# **Ledyard Celebrates America 250**



#### **Events by Month**

#### July 2025

○ Ledyard Celebrates America 250 Kickoff Event – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at the Nathan Lester House

#### August 2025

o Banners in front of Town Hall

### September 2025

- Voting Sticker Design Contest in Elementary Schools
  - Patty is in contact with elementary schools
  - Kristen will create a contest template for distribution in schools
- o Article in events magazine with QR code to town website

#### October 2025

- o History Day at Bill Library October 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Roaming History Exhibit (Kate is working on posters)
- o Beautification Committee Bulb Planting
  - Committee will plant red, white and blue crocus to spell "America 250"
- Cemetery Tours
  - Doug & Kate to contact Cemetery Committee (October 17<sup>th</sup> rain date 18<sup>th</sup>)

#### November 2025

- Lanter Tours at Nathan Letser House
  - Doug to discuss with Historic Commission for dates
  - Registration online through Parks & Recreation website
- Veteran's Day Tribute Historical Veterans from Ledyard (is this happening?)
- o Hometown Hero's Ceremony/Quilts of Valor Dinner Senior Center (Scott)

#### December 2025

- Yuletide Celebration @Nathan Lester House December 6<sup>th</sup> (Doug)
- Historical Baking Contest (Matt to organize Library event with cookbook club)

#### January 2026

o TBD

### February 2026

Historical Maps & Roaming Exhibit

#### March 2026

- o Color Fun Run America 250 theme (March 21st or 28th)
- Women's History Month Traveling Exhibit

#### April 2026

o Arbor Day Tree Planting – plant an Oak Tree in Town (Mayor Allyn)

## May 2026

o Memorial Day Parade "America 250 Float"; parade walkers in colonial dress

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#### June 2026

o Flag Day Celebration (Flag Retirement Ceremony - Boy Scouts)

## July 4, 2026

- o P& R Summer Camp "Celebrate 250" theme week
- o Celebration Nathan Lester House
  - Reenactors
  - Historical Games
  - Awards for Community Group Events
  - Commemorative Coin
  - Live Music
  - Bury Time Capsule

### **Marketing Efforts**

- ✓ "Ledyard Celebrates America 250" Logo Pete Hary
- ✓ Dedicated Facebook Page Parks & Rec
  - (1) Facebook
- ✓ Town Web Page Mayor's Office Ledyard Celebrates 250 | Ledyard, CT - Official Website
- ✓ Events Magazine Kick off article Summer 2025 w/ Nathan Lester Event
- ✓ Flyers w/ QR code

#### **Other Ideas**

- ✓ Mural (High School wall?)
- ✓ Commemorative Bell (marking spot for time capsule)