

350th Anniversary Parade

Town of North Kingstown,
Rhode Island



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 5, 2024**

PARADE KICK OFF: 1:00 PM

Participants gather: 11:00 am

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INTRODUCTION

The mission of the **350th Anniversary Steering Committee** is to engage the entire North Kingstown community in a year-long celebration of the 350th anniversary of the founding of our town. By planning and executing inclusive, memorable, educational, and enjoyable events made possible by extensive fundraising from individuals and businesses with support from the Town, we aim to increase awareness of and connections to the rich history and innovative future of our community.

The 350th Anniversary Steering Committee has oversight from Ex-Officio Members, including A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager; Kate Glass, Executive Assistant/Office of the Town Manager, and Jeannette Alyward, Town Clerk. The 350th Anniversary Steering Committee is comprised of the following members:

- Matt McCoy, Chairperson
- Palmer Beebe, Vice-Chair
- Mike Donohue, Secretary
- Tim Cranston, Town Historian
- Randy Wietman
- Keith Finck
- Haley Wicker
- Gerry Grabowski
- John Gibbons, Jr.



The Committee has also garnered valued insight and advice from many eager community members at large as subject matter experts, consultants, and welcome participants, including Michelle Girasole of Fresh Maps; Missy Devine; Tuni Schartner; and official 501(c)(3) partner, HistWick. This collaboration of individuals and organizations works closely with the Town Manager's Office, Police and Fire Departments, Office of the Town Clerk, and the Finance and Recreation Departments to coordinate all applicable aspects of the year-round calendar of events.

The **Signature Events** of the Town's 350th Anniversary in 2024, are as follows:

350th Anniversary Gala
Family Day Celebration
350th Anniversary Parade
Founders' Day
Speaker Series Lectures

April 25: Quonset O Club
September 14: Wilson Park
October 5: Wickford Village
October 28: TBD
January thru December 2024



THANK YOU, SPONSORS!

Without support from the 2023/24 members of the North Kingstown Town Council and A. Ralph Mollis, Town Manager, the Signature Events of the 350th Anniversary planned to commemorate this community milestone, as well as broad public access to them, would not be possible.

Furthermore, without supplemental charitable and in-kind donations to support the 350th Anniversary of the Town of North Kingstown arranged with extensive coordination and support of the 350th Anniversary Steering Committee, opportunities to come together as a community for these unique, celebratory, and oftentimes educational events would be significantly less robust.

Thank you to these top tier sponsors for your generosity and enthusiasm in our collective endeavor to reach all members of our North Kingstown community in our 350th Anniversary year, and within the 2024 calendar year.



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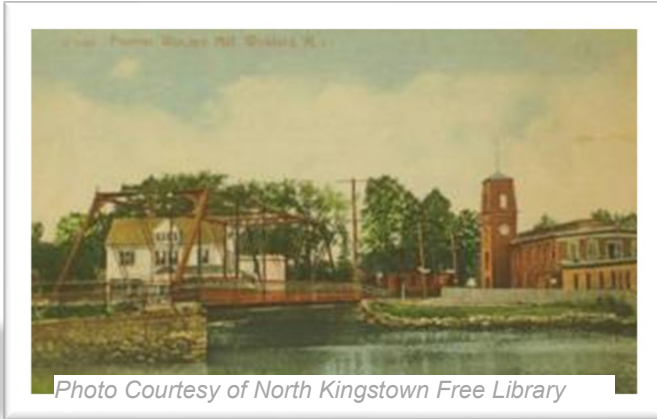
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GENERAL INFORMATION



The 350th Anniversary Parade will begin at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 5, 2024, with a rain date of Sunday, October 6.

Participating groups are asked to park and/or gather at North Kingstown High School at 11:00 AM to ensure coordination by parade organizers for the Order of the March.

The Town of North Kingstown and the 350th Anniversary Steering Committee is committed to ensuring a safe and festive environment for parade participants, attendees, and those that live, work, or visit entities along the parade route on Parade Day.

