

Ledyard Celebrates America 250



Events by Month

July 2025

- Ledyard Celebrates America 250 Kickoff Event – 4th of July Celebration at the Nathan Lester House

August 2025

- 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
 - 12 finalists to present to Town Council on 9/10
- Article in events magazine with QR code to town website

October 2025

- History Day at Bill Library – October 4th - 11:30 a.m.
 - Presentation by Matt Novasad “Ledyard and the War of 1812”
- Cemetery Tours
 - Cemetery Committee (Doug & Kate) - October 17th rain date 18th @ 5:00 p.m.
 - Register through Parks & Rec (free ticket)

November 2025

- Veteran’s Day Tribute – America 250 Themed Veteran Yard Signs (Kate & Kristen)

December 2025

- Yuletide Celebration @Nathan Lester House – December 7th (Doug)
- Historical Baking Contest - December 17th @ 6:30 (Matt to organize Library event with cookbook club)
 - Pies, Cakes, Custards & Syllabub (American Cookery 1796 – First American published cookbook)
- Hometown Hero’s Ceremony - Dinner Senior Center – December 12th @ 5:30 pm (Scott)
 - \$10 ticket
 - Mayor Allyn will present the “Quilt of Valor”
- Beautification Committee – Bulb Planting Committee will plant red, white and blue crocus to spell “America 250” ([Update from Kate](#))

January 2026

February 2026

- Historical Maps & Roaming Exhibit ([Update from Kate](#))
 - Easels ready to order Amazon \$101.98 for 10 easels
- Larry Erhart – Colonial Money Presentation – February 12th

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March 2026

- Color Fun Run – America 250 theme - March 28th (Scott)
 - Checking with school & PD for date approval
- Women's History Month Traveling Exhibit ([Update from Kate](#))

April 2026

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

May 2026

- Memorial Day Parade “America 250 Float”
 - Parade walkers in colonial dress
 - Councilor Lamb working on old farm tractor and/or trailer

June 2026

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

July 4, 2026 (Rain Date, July 5th)

- P & R Summer Camp “Celebrate 250” theme week
- **Celebration Nathan Lester House**
 - Reenactors (Matt contacting groups, 5-10 people?; Doug to facilitate site visit)
 - Historical Games
 - Awards for Community Group Events
 - Commemorative Coin (Mayor getting info from Larry Erhart)
 - Live Music
 - Bury Time Capsule
 - Food – TBD (food for purchase - Rotary?, Rustic Boutique Catering food truck?)
 - Parking (Scott checking on use of Van – Job Lot parking?)

*Mayor to solicit donations for the 4th of July celebration (Funds Available \$1,000)

Marketing Efforts

- ✓ “Ledyard Celebrates America 250” Logo
 - ❖ Update from Mayor Allyn – Selling items with logo not permitted Giveaway items are ok
- ✓ Dedicated Facebook Page – Parks & Rec
[\(1\) Facebook](#)
- ✓ Town Web Page – Mayor's Office
[Ledyard Celebrates 250 | Ledyard, CT - Official Website](#)
- ✓ Events Magazine – Mayor to highlight July 4th Event in Spring & Summer editions
- ✓ Flyers w/ QR code

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Other Ideas

- ✓ Commemorative Bell (marking spot for time capsule)
 - ❖ Doug presented Bell available for purchase (\$1900)
 - ❖ Location TBD (Town Green, Lester House, Town Hall)
 - ❖ Fundraising? (commemorative bricks?, plaque with names?)