

# Town of Barkhamsted

## Weekly Town Email

### June 18, 2026

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

This week seems to be all about graduations and milestones. On Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending my 45th high school reunion in Litchfield, remarkably, exactly 45 years to the day of our graduation, as one classmate pointed out. We were fortunate to enjoy a beautiful day outdoors, and I am grateful to the dedicated class officers who have worked hard to keep our classmates connected over the years. Since 1981, they have organized a gathering every five years, creating lasting opportunities to reconnect and share stories.

On Monday evening, I was honored to attend the Northwest Regional 7 graduation ceremony and congratulate the graduates as they crossed the stage. It was wonderful to see several familiar faces among the graduates and their families. Unfortunately, my schedule prevented me from attending my grandson Jack's sixth-grade graduation at Farmington River Elementary School in Otis on Tuesday. It was likely the first of many scheduling conflicts that come with a busy season of family and community events.

At Town Hall, progress continues on two important grant-funded projects. The first is the TRIP Grant project for the repaving of West River Road, and the second is the installation of an electric vehicle charging station in the Town Hall parking area. We hope to have plans for both projects available for public review at Town Hall in the near future.

I have also received comments from residents expressing concern about access to Town information. This is a challenge faced by many communities today. With the decline of locally printed newspapers and the growing number of social media platforms, finding effective ways to share information with everyone can be difficult. One suggestion has been the installation of an electronic message board similar to those used by other towns. While that option is certainly worth considering, I would welcome additional ideas that may be more cost-effective, one of my favorite terms, with the potential to reach an even broader audience than those that would pass by the sign.

In the meantime, I encourage residents to continue talking with their neighbors, visiting Town Hall, and checking official Town communications for the most accurate and up-to-date information available. – Meaghan

OPEN PEDDLER PERMITS - NONE

WEEKEND EVENTS - Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, Farmer's Market  
33 New Hartford Road, Barkhamsted

## America 250 Reminders

Flower Garden Contest – We have not had anyone sign up for the flower contest. If you would like to be part of the contest, please contact Erica Dyndiuk by email at [edyndiuk@barkhamsted.us](mailto:edyndiuk@barkhamsted.us) or by phone 860 379 8285 no later than Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. If we do not have at least 10 entries, we will forgo the contest.

The Town Hall still has Barkhamsted Celebrates America 250 magnets for sale featuring the Saville Dam Gate House. They are \$7 each. See Erica or Holly at the Town Hall.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> parade is coming up and the Lions Club hope to make it the biggest and best yet to celebrate our Countries anniversary. All are welcome to join in the fun – scouts, sports teams, bands, organizations. Please contact Judy Doyle or Mark Mahoney. You know the town hall crew will be there as lively as ever!

## Senior/Community Center News

LUNCH – Tuesday, June 23 – 12:00 noon TBD

BREAKFAST – Thursday, June 25– 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.

### Here are the upcoming activities:

Friday, 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 invited some other bands and musicians to join them. Come on down and enjoy a very fun evening with good music.

Thursday, June 25, 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.

We are still collecting ideas for trips and have gotten a lot of input so far. The two trips with the most yesses were the Essex Steam Train/Riverboat and Mystic Seaport and Village. Gillette Castle, the Old State House and the Florence Griswold museum came in second. We will have the forms available at the Center, so please give us your ideas.

Don Stein

June 1, 2026

Good day! This notice is to remind all dog owners that per CT State Statute 22-338, all dogs aged 6 months and older must be licensed annually **during the month of June**. You must supply the spaying/neutering certificate if done during the previous year and an updated rabies certificate if necessary. Please check your current license as rabies dates must be valid through July of the year to be considered valid. The fees remain at \$8.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$19.00 for intact dogs. You are welcome to renew in person during my office hours or you may renew by mail. If renewing by mail (or if you'd like to leave the license renewal request in the locked mailbox located outside the lower level door), checks are to be made out to Barkhamsted Town Clerk and submitted along with any necessary paperwork to Town Clerk Office, 67 Ripley Hill Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06063. Please also include a self-addressed, postage paid envelope for return of the license, tag, and any paperwork. If you prefer to license in person, my office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to call (860) 379-8665 or send an email to [hkrouse@barkhamsted.us](mailto:hkrouse@barkhamsted.us) Have a happy summer!  
Holly Krouse, Barkhamsted Town Clerk



