

Town of Barkhamsted

Weekly Town Email

June 25, 2026

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| OPEN PEDDLER PERMITS | - | NONE |
| WEEKEND EVENTS | - | Saturday, June 27th, Farmer's Market |
| (see attached flyers for more info) | - | 33 New Hartford Road, Barkhamsted |
| | - | Sunday, June 28 th , One room schoolhouse 1-4 |
| | - | Sunday, June 28 th , Summer Fun Day 1-3 |

Town Hall offices will be closed on Thursday, July 2

West River Road Closure for July 4 Parade begins at 9:30 am July 4th

Submit any news for next week's email no later than July 1 at 2 pm

From the Desk of Meaghan Cook, First Selectman

Time seems to be moving far too quickly. On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of joining our seniors for lunch to celebrate the 80th birthday of my friend Cynthia, along with several others celebrating June birthdays. It was a wonderful gathering and a reminder of the importance of staying connected as a community.

I will also be attending an informational seminar sponsored by the Western Connecticut Area Agency on Aging, giving new meaning to the term "Triple A." In addition, I have recruited a resident to become trained through the SHIP/CHOICES program to help our residents navigate the ever-changing Medicare system. I look forward to sharing more information as it becomes available.

We have begun a new initiative to address traffic and speeding concerns throughout town. The Road Crew has installed flashing speed feedback signs on Goose Green Road and Old North Road. Our Resident Trooper will be focusing enforcement efforts in these areas and issuing citations to motorists who choose to ignore the warnings. The signs can be relocated to other areas of town as needed. Several residents have already called or stopped by Town Hall to express their appreciation for the effort. Will this solve every speeding issue in Barkhamsted? No, but it is a positive step in the right direction.

As a reminder, if you have questions or concerns about what is happening in town, please contact Town Hall or visit our website. Erica does an excellent job of directing inquiries to the correct

department, keeping the website updated with community events, social activities, and additional information of local interest. Public meetings must be properly noticed with the Town Clerk's Office in accordance with state requirements and posted on the Clerk's bulletin board. Making that information available on the website is an added convenience for our residents.

Preparations are well underway for the world-renowned Pleasant Valley Fourth of July Parade. If you plan to attend, arrive early and enjoy one of Barkhamsted's favorite traditions. It is always a fun-filled morning and a great way to celebrate America's 250 Independence Day with friends and neighbors.

Community/Senior Center

LUNCH – Tuesday, June 30 – 12:00 noon – Kielbasa, Coleslaw, crusty rolls and strawberry shortcake

BREAKFAST – Thursday, July 2 – 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, June 29, and July 1 – 11:30-12:30 – Tai Chi – Tai Chi is twice a week. The classes are \$5. Feel free to join us even if you have never tried it, as it is focused on improving balance and flexibility for seniors who are beginners. Remember, all of us are amateurs.

Friday, July 17 - 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.

Tuesday, July 21 - 6:00PM - 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.

If you would like to hold a crafts or other activity or have an additional exercise class that you would like, 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.

We are still collecting ideas for trips and have gotten a lot of input so far. The trip with the most yesses was the Essex Steam Train/Riverboat. 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 keep giving us your ideas. I will be reaching out to the Steam Train to get an idea of cost and also will find out the availability of the bus from the Northwest Transit District. The bus is free, so that is a big help.

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. We also have a box at the Center if you would like to leave a donation off and we will make sure it gets to the Food Bank. If you have food or cash to donate and they are not open, you can also message them on Facebook to let them know about your donation. Their Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551048540688>. They are open every other week on Monday and Thursday. Here are the dates and times for the second half of June and during July.

Monday, June 29th, 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, July 2nd, 2-4 p.m.

Monday, July 13th, 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, July 16th, 2-4 p.m.

Monday, July 27th, 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, July 30th, 2-4 p.m.

Don Stein

Barkhamsted East Fire Department

Reflective Address Marker order forms are available at the Town Hall. Please see the Town Clerk's office or Selectman's office. These marker's help EMS find your home quickly in an emergency. They are \$20 each or \$25 if you would like them installed.



