



Stratford to celebrate its 375th Anniversary

The Town of Stratford is pleased to announce some of its plans for the 375th year anniversary. The 375th Anniversary Committee has been planning a variety of events that will commemorate the milestone throughout the year.

The kick-off for the 375th Anniversary schedule is slated for April 6 at the William Perry House, which will include a ribbon cutting of the brand new addition to the building originally built in 1680. A 375th Anniversary calendar for 2014 honoring Stratford's history is currently available to residents at Town Hall. The anniversary celebration will be a big part of every event in Stratford this year, from the Fourth of July Fireworks, to the Main Street Festival and many more.

One of the many highlights of the anniversary celebration will be the Early American Festival, which will be a walk back in time to the beginnings of Stratford. Re-enactors will portray the times as they were during the Revolutionary Civil War eras, and will be part of a special 375th Anniversary Parade down Main Street on Sept. 20. The parade is part of a weekend-long event that will be complete with historical tours of the William Judson house (Judson was one of the original settlers of Stratford), war re-enactments and demonstrations on Academy Hill, tours of historical sites in Stratford, and much more.

"The committee is working very hard and we have many wonderful events planned to mark this occasion," said committee co-chair Amy Knorr. "Stratford's history is rich and diverse, which has given the committee a great story to tell the community."

Residents will soon be seeing banners throughout town honoring the anniversary. Other events honoring this special occasion include a clam bake, an art contest for school children, restaurant week, and a softball tournament. Visit www.stratford375.com throughout the year for more information and a schedule of events.

The committee is asking residents to submit their Stratford stories and photos to www.stratford375.com by using the link entitled "Your Stratford." Each day, the home page will share a news item from that day in the history of Stratford. There is also a Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/stratford375> with historical pictures and information about upcoming events throughout the year.

Stay tuned for further exciting announcements from the 375th Anniversary Committee. For more information please contact Amy Knorr, Supervisor of Economic Development 203-381-1351, Aknorr@townofstratford.com