# Tickets Available!

The Town has group seating tickets available for

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:10 pm

Vs. Portland Sea Dogs (Red Sox affiliate)

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Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:10 pm

Vs. Summerset Patriots (Yankees affiliate)

Tickets are \$25 each – Please contact Erica Dyndiuk at

[edyndiuk@barkhamsted.us](mailto:edyndiuk@barkhamsted.us) or call 860 379 8285

## **Register for the Barkhamsted Recreation Department's**

### **New Summer Programs Today!**



## **Summer Fun Day by the River at Peoples State Forest 2026-River and Recreation Series**

### **Summer Event**

Summer Fun Day by the River at Peoples State Forest will be held on Sunday, June 28 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Join us for the new River and Recreation Series Summer Event at Peoples State Forest- (in front of Squires Tavern-The Barkhamsted Historical Society.) Crafts, games, corn hole competitions and activities are for adults, families and children from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and the event will be led by the Barkhamsted Recreation Camp staff and the 2026 FRCC Assistant River Steward Team. You will have a blast while making new friends and learning more about the Wild and Scenic Farmington River, area hiking and recreational programs, meet the 2026 FRCC River Steward Team and members of the Barkhamsted Recreation staff and play a variety of games, make crafts and even have the opportunity to go on a Nature Scavenger hunt! Meet at the picnic tables at Squires Tavern/Barkhamsted Historical Society. Please register by Wed, June 25 so that we can plan for the necessary supplies and craft items. Small snacks will also be served. This event is free!

When-Sunday June 28 Time-1:00-3:00 p.m.

Location-Squires Tavern/Barkhamsted Historical Society Red Barn-100 East River Road, Barkhamsted, CT

Fee-FREE (This is a FREE community event for all ages) snacks will be served!!!

Register at- [Summer Fun Day By the River Registration link](#)

For any questions, please email- Donna Bastrzycki, Barkhamsted Recreation Director, [barkhamstedrec@barkhamsted.us](mailto:barkhamstedrec@barkhamsted.us)

BARKHAMSTED RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S  
**MOVIE NIGHT**

★ AT THE RIVERTON FAIRGROUNDS ★

FEATURING  
PROJECT  
**HAIL  
MARY**



SATURDAY  
**JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>**



GATES OPEN  
**6:30 P.M.**



MOVIE STARTS  
★ AT DUSK ★



PIZZA & SNACKS  
AVAILABLE  
*Suggested Donation*

BRING YOUR  
BLANKETS  
& CHAIRS!

**BIG SCREEN! GREAT MOVIE! FAMILY FUN!**

★★★ FUN UNDER THE STARS ★★★  
CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE!








FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [BARKHAMSTED.US](http://BARKHAMSTED.US)


# Mark Your Calendars!





Get ready for an unforgettable evening under the stars as the Barkhamsted Recreation Department presents **Movie Night at the Riverton Fairgrounds** on **Saturday, July 11th**, featuring the highly anticipated sci-fi adventure **Project Hail Mary!** Set along the beautiful banks of the **Wild & Scenic Farmington River**, this special community event combines a great movie, family fun, and one of Connecticut's most breathtaking settings for a summer evening you won't want to miss.

 Saturday, July 11th

-  Riverton Fairgrounds
-  Gates Open: 6:30 PM
-  Movie Begins at Dusk
-  Pizza & Snacks Available (Suggested Donation)
-  Bring Your Blankets & Chairs!

