Thursday of the month beginning at 9.30 a.m. (after breakfast). For further information, please call or text Lorna Delaney (860) 379-6419.

Tuesday, May 19, 1:00PM (after lunch) - CREATIVE CONTAINER PLANTINGS FOR SUN & SHADE •• TIPS AND TRICKS FOR SUCCESS - Make your own 12” container garden - materials provided – take home a planter to enjoy all summer long. Class being conducted by Ann Travers, Former Horticulture Writer and Editor for White Flower Farm. Materials will be provided and the fee will be \$10. Please see the attached flyer.

If you would like to hold a crafts or other activity or have an additional exercise class, please let me know. If you have ideas for events or programs you would like to have us schedule, please reach out to me and I will work to get them on the calendar.

As I have mentioned, we are still collecting food for the Community Food Bank in Barkhamsted. It is extremely important that those who can help, contribute what they can, even if it is a small amount. The food bank is at the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church and does a great service for those in need. Check their Facebook page for their operating hours. Their Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551048540688>. They are open every other week on Monday and Thursday. This will be open on Monday, April 6 from 4-7 PM and on Thursday, April 9 from 2-4 PM. If you have food or cash to donate and they are not open, please message them on Facebook to let them know about your donation.

Feel free to reach out to me if you need assistance and I will do whatever I can to help or get help from the Town. Have a nice week. – Don Stein

TRIVIA





RIVERTON



1ST ANNUAL

CAR SHOW

Classic · Modified · Experimental · Motorcycles · Swap Meet

MAY 16TH, 2026

Riverton Fair Grounds

TIME Riverton, Connecticut

ATTRACTIONS

Car Show: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Trophies

Kids Car Show: 12:00 Noon

50/50 Raffle

SPECIAL THANKS

Door Prizes

Special Thanks to Our Veterans

Face Painting

Sponsoring Riverton Fair

MINI MATCHBOX

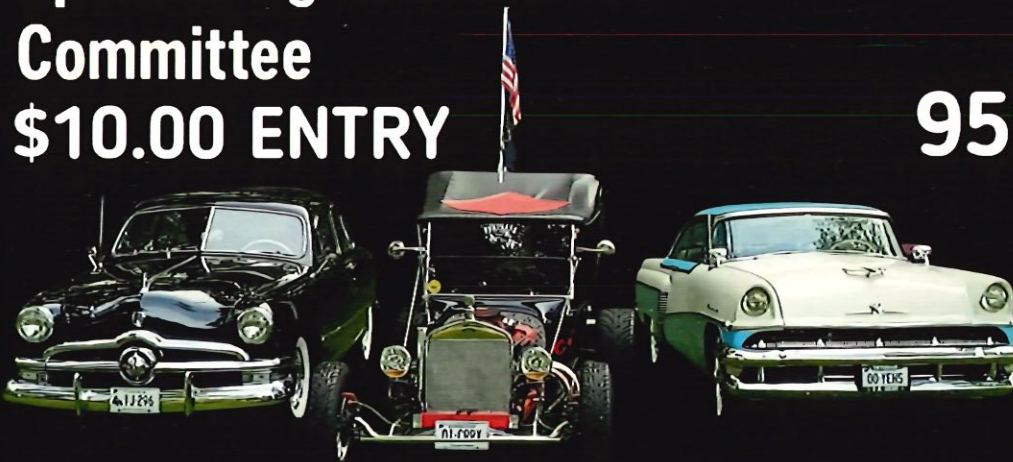
Committee

KIDS CAR SHOW

For More Info

\$10.00 ENTRY

959-901-2164



Rain Date: June 6th, 2026

Bring your kids with their favorite Matchbox cars!

29th Annual **BWC** **Flower Sale**

(Pre-order by Thursday, April 30)

Saturday, May 9
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Route 44
at the Barkhamsted Town Garage

A Large Variety of Hanging Baskets & Planters

BIG BEAUTIFUL 10" Hanging Baskets.....\$22 each or 2 or more \$21 each
Bacopa, Begonias, Dragonwing Begonias, Fuchsias, Ivy Geraniums, Zonal Geraniums,
Million Bells, New Guinea Impatiens, Petunias, Verbena

GORGEOUS 12" Mixed Planters.....\$39 each or 2 or more \$37 each

Special 250th Red/White/Blue 12" Mixed Planters....\$39 each or 2 or more \$37 each (limited supply)