To make this a reality, we kindly ask everyone to please abide by the following rules and regulations on Parade Day to supplement usual local and state law:

- Blankets and chairs may not be left unattended or block public right of way on sidewalks or roadsides more than 2 hours before parade kickoff.
- Areas along the parade route may not be roped off, taped off, or otherwise blocked in any way with any object at any time.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Overnight camping is prohibited.
- Fireworks, sparklers, open flame, water shooters, streamers, Silly String, "Poppers," and other projectiles and/or incendiary objects of any kind are strictly prohibited.
- Bicycles, skateboards, segways, scooters, electric ride-ons, and in-line skates are prohibited along the parade route during the parade. Anyone using such transportation must walk along the parade route with this method of transportation at their side, not underfoot.
- Soliciting along the parade route is forbidden unless a license has been obtained from the Town Clerk with approval from the 350th Anniversary Parades Subcommittee of the 350th Anniversary Steering Committee.
- Other than those participating in the official Order of the March, all pets should be left at home.



TO APPLY

To apply to participate in the 350th Anniversary Parade, please review this Parade Packet.

- Once a signed Waiver of Liability and Applicant Certification (PAGE 9) has been received at northkingstown350th@northkingstownri.gov, your application will be placed under review by the 350th Anniversary Parades Subcommittee.
- Along with the waiver, please provide a brief description of your group (number of participants expected, music/no music, dancing/marching/walking/driving/other, etc.) and its relevance to the Town of North Kingstown, the state of Rhode Island, or New England history. You will hear from a representative of the 350th Anniversary Steering Committee or Parades Subcommittee within a few weeks with a decision regarding your group's participation.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Participation in the 350th Anniversary Parade must be approved by members of the 350th Anniversary Parade Subcommittee, a subset of the 350th Anniversary Steering Committee. Any group, individual, vehicle, float, or otherwise without the written permission of the Committee will be removed from the Order of the March. This applies to all uninvited guests who march or attempt to march in the Parade under the guise of a unit that has permission to march.
2. No entry, individual or organization, will be permitted to participate in the Parade without a signed Waiver of Liability being executed and returned to the Committee, no later than August 1, 2024. Late applications will not be considered.
3. Only individuals who hold elective office in Federal, State, and/or Local Government and have received an invitation to participate in the Parade from the 350th Anniversary Steering Committee may march in the Parade. Officers holding such a position are also not permitted to advertise candidacy. No handouts will be permitted.
4. No one under the age of 10 years old may appear as part of an entry unless accompanied by a parent or designated adult.
5. All motorized vehicles are subject to inspection by the North Kingstown Police Department and must provide proof of valid insurance, copy of current U.S. issued driver's license, current registration along with their application to the Parade Subcommittee.
 - Drivers must remain with their vehicles prior to and during the parade.
6. All vehicles must be approved by the Parade Subcommittee and are strongly encouraged to carry a certified, fully charged fire extinguisher that is easily accessible.
 - All parade floats must have an approved, fully charged fire extinguisher that is easily accessible.
7. Vehicles are limited to one sponsorship sign/banner that must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle. The dimensions of the sign shall not exceed 3 feet by 5 feet. Only permanently affixed or painted signs, indicating vehicle ownership, may be on the vehicle sides.
8. Control must always be maintained in parade groups, especially involving animals and vehicles.
 - Units that include animals are responsible for having and utilizing their own waste removal tools. Units must perform this function at their own expense.
9. Sound-equipped entries must specify the type of equipment, sound, and repertoire of songs on their application. Music or other projected sounds must be consistent with the 350th Anniversary Parade's theme of community, patriotism, and be of a family-friendly nature.



Sound must only be projected from the sides and maintained at an appropriate volume so as not to interfere with other marching or band units also participating. The Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries with sound.

