



NEWBURY

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Three-hundred seventy-fifth Anniversary

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375th Anniversary Events

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Events are subject to change. The most up-to-date information can always be found on the anniversary website, www.newbury375.org.

Events in red are those created specifically by the committee for the celebration.

∞ JANUARY

Sunday, January 17

Early American Shape Note Singing

Come to watch or bring your 1991 "Sacred Harp" songbook; copies available.

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road (Route 1A), Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

★ Free

∞ FEBRUARY

Tuesday & Thursday
February 16 & 18

Art & Architecture Project for Kids

To celebrate the town's anniversary students in Grades 4 – 6 are invited to work with Massachusetts artist Giles LaRoche to create a mural depicting buildings important to the town's history.

- Newbury Town Library, Zero Lunt Street, Byfield
★ Registration required. Contact the Children's Department at 978-465-0539.

Sunday, February 21

Early American Shape Note Singing

Come to watch or bring your 1991 "Sacred Harp" songbook; copies available.

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road (Route 1A), Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

★ Free

☞ MARCH

Friday, March 12

“Local Scenes by Local Artists” Art Show Opening Reception

Local artists display their works depicting scenes from Newbury and its environs; light refreshments served; some art available for sale. Exhibit will remain through April 9th, available for viewing during library hours.

- Newbury Town Library, Zero Lunt Street, Byfield
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
★ Free

Sunday, March 21

Early American Shape Note Singing

Come to watch or bring your 1991 “Sacred Harp” songbook; copies available.

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road (Route 1A), Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
★ Free

Saturday, March 27

Antiques Appraisal Day to benefit the C-10 Foundation (www.c-10.org)

Appraisers from Skinner will be on hand to look at your items. Please see the C-10 Foundation website for details on what & what not to bring.

- Newburyport High School, 241 High Street (Route 113), Newburyport
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
★ \$10 for 1 item; \$25 for 3 items

☞ APRIL

Saturday, April 17

Centennial Anniversary of the First Flight on Plum Island

Includes a classic aircraft fly-in and the dedication of a new monument honoring the first flight of 1910.

- Plum Island Aerodrome, 24 Plum Island Turnpike, Newbury
www.PlumIslandAerodrome.org
10:00 AM
★ Free

Sunday, April 18

Early American Shape Note Singing

Come to watch or bring your 1991 “Sacred Harp” songbook; copies available.

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road (Route 1A), Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
★ Free

Friday, April 23 &
Saturday, April 24

Newburyport Literary Festival

A celebration of literature, readers, and writers throughout downtown Newburyport. Over 40 well-known regional, national, and international authors will take part (full listing available on the website listed below).

- Various locations throughout Newburyport
www.NewburyportLiteraryFestival.org

Saturday, April 24

Historic Places & Spaces: Guided Tours

Hop aboard our tour bus and take part in guided tours of historic places and spaces, including:

Newbury’s Upper Green historic district, Atkinson House, and Jackman-Willett House; Byfield’s Adams House and Moody House; and the Mansion House, Little Red Schoolhouse, and Archives exhibit at The Governor’s Academy.

- Bus leaves from main parking lot, The Governor’s Academy
Middle Road, near the intersection of Elm Street, Byfield
- Space is limited!

★ **Tickets required.** Purchase at Town Hall or www.newbury375.org.
\$10 adults/teens [Please, no children under the age of 12]

☪ MAY

Saturday, May 1

375th Celebration Day

- Events all take place at or near the Lower Green, High Road (Route 1A), Newbury
- Events will take place **rain or shine** – tents will be set up in case of rain
- ★ All events are free unless otherwise specified

10:00 AM

May Day Celebration

May pole demonstration and instruction; audience participation encouraged.

11:00 AM

Historical Reenactment of the Landing of the First Settlers

A group of first settlers row the Parker River in search of a place to land. Once their boat comes ashore, an historical address will be given by local historian and pastor Dr. William Boylan. Guests of honor then provide remarks and declare the official celebration begun.

12:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Cemetery & House Tours

Dole-Little House (tours on the ½ hour; last tour at 3:00 PM)

Jackman-Willett House (tours on the ½ hour; last tour at 3:00 PM)

Lower Green Schoolhouse (open 12:30 – 3:00 PM)

First Settlers Burying Ground (guide present from 12:30 – 3:00 PM)

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

BBQ Chicken Dinner

Barbeque chicken dinner with an array of side dishes, drinks, and desserts. Featuring the folk and bluegrass sounds of ‘Spirit Fiddle’

- ★ **Tickets required.** Purchase at Town Hall or www.newbury375.org.
\$ price TBA

7:00 PM

Concert on the Green featuring “Soul Robot”

Newburyport’s favorite four-piece band presents an hour-long concert of soul, rock, and blues originals and classics.

- ★ Free; no tickets needed

Sunday, May 2

Newbury Through the Ages

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Exhibits and Artifacts of Bygone Days

includes the following exhibitors and guests:

... 17th & 18th Century Military Encampment

... Karin Sprague, gravestone handcarver ♦ www.karinsprague.com

... Ralph Johnson, mast hoops and boat hardware ♦ www.pertlowell.com

... J.P. Hobby, blacksmith

... Steve Lapay, Vintage canoe construction/restoration

... Edwin Howard, working 1888 Colt-Baxter stationary steam engine

... Carol Larocque, American miniature horses

... Bernie Fields, maple sugaring

... “Protection #1” antique fire handtub

... Anne Teel, miniature models of historic houses

... Martha Dana, puppeteer

and more!

- Lower Green, High Road (Route 1A), Newbury

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

House Tours

Coffin House (tours on the ½ hour; last tour at 3:00 PM)

Swett-Ilsley House (tours on the ½ hour; last tour at 3:00 PM)

Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm (open 11 – 3:00 PM)

- Upper Green area, High Road (Route 1A), Newbury

1:00 PM

Cemetery Tour: First Parish Burying Ground

- Across from First Parish Church, 20 High Road (Route 1A), Newbury

Thursday, May 6

Founder's Day at Newbury Elementary School
"Living Museum," celebrating Newbury's history

- Newbury Elementary School, 63 Hanover Street, Newbury
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
- ★ Free and open to the public

Saturday, May 8

Draft Horse Plow Day

Teams of draft horses from throughout New England participate in plowing demonstrations. Day also includes sheep shearing, wagon rides, animals, blacksmithing, children's crafts, games, fiddle music, and a puppet show.

- Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Little's Lane, Newbury (978-462-2634)
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- ★ Free to members of *Historic New England* (www.historicnewengland.org)
Tickets available at the event (\$6 adults, \$4 kids)

Sunday, May 16

Early American Shape Note Singing

Come to watch or bring your 1991 "Sacred Harp" songbook; copies available.

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road, Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
- ★ Free

Saturday, May 22 &
Sunday, May 23

"From Farms to Factories" Art Show

Local artists exhibit their works in this show sponsored by the Historical Society of Old Newbury.

- Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport
- www.NewburyHist.org

Saturday, May 22

17th Century Fireplace Exploration – "Anatomy of a Fireplace"

Masonry expert Richard Irons leads a behind-the-scenes exploration of the 17th century chimney, chimney technology, and cooking methods. Bring pictures of your chimney mysteries for his review. Refreshments included.

- Coffin House, Swett-Ilsley House, Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- ★ Registration **required** at www.HistoricNewEngland.org

Sunday, May 23

Vintage Base Ball Game (1861 Rules)

The Essex Base Ball Club plays against other regional clubs using 1861 rules. Beer samples provided by Ipswich Ale; snacks, baseballs, and cards available for purchase. Grass field seating; bring blankets and lawn chairs.

- Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Little's Lane, Newbury (978-462-2634)
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Games will be held on May 23, June 20, July 11, September 26, and October 3
- ★ Tickets available at the event
Free to members of *Historic New England*; \$3 non-members

May 29 – May 31

Military Encampment Weekend sponsored by First Parish Church

- www.FirstParishofNewbury.org

Saturday, May 29:

9:00 AM
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Opening ceremony [First Parish Burying Ground]
Revolutionary War Encampment [Upper Green]

Sunday, May 30:

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
9:45 AM
10:00 AM

Civil War Encampment [Upper Green]
Fife & Drum Parade from Upper Green to First Parish Church
Worship Service, followed by brunch [First Parish Church]
Note the two area events listed below for Sunday, May 30, as well

