

Town of Barkhamsted

Weekly Town Email

April 23, 2026

[From the Desk of Meaghan Cook](#)

Town Office Closures:

The lower-level offices at Town Hall will be tentatively closed from May 7 through May 13, 2026 while new flooring is installed. Thank you for your patience as we make these much-needed improvements!

- **Tax Office** - NO tax payments will be accepted or processed during the closing. Since we will not have access to DMV, if you plan on registering or reregistering anything and are blocked at DMV, please plan accordingly.
- **Assessor's Office** - If you have any documents that are due to the Assessor's Office, in person, please submit them before or after the closure. The due dates are not affected by this closing. (Elderly Benefits applications that have not yet been submitted, must be delivered in person and are due no later than May 15th)
- **Town Clerk's Office** - Please keep in mind that due to the closure of the lower-level town hall, the office of the town clerk will not be available to accept any land recordings, issue marriage or dog licenses or be open for any in-person title searching.
- **Please Note** – The upstairs offices will NOT be accepting any payments or recordings – customers need to wait until the offices are open once again.

The Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) is conducting its annual watershed inspection. This is a routine field review designed to protect the region's drinking water supply from potential contamination. The inspector has served in this role for several years, and will carry proper identification and operate an authorized MDC vehicle. Please note that inspections are limited to the exterior of properties, no homes will be entered.

We've also seen some recent activity with peddler's permits. Erica has all required documentation on file, and permitted vendors have been informed of the Town's expectations. These permits are valid for up to 30 days. As always, please keep in mind that these individuals are working to earn a living. Contacting the State Police should be reserved for situations where activity clearly exceeds normal expectations, so that emergency resources remain available when truly needed.

The Recreation Commission is currently seeking junior counselors for upcoming summer programs. For more information, please contact Donna Bastrzycki at (860) 379-2895 or email Barkhamstedrec@Barkhamsted.us.

As budget season comes to a close, please mark your calendars for the Barkhamsted Annual Town Meeting. The meeting to vote on the proposed budget will take place on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Barkhamsted Elementary School gym.

The recent chair auction was a great success, raising \$1,600 in support of Barkhamsted America 250 celebrations. Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed, visibly or behind the scenes. Special recognition goes to the Barkhamsted Historical Society for their three featured chairs, and to the Hitchcock Chair Company and friends for their stunning commemorative piece, which drew the highest bid of the day. Participation from so many of our local organizations made this successful.

Looking ahead, Earth Day will be celebrated this Sunday, April 26, from 12:30–5:30 PM at People's State Forest Pavilion. Fingers crossed for nice weather. Please see the attached flyer for additional details.

The Barkhamsted Farmer's Market is taking shape. Vendors are currently registering with Shannon Chatfield of Stead Farm. Our Facebook page, "Barkhamsted Farmers Market", has been created, so be sure to like, share, and follow for the freshest updates and seasonal offerings.

Youth Baseball Opening Day is this Saturday, with games running from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Please note that traffic will be heaviest between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. We kindly ask residents and visitors to anticipate increased traffic along West River Road, use extra caution when driving near the ball fields and be mindful of your speed to help ensure everyone's safety. Thank you for helping keep our community safe while the kids and families celebrate Opening Day!



[America 250 Links](#)

Below are some links for area activities and events celebrating America 250.

[America 250 Events](#) (this link brings you to a page where you can click another link for area 250 events and programs)

[Barkhamsted Historical Society 250 Events](#) – Our Historical Society Events

[CT250](#) – CT programs and events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	CONTACT
May 8	Return of the Noble Residents	Senior/Community Ctr	7:00 PM	Barkhamsted Historical Society
June 6	Town Wide Picnic/Drones	Bark. Elementary School	3:00 PM	250th Committee
June 12	History of the Riv. Ball Field	Senior/Community Ctr	TBD	Barkhamsted Historical Society
June 26	Historic Bus Tour-Sav. Dam	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	

[Senior/Community Center News & Events](#)

Here's the schedule of events and meals for this week:

LUNCH – Tuesday, April 28 – 12:00 noon – Antipasto sandwich, salad and chips. A special homemade Éclair cake! Great deal for \$5

BREAKFAST – Thursday, April 30 – 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. Dietary restrictions will be accommodated as needed when possible.

Here are the upcoming activities:

Monday, April 27– Lorna Delaney will hold one more week of the Spring yoga class at the Center for 4 weeks. The first class was Monday, April 6 at 9:30 AM. The cost of the class is \$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 27 and Wednesday, April 29 – 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. 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.

Thursday, April 30, after breakfast - Weeders and Readers 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. They will maintain the gardens at the Center for the second year in a row and will be working with the Barkhamsted Women's Club to install a park bench next to the garden.

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 note: this event is full, but Bonnie Boyle will take your name for a waiting list in case there are openings due to cancellations.**



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.**

[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 27th**.

We are proud of all our Graduating Seniors!

The application is available at the Northwestern Guidance office, or email Julie Davy at Jdavy01@aol.com, to get an application.



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: _____



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

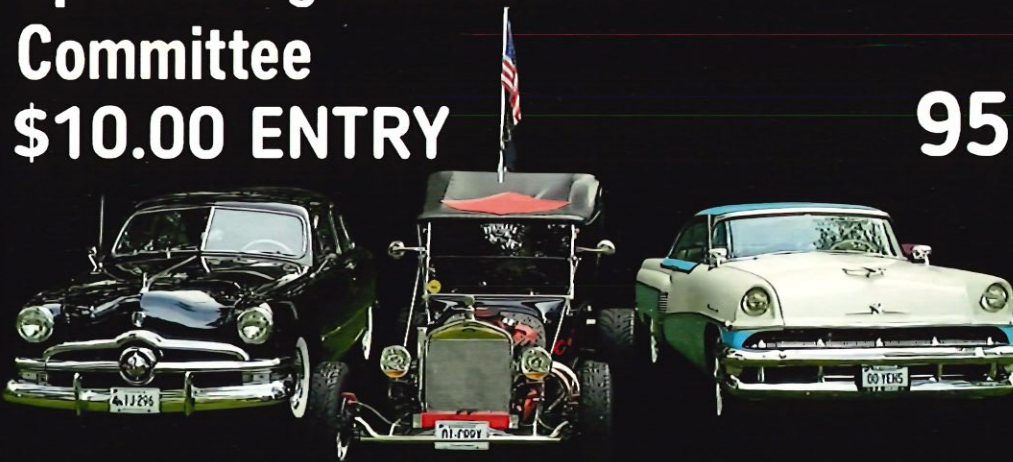
Committee

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!



Celebrating
America's
250TH

Join us for a Town Wide Picnic!

June 6, 2026 at the Barkhamsted Elementary School Fields

3 pm - 9:30 pm

Schedule of Events

(a shuttle bus will run from the Senior/Community Center to Praise Christian Church to the School)

3:00 - Opening Ceremony

3:30 - Living History Reading of the Declaration of Independence by Greg O'Brien

4:00 - Games and Historical demonstrations

5:30 - Bring your own picnic! Drinks, pre packaged snacks and a cake will be provided

7:00 - Display of Posters by Elementary School Students and announcement of Poster winners

9:00 - Drone Show

Thank you to our Sponsors

Anonymous

Turning Point Realty

Boulder Ridge Day Camp

Pleasant Valley Fire Department

Barkhamsted Historical Society

Democratic Town Committee

Republican Town Committee

Praise Christian Church (parking)

Pleasant Valley United Methodist

Church (parking)

Legeyt Bus Company

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

