

Northfield 350th Anniversary Committee Email Update September 2023

SEPTEMBER 2023! NINE MONTHS of everything Northfield!!! And on September 30th, will be the big festivities for the year! A BIG parade down Main St. at 1pm that is expected to last about TWO HOURS! Then head over to our friends at the Brewery at Four Star Farms around 4pm to partake in kids activities, drinks, food, music, and of course FIREWORKS! **WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR PARADE VOLUNTEERS!**
Email us at: northfield350@gmail.com

August was probably the most packed month this year with Gravestone Girls at the Community Bible Church, a paddle on the river with Andrew Vernon, the Organ Concert at First Parish, a coffee hour at the Dickinson Library about the Northfield Hotel and Chateau, a softball game with Northfield vs. Deerfield at West Northfield Playground, the re-opening of the Northfield Historical Society, and the final part of “a Biography of a House” with the Renaissance community film: “Free Spirits” and music by John Sullivan and friends reminiscing through song and stories at the Brewery at Four Star Farms. In addition, along with the help of the Northfield Police, Bernardston Police and Northfield Mountain/First Light a kids bike rodeo was held. The Dickinson Library celebrated their 125th birthday! Professor Little talked about Northfield’s amazing geological history at the Trinitarian Church. A hike to the Calvin Swan Homestead. Lastly, a FUN treasure hunt organized by Cate Woolner!

As we look to September, you will find:

- A 350th photo contest!! Please check out our website for details: www.northfield350.org
- Sept. 10th the Northfield Historical Society Museum will be open again at 1pm
- Sept. 16th is another great Coffee Hour at the Dickinson Library with a talk on West Northfield
- Also Sept. 16th at 11:15 and 1pm are more Architectural Tours if you missed them last time! (Sign up by contacting the Dickinson Library: dmemlib@gmail.com)
- The Harvest Moon Dinner and Dance at the Northfield Golf Course! Tickets are sold out, but if you find you can’t go, please email us!
- **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH AT 1PM THE BIG 350TH PARADE DOWN MAIN STREET!!**
- **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH AT 4PM FESTIVITIES AND FIREWORKS AT THE BREWERY AT FOUR STAR FARM!!**

Update on the Northfield 350th Project September, 2023

The “Tree50th” Project aspires to add 50 new trees along Northfield’s Main Street as a “gift to the future” of the town. Many of our beautiful street trees are aging and it is time to add a new generation of trees that will help keep Main Street beautiful and shaded long into the future.

A small group of Northfield Garden Club members has been working to make this vision a reality. With the help of a forester from the State Department of Conservation and Recreation we identified more than fifty sites suitable for trees, not counting many sites in adjacent private front yards. We are now waiting for a permit from MassDOT since our Main Street is a state road.

In the meantime, we planted our first seven trees at the elementary school, the library and two front yards. Altogether we have raised nearly \$8,000 for trees.

While we wait for the rather slow permitting process to be completed, we are taking on a special extra project at the Town Hall. Now that the repaving and reconfiguration of the parking lot is complete, we hope to plant two areas to highlight the historic town fountain to the left of Town Hall and the

Veterans' Memorial to the right. Such plantings will help screen the parking lot from the street and enhance the visibility of these two locations. In addition, we will be working with the town to help plant a screen of evergreens along the north side of the parking lot to reduce headlight glare for the near neighbors.

If you would like to contribute to the overall Main Street planting, or help us do the special Town Hall projects, you may send a tax-deductible gift to 350th Committee, Town Hall, 69 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360. Please note "Tree50th" in the memo line.

If you wish to support non tax-deductible plantings to offset the cost of supplemental trees on private property adjacent to Main Street, send your gift to Northfield Garden Club, c/o Martha Tenney, 26 Aldrich Way, Northfield, MA 01360, noting "For trees" in the memo line.

If you have questions, feel free to call Judy (413-225-3223) or Pam (413-498-2848). Our thanks!

For commemorative items, shop online as well as at our events: [350th Commemorative Merchandise - Northfield's 350th Commemoration \(northfield350.org\)](#) plus at local businesses like Adria Lowry Unique Floral Design across from the IGA. We have a Doors of Northfield poster by Cate Woolner, 350th pottery by Tom White, 350th pins and magnets that were generously donated by a local resident, a 350th glass cup, hats, bags and more... and an online pop-up store for ordering 350th t-shirts (next opening in the fall)!

To keep MOST up-to-date on everything, again, our website is prime place for all things 350th www.northfield350.org plus our Facebook page: [\(2\) Northfield MA 350th Anniversary 2023 | Northfield MA | Facebook](#)

Northfield Oral History Project can now be done over the phone or as a group! If you live far away, but still want your story to be heard, please contact Joan Stoia of the Centennial House at 413-498-5921 or at northfield350news@gmail.com A special thank you to Michael and Carrie Kline for teaching us this special skill! www.folktalk.org

LAST, BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST, PLEASE VISIT OUR SPONSORS/DONORS PAGE. WITHOUT THEIR GENEROSITY, WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD THE HIGH CALIBER EVENTS THAT WE HAVE!! [Sponsors and Individual Donors - Northfield's 350th Commemoration \(northfield350.org\)](#)

To add to our sponsor list: We're delighted to have Greenfield Community College and Magic Wings as our sponsors!

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