

Town of Barkhamsted

Weekly Town Email

July 9, 2026



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| OPEN PEDDLER PERMITS | - | NONE |
| WEEKEND EVENTS | - | Saturday, July 11 th – Farmer's Market – Town Garage, 33 New Hartford Road, 9 am – 1 pm |
| | - | Drive In Movie – Riverton Fair Grounds
Gates open at 6:30 pm (see attached flyer) |

From the Desk of Meaghan Cook, First Selectman

It has been another jam-packed week in Barkhamsted.

On July 2, we held our first shared resources traffic enforcement operation. Resident Troopers from New Hartford and North Canaan joined our Barkhamsted Resident Trooper, along with an officer from Troop B, to increase police visibility and focus on speeding throughout our communities. The joint effort resulted in 27 traffic stops. This is a trial initiative in response to the many residents who have asked for a stronger police presence, and I appreciate the cooperation between our surrounding towns and the State Police.

The Fourth of July heat was no match for the parade participants or the very supportive residents who lined the streets to cheer us on. I heard so many compliments about the creativity of the floats and the large number of participants this year. A round of applause to our Selectman Mark Mahoney who wore both his Lion Club and Pleasant Valley FD hats for the day. It's one of those Barkhamsted traditions that never disappoints and reminds us what a wonderful community we have.

While Barkhamsted was fortunate to avoid the microburst that caused significant damage in other parts of Litchfield County that Saturday night, the storm was a powerful reminder of how

quickly severe weather can change lives. It also serves as a good opportunity to check unsecured outdoor furniture, temporary structures, and overhanging tree limbs before the next storm arrives. We did experience weather-related issues of our own on Monday and Wednesday, but compared to the extensive property damage our neighboring communities endured, we were fortunate that our biggest inconvenience was a temporary traffic detour.

Looking ahead, our next community event is Movie Night this Saturday, July 11, at the Riverton Fairgrounds. Due to popular demand and availability, we've made a change to the movie lineup. Instead of *Hail Mary*, we'll be showing *How to Train Your Dragon*. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. for tailgating and socializing, and the movie will begin after sunset. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the evening under the stars, or stay in your vehicle for the classic drive-in experience. Be sure to watch for the Recreation Department flyer with additional details.

I hope to see you there!

Community/Senior Center News & Events

The Town's parade this year was a huge success despite the heat and we had a great turn-out. Bonnie Reynolds was the parade marshal for her contributions to the Senior/Community Center. The honor was well-deserved.

LUNCH – Tuesday, July 14 – 12:00 noon – TBD

BREAKFAST – Thursday, July 16 – 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.

Here are the upcoming activities:

Monday, July 13, and Wednesday, July 15 – 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.

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.

Thursday, July 30, after breakfast - The Weeders and Readers club 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, September 1 - 1:00PM (after lunch) - Ann Travers has planned Container Planting for Fall. We will be planting grasses, decorative cabbages, and late blooming annuals in a bring-your-own container. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Center soon.

The Traveling Trout are unable to play in July at the Senior and Community Center for their jam session. They hope to be back in August.

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 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, 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.

That's it for today. Please stay safe. 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.

Don Stein



Tax Office Update – July 9, 2026

Office hours:

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 – 4:30

Closed Mondays and Fridays

In addition, open Monday, August 3, 2026 9:00 – 3:00

Tax bills were mailed on Friday, June 26, 2026 by our vendor. These bills have a due date of July 1, 2026 but there is a 30 day grace period so you have until Monday, August 3, 2026 to pay without a penalty.

DMV DOES NOT notify the town when a taxpayer no longer has a vehicle. That is the responsibility of the taxpayer. The assessor needs to see a plate cancellation receipt and proof of what was done with the vehicle. You can either stop by or email pictures to csmith@barkhamsted.us or alefcheck@barkhamsted.us. It is best to get a bill corrected prior to making a payment if you are able.

