

America250 | 2026 Events



February 2026

Lecture Series: 2nd Continental Light Dragoon's time in Durham during the winter of 1778/1779

Join us for a discussion on the 2nd Continental Light Dragoon's time in Durham during the winter of 1778/1779. Guest speaker is Sgt. Brian Blake of the 2nd Dragoons. **Saturday, February 28th, 2026, at 3:30 p.m., at the Durham Community Center, 144 Pickett Lane.**

March 2026

Lecture Series: Life and Death on Haddam Quarter Road

Join us for a discussion on Life and Death on Haddam Quarter Road with guest speaker Dr. Michael Good. **Saturday, March 28th, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., at the Durham Community Center, 144 Pickett Lane.**

April 2026

Durham Historical Society Open Houses:

- Friday, April 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m., - 12 noon
- Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 10:00 a.m., - 1:00 p.m.

Durham Historical Society is located at 38 Town House Road. Parking at the library or in front of the town hall. Call 860-716-5497 with questions. No fee, donations accepted.

May 2026

Main Street Tour: Join us on **Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Durham Town Hall. Wear comfortable shoes for a 1.5 mile round (walking) trip along Main Street.

Lecture Series: Durham, CT: Early Foundations and Historic Homes

Join us for a presentation from local historian Brendan Rea Jr., on Durham's earliest history going back to the 1600s. It will also examine the historic homes standing, specifically the oldest and most historically relevant.

Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., at the Durham Community Center, 144 Pickett Lane.

June 2026

Durham Town Picnic on **June 6, 2026, from 2:00 p.m., - 8:00 p.m.**, at the Durham Community Center, 144 Pickett Lane.

Keep posted for a potential county parade on Main Street, Middletown!

July 2026

Reading of the Declaration of Independence at Town Hall and committal of the time capsule. **Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

Main Street Tour: Join us on **Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**, at the Durham Town Hall. Wear comfortable shoes for a 1.5 mile round (walking) trip along Main Street.

August 2026

Main Street Tour: Join us on **Saturday, August 29, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.**, at the Durham Town Hall. Wear comfortable shoes for a 1.5 mile round (walking) trip along Main Street.

October 2026

Join us on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**, for an immersive Revolutionary War history event in celebration of America's 250th birthday! Engage with Continental and British troops, observe two mock battles, and learn what civilian and camp life was like for those fighting for American independence. Food will be available for purchase from local non-profit groups and sutlers/vendors will be available. Event will take place on the Durham Fairgrounds.

Please reach out to america250@townofdurhamct.org or 860-716-5497 with any questions.

Events TBD: Pest House hikes, Cemetery tours, Colonial Garden lecture, Garden Club tree planting, Genealogy lecture.

Stay Tuned!