



Milton 350th Anniversary Committee

March 2012 Newsletter

Spring is In the Air

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Spring will soon be in the air, and the month of March will be one of preparation for Milton's 350th celebrations. We continue to update our website and reach out to the Milton Community to spread the word. We've got lots of exciting Spring events and activities to put on your calendars.

Our focus in March is the Mayor of Milton campaign. We have four candidates who want to win your vote – Jim Comer, Jayne Goode, Philip Driscoll and Mike Lynch! We hope you can join us at the "Meet the Candidates" party at First Parish Hall on March 31st from 7-11 pm. Tickets are \$15 at the door. It will be a lighthearted evening of silly speeches and FUNdraising. You'll start seeing posters around town and ballot boxes to cast your vote. We're happy to announce that you can also vote for mayor on our website.

One important goal of this committee is to present the Town of Milton with a legacy gift from funds raised through the many 350th events. In order to achieve that goal, we need your input. Do you have an idea for a lasting gift that will benefit the Town of Milton? Some suggestions so far include planting trees, improving signage and even a countdown clock to the 400th anniversary. Please give it some thought and share your suggestions with the committee at llsheridan@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

31st (Saturday) 7-11 pm Meet the Candidates

First Parish Hall, 535 Canton Ave., Milton, Massachusetts 02186. Come have fun and meet the candidates for Mayor of Milton. Listen to their "platforms" and vote for the one you like best. Or vote for more than one candidate. And vote as often as you like! Each vote is \$1 and proceeds from the Mayor for Milton campaign go towards paying for the events planned by the 350th Committee and legacy gift to the town. Tickets \$15 at the door. DJ, Dancing and cash bar.

APRIL

2nd (Monday) 7-8 pm Milton's Industry: Our

Industrial Past" Keys Room, Milton Public Library. Historical Lecture by famed local historian Anthony Sammarco." Sponsored by: Friends of the Milton Library.

11th (Wednesday) 6:15 pm. The Student's View of

350 Years of Milton, Milton High Winchester Auditorium. Featuring the work of Milton Public School students in grades K-12. Reception followed by presentation with music and special guest speaker.

12th (Thursday) 3:30 pm Pops Concert featuring

Milton High School Orchestra. Fuller Village, 1372 Brush Hill Road. Sponsored by the Milton Rotary. Read below under Ongoing Events for details.



Finally, we are excited to have the first night of Town Meeting this year, May 7, at First Parish Church in commemoration of our anniversary and to remember our past. If you can't come to Town Meeting, be sure to watch it on local TV.

Sincerely,

Lynda-Lee Sheridan
Milton 350th Committee Chair

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Town Meeting at First Parish

On **May 7, 2012**, for the first time since **March 9, 1835**, Milton will hold Town Meeting at First Parish Church.

History of Town Meeting at First Parish

From First Parish's website – "The very first meetinghouse in Milton was built sometime between 1650 and 1660. This building served as the house of worship, but also as the town's public meetinghouse for government/political events. This area of then-Dorchester was known as Unquity, and the members of the congregation were official members of First Parish Dorchester.

In 1662, the town of Milton became incorporated and legally separated from Dorchester. About 10 years later, the second Meetinghouse was built, and 11 men of the community covenanted together to officially form a congregation. Samuel Man served this new community for two years, and in 1680 [First Parish's] first called minister, Peter Thacher, began his tenure. His ministry lasted 47 years.

The third meeting house was constructed in 1728, close to this site now. Because of a growing town, and that structure needing major renovation, this current Meetinghouse was erected in 1787 and dedicated in 1788."

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In 1818, the parish petitioned the town to be incorporated as a separate body, no longer under the jurisdiction of the town of Milton. This petition was granted by the General Court of Massachusetts, and the Church separated from the town. Two years later, the Dedham decision came from the supreme Judicial Court forever separating church and property, or church and state as we now know it.



