Northborough 250th Events

Northborough turns 250 this year, and residents are planning to celebrate! The Town, the Historical Society and Community groups have a myriad of events scheduled for the coming 12 months in order to honor the town we live in, as well as its history.

- **On April 14**, Peaslee School Anniversary Event at 6:30pm.  
  [http://www.edline.net/pages/Peaslee/Calendar/Northborough_Anniversary_Peas](http://www.edline.net/pages/Peaslee/Calendar/Northborough_Anniversary_Peas)

- **On April 21**, the Senior Center Walking Club will take a Northborough History Walk at the Mary Goodenow gravesite and Stirrup Brook Trail, led by Forest Lyford. The walk is open to the public. Walkers will meet at 10 a.m. at the trailhead parking lot across from the Jehovah’s Witness church. The walk has gentle slopes and some uneven trails, and will last about two hours. Rain date is June 23.

- **On April 28**, the Senior Center Walking Club will take a Northborough History Walk at Rocky Pond, led by Forest Lyford. The walk is open to the public. Walkers will meet at 10 a.m. on the road shoulder on Green Street, near the Boylston town line. The walk has moderate slopes and some uneven trails, and will last about two hours. Rain date is June 23.

- **On April 30**, the Northborough Garden Club will hold a Tea Reception and Floral Display from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Northborough Library, 34 Main Street. “Art in Bloom” will feature floral arrangements depicting art that is of historical significance to the town.

- **On May 5**, the Senior Center Walking Club will take a Northborough History Walk in the town center, led by Forest Lyford. The walk is open to the public. Walkers will meet at the Trinity Church parking lot, 23 Main Street. The walk is flat with few slip-trip hazards, and will last about two hours. Rain date is June 23.

- **On May 7**, the Northborough Area Community Chorus will present “America in Song” at 7:30 p.m. at Algonquin Regional High School, 79 Bartlett Street. Admission is $5.00; tickets may be purchased in advance at Lowe’s Variety, Shattuck’s Pharmacy, or at the door.

- **On May 12**, the Senior Center Walking Club will take a Northborough History Walk through the Northborough Historic District, led by Norm Corbin. The walk is open to the public. Walkers will meet at 10 a.m. at the parking area near the athletic field and Zeh School, Howard Street. The walk is flat with few slip-trip hazards, and will last about two hours. Rain date is June 23.

- **On May 14 and 15**, the Historical Society will sponsor a Hunt for History. Participants will be given a map and a description of 10 historic places to locate near the center of town. Results will be recorded and returned to the Historical Society for scoring. Hunt packets will be available from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 15. An Ice Cream Social, will take place from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, which is open to all. Results will be tallied and a prize awarded during this event.
• Also on **May 15**, **Historical Trolley Tours** of Northborough will take place at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Each tour leaves from the Historical Society Building at 52 Main Street and lasts about 90 minutes. The tours are free, but seat reservations are strongly recommended. For reservations contact Beverly Shafner at BShafner0330@gmail.com or 508-393-3665.

• On **May 19**, the Senior Center Walking Club will take a **Northborough History Walk** through the Howard Street Cemetery, led by Bob Ellis. The walk is open to the public. Walkers will meet at 10 a.m. at the parking area near the athletic field and Zeh School, Howard Street. The walk is flat with few slip-trip hazards, and will last about two hours. Rain date is June 23.

• On **May 20**, the Historical Society’s program will be “**Living in Northborough,**” and will feature Society members and others sharing their memories of the town. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will be preceded by a **Pot Luck Supper** at 6:30 p.m., which is open to all.

• On **May 21**, the **250th Road Race** will take place, and will feature a 5K race and a 1K fun run. The race will begin at 9 a.m. at the Zeh School, 33 Howard St. Online pre-registration is recommended; the entry fee through May 1 is $30. The 5K will be timed, and prizes will be awarded in several categories. Same-day registration will start at 8 a.m. on race day.

• On **May 22**, the Historical Society will be host to “**Our Founding Fathers Fashion Show,**” featuring period clothing modeled by some of our members. Tickets are $10 ($5 for children under 12) and reservations are required. Call 508-393-2871 or e-mail fhbissett@gmail.com.

• On **May 24**, Dr. Gary Hylander will speak on the **Gettysburg Address** as part of the “Historical Events Affecting Northborough 1776-2016” speaker series at the Northborough Senior Center. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all.

• On **May 26**, the Senior Center Walking Club will take a **Northborough History Walk** at the Chapin Canal and Coyote Trail, led by Forest Lyford. The walk is open to the public. Walkers will meet at 10 a.m. at the parking area at Yellick Conservation area on Hudson Street. The walk has gentle slopes and some uneven trails, and will last about two hours. Rain date is June 23.