The tax office can only take payments in the form of cash or checks. Checks, credit/debit cards, venmo and pay pal are available online, however, there are fees for these services. Please be sure checks are completely and correctly filled out. To avoid waiting in line, please pay early. Also, if you mail a check at the end of July, please have it hand cancelled as the post office may not process it the same day it is mailed.

If you have any questions after receiving your bills or you do not receive a bill, please call either the tax office at (860)738-4762 or the assessor's office at (860)379-3600.

Register for the Barkhamsted Recreation Department's

New Summer Programs Today!



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. (Payment must be received one week prior to the program) 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](#) 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

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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 1 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 and volunteers for Summer Camp. Please complete the application from this link-

[SummerCampHelpWanted Link](#)

Deadline is-Monday, July 13 or when positions are full (completed applications must be received by this date.)

Please mail or drop off summer payments 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. **Karate, Pound and Pickleball** payments can be brought on the first night of the program. 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 RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S
MOVIE NIGHT!



DREAMWORKS
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR
DRAGON

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

★ RIVERTON FAIRGROUNDS ★



★ GATES OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. ★



SNACKS AND DRINKS
AVAILABLE FOR DONATION



CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH
WITH BARKHAMSTED RECREATION!



Movie Night at the Riverton Fairgrounds-How To Train Your Dragon

 Get Ready for "How To Train Your Dragon" Movie Under the Stars, Celebrating America's 250th!

The **Barkhamsted Recreation Department** invites you to a magical **Movie Night At the Riverton Fairgrounds** that you won't want to miss!

This year, as our nation honors **250 Years of Courage, Adventure, and Freedom**, we are celebrating that spirit with a story about finding the courage to challenge the impossible, discovering new horizons, and proving that one person can change the world.

Join your community for a special screening of **How to Train Your Dragon**—a film that perfectly captures the bravery, friendship, and leap of faith that defined our nation's founders 250 years ago! Just like America's journey, Hiccup's story reminds us that the greatest adventures begin with courage, compassion, and believing in something bigger than yourself.



EVENT DETAILS

- **When:** Saturday, July 11
- **Where:** Riverton Fairgrounds, Riverton, CT
- **Time:** Gates open at **6:30 p.m.** | Movie begins at **dusk**
- **Admission: FREE!** 
- **Food:** Snacks & drinks will be available for a donation.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and your sense of adventure for an unforgettable evening beneath the summer sky!  



We Need Your Help! (Sponsors & Volunteers)

To make this milestone celebration a massive success, the **Barkhamsted Recreation Department** is actively looking for **event sponsors and volunteers**! If you want to support the community and be a part of this historic year's events, please reach out.

 **Interested?** Contact **Donna Bastrzycki, Barkhamsted Recreation Director**, at barkhamstedrec@barkhamsted.us today!

❤️ Build memories with family. 🤝 Celebrate our community. 💙 Honor America's 250th. 🦄 Experience an unforgettable adventure under the stars.

Tag your movie crew, invite your neighbors, and share this post to help us celebrate Barkhamsted and America's 250th together! 🎉

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*Making a
difference...*



*...in our
forests*

Natural Fairy Houses Built with Imagination

It's time to welcome back our Fairy House architects and builders of years past and meet new ones to join Helen Ann Landgraf and her helpers to forage for building supplies and to construct woodland homes that any fairy, elf or gnome would love to inhabit. Opportunities are endless and bolstered by your imaginations. Open to kids, teens, parents, grandparents and friends. Free to all.



**Saturday, July 11th, 10 a.m. to Noon, Peoples State Forest Nature Museum,
Greenwoods Road, just past its intersection with East River Road, Barkhamsted.**

FALPS NEWS AND ACTIVITY UPDATE

July 2026

“I have never been for a walk in the woods and been disappointed.”

– A quote by Walt Landgraf

Remember: The state requires pets to be on a leash no longer than 7 feet.

July is upon us a month of temperature swings and thunderstorms. A time when most want to seek the comforts of your home, it can also be a great time to explore. The bears and ticks are still active. Don't let these deter a wander along a trail.

