

*Thank  
You*

*To the Townsend Historical Society, to all  
business and individual participants, and to  
the Townsend Community for supporting our  
celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*



*And a very special thank you to Grand Marshal  
Betty Mae Tenney who has served the town  
as a member and then as the leader of the  
Townsend Military Band for over 60 years.*



*We would also like to thank Freedom's Way for  
its generous grant of \$2300.*



## **Townsend Celebrates America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday**



**June 20, 2026**

Sponsored by the Townsend Historical Society

**King Farm Inc.**  
Whole Sale Plant Growers



15 Scales Lane, Townsend MA 01469  
Tel: 978-597-2866 :: Fax: 978-597-0262

### A Century of Growing Excellence

King Farm's roots date back to 1922, when George and Caroline King established a dairy farm in Townsend, Massachusetts, supplying milk to local families and neighboring communities. Their son, Wally "Bumps" King, grew up on the farm, helping build a tradition of hard work and family values.

In 1975, Dana and Barbara King purchased ten acres of the original property and launched a greenhouse business from a small farmstand on Scales Lane. Through dedication and perseverance, they gradually reacquired much of the original farmland and expanded operations.

Today, King Farm Inc. is one of the region's leading wholesale growers, with four acres of greenhouse production and extensive outdoor growing space. Supplying independent garden centers and farm stands throughout New England, the farm is known for its high-quality annuals, vegetables, hanging baskets, and perennials.

Family remains at the heart of King Farm. Now joined by the next generation, including son Bart and his wife Christy, the Kings continue a proud legacy of innovation, quality, and customer care that has flourished for more than 100 years.

Not yet a member of the Townsend Historical Society? Join now and help preserve Townsend's history and keep events like today's celebration possible!

To join, use one of the following methods:

Use the QR code below:



or go to the following website:

<https://townsendhistoricalsociety.org/membership/>

or mail the form below to:

Townsend Historical Society, PO Box 95, Townsend, MA 01469.

#### Become a Member of the Townsend Historical Society



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Individual (\$30)  Family (\$50)  Supporting (\$80)  Patron (\$100)

Mail to: \_\_\_\_\_  
P.O. Box 95 \_\_\_\_\_  
Townsend, MA 01469  Senior (\$15)  Student (\$10)  Business (\$100)  Patron Business (\$200)

Thanks for your support!  I'd like to Volunteer  Additional Gift

Deliver the Harbor View Newsletter  by email or  by mail



Sterilite Corporation was founded in 1939 as a partnership between Saul and Edward Stone and Earl Tupper. Before that time, the Stone brothers were engaged in the manufacturing of wooden heels for women's shoes. They formed the partnership to produce heels by the infant process of injection molding. The partnership was short-lived, however, because the plastic available then was not sufficiently heat resistant to withstand weight and stress in hot weather.

With the advent of World War II, they began manufacturing personal articles (plastic combs, toothbrush holders, etc.) for the Armed Forces and in the years that followed, gained considerable expertise in manufacturing toys, plastic giftware, and a wide range of tabletop products, beverage ware and household containers. During the 1960s the company developed a broad line of plastic housewares including innovative new products such as food storage bowls and a first-generation storage bin.

In the decades that followed, Sterilite's growth has been driven by product innovation, product line expansion, and an unyielding commitment to serving the needs of their customers and their community.

## TOWNSEND FIRE - EMS

*Proudly Celebrates America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday*


### Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the United States of America!

The Town of Townsend was established on *June 29, 1732*, **43 years before** our nation declared its independence on *July 4, 1776*. On *December 13, 1875*, **99 years later**, the Townsend Fire Department was founded to serve and protect our growing community.

### Proudly Serving Our Community Since 1875

Today, our **50 dedicated members** proudly serve the citizens of Townsend and our surrounding communities. We provide:

- Advanced Emergency Medical Care
- Fire Prevention and Public Education
- Rescue Services
- All-Hazards Emergency Response



### Honoring Our Past While Protecting Our Future

As America celebrates **250 years** of freedom, resilience, and service, *Townsend Fire - EMS* remains committed to answering the call and safeguarding our community for generations to come.



366 Main St., Townsend  
(978) 425-4706

**Dee Bus Service** Inc specializes in providing reliable bus services with a focus on safety and efficiency, Dee Bus Service Inc caters to both individual and group transportation needs, offering a convenient and comfortable travel experience.