• On **June 2**, the Senior Center Walking Club will take a **Northborough History Walk** at Assabet Park with a tour of the Northborough Historical Society building, led by Forest Lyford. The walk is open to the public. Walkers will meet at 10 a.m. at the parking lots at Assabet Park on Gale Street. The walk has moderate slopes and some uneven trails, and will last about two hours. Rain date is June 23.

• On **June 9**, the Senior Center Walking Club will take a **Northborough History Walk** on Brigham Street, including the Brigham Street burial ground, led by Beth Finch McCarthy. The walk is open to the public. Walkers will meet at 10 a.m. near the town garage at the corner of Brigham and School Streets. The walk is flat with few slip-trip hazards, and will last about two hours. Rain date is June 23.
On June 16, the Senior Center Walking Club will take a Northborough History Walk to the Wachusett Aqueduct from East Main Street to Bartlett Pond, led by Forest Lyford. The walk is open to the public. Walkers will meet at 10 a.m. Memorial Field on East Main Street. The walk is flat with few slip-trip hazards, and will last about two hours. Rain date is June 23. The 5K will be timed, and prizes will be awarded in several categories. Same-day registration will start at 8 a.m. on race day.

On June 18, 2016 - Soular Jazz Festival - First Parish Church Unitarian Universalist (Details not yet available)

On June 21, Dr. Gary Hylander will speak on the Spanish-American War as part of the “Historical Events Affecting Northborough 1776-2016” speaker series at the Northborough Senior Center. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all.

On June 24, 2016 - Lobster Bake - Senior Center http://www.town.northborough.ma.us/pages/northboroughma_seniorcenter/index

On July 26, Dr. Gary Hylander will speak on the Great Depression as part of the “Historical Events Affecting Northborough 1776-2016” speaker series at the Northborough Senior Center. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all.

On August 14, 2016 - Family Fun Day – Ellsworth McAfee Park (Details not yet available)

On September 17, 2016 – Applefest Fireworks - ARHS (Details not yet available)

On September 18, 2016 - Applefest Parade – Town Center http://www.northboroughapplefest.com/

On September 23, Dr. Gary Hylander will present “John and Abigail Adams: An American Couple” at the Northborough Historical Society. During their courtship and marriage, John Adams and Abigail Smith Adams exchanged more than 1,100 letters, many filled with intellectual discussions on government and politics considered an invaluable account of the Revolutionary War. Abigail, a fierce advocate of rights for women and African-Americans, was an important partner throughout John's political career. The meeting and program will begin at 7:30 p.m and are free and open to the public. An optional Pot Luck Supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all.

On September 24, 2016 - Cemetery Tour  (Details not yet available)

On September 27, Dr. Gary Hylander will speak on the Cold War as part of the “Historical Events Affecting Northborough 1776-2016” speaker series at the Northborough Senior Center. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all.

On October 15, 2016 - Friends of the Senior Center 250th Fashion Show and Tea, http://www.friendsofnorthboroughseniors.org/

On October 22, 2016 – Historical Society’s Harvest Supper  (Details not yet available)

On October 28, Bryan Farr will present “History of Route 20” at the Northborough Historical Society. Stretching form Kenmore Square in Boston to Newport, Oregon at 3,365.3 miles in length, Route 20 is the longest highway in the United States. Northborough’s Main Street is a minuscule segment of this historic road. Bryan Farr, founder of The Historic Route 20 Association, will lecture on the historical and cultural significance of the highway and will highlight landmarks and less-remembered points of interest in Northborough and neighboring communities. The meeting and program will begin at 7:30 p.m and are free and open to the public.

On October 29, 2016 – Masquerade Party – (Details not yet available)

On November 20-26, 2016 - Week of Gratitude - Churches (Details not yet available)
- On **November 22**, 2016 – **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** (Details not yet available)
- On **November 29**, Dr. Gary Hylander will speak on the **Middle East** as part of the “Historical Events Affecting Northborough 1776-2016” speaker series at the Northborough Senior Center. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is open to all.
- On **December 2**, Beth Finch McCarthy will present “**A Portrait of the Victorian Age: Letters of the Holbrook Family of Northborough.**” Town figure, Levi Holbrook was a very interesting character. Beth Finch McCarthy has obtained a small collection of family letters which colorfully illustrate the life and times of Victorian Northborough. Themes include rail travel in New England, private school culture, Victorian medicines, slavery, boarding in family homes, local commerce, infidelity, and the intricacies of being an independent-minded woman in a male-dominated society. The meeting and program will begin at 7:30 p.m and are free and open to the public.

Are you planning an event to commemorate Northborough’s 250th Anniversary? Please send us information on your event and we will add it to our list!

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