As America celebrates its **250th Anniversary**, *Project Hail Mary* reminds us of the spirit that has driven our nation for generations—innovation, determination, exploration, and the ability to come together to solve challenges. It's a story about courage, discovery, and working toward a common goal, making it a fitting movie during this historic milestone year.

 The **FRCC River Steward Team** is excited to be a part of the event with an informational booth on-site. Stop by to learn more about the nationally designated **Wild & Scenic Farmington River** and the important work being done to help preserve and protect this incredible natural resource for future generations.

-  Big Screen
-  Great Movie
-  Family Fun
-  Fun Under the Stars Along the Wild & Scenic Farmington River

We are currently seeking **event sponsors and volunteers** to help make this community celebration a success. Whether you're a local business looking to support a great event or a community member interested in volunteering, we'd love to hear from you! For more information about the event, sponsorship opportunities, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

**Donna Bastrzycki**

Barkhamsted Recreation Director

 [barkhamstedrec@barkhamsted.us](mailto:barkhamstedrec@barkhamsted.us)

For event details, visit [barkhamsted.us](http://barkhamsted.us)



## **Paddle the Farmington River with Barkhamsted Recreation and The FRCC River Stewards (2026 River and Recreation Events) (New)**

Experience the beautiful vistas of the scenic Farmington River during an evening of fun while paddling with Collinsville Canoe and Kayak, FRCC Summer River Stewards and the Barkhamsted Recreation Department for our River and Recreation Family Event. Spend an enjoyable evening while getting in some great exercise. You can choose whether you would like to kayak or Paddle Board. Whatever your preference, you're sure to have a great time. The cost is \$25.00 per person, per event night and the price includes a paddleboard, or kayak, paddle and life vest. The cost is \$10 if you have your own supplies. Collinsville Canoe charges \$5 for Parking and boat launch and then \$5.00 for Barkhamsted Recreation. Lots of smiles and laughs are sure to be had by all. The program is open to adults and families. Children should be ages 6 or over and should be able to swim. Life jackets are required.

Date-Friday, June 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

and Sunday, August 9-Event Night

Time-2:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Collinsville Canoe and Kayak- 41 Bridge Street, Route 179, Collinsville, CT

Please register at [2026 Paddle Registration link](#) by Wed. August 5 for Event 2 so we can have the proper equipment and supervision in place. Mail your check to Barkhamsted Recreation Department, Barkhamsted Town Hall-67 Ripley Hill Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06078 or drop it off in the white mailbox outside town hall in the upper level by the deadline for each event. Once you are registered there are no refunds as we have to give a headcount to Collinsville Canoe and Kayak the head count three days before the event.

You can also bring your payment to the event but once you are registered there are no refunds as we have to give a headcount to Collinsville Canoe and Kayak the head count before the event.

For any questions, please email- Donna Bastrzycki, Barkhamsted Recreation Director, [barkhamstedrec@barkhamsted.us](mailto:barkhamstedrec@barkhamsted.us)

# Register for Summer Camp with the Barkhamsted Recreation Department



## Barkhamsted Recreation Summer Camp

Save the Date!

July 20-24, 2026

Recreation Summer Camp-Save the Date! (July 20-24, 2026)

Get ready for loads of fun at the annual week long Barkhamsted Recreation Camp. There are new special events, crafts and water fun planned for each day. We hope your child will be a part of the 2026 camp! Barkhamsted Recreation Summer camp will be held July 20-24, 2026. The registration for Camp will be held **April 3-June 18 or when program is full. Be sure to register early. Spots are limited.**

Register at: [summer camp 2026 registration link](#)

## **Summer Help Wanted!**

**Applications are being accepted for Junior Counselors for Barkhamsted Camp.** Please complete the application from this link-

[SummerCampHelpWanted Link](#)

**Deadline is-Monday, June 23 or when positions are full (completed applications must be received by this date.) All Junior counselors must be at least 14. This is a volunteer position but is great experience for community service.**