DAZZLING Bigleaf Hydrangea 6" pot....\$22 each or 2 or more \$20 each (*limited supply*)

Special 250th Red/White/Blue Flat of Flowers \$30 (limited supply)

2 – 4.5" pots Red New Guinea Impatiens, 2 – 4.5" pots White New Guinea Impatiens,
4 – 6 pack Blue Petunias (*purple*)

Sponsored by the Barkhamsted Women's Club

*(Proceeds go toward Student Scholarships, Community Food Bank,
Books for Kindergartners and many other community events & services.)*

Plants provided by T&D Growers & Regional 7

Food Drive - Saturday, May 9 at Town Garage

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Accepting all non-perishable non-expired items for Town Food Bank



Reservation Form

We highly recommend pre-ordering so you get the flowers & colors you want. Please send, email or call in your reservation form by **Thursday, April 30** to: **BWC Plant Sale: PO Box 362, Pleasant Valley, CT 06063**. Make checks payable to: BWC. Or email: mkeselis@charter.net or call Lynn Keselis 860.212.2465 by Thursday, April 30.

Must pick-up at the Town Garage (Route 44) on Saturday, May 9 between 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

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 No substitutions*

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Quantity	Item	Cost Per Item	Total

Total Cost: _____



**THE
NEW
HARTFORD
CENTER**

CHALK WALK

MAY 31, 2026

THE SUNDAY AFTER MEMORIAL DAY

JOIN US FOR FOOD, ART
AND LOTS OF FAMILY FUN!