Monday, May 31:

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
10:00 AM – 12 Noon
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
11:30 AM
12 Noon
12:30 PM

World War I to the Present Encampment [Upper Green]
Fly-By with planes of the era
BBQ on the Upper Green
Patriotic music of World Wars 1 & 2 performed by the Triton H.S. Band
1960s-era Rock Concert
Closing Ceremony [Upper Green pond]

Sunday, May 30

Ould Newbury Fire Museum open

- The museum will be open **most Sundays** between May 30 and October 10
- Morgan Avenue at High Road (behind Newburyport Bank branch)
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
★ Free

Sunday, May 30

Plum Island Lighthouse open

Enjoy a breathtaking view from the top of the lighthouse.

- Lighthouse will also be open June 27, July 25, August 29, Sept. 26, and Oct. 10
- Sneakers required; Not for children under age 5 or under 42" tall
- End of Northern Boulevard, Plum Island [*Newburyport section of Plum Island*]
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
★ Free (Donations appreciated)

∞ JUNE

Friday through Sunday,
June 11 - 13

“Byfield Days” Annual Festival

A mixture of old and new events; something for everyone!

- More info at www.newbury375.org as the schedule is finalized

Friday through Sunday,
June 11 - 13

Boy Scouts of America Centennial Patriot Muster

A two-night Boy Scout camporee featuring a 5-mile hike, opportunities for merit badges, geocaching, contests, and a two-day Revolutionary reenactment between the Continental Line and British Regulars, featuring dragoons, cannon bombardments, and tactics of the day.

- Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Little's Lane, Newbury (978-462-2634)
- www.WestfordMinuteCub.com

Saturday, June 12

Historic Burying Ground Tour Series (No. 1 of 5)

Walk the early graveyards of Newbury and the surrounding area with local historian Dick Cunningham

- Byfield Parish Cemeteries
2:00 PM
Meet at Byfield Parish Church, 132 Jackman Street, Georgetown
★ Free

Saturday, June 19

Baseball, Beer, and Barbeque Dinner

Tennessee's BBQ fare under the tent; eight brews from Ipswich Ale, Cisco Brewing Company, and Sherwood Forest; talk by baseball historian Brian Sheehy; meet the members of the Essex Base Ball Club (who play using 1861 rules); live music.

- Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Little's Lane, Newbury (978-462-2634)
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
★ **Tickets required.** Purchase at www.HistoricNewEngland.org.
\$25 members of *Historic New England*; \$40 non-members

Sunday, June 20

Vintage Base Ball Game (1861 Rules)

The Essex Base Ball Club plays against other regional clubs using 1861 rules. Beer samples provided by Ipswich Ale; snacks, baseballs, and cards available for purchase. Grass field seating; bring blankets and lawn chairs.

- Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Little's Lane, Newbury (978-462-2634)
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Games will be held on May 23, June 20, July 11, September 26, and October 3
 - ★ Tickets available at the event
 - Free to members of *Historic New England*; \$3 non-members

Sunday, June 20

Early American Shape Note Singing

Come to watch or bring your 1991 "Sacred Harp" songbook; copies available.

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road, Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
- ★ Free

Sunday, June 27

Plum Island Lighthouse open

Enjoy a breathtaking view from the top of the lighthouse.

- Lighthouse will also be open May 30, July 25, August 29, Sept. 26, and Oct. 10
- Sneakers required; Not for children under age 5 or under 42" tall
- End of Northern Boulevard, Plum Island [Newburyport section of Plum Island]
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- ★ Free (Donations appreciated)

Sunday, June 27

Big Band & Swing Concert featuring *The White Heat Swing Orchestra*

12-piece big band from Boston hits the stage for a concert of old favorites. Come and listen, or bring your dancing shoes; dance space provided!

- The Governor's Academy, 1 Elm Street, Byfield [Performing Arts Center]
3:00 PM
- ★ **Tickets required.** Purchase at Town Hall or www.newbury375.org
\$12 general admission (no reserved seats). Doors open at 2:30 PM.