FALPS Events

Stay tuned for more events coming soon.

Check out the FALPS website: <https://falps.org/>.

July 2026

Natural Fairy Houses Built with Imagination

Saturday, July 11 from 10 AM–12 PM EDT: Meet at Peoples State Forest Nature Museum, Greenwoods Road (just off East River Road) in Barkhamsted

It's time to welcome back our Fairy House architects and builders of years past and welcome new ones to join Helen Ann and Erik Landgraf and their helpers to forage for building supplies and to construct woodland homes that any fairy, hobbit, elf or gnome would love to inhabit. The opportunities are endless and bolstered by your imaginations. Helen Ann will host story time during the event as well.

Open to kids, teens, parents, grandparents and friends. Free to all!

Questions about an upcoming event? Please email ctfalps@gmail.com and let us know how we can help.

Work Party

The next large undertaking by FALPS has begun. We have started to build a new trail in Peoples State Forest. This will be a multiple day work party. The next work party is July 19th.

- If you would like to volunteer, please email us at ctfalps@falps.org.

FALPS Merchandise

Riverton Store: Items for sale: Short & long-sleeved tee shirts, hats. Stop in for a yummy bite to eat and treat yourself to a new hat or tee shirt!

Quote of the Month

**“That beautiful season the Summer!
Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light;
And the landscape
Lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood.”**

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (Evangeline, A Tale of Acadie)



250th

**The Dept of Veterans Affairs,
Winsted Vet Center (CAP),
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post-296 &
American Legion Post-159
Presents**



Northwest CT Veteran Resource Fair

**Join us to visit organizations offering
a wide variety of resources including,
but not limited to:**

*ID Cards
Veterans Health
Veterans Benefits
Education
Transportation
Legal Assistance*

*VA Claims
HUD-VASH
Counseling
Employment
Caregiver Aid
Food*

*Services listed are subject to change without notice due to unforeseen circumstances

Saturday

18 July 2026

**Resource Vendor Set-up 9 – 10 a.m.
Event time 10 – 2 p.m.**



Isabelle M Pearson Middle School

2 Wetmore Ave, Winsted, CT 06098

**Open to all current Military Service Members,
Veterans, Family Members & Caregivers**





Bunco Comes to Barkhamsted!

Sponsored by Barkhamsted Women's Club

Date: Saturday, August 29th

Place: Community Room @ Town Garage, Route 44

Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

First Game at 7:00 p.m.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the door

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Must pre-order tickets - limited seating

Purchase tickets by

Wednesday, August 26th

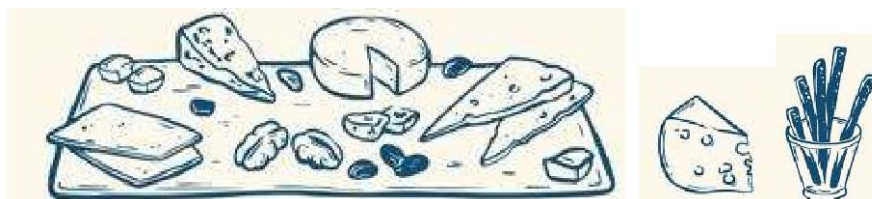
Light appetizers & dessert will be available

Don't get left out. EMAIL or call for tickets today!
bwcbunco@gmail.com or call 860-309-8389

Barkhamsted Women's Club is excited to present a fun evening...Bunco Comes to Barkhamsted! Bunco, a popular dice game, is easy to learn and play and offers participants an opportunity to enjoy friendly competition while mingling with neighbors and friends.

Refreshments, prizes & plenty of laughter! Raffles! Come support the Barkhamsted Women's Club.

The fundraiser supports the town scholarships, Community Food Bank, Books for Kindergartener, Teacher Appreciation Breakfast and many other community groups and activities.