Big Event Committee

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Plans for the Big Event weekend are still ongoing. Please see our February newsletter for more details including parade route. Previous newsletters are on our website.



The Parade Participation Form is now available on our milton350thanniversary.org. Entries accepted till April 25.

Schedule of Events for the Big Event Weekend

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

Saturday, June 9, 2 pm – Parade leaving Milton High and ending at Cunningham Park.

Followed by Field activities at Milton High and ending with a Band Concert at 6 pm in the stadium. (Rain Date June 16)

Sunday, June 10, 12 pm – Town Wide Picnic on the Town Green in front of Town Hall followed by a Community Choir Concert at 3 pm in the First Parish Church.

Monday, June 11, evening – Milton History Bowl at Milton High School

Please check back as we get closer to the date. We will need volunteers to help with all events. If you or your organization would like to help, please contact Pat Desmond.

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 emmadon@aol.com, 617-698-3200H.

Fundraising

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Kathy Fagan, Co-Chair, kfaganlaw@comcast.net

Concert with Ronan Tynan and Pauline Wells

May 5, 2012, 6:30 – 10 pm at the Boston Marriott Quincy. **Tickets are now available** for the **350th Concert** to commemorate our anniversary. \$50 general admission tickets include a 6:30 pm Cocktail Reception with Cash Bar. \$150 VIP tickets also include dessert and a gathering with the performers following the concert. Free parking. Proceeds to benefit 350th celebration and legacy gift. Tickets at milton350thanniversary.org, Selectman's Office from 8:30 am – 5 pm, M-F, at the Milton Times, 480 Adams St. or by emailing Joanne Trifone at milton350thstore@gmail.com or 617-698-3442. Sponsored by Copeland Family Foundation.



Mayor of Milton Campaign – We have our candidates!



Jayne Goode



Mike Lynch



Philip Driscoll

You can now vote on www.milton350thanniversary.org! We have extended the Mayor campaign period to end on May 7th. The winner will be announced once all the “votes” are counted. For questions about the campaign, please **contact Brian Kelley at brianpfs@gmail.com or 617-615-9249.**

March 31st, Saturday, 7-11 - Join us for a Candidates Night at First Parish Church to meet the candidates and hear why they want to run. Tickets are \$15 at the door – DJ, Dancing and Cash Bar.

Milton High School Reunion

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CALLING ALL MILTON HIGH ALUMNI! Big plans are brewing for all MHS grads from yesteryear and more recent days! A first-ever event is planned for the 350th anniversary parade day.

MILTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HOMECOMING
Saturday, June 9th, 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Milton High Field House

Representatives of various class years and decades are already reaching out to friends by phone and email. We need more volunteers to do a great job, so please contact us if you have even just a little spare time to get involved. It's fun talking or texting to old friends!

A great night for the 'sixties alums is already planned for June 10th at the Hoosic Club, and a 'fifties and 'forties gathering is in the works. Whizz Kids are reaching out, but we need to hear from more WildCats! Please contact Janet Christensen christensenjanet@yahoo.com for more info. **Next meeting at Cunningham Hall is March 7** - more to follow in late March.



Mass Memories Road Show

Dan Haacker, 617-698-575 or dhaacker@ocln.org

The Mass. Memories Road Show comes to Milton- 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.

For more information and/or to volunteer contact Dan Haacker at the Milton Library at 617-698-575 or dhaacker@ocln.org

Ongoing Events Committee

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The Student's View of 350 Years of Milton

The Milton Public Schools in partnership with the Milton 350th Anniversary Committee is proud to sponsor an evening of the Educational History of Milton – The Students View.

The evening will be a presentation of student work from each grade level across all six Milton Public Schools. Students have been working all year on projects ranging from research of the Bakers' Chocolate Factory in Grade 3, to a Patchwork Quilt in grade 5 to a video produced by Milton High School students.

There will be a reception to view student work with light appetizers and music followed by a one hour event with music, student presentations and a special guest speaker. We invite one and all to attend our tribute to the 350th Birthday of the Town of Milton: The Student's View of 350 Years of Milton on April 11, 2012 at the Milton High School Winchester Auditorium at 6:15 PM.



Town Meeting at First Parish – May 7, 2012

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. Thank you Mallory Digges and Laurie Macintosh for their inspiration!

Home Gardeners' Exhibition - August 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.

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350th Milton Horse Show – October 6

Photos in the Milton Public Library archives show horsemen and women at Milton anniversary events 50 years ago and earlier. The tradition will be revived at this year's celebration on October 6th. If you are interested in volunteering, we can put you in touch with the two Milton horsewomen planning the event. Contact christensenjanet@yahoo.com

Program Book Committee

We are planning on creating a program book to offer the weekend of the fireworks and parade, June 8th and 9th. We are looking for someone to lead the effort to put that together. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Lynda-Lee Sheridan llsheridan@hotmail.com.

Time Capsule

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Planning has begun on our 2012 time capsule for a future Milton anniversary to open. Brian Walsh has researched the pros and cons of several options. Contact Brian if you have any ideas to share.

Historical Committee

Brian Doherty, Chair, bdoherty@townofmilton.org

The Historic Committee is excited to announce a series of lectures by Anthony Sammarco, noted historian and author of more than forty books on the history of Boston and surrounding cities and towns. All events will be held in the Keys Room at the Milton Public Library.

Be sure to come to our first lecture by on Monday April 2, 7-8 pm, "Milton Businesses and Industries", sponsored by Friends of the Milton Library.



Archive Committee

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For those of you who are wondering why the Archive Committee exists, we are responsible for documenting the entire 350th Anniversary celebration of our town. The Committee is seeking those volunteers (professional or amateur) that will assist by recording these events by taking pictures or videos. If you don't have a camera, we may be able to provide one. If you are interested finding out more about how you can participate, please email:

ArchiveCommittee350th@comcast.net with your name, email and other contact information.

Memorabilia

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A huge THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers who have given of their time to sit behind our Memorabilia tables - a total of 72 times since last Sept. at 17 different venues. Thank you to Mary Ann Pietch, Maritta Cronin, Sue Bertram, Gerda Conant, Barbara White, Steve Mc Curdy, Mary Regan, Pat Sullivan, Myrtle Flight, Paula Bonarrigo, Joelle Auguste, Sophie Sandquist, Linda Palmer, and Clara Cenci.

If your organization is having an event, we would love to have a table there to sell our memorabilia. Please contact Joanne Trifone at milton350thstore@gmail.com if you'd allow us to sell at your event. Thank you!

Here is a list of our current memorabilia:

- **Milton Roundel** - \$40
- **T-Shirts** - \$15
- **Milton Mugs** - \$20
- **2012 Calendars** - \$10
- **Commemorative Plate** - \$55 signed, \$45 unsigned.
- **Mug and T-Shirt Combo** - \$30

Our memorabilia items can be seen on www.milton350thanniversary.org. You can buy memorabilia at the Selectman's Office, Town Hall 8:30 am to 5 pm. If you'd like to order something, please email our Sales Coordinator, **Joanne Trifone** at milton350thstore@gmail.com. Joanne is coordinating volunteers to sell at all our events as well.

Galatea Sterling Silver "Entering Milton" bracelets, charms and pendants -10% of all their charm sales will be donated for Milton 350th Anniversary Committee initiatives. See galateafinejewelry.com/350th.html for pricing and other details.



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. There are many ways to get involved. You can sponsor your own event, have your group volunteer at one of our big events or just spread the word by distributing this newsletter. We are working to contact as many groups as we can. Please contact us if you represent an organization and would like to be on our contact list.

Publicity/Communications

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Newsletter – If you'd like to help produce the newsletter, please contact Mary McLaughlin at marymgm@comcast.net. Writing and graphic skills are necessary. Thank you.

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