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Mission Statement:

**To Collect, Protect, Preserve and Serve as
Caretakers of our Past, Present and Future**

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Gathering at the Green



At the opening ceremonies of the Gathering at the Green, Representative Kathleen McCarty presented the Waterford Historical Society with a Connecticut General Assembly Official Citation in

recognition of our services to our community over the years. The entire membership of the General Assembly extended their congratulations and best wishes on the memorable occasion of our 50th anniversary.

The Waterford Historical Society would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to every one of our honored guests; as well as to everyone who helped make our celebration such a special day!

Here are a few of our Honored Guest:

**First Selectmen
Dan Steward**



**Attorney
Francis Pavetti**



John O'Neill



**Robert Nye
Town Historian**



**Charles Reyburn
Artist**



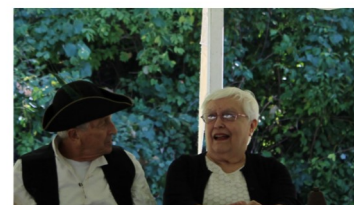
**George White
Brother of Artist who
create our seal**



**Vivian Brooks
former editor of
The Crier**



**Louisa Miner & Jerry
Theiler**



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Our Golden Celebration

Face painting



Making marbles



Making Butter



Nevins Cottage Painting by Charles Reyburn



Build A Flag



Displays



The Piglets



CT CHIP At the barn



The Barbershop quartet



Jerry and Jim in the upper barn with Jerry's Artifacts



Charles At the Smithy



Listening to the Waterford Community Band



Games



Firetruck rides





The Waterford Historical Society wants to extend a Thank you to:

The many Departments of the Town of Waterford that gave us so much support!

Our State Senator and Representatives for our Citation

US Senator Christopher Murphy for our letter of congratulations on our 50th Anniversary

The Waterford five Fire Departments and the Waterford Police Department

The Waterford Schools and the Superintendent's Office

The Waterford Senior Center bus and its driver

Ballestrini's Child Care Center of Waterford

Carelot Children's Center of Waterford

The Girls Scouts of Waterford

F.W. Webb

Cluffs Carpet One

Out of Home Network-Digital Signs

Palmieri's Restaurant

Dunkin Donuts

CRG Advertising

Arrow Paper Party Rental

Benoit Law Office

Chelsea Groton Bank

City Tire

Curtin

Design to Consign

Dominion Energy

Fast Signs

Filomena's

Gabriele's Martial Arts

Girard BMW & Toyota

Grader Jewelers

Great Neck Country Club

Groton Town House

Hendel's

Hoelck's Florist

Ivy's Simply Homemade

J Y Nail Spa

Jared

JR's The Shack

Langley's Restaurant

Lion's Club Women's

Post Road Review

Professional Eye Care

Re/Max Home Team

Recovery Room

Shell Gas

Shop Rite

Silva's Package Store

Supreme Pizza

Thames River Garden Club

Watercolor Salon

Waterford Dental Health

When Pigs Fly





Waterford Historical Society would also like to thank the whole Committee of members that worked so hard to make the Olde -Fashion at the Green a success!

West Neck Cemetery

For those of us interested in genealogy or just local history this event was informative. John R. Morgan the current Secretary/Treasurer of West Neck Cemetery Association intrigued us as he revealed the history of the cemetery. He also acquainted us with interesting stories about some of the people who reside within the cemetery. John R. Morgan is a descendant of some of those buried in the cemetery.

The cemetery was born from the need for more space. Old Roger's Cemetery on corner of Great Neck and Shore Road was owned years ago by the Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Church no longer has anything to do with that cemetery. In the 1850's The Seventh Day Baptist Church realized that the Old Roger's Cemetery was full. West Neck became the new cemetery for the Seventh Day Baptist Church. In the 1850's families that had their loved ones in Old Rogers Cemetery wanted them moved to West Neck Cemetery. So the Church removed all of the people from the smaller cemetery to the larger West Neck Cemetery. There are families that have been in this area for many years in these two cemeteries.



John is the keeper of the historical ledger which holds all of the records of the cemetery, including those who were remove to West Neck Cemetery from the Old Roger's Cemetery. There is also a map of the cemetery which reveals all of those who are buried in the cemetery and each plot. There are unfilled plots that may be owned by descendants, that the West Neck

Cemetery Association is searching for. If there are no known descendants or owners left, the plots may be utilized by others in the community. The cemetery at one time was just for members of the church but over the years many local residents also chose to be buried there.

West Neck Cemetery Association acknowledges their Veterans with flags. As well as maintaining the whole cemetery with respect for those who are buried there. James

Campbell who was a MIA soldier in the Korea Conflict, last seen in December 1950, was finally identified and laid to rest in August of 2016 in Great Neck Cemetery. He was given full military honors and laid to rest with his parents. The Great Neck Elementary School children come to the cemetery to learn about the Veterans in the Cemetery. They are given a hand out with information about military medals. They are taken on a tour to identify which of the Veterans within the cemetery may have been awarded those medals. We hope that the tradition of the respect given this cemetery by the West Neck Cemetery Association continues through the years.





**The Waterford Historical Society Presents:
Build-A-Flag**



**A Presentation on the History of the Flags of the
United States and their meanings.**

By National Sojourners

November 2, 2017

6:00 PM

At

Waterford Public Library

Social time 5:30



WATERFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
July 2017 – June 2018 CALENDAR

November

2	6:00PM	“Build a Flag” National Sojourners	Waterford Public Library
9	5:30PM 6:00PM	Social Time & Presentation Monthly Business Meeting	Community Center #103 Community Center #103
24	9:00AM	Decorating for Winter Holidays	Jordan Green

December

6	4:00-6:00PM 6:00PM	“Caroling and Cookies” Serving Refreshments at Tree-Lighting	Beebe-Philips & Schoolhouse Town Hall
7	5:00PM 6:00PM	“Candlelight Tour of Jordan Green” Holiday Party & Monthly Meeting	Jordan Green Waterford Public Library

January

6	9:00AM	Change to Winter Decorating	Jordan Green
11	5:30PM 6:00PM	Social Time & Sharing Monthly Business Meeting	Community Center #103 Community Center #103

February

1	6:00PM	“Restoring Historic Chimneys” Charles Jasmine, President, Chimney Champs LLC	Waterford Public Library
8	5:30PM 6:00PM	Social Time Monthly Business Meeting	Community Center #103 Community Center #103

March

8	5:30PM 6:00PM	Social Time Monthly Business Meeting	Community Center #103 Community Center #103
15	6:00PM	“Discovering Your Waterford Genealogy” Michele Pedro, et. al.	Waterford Public Library

<u>April</u>			
5	6:00PM	“Colonial Kitchen Gardening” Thames River Garden Club members	Waterford Public Library
12	5:30PM	Social Time	Jordan Green Schoolhouse
	6:00PM	Monthly Business Meeting	Jordan Green Schoolhouse
<u>May</u>			
10	6:00PM	PROGRAM	Waterford Public Library
	7:00PM	Monthly Business Meeting	Waterford Public Library
<u>June</u>			
14	5:00PM	Potluck Supper & Annual Meeting	Jordan Green Barn



Holiday Gift Idea



Waterford Historical Society, Inc.

Membership Form

Please Check One:

- ___ Student \$ 5.00
___ Individual \$ 20.00
___ Household \$ 30.00
___ Lifetime \$200.00



ANNUAL DUES THROUGH YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 \$_____

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

(Street)

(City, State, Zip-code)

Email(s): _____

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Waterford Historical Society, Inc.!***

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