- Horns, whistles, and sirens are not permitted.
10. The shooting of canons, firing of muskets, and open flame are not permitted without prior approval of the Chief of the North Kingstown Fire Department, Chief of the North Kingstown Police Department, and from the Parade Subcommittee. Violators will be removed from the Parade.
 12. No entry and/or organization will be permitted to use their participation in the 350th Anniversary Parade to promote their participation in a contest or other milestone event.
 13. There will be no unauthorized stops permitted in the Parade. There will be no stopping allowed for the purpose of performing at television cameras or the reviewing stand; no entry (musical, float, marching unit, etc.) will be allowed to stop and perform for any reason.
 14. The reviewing stand is at the end of the Official Parade Route. Bands/drum corps may half-step through the reviewing stand area, but stopping to perform or play is not permitted.
 15. The official end of the parade route is after groups make the turn back into Wilson Park from West Main Street. Units must continue past the turn into Wilson Park before ending their parade march.
 16. The 350th Anniversary Parade Officials will keep in mind the health, safety, and welfare of participants and attendees. The North Kingstown Fire Department will have a safety station at the end of the parade; however it is the ultimate responsibility of all parade participants and attendees to provide for their own safety and good health, including withdrawing from the parade if necessary.
 17. All control of the Parade is vested in the Parade Chairperson, and North Kingstown Director of Public Safety, North Kingstown Fire Chief, North Kingstown Police Chief, and all Deputies authorized to enforce Parade Rules, Regulations and Orders. All regulations will be strictly enforced.

**Consumption of alcoholic beverages in the Order of the March
and in the Parade Formation Area is illegal by order of the
North Kingstown Police Department.**



WAIVER OF LIABILITY & APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

Waiver of Liability and Applicant Certification

I, hereby certify that this waiver pertains to the Town of North Kingstown 350th Anniversary Parade to be held on October 5, 2024, that I am duly and legally authorized to bind and execute this waiver on behalf of: _____ (the "Applicant"), that I have personal knowledge that all persons participating in the parade on behalf of the Applicant, including, but not limited to, the Participants (i.e. all drivers, walkers, and performers), have read and understand these Rules and Regulations ("Rules") and agree to unconditionally abide by these Rules, that all vehicles and trailers are at this time or will be in complete strict compliance with these Rules before the date of the parade, that all such vehicles and trailers shall be maintained in complete strict compliance with these Rules and Regulations at all times during the parade, that all persons representing, assisting or participating with the Applicant will obey all of these Rules and acknowledge the Town's right to enforce these Rules at all times and in any manner.

I, individually and on behalf of the Applicant and its Participants, successors and assigns, hereby forever release and discharge the Town of North Kingstown, its Town Manager, Town Council Members, elected officials, municipal staff, officers, employees, 350th Anniversary Steering Committee, 350th Anniversary Parade Subcommittee and agents, and forever waive my right and the right of the Applicant, its successors and assigns, to initiate, make, file or demand any claim, cause of action, or legal proceeding, whether now known or later discovered, including but not limited to, any and all injury, loss, liability, damage, claim, cost or expense incurred by me or the Applicant as a result of, or arising out of or in connection with, the participation in the parade, whether caused by the acts or omissions of the Town, its Manager, 350th Anniversary Steering Committee, 350th Anniversary Parade Subcommittee, elected officials, officers, employees, and agents, directly or indirectly, and including but not limited to, the acts or omissions of other participants or non-participants in the parade.

This Waiver has been duly executed on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Witness: By:

Signature: _____

Full Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____



PARADE MAP





POINTS OF CONTACT

350th Anniversary Steering Committee

350thanniversary@northkingstownri.gov

350th Anniversary Committee Chairperson

Matt McCoy: mmccoy@northkingstownri.gov

Fire Department, Office of the Chief

(401) 268-2149

Police Department, Office of the Chief

(401) 268-2112

To deliver parade applications in-person:

Office of the Town Manager or
Town Clerk's Office
100 Fairway Drive
North Kingstown, RI 02852
(Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 4:30 PM)



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