225 Main St., Townsend  
(800) 640-1166

In 1846, RBT was a pioneering community bank. Today, they are still pioneering with new banking ideas and good old-fashioned personal service. They provide customers with superior personal banking and commercial financial products. They are one of the most trusted banks in the region.

# Arrow Septic



Family owned and operated, offering septic services in Townsend and neighboring towns. Also provides porta potty drop offs and servicing.

(978) 597-5378



The Hart Library



Reading Room, West Townsend



Townsend Band at the Town Bandstand



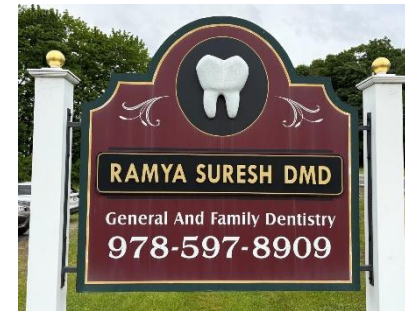
## Townsend VETERINARY HOSPITAL

354 Main Street  
(978) 597 5828

Townsend Veterinary Hospital is proud to serve Townsend and surrounding areas. We are dedicated to providing the highest level of veterinary medicine along with friendly, compassionate service. We believe in treating every patient as if they were our own pet, and giving them the same loving attention and care.

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## Dr. Ramya Suresh, DMD



162 Main St., Townsend

Dr. Ramya Suresh, DMD is a local dentistry practitioner in Townsend. Her practice provides quality general dentistry for individuals and families, focusing on general dentistry such as crowns, fillings, dentures, etc.



**TOWNSEND  
CENTER  
REALTY**



3 Elm Street | Townsend, MA | 888-597-8884



**The Methodist Church — Where Townsend Chose Freedom**

Rising on the hill west of the Common, this building is far more than an old meetinghouse. It is the place where Townsend's history was made.

Built in 1771, it replaced the town's original 1730 meetinghouse. In 1804 the entire structure was dismantled and moved to its present location — closer to the village center — and fitted with its distinctive bell tower. In 1852 the Methodists purchased it, turned it to its current orientation, and have preached from it without interruption ever since. But none of that is why we are here today.

**Two hundred and fifty years ago — on this exact date — the voters of Townsend packed into this building and voted to support American independence from Great Britain.**

These are the same walls. The same structure. The oldest witness to Townsend's greatest moment still stands right here, in front of you. One of only three surviving meetinghouses in Massachusetts where this decisive vote was taken.

Today we don't just commemorate a date on a calendar. We stand on the ground where ordinary Townsend citizens made an extraordinary choice — and changed the course of a nation.

## Old Harbor Village

Townsend Historical Society has embarked on a bold new vision. We are creating Old Harbor Village, a 19th century rural industrial village. This marks the time when Townsend started to shift from agrarian and handcrafted economics to an industrial and machine-manufacturing-dominated ones. Townsend Harbor is where the Industrial Revolution first arrived in Townsend. Our buildings are authentic. They still stand on their original foundations and remain historically intact.



A working gristmill will be at one end of the campus and the Harbor Church serving as a rentable function hall at the other. In between, the Reed Homestead, our house museum, Copeland Cooper Shop where farmers made casks when the fields lay fallow, and the Cooperage a museum of our industrial past.

Old Harbor village will be a destination you will want to visit again and again.



John and Mary Barrett

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# Brookside Farm

3 Wheeler Rd., West Townsend  
(978) 597-2481

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The logo for Cherry Hill Ice Cream. It features a stylized red 'C' with a green leaf and a red cherry stem. To the right of the 'C', the words 'Cherry Hill' are written in a serif font, and 'Ice Cream' is written in a larger, bold serif font below it.

Cherry Hill  
Ice Cream

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 **McNabb Pharmacy  
& Home Healthcare**

233-235 Main St., (978) 597-2392

 *Your Community*  
**Health Mart**  
PHARMACY



**EVANS**  
On The Common

18 Highland St - Townsend, MA 01469 978-597-5117

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Happy Birthday,  
America!  
Jim and Bev Sager

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Happy 250<sup>th</sup>!  
Hope you enjoy the parade.  
Chris and Eileen Barnacoat



Richard Norton Smith

A renowned American historian and author,  
specializing in United States presidents and other  
political figures.

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The Reed House



Homer House, West Townsend



340 Main St, Townsend  
978-597-8955

Townsend Ford is honored to be a part of Townsend's celebration of 250 Years of The United States of America. Family owned and operated for 70 years and 3 generations, we are proud to provide the highest level of service, sales and support. We look forward to continuing to serve Townsend and the surrounding communