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:

- Kathleen McCarty
  State Representative

- Robert Nye
  Town Historian

- Charles Reyburn
  Artist

- Vivian Brooks
  former editor of The Crier

- John O’Neill
  George White
  Brother of Artist who create our seal

- Louisa Miner & Jerry Theiler
- Francis Pavetti
  Attorney

- Dan Steward
  First Selectmen

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Editor: Michele Pedro
Face painting

Making marbles

Making Butter

Nevins Cottage Painting by Charles Reyburn

Build A Flag

Displays

The Piglets

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 removed 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

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