



Dear Peacham Residents,

This summer, Peacham proudly marks the 250th anniversary of its settlement — a milestone that offers us the opportunity to celebrate our shared history, honor the generations who shaped our community, and look ahead to the future of our remarkable town.

To commemorate this important anniversary, a rich schedule of public programming has been planned. Organizations throughout the town, including the Historical Association, the Library, the Meeting House, and the Fire Department, are hosting a series of special events and programs designed to engage residents and visitors of all ages. One highlight will be the Peacham Community Block Party and Fireworks held on July 25th.

We invite everyone in the community to attend events and help make this anniversary celebration a memorable occasion for all. The 250th anniversary is not only a celebration of the past, but also a chance to strengthen community connections and preserve Peacham's stories for future generations.

The programs are supported in part by the Vermont Humanities, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, www.vermonthumanities.org

Step into History: Celebrate Peacham's 250-Year Legacy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please watch for program announcements and check the new event website: Peacham250.com for details

July 4, 2026

- Opening of Exhibit at the Historical House, 11-4 p.m.: ***Celebrating Peacham's Legacy; Mapping Our Settlement.***

Exhibit will be up through January 15, 2027, and feature maps, historical documents, objects, and other materials tracing Peacham's development from its settlement in 1776 through 1810. Check the event website: Peacham250.com for dates and times the exhibition will be open, as well as for a listing of special events.

- Public reading of the Declaration of Independence delivered by three local high school students. It will be held at the Congregational Church at 1:30 p.m.

- Revolutionary War Soldiers' Ghost Walk at the Peacham Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. The ghost walk will feature portrayals of four Revolutionary soldiers who played pivotal roles in Peacham's early history.

July 24, 2026

- 250th Trivia Night at the Library
Test your Vermont history knowledge with special questions related to early Vermont history, the Revolutionary War, Indigenous culture, and more.

July 25, 2026

- Peacham Community Block Party and Fireworks, Firehouse Green, 6:30 p.m. Open houses and tours of the Fire House and the 250th Exhibition at the Historical House.
Fireworks after dusk.

Summer Series at the Library

- **July 13**, 7 p.m., following the Library Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Lindsay Robertson: ***Samuel Worcester of Peacham, the Supreme Court and the Cherokee Trail of Tears.***
- **July 22**, 7 p.m. Johanna Branson and Timothy Walker: ***Jonathan Elkins, Jr.'s Life and Writing.***
- **July 30**, 7 p.m. Robert Starbuck: ***Reading the Earliest Maps.***
- **August 5**, 7 p.m. ***Abenakis in Peacham:*** a conversation with Chief Don Stevens and Susan Chandler.

September 20, 2026

- Bayley-Hazen Military Road Bike Ride. A community cycling event following portions of this historic road.

October 21, 2026

- ***Symposium: Samuel Worcester and the Cherokees: From Peacham to the Supreme Court and the Trail of Tears.*** Four speakers on the legal and cultural history of the Cherokee.