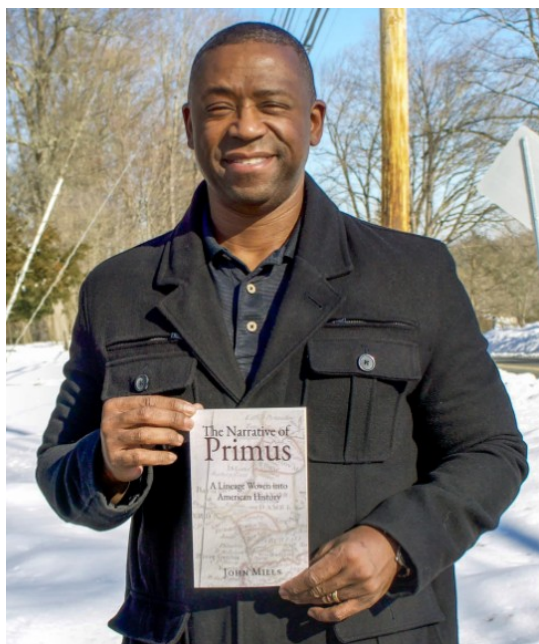
Please mail or drop off summer payments or required forms to Barkhamsted Parks and Recreation Department -67 Ripley Hill Road Pleasant Valley, CT 06063 and also in the white drop box in front of town hall. Please sign up before the deadlines to reserve your spot for programs and ensure your spot and “like” the town of Barkhamsted on Facebook to stay up to date with current events and programs.

*Winsted Civil War Soldiers' Monument*

# Juneteenth FREEDOM DAY 1865

*Presenting John Mills of the  
Alex Breanne Corporation speaking on  
Connecticut's African-American Families*

*This presentation  
brings the lived  
experiences of four  
Connecticut families  
into focus, discussing  
their contributions  
during the American  
Revolution and later  
during the Civil War.*



*One of those he will  
discuss is the family  
of Primus Armes of  
Norwich, CT, which  
will reveal a powerful  
and often  
overlooked history  
of service, sacrifice,  
and resilience.*

*Saturday, June 20, 2026, Commencing at 1:00 PM  
American Museum of Tort Law, 654 Main Street  
(Soldiers' Monument will be open between 2 - 4 p.m.)*



**AMERICA 250**  
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— ★ Join the ★ —

# PATRIOTIC FLOWER GARDEN ★ CONTEST! ★

— ★ ★ ★ —

Start planning your spring & summer gardens now!  
Brighten up Barkhamsted with a **Patriotic** theme  
and then place a **star** in your garden! ★

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A map, indicating your home, will be available for anyone to follow so they can view the gardens and **vote** for their favorite (if you were here for the Holiday Light Contest, this is similar).

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**A PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED**  
to the winner at the  
*July 4th Parade!*



★ **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT:** ★

Debbie Brydon

☎ 860-379-1314

Erica Dyndiuk

☎ 860-379-8285

★ *Let's show our patriotic spirit and make  
Barkhamsted bloom with **red, white & blue!*** ★



