



Milton 350th Anniversary Committee

May 2012 Newsletter

Get ready for some big FUN!

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The 350th committee is gearing up for a busy May and June and we want you to join us in the excitement. Hopefully you are noticing the many reminders around town about the upcoming activities: the 350th celebration flags flying from the lampposts in Central Avenue, Lower Mills and East Milton Square, the 350 tulips blooming outside the front of the library, and the newsletters now distributed to businesses each month. This month we hope you can join us at one of the many events including Mass Memories Road Show, historic photography exhibit at the Milton Public Library, Town Meeting and another terrific presentation "Milton's People and Places" by Anthony Sammarco. **Save the dates of June 8th, 9th and 10th for fireworks, reunion activities, parade, and family fun event day with activities and band concert, and town-wide picnic and concert.** Stay tuned for all the details, and don't forget to check out our website www.milton350thanniversary.org. We hope to see you at an event!



Bulbs planted by Milton Garden Club

MAY EVENTS:

May 1 - Milton 350th Historic Photograph display opens at Milton Library

May 5 – Ronan Tynan & Pauline Wells benefit concert.

May 6 - Reception at the Wotiz Gallery from 2PM to 4PM with light refreshments.

May 7 - Town Meeting at First Parish

May 12 - Mass Memories Road Show

May 12, 10am – 4pm. Blue Hill Observatory & Science Center Open-House & Kite Festival

May 14th at 7pm - Anthony Sammarco lecture at Milton library on "Milton's People and Places"

For more detailed information please see the following pages.

A big thank you to the Milton Amateur Gardeners group on their beautification landscaping projects - the multi-year Town Hall and gazebo landscaping.



May

Historic Photographs of Milton

Beginning May 1 through July 31 the Milton 350th Historical Committee will present "Historic Photographs of Milton" at the Wotiz Gallery, Milton Public Library. More than 30 historic photographs and artifacts related to Milton history will help honor the 350th Anniversary of Milton. A special opening hosted by the committee will take place at the library on Sunday, May 6 from 1PM to 4PM with light refreshments served.

May 5, 2012 - Ronan Tynan & Pauline Wells 350th Anniversary concert, Quincy Marriott

May 7, 2012 - Town Meeting at First Parish

In honor of the 350th anniversary of the town, the first night of the annual Town Meeting 2012 will be held at First Parish Church, the last meetinghouse to be used for town meetings. The meeting will be recognized and called to order with the ringing of bells in all Milton churches at 7:15pm with a bagpiper leading members. Broadcast live on Milton Access TV (MATV)

May 12 - Mass Memories Road Show, Dan Haacker, 617-698-575 or dhaacker@ocln.org

The Mass. Memories Road Show comes to Milton on Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 10 AM to 3 PM, Milton Public Library, Keys Community Room. Join everyone in celebrating Milton's 350th anniversary and become part of a permanent digital historic record of both Milton and Massachusetts. This free event is open to anyone who resides, once resided, works in, or has any connection to Milton..

What do participants do?

- Bring up to 3 photos that illustrate your life. These can be historical or more recent photos of your home, family, community, or neighborhood. The choice is yours.
- Items will then be scanned and immediately returned to you.
- Opportunity to contribute to an oral history video project. Tell the story of your photos.
- You will also learn how to preserve, identify and date your photos.

Saturday, May 12, 10am – 4pm. Blue Hill Observatory & Science Center Open House & Kite Festival

Enjoy the amazing view, fascinating history and fun activities at the oldest continually operating Weather Observatory in the country. Join us for an open house and funfest for all ages. Free admission to event but a small donation for materials will be requested for some activities. For details and parking information, call (617) 696-0562. Rain or shine. Learn more at www.bluehill.org



Monday, May 14th at 7pm - Anthony Sammarco Lectures

The MILTON BARBER SHOP is proudly sponsoring the second 350th Anniversary lecture by Anthony Sammarco in the Keys Community Room at the Milton Public Library

The topic of the lecture is "Milton: From Town to Suburb" and deals with the growth of Milton as a farming town with industry in Milton Village and Railway Village (East Milton) in the nineteenth century, to the beginnings of suburbia with Boston families maintaining "in between" houses that were used in the Spring and the Fall. Following the Great Depression, as estates were sold and subdivided, new neighborhoods were created with attractive Colonial-style houses being built. *Refreshments will be served at the reception after the lecture.*

June

The big celebration weekend is coming together with entertainment for all ages. Come and enjoy a variety of music featuring the award winning Woodland String Band from Philadelphia (mummers), The Boston Police Gaelic Column, Boston Senior Crusaders, Middlesex Valley Fife and Drum, Stewart Highlander Bagpipers, Spartans Jr Drum and Bugle Corps, 7th Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. That's just the bands! There will also be family style games, Shriners and many other surprises. Sponsored by the Copeland Family Foundation.

WE WANT YOU! We want a lot of participation from groups in town so if you'd like to march in the parade or have a float, send in a parade participation form, the deadline has been extended until May 19th, 2012. Please email all forms or questions to milton350@gmail.com The Parade Participation Form is now available on our website at milton350thanniversary.org.

