



Norwalk Museum News

NORWALK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2026 SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL

VISIT OUR MUSEUMS



MILL HILL HISTORIC PARK
Tour historic 18th and 19th century buildings, the 1767 burying ground and a colonial herb garden. Located at 2 East Wall Street, Norwalk.



NORWALK HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
View exhibits, artwork, and artifacts from Norwalk's history. The gift shop offers a distinctive array of merchandise. Located at 141 East Avenue in Norwalk, on the City Hall campus.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

- Info on hours and tickets
- Calendar of events
- News about our exhibits
- Research materials

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Norwalk Celebrates America250

The 4th of July Weekend

Independence Day activities will kick off with a concert and fireworks display at Calf Pasture Beach on the evening of Friday, July 3.



There will be *Democracy on the Green* events on the Norwalk Green from noon to 2:00 p.m. on July 4, including a reading of the Declaration of Independence and brief remarks to note the 200th anniversary of the passing of two founding fathers: John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Full-sized likenesses of these presidents will be present for photos.

This free, city-wide event will also include live music, community group tables, food trucks, and a *Ringing of the Bells* from St. Paul's on the Green to celebrate our nation's birthday.



Sign the Archive Book by July 4

As part of Norwalk's participation in the America250 celebration, the Registrar of Voters Office invites residents of all ages to take part in the *Quill to QR Code* archive project. Community members may share their thoughts by responding to the question *What does America mean to you?* or *Why do you love the United States?*

Participants may respond in person by visiting the Registrar of Voters Office in Room 103 at Norwalk City Hall or by using the QR code to submit a message. All respectful submissions will become part of Norwalk's America250 archive, preserving community voices for future generations.





THE BRITISH BURNING OF NORWALK BARBARA FALK, 1973

Commemoration of the Battle and Burning of Norwalk

The Battle of Norwalk occurred on July 11, 1779. Troops under the command of Major General William Tyron burned a total of eighty houses, two churches, eighty-seven barns, seventeen shops, and four mills. The actions of the British were intended to draw General Washington’s Continental Army out of their heavily fortified positions in the Hudson Valley and destroy Patriot supplies and support.

History Comes Alive at Mill Hill

On July 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., members of the 2nd Continental Light Dragoons will be on site at Mill Hill Historic Park to share Revolutionary War history, demonstrate equipment, and conduct a “children’s drill.” Visitors will also be able to tour the cemetery and three historic buildings on the site.



A Revolution of Her Own!



At 2 p.m. on July 11, Judith Kalaora, owner and principal portrayer of *History at Play* will tell the story of Deborah Sampson who, in the final years of the American Revolutionary War, bound her chest, tied back her hair, and, wearing male attire, enlisted in the Massachusetts 4th Regiment of the Continental Army, using the alias “Robert Shurtleff.”

Sampson was the first woman to fight in and be honorably discharged from the American Military. The event will take place at the Town House at Mill Hill, 2 E. Wall Street, Norwalk, CT.



SCAN FOR INFO



Explore Norwalk History at Locations Throughout Town

A New Exhibit at the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum

The Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum has opened a new exhibition titled *Revolutionary Roots: Generations of Change*. The exhibition will examine the American Revolution through the 18th-century history of the Lockwood and Mathews families as new research reveals untold stories of their Patriot ancestors who fought for America’s independence. The exhibit will run from June 11 to October 3.



Crafts, Speakers, and a Birthday Party at Norwalk’s Libraries



July will be busy at Norwalk’s two public libraries. At the Belden Avenue branch, a workshop for adults on Colonial Candle Making is scheduled for July 11. On July 15, author Matthew Warshauer will speak on *How Connecticut Became the Provision State*. On July 25, you can “meet” Benjamin Franklin, as reenactor Jack Sherry brings this famous Founding Father to life. Other events include a scavenger hunt for children and an exhibit on Benjamin Franklin’s work on electricity.



At the South Norwalk branch, the Friends of the South Norwalk Public Library will host a tea party to celebrate our nation’s 250th birthday on Saturday, July 18, 12-3 p.m. Register for all main branch and SONO events at norwalkpl.org.