# STAR BAND

**SATURDAY, JULY 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 10:30 am**

MUSIC IS PROVIDED

**Musicians provide their own instrument & music lyre**

*Some marching percussion, rhythm instruments, & a few lyres will be available.*

**ARRIVE** ready to make some music

West River Road at **10:00 a.m.\***

10:30 Step Off - Marching to Barkhamsted Elem. School for Ceremonies



**Star Band Uniform**

*Jeans/Shorts & Red/White/Blue Shirts*



## REHEARSAL

**Friday, July 3, 6-7 p.m.**

Barkhamsted Elementary School

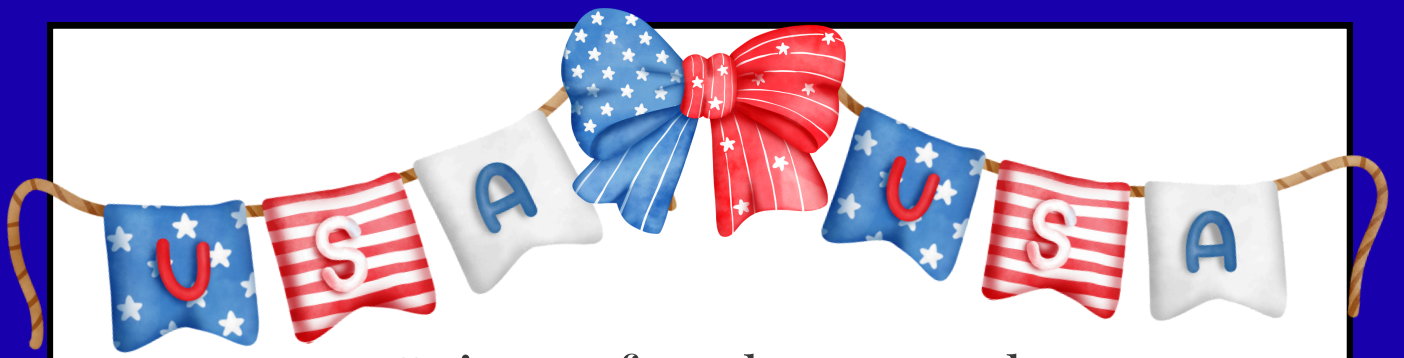
Route 318, Ripley Hill Rd. – rain or shine.

For more information & RSVP please email Allison Melillo  
allisonzalneraitis@mail.com

*\* Due to Parking Restrictions, you must either be dropped off where the Parade forms, or park at the Barkhamsted Elementary School and walk down West River Road to where the parade starts.*

**Pic A Barkhamsted Elem School and Parade Start**





Join us for the annual  
Barkhamsted Town

*4th of July*  
**PARADE**

July 4th at 10:30 AM

*Kids Theme Patriotic Bikes Strollers Trikes*

Parade line up starts at 10:00 am at the  
former Bus Barn and ends at the  
Elementary School



*Sponsored by the Barkhamsted Lions*

# MALLORY VIEW

June 2026

## Ground Breaking Celebrated May 4

Seila Mosquera-Bruno, commissioner of the state Department of Housing, joined Barkhamsted Housing Trust board members to celebrate the start of site work on the Mallory View development on May 4. U.S. Rep. John Larson, who helped secure \$1.6 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), also attended.

“All of us on the Barkhamsted Housing Trust were delighted to finally take part in the groundbreaking on a beautiful May morning,” said Christina Lavieri, president of BHT. “After six years of work, we are seeing our dream become a reality.”

SRC, a contractor that has worked on a number of affordable housing building projects in Litchfield County, was selected via a competitive bid process to complete the initial infrastructure work to prepare the site for building. That work is scheduled to be completed by early July.



Commissioner Selia Mosquera-Bruno, center in blue hard hat, ceremoniously broke ground for the Mallory View apartment complex. Joining her were, from left, Phillip McKeough of HUD, BHT Vice President Don Stein, BHT President Christina Lavieri, U.S. Rep. John Larson, First Selectwoman Meghan Cook, architect Hermann Cartes-Barrios, and David Berto of Housing Enterprises Inc.

### Other Highlights

- We were recently awarded a small grant from the Northwest Community Bank Foundation!
- We are grateful to the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation Roberts Fund for their continued support!



Members of the Barkhamsted Housing Trust and the community showed off renderings of the four buildings to be constructed.

## MALLORY VIEW TIMELINE

**MAY 2026**

Infrastructure work begins



**JUNE 2026**

Main Construction Contractor selected



**JULY 2026**

Apply for state funding



**2027**

Construction begins, once funding commitment is received



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## A CLOSER LOOK

# Mallory View Renderings



BARKHAMSTED HOUSING TRUST

MALLORY VIEW MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT 20 UNITS  
104 OLD NEW HARTFORD RD. BARKHAMSTED, CT  
04/16/2026

LIFECARE DESIGN INC.  
ARCHITECTURE • INTERIOR DESIGN • LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
1000 STATE ST. SUITE 200 • BARKHAMSTED, CT 06026

There will be 20 new apartments constructed on this site - a mix of 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom, and 3-bedroom units., in 4 farmhouse-style buildings.