America 250

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.

We also have a few remaining stars with solar lights that had been used in Riverton last Christmas that we can now sell at a reduced price. Please see Erica at the Town Hall if interested.

The July 4th 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 (mmahoney@barkhamsted.us) . You know the town hall crew will be there as lively as ever!

Time to Find the Flag Again!

Our flag is on the move again! Solve the riddle, find the flag and send us a picture for fun!

Looking for breakfast, lunch, or a sweet frozen treat?
This newly reopened favorite can't be beat.
A chalkboard menu greets you at the door,
With paninis, subs, and so much more.
Near where boats launch and summer days begin,
The flag is waiting, go see where it's all happenin'!



June is Dog Licensing Month!



**Renew your dog's license
by July 1st to avoid late fees!**



Proof of rabies / spay or neuter required

Fees payable by cash or check

Altered \$8 Unaltered \$19



STAR BAND

SATURDAY, JULY 4th, 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.*

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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

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

Join Us for an Afternoon of Fun at Peoples State Forest

Sunday, June 28, 2026

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location:

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

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES

Spend a summer afternoon by the Farmington River enjoying activities for children, families, and adults.

Activities Include:

- Arts & Crafts • Lawn Games & Cornhole Competitions
 - Nature Scavenger Hunt • Recreational Activities for All Ages
 - Learn About the Wild & Scenic Farmington River
 - Information on Local Hiking & Recreation Programs
 - Meet the 2026 FRCC River Steward Team • Meet the Barkhamsted Recreation Staff
- Snacks will be served.

Hosted By

Barkhamsted Recreation Camp Staff

and the 2026 FRCC Assistant River Steward Team

Meet at the picnic tables in front of Squires Tavern/Barkhamsted Historical Society.

For any questions, please email- Donna Bastrzycki, Barkhamsted Recreation Director, barkhamstedrec@barkhamsted.us



The poster features a large, stylized image of a man (Ryeland Adams) floating in space, wearing a white shirt and a red collar, with his head tilted back and eyes wide open. The background is a dark, starry space with a bright orange and yellow nebula or explosion on the right side. At the bottom, a crowd of people is seen sitting on the grass, watching a large movie screen that displays the same image of the man in space. The screen is surrounded by string lights and trees.

BARKHAMSTED RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S
MOVIE NIGHT
★ AT THE RIVERTON FAIRGROUNDS ★

FEATURING
PROJECT
HAIL MARY

 **SATURDAY**
JULY 11TH

 **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 **250TH** ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT BARKHAMSTED.US

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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

For event details, visit **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-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 headcount 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

Register for Summer Camp with the Barkhamsted Recreation Department



Barkhamsted Recreation Summer Camp

Save the Date!
July 20-24, 2026

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.

***BARKHAMSTED'S ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE
WILL BE OPEN THIS COMING SUNDAY !***



Center School, circa 1911

The Barkhamsted Historical Society's one room schoolhouse, the old Center School on Center Hill Road (Rt. 181) just north of the intersection with Beach Rock Road in Barkhamsted, will be open to the public this coming Sunday, June 28, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Come and find out what school was like in "the old days." Ask questions; read the old books; review a high school entrance exam; try your hand at various toys and games, or do some arithmetic problems on a slate. All free of charge !

Children are especially welcome.

VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
IS BACK!

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

PRAISE

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANS FOR JESUS
TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!



JULY 27–31
MONDAY–FRIDAY



**9:00 AM –
12:00 PM**



AGES
PRE-K 3
THROUGH
6TH GRADE

**NO COST
TO ATTEND!**

REGISTER TODAY!



**SPACE
LIMITED**

**52 NEW HARTFORD RD
BARKHAMSTED**

MAGNETS *for* SALE!

Barkhamsted Celebrates

America's

250th

\$7.00

★ *Show Your Patriotism!* ★