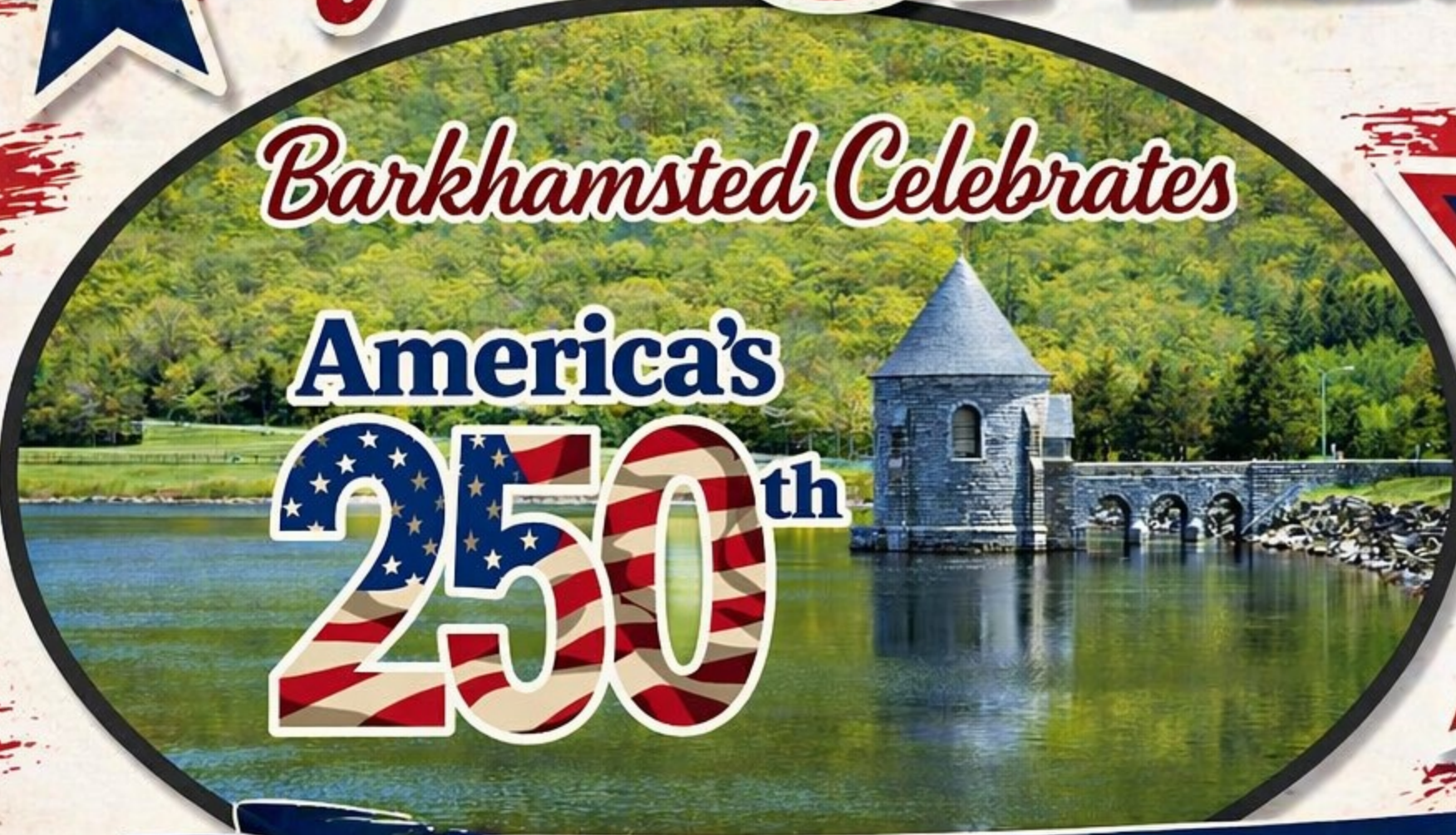


MAGNETS *for* SALE!

Barkhamsted Celebrates

America's

250th



\$7.00

★ *Show Your Patriotism!* ★

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**