To see renderings of Buildings 2 and 3 as well as floor plans for all buildings, visit [barkhamstedhousingtrust.com](http://barkhamstedhousingtrust.com).

## NORTHWEST CORNER GIVES

Barkhamsted Housing Trust is thrilled to participate in the Northwest Corner Gives campaign this summer. Northwest CT Community Foundation will match gifts made to the Housing Trust via Northwest Corner Gives. The campaign runs from July 1 - 22; keep an eye out for your opportunity to magnify your support of our work!

## BUILDING 1



② PROPOSED BUILDING #1 EAST FACADE (REAR) - FLIPPED VIEW FOR CLARIFICATION



⑦ PROPOSED BUILDING #1 WEST FACADE (FRONT)

## BUILDING 4



② PROPOSED BUILDING #4 EAST FACADE (REAR) - FLIPPED VIEW FOR CLARIFICATION



⑥ PROPOSED BUILDING #4 WEST FACADE (FRONT)

Please visit our website, [barkhamstedhousingtrust.com](http://barkhamstedhousingtrust.com), and click [Contact Us](#) if you'd like to be added to our interest list for these units or if you'd just like to stay in the loop on our work. You can also send us a message through our website or by emailing us directly at [barkhamstedhousingtrust@gmail.com](mailto:barkhamstedhousingtrust@gmail.com).

You can also reach out if you'd like to join us - we are always looking for new board members! BHT is a charitable non-profit organization made up of volunteers who care deeply about the Town of Barkhamsted. Our mission is to ensure that our community members, regardless of economic status, have access to high-quality, affordable housing.

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# HELLO BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Make Your Voice Heard

EdAdvance's Early Childhood Department serves three regions in Western Connecticut: Northwest Connecticut, the Greater Danbury area, and lower Litchfield County. We address issues related to childcare needs and early childhood development to better support young children and their families. These communities are part of the **Local Governance Partnerships** initiative through the **Connecticut Office of Early Childhood** and are currently engaged in a community needs assessment. As part of this effort, we are seeking input from local businesses regarding childcare demand and the needs of employees with young families.



SCAN THE  
QR CODE OR  
CLICK HERE

[TINYURL.COM/EDADVANCEBUSURVEY](https://tinyurl.com/edadvancebusurvey)

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We are asking you to take a moment to complete the survey using the [link](#) or the QR code as a way to gather as much community input as possible about the needs of young children and families.

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Educate • Collaborate • Innovate

## **Barkhamsted Lions America 250 T-Shirt Fundraiser**

Help us paint the town red and blue this Fourth of July while celebrating America's 250th Anniversary! Order your commemorative Barkhamsted Lions T-shirt in red, royal blue, or navy blue and show your community pride all summer long. Shirts are **\$20 for Youth through XXL** and **\$25 for XXXL and XXXXL**. Proceeds support Barkhamsted Lions Club and Barkhamsted America 250 celebrations.

Join us in making Barkhamsted a sea of red and blue as we celebrate our nation, our community, and the spirit of service.

**Orders must be received by June 17th.**

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**Order here** <https://forms.gle/AndrEpXPNWUZcjEf6>  
or call Judy at 503-320-7274 for questions.