\$300

**1ST PLACE ARTIST
SQUARE**

\$150

**2ND PLACE ARTIST
SQUARE**

\$50

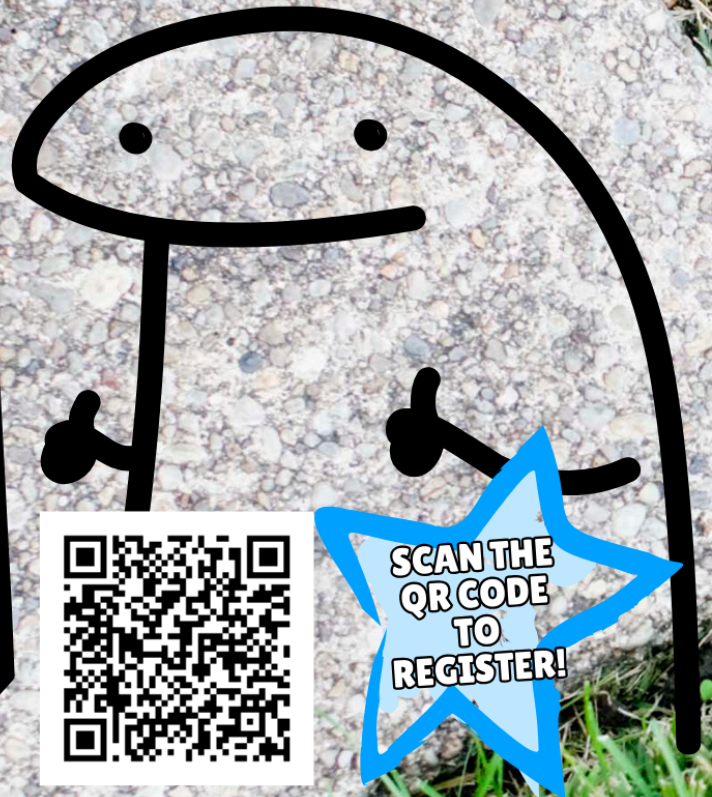
**3RD PLACE ARTIST
SQUARE**

**NEW!
THIS YEAR**

**CHILDREN'S
GROUP**

AGES 12 AND UNDER

PRIZES AWARDED TO THE
TOP 3 ARTISTS



**SCAN THE
QR CODE
TO
REGISTER!**

**COME ON DOWN FOR LOADS
OF FAMILY FUN!**



**CHALK
WALK**
**THE SUNDAY AFTER
MEMORIAL DAY**

RAIN DATE: FOLLOWING SUNDAY

10AM-2PM

LIVE MUSIC **FOOD**
PRIZES **VENDORS**
ACTIVITIES **CRAFTS**
FUN **RAFFLE**

Celebrating America's 250TH

Barkhamsted & Area - Events & Programs

For more information contact Erica Dyndiuk at 860 379 8285

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
April 10	BHS Program- Historic Union Church	Greenwood Glass Studio	7:00 PM	Barkhamsted Historical Society
April 18	Revolutionary War Trivia Contest	Little Red Barn, Winsted	6:00 PM	Barkhamsted Historical Society
April 18	Painted Chair Auction	Senior/Community Ctr	1:00 PM	250th Committee
April 24	Tree Dedication	Bark. Elementary School	TBD	250th Committee
May 8	Return of the Noble Residents	Senior/Community Ctr	7:00 PM	Barkhamsted Historical Society
June 6	Town Wide Picnic and Drone Show	Bark. Elementary School	3:00 PM	250th Committee
June 12	History of the Riverton Ball Field	Senior/Community Ctr	TBD	Barkhamsted Historical Society
June 26	Historic Bus Tour – Saville dam/hollow	Starts at Peoples State Forest	10:00 AM	Barkhamsted Historical Society
July 4	Lion's Club 4th of July Parade	Pleasant Valley	10:30 AM	Lions Club
ONGOING	Red/White/Blue Flower Contest	Townwide	-----	250th Committee
July 4	National Bell Ringing	Nation Wide	2:00 PM	250th Committee
Oct 3	First Oval Office Project	Litchfield	9 – 3	

Thank you to our Sponsors!

Anonymous
Barkhamsted and Riverton Lions Clubs
Turning Point Realty
Boulder Ridge Day Camp
Pleasant Valley Fire Department
Barkhamsted Historical
Society Republican Town Committee
Democratic Town Committee

If you or your business would like to be a sponsor of events and programs please contact Erica Dyndiuk or Debbie Brydon at 860 379 8285

The following pages are programs and events taking place in and around Barkhamsted

Cemetery Clean Up

Join us for a
Day of Service

*Commemorating the 250th anniversary of the
founding of the United States of America!*



*Bring rakes, shovels, gloves!
We will provide the rest!*



*Saturday, April 18, 2026, 10AM - 1PM
Center Cemetery, Park Place West, Winsted
Sponsored by the Winchester Historic Commission and
Soldiers' Monument Commission*

What Do YOU Know???



Revolutionary War Trivia Night at the Little Red Barn Brewery!

The Barkhamsted Historical Society and Winchester Historic Commission invite you to find out! Questions for many, prizes for some, a good time for all! Everyone (even that irritating know-it-all who bores you still at parties) is welcome. Have a drink and a laugh while you test your knowledge of our country's history!



Little Red Barn Brewery
32 Lake Street, Winsted CT 06098
Saturday, April 18, 2026, 6 - 8 P.M.



For more information, contact: Hamish.lutris@ctstate.edu

Litchfield County HOMEFRONT in the Revolutionary War & signing of Peter Vermilyea's new book, Litchfield County in the Revolutionary War



Co-sponsored by Brooks-Green Woods Chapter, DAR &
Harwinton Historical Society

Presented by: Peter Vermilyea

Sunday, April 19 @ 2:00 PM

Harwinton Town Hall- Bentley Drive

Fighting the American Revolution was an enormous and complicated undertaking.

Litchfield County towns needed to:

- *raise troops to meet their quotas for the war
- * furnish supplies for the army
- * combat the epidemics that swept communities in the wake of the armies and meet additional needs

Doing so unleashed revolutionary forces in the county that would lead to major societal changes after the war.

We are thrilled to welcome back popular presenter **Pete Vermilyea!** Pete is a local historian, and teacher at Housatonic Valley Regional High School and the University of Connecticut. Peter is passionate about doing history and instilling that desire in all, fueling others own intellectual moxie. He is on the board of the Litchfield Historical Society and is the author of several books including Hidden History of Litchfield County and Litchfield County and the Civil War. Peter writes and speaks about the lasting significance of our county's history.

***The program is free and open to the public.**

AMERICAN MURAL PROJECT



The Battle of Monmouth, June 1778. Source: The U.S. National Archives

AMERICA250 | HISTORY TALK

Women of the American Revolution

Sunday, April 26 | 1–3pm

Historian Hamish Lutris presents a fascinating illustrated talk on some of the women who played significant and often-hidden roles in the American Revolution. *Admission is FREE.*

*Sponsored by Brooks-Green Woods Chapter,
Daughters of the American Revolution.*



AMERICAN MURAL PROJECT
90 Whiting Street, Winsted CT
Learn more and register:
americanmuralproject.org