∞ JULY

Saturday, July 10

Historic Burying Ground Tour Series (No. 2 of 5)

Walk the early graveyards of Newbury and the surrounding area with local historian Dick Cunningham

- First Parish Burying Ground / Thomas Parker Cemetery, across from
First Parish Church, 20 High Road (Route 1A), Newbury
2:00 PM
- ★ Free

Sunday, July 11

Vintage Base Ball Game (1861 Rules)

The Essex Base Ball Club plays against other regional clubs using 1861 rules. Beer samples provided by Ipswich Ale; snacks, baseballs, and cards available for purchase. Grass field seating; bring blankets and lawn chairs.

- Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Little's Lane, Newbury (978-462-2634)
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Games will be held on May 23, June 20, July 11, September 26, and October 3
 - ★ Tickets available at the event
 - Free to members of *Historic New England*; \$3 non-members

Sunday, July 18

Early American Shape Note Singing

Come to watch or bring your 1991 "Sacred Harp" songbook; copies available.

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road, Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
- ★ Free

July 25 – August 1

Newburyport's 53rd Annual Yankee Homecoming

Week long festival of music, food, events, and sales throughout Newburyport.

- www.YankeeHomecoming.com

Sunday, July 25

Historic Burying Ground Tour Series (No. 3 of 5)

Walk the early graveyards of Newbury and the surrounding area with local historians Dick Cunningham and Ghlee Woodworth. This tour in the series will be linked with Newburyport's Yankee Homecoming.

- Old Hill & New Hill Burial Grounds, Newburyport (near Bartlett Mall)
Park on Greenleaf Street or Pond Street
Times TBA
★ Free

Sunday, July 25

Plum Island Lighthouse open

Enjoy a breathtaking view from the top of the lighthouse.

- Lighthouse will also be open May 30, June 27, August 29, Sept. 26, and Oct. 10
- Sneakers required; Not for children under age 5 or under 42" tall
- End of Northern Boulevard, Plum Island [Newburyport section of Plum Island]
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
★ Free (Donations appreciated)

Saturday, July 31

Old Fashioned Fireman's Muster

In memory of Richard Walsh, longtime member of the American Hand Fire Engine Society, local farmer, and former Finance Committee member. Handtubs from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine will be present.

- Upper Green, High Road (Route 1A), Newbury
12:00 Noon (lasting through the afternoon)
★ Free

∞ AUGUST

Saturday, August 14

Annual Meeting of *The Sons & Daughters of the First Settlers of Newbury* featuring historic slide show and 2 guest speakers.

- The Governor's Academy, 1 Elm Street, Byfield [Performing Arts Center]
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
★ **Reservation required** through www.SonsAndDaughtersOfNewbury.org

Sunday, August 15

Early American Shape Note Singing

Come to watch or bring your 1991 "Sacred Harp" songbook; copies available.

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road, Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
★ Free

Saturday, August 28

Historic Burying Ground Tour Series (No. 4 of 5)

Walk the early graveyards of Newbury and the surrounding area with local historian Dick Cunningham

- Belleville Cemetery & Queen Anne's Churchyard, Storey Avenue (Route 113), Newburyport (across from Port Plaza). Park on Noble Street (off of Storey Ave.)
2:00 PM
★ Free

Sunday, August 29

Plum Island Lighthouse open

Enjoy a breathtaking view from the top of the lighthouse.

- Lighthouse will also be open May 30, June 27, July 25, Sept. 26, and Oct. 10
- Sneakers required; Not for children under age 5 or under 42" tall
- End of Northern Boulevard, Plum Island [Newburyport section of Plum Island]
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - ★ Free (Donations appreciated)

☞ SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 18

Walking Tour of Newbury's Lower Green

part of Essex National Heritage's Trails and Sails Weekend

...Historic Burying Ground Tour Series (No. 5 of 5)

Led by historian Dick Cunningham

Burying Ground of the First Settlers

...Tours of Jackman-Willett House

...Tours of Lower Green Schoolhouse

- Walks begin at the Lower Green, High Road (Route 1A), Newbury
10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 2:00 PM
 - ★ Free

Many more area events at www.TrailsAndSails.com

Sunday, September 19

Early American Shape Note Singing

Come to watch or bring your 1991 "Sacred Harp" songbook; copies available.