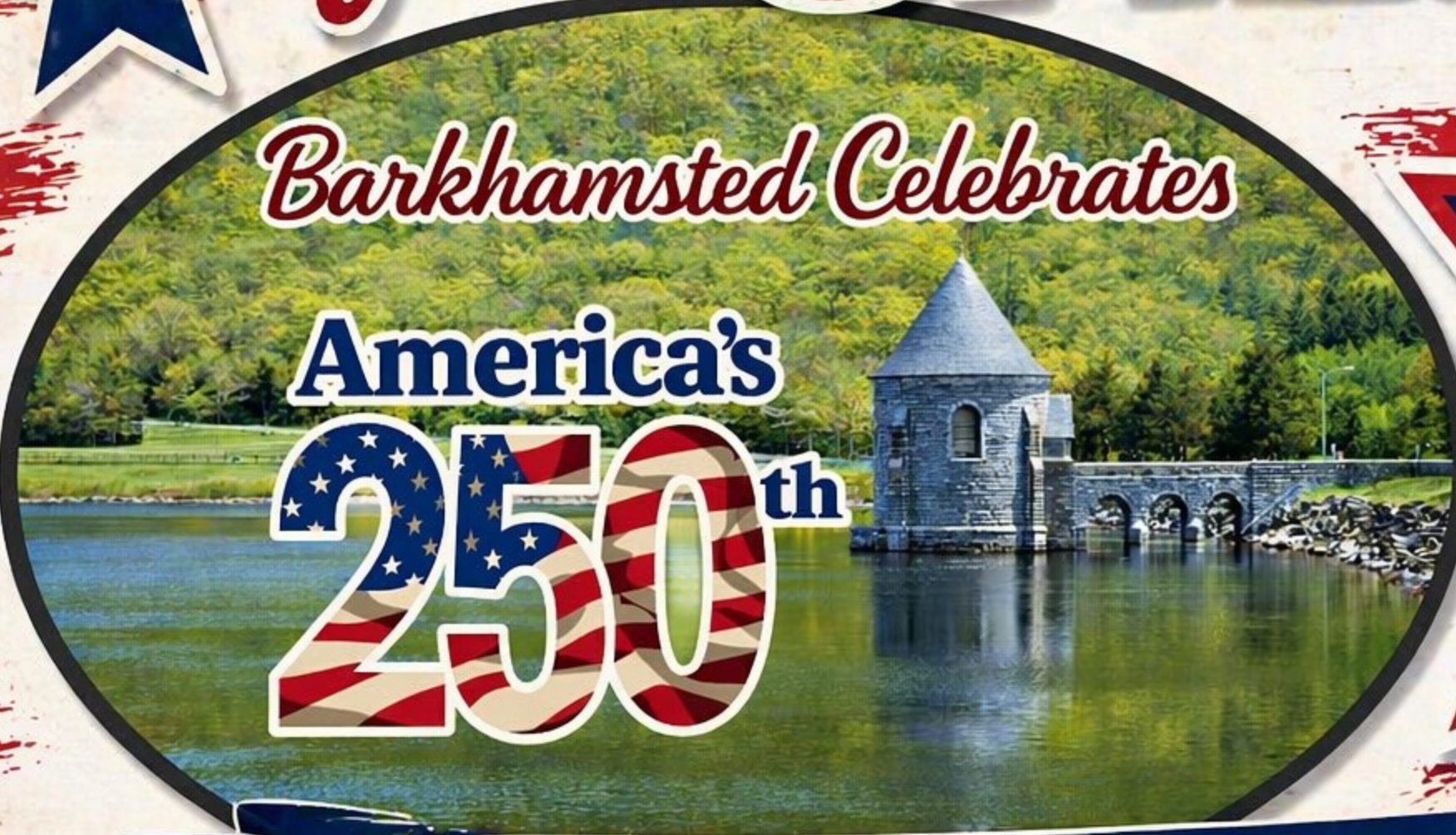
# MAGNETS

*for* SALE!

*Barkhamsted Celebrates*

**America's**

**250<sup>th</sup>**



**\$7.00**

★ *Show Your Patriotism!* ★

# LIMITED EDITION MEDALLIONS

**\$5.00  
DONATION**

PROCEEDS  
GO TO  
SUPPORT THE  
TOWN OF KENT'S  
250<sup>TH</sup> EVENTS



PURCHASE YOURS TODAY AT THE KENT TOWN HALL,  
45 ON MAIN, & THE KENT PHARMACY