SCHEDULE FOR THE BIG WEEKEND – JUNE 8, 9, 10



Friday, June 8, 9 pm – Fireworks at Milton High School (Rain date June 16)

Saturday, June 9, MHS Reunion, Parade, Family Fun Day, and Free Band & Drum Corps Concert

Please join other **alumni from Milton High School** at the **Copeland Field** house from 8:30am –11am please read full description on page 5

Parade begins at Milton High at 2pm and ends at Cunningham Park (Rain Date June 16)



Parade Route

Saturday, June 9, 3:30pm, Family Fun Day

Only a really FUN day could follow such an awesome parade, help us celebrate at the Milton High School campus. The campus will be set up with a stage, family game activities, food, face painting and hospitality tents. Big Joe the Storyteller and singer Susan Reed will entertain the kids.

The following is proudly sponsored by Blue Hills Bank

Saturday, June 9, 6pm – 7:30pm, MHS Football field, Band & Drum Corps Concert

Featuring a performance by the award winning Woodland String Band (Mummers), Drum & Bugle Band performances by Stewart Highlanders Pipe Band, Senior Crusaders Drum & Bugle Corps, Milton High Band, Spartans Drum & Bugle Corps.

Sunday, June 10, 12 pm – Town Wide Picnic on the lawn in front of Town Hall followed by a Community Choir Concert at 3 pm in the First Parish Church. Please come and enjoy the Bay State Stompers Dixieland Band in the gazebo while you eat lunch on the lawn with neighbors. The children might like the Jedlie's Totally Interactive Magic Circus that will be performing and making balloon animals. Finish the afternoon with a hayride and a piece of cake worthy a celebration donated by the Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical School.

Community Choir Concert

Milton music directors are busy planning the Community Choir Concert for Sunday, June 10, 3:00 - 4:00pm at First Parish in Milton. Watch for notices about program and rehearsals. All singers welcome! For further information, contact Emma Jean Moulton at emmardon@aol.com, 617-698-3200H.

Monday, June 11, Milton History Bowl at Milton High School – see page 5

For more information about the BIG EVENT WEEKEND – please contact the following:

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Emma Jean Moulton, Town Wide Picnic Chair, emmardon@aol.com, 617-698-3200

Brian Kelley, Field activities/Family Fun Day Chair, brianpfs@gmail.com, 617-615-9249

Maritta and John Cronin, History Bowl Chairs, jammcronin@aol.com



Milton High School Reunion



MILTON HIGH ALUMS CELEBRATE 350th -- HOMECOMING FOR ALL DECADES!!

Plans are shaping up for the first ever reunion at the Copeland Field House. Alumni from the 40s', 50s', 60s, and 70s all have representatives on the MHS event planning committee. We are currently trying to contact younger alums from the 80's and up. If you or a friend would like to join the committee, volunteer or can provide us with some email lists for your class, please phone 617-698-7752 or email to 350thalumnievent@gmail.com

The Field House event will be open house from 8:30 to 11 A.M. Signage will designate where your "decade" is gathering. Coffee, muffins and refreshments will be available. This is the time to reminisce and catch up with classmates! We are planning a program with music and a few speakers.

A suggested \$5 donation will be accepted at the door for Milton High School and alumni activities. If you expect to attend, please email us at 350thalumnievent@gmail.com so we will have an estimate of the number of persons to expect for refreshments, etc. Janet Christensen, Chair, christensenjanet@yahoo.com, 617-698-7752

Win the History Bowl

The Milton History Bowl will bring eight teams of local experts together to battle for the 350th trophy.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Monday June 11 in the Milton High School auditorium. The first contest will involve students who will be asked questions from the Milton History curriculum used by grade 5.

At 7 p.m. the adult elimination begins. The adult teams will pay a \$25 registration fee to the town. These teams will consist of 3 to 5 people. Teams are being recruited now. John and Maritta Cronin will be responsible for creating the questions using Milton history and judging the answers. Members of the Milton Historical Society have volunteered to assist.

Teams interested in signing up should email milton350@gmail.com.

FUTURE EVENTS

Home Gardeners' Exhibition - Aug. 16

The home gardeners' contest will be Thursday, August 16th at the Milton Farmers' Market but it's none too early to buy your seeds and start some indoor planting. Related farm and agricultural activities are planned and we need volunteers for this effort. Remember that Milton was first a farming community--there is lots of history to explore! See the February Newsletter for the history of the event. To get involved, let us hear from you. christensenjanet@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATE for the Trolley tour of Milton, September 23, 2012

350th Milton Horse Show – October 6
Saturday at Prowse Farm in Canton, near the Milton line. There will be various events throughout the day and when we have a schedule, we will announce the details. In the meantime, questions can be phoned to 617-698-7752 or email christensenjanet@yahoo.com. We will refer them to the two Milton horsewomen planning the event.

Archive Committee

Wallie Sisson, Chair,
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Here's your opportunity to participate in the history of Milton's 350th Anniversary. Join our committee! We would like to have more photographers and videographers documenting all the festivities. Please contact Wallace Sisson archivecommittee350th@comcast.net

Time Capsule

Brian Walsh, brianmwal@aol.com

Planning has begun on our 2012 time capsule for a future Milton anniversary to open. Contact Brian Walsh if you have any ideas to share.

The theme for our legacy gift is -
Beautification and Civic Improvements in Milton.

Memorabilia

Dorothy Cutler (Chair)
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Joanne Trifone, Sales Coordinator,
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There are many items still left for sale to commemorate the 350th anniversary. We will also be adding a baseball hat with the logo for \$15.

Get your free bumper stickers at town hall.

Community Outreach Committee

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The community outreach committee is charged with making sure every **school, neighborhood association, church, non-profit group or club in Milton**, knows about the 350th Anniversary plans and how to participate. Please contact us if you represent an organization and would like to be on our contact list.

To Contact the 350th Committee

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