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road, Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
 - ★ Free

Saturday, September 25

English Country Dance [tentative]

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road, Newbury
www.FirstParishOfNewbury.org

Sunday, September 26

Vintage Base Ball Game (1861 Rules)

The Essex Base Ball Club plays against other regional clubs using 1861 rules. Beer samples provided by Ipswich Ale; snacks, baseballs, and cards available for purchase. Grass field seating; bring blankets and lawn chairs.

- Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Little's Lane, Newbury (978-462-2634)
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Games will be held on May 23, June 20, July 11, September 26, and October 3
 - ★ Tickets available at the event
Free to members of *Historic New England*; \$3 non-member

Sunday, September 26

Plum Island Lighthouse open

Enjoy a breathtaking view from the top of the lighthouse.

- Lighthouse will also be open May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, and Oct. 10
- Sneakers required; Not for children under age 5 or under 42" tall
- End of Northern Boulevard, Plum Island [Newburyport section of Plum Island]
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 - ★ Free (Donations appreciated)

☞ OCTOBER

Saturday, October 2

Family History & Genealogy Day

Research your family tree and learn how many families are connected

- Newbury Town Library, Zero Lunt Street, Byfield
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

★ **Registration required** at www.newbury375.org

Sunday, October 3

Vintage Base Ball Game (1861 Rules)

The Essex Base Ball Club plays against other regional clubs using 1861 rules. Beer samples provided by Ipswich Ale; snacks, baseballs, and cards available for purchase. Grass field seating; bring blankets and lawn chairs.

- Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Little's Lane, Newbury (978-462-2634)
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Games will be held on May 23, June 20, July 11, September 26, and October 3

★ Tickets available at the event

Free to members of *Historic New England*; \$3 non-member

Sunday, October 10

Plum Island Lighthouse open

Enjoy a breathtaking view from the top of the lighthouse.

- Lighthouse will also be open May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, and Sept. 26.
- Sneakers required; Not for children under age 5 or under 42" tall
- End of Northern Boulevard, Plum Island [Newburyport section of Plum Island]
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

★ Free (Donations appreciated)

Sunday, October 17

Early American Shape Note Singing

Come to watch or bring your 1991 "Sacred Harp" songbook; copies available.

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road, Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

★ Free

☞ NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 21

Early American Shape Note Singing

Come to watch or bring your 1991 "Sacred Harp" songbook; copies available.

- First Parish Church, 20 High Road, Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

★ Free

☞ DECEMBER

Friday, December 3

The Great Marsh: Photography by Dorothy Kerper Monnelly

Join us for the opening reception of Dorothy's well-known exhibit of photographs taken on the north shore's Great Marsh. Light refreshments served. (This exhibit will remain through January 28, 2011).

- The Governor's Academy, 1 Elm Street, Byfield [Performing Arts Center]
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

★ Free

- Tentative Event**
- Saturday, December 18 **The Boston Camerata presents “An Early American Christmas”**
This world-renowned ensemble comes to Newbury to present Christmas hymns, carols, and instrumental music of Early America.
- First Parish Church, 20 High Road (Route 1A), Newbury
8:00 PM
- ★ **Tickets required**; available at the church office (978-465-5597)
- Sunday, December 19 **Early American Shape Note Singing**
Come to watch or bring your 1991 “Sacred Harp” songbook; copies available.
- First Parish Church, 20 High Road, Newbury
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM
- ★ Free
- Sunday, December 19 **Newburyport’s 85th Annual Candlelight Service**
A Newburyport tradition since 1925, the church is decorated and Christmas choral music is interspersed with readings and congregational singing of familiar carols.
- First Religious Society Unitarian-Universalist Church, Pleasant Street, Newburyport (www.frssuu.org)
[evening – time TBA]
- Friday, December 24 **Circa 1840 Christmas Eve Service**
- First Parish Church, 20 High Road (Route 1A), Newbury
6:00 PM
- ★ Free; a free-will offering will be taken
- Wednesday, December 29 **Closing Non-Denominational Worship Service**
- First Parish Church, 20 High Road (Route 1A), Newbury
7:00 PM
- ★ Free; all are welcome

This calendar is subject to revision.
The latest edition of this event listing can be found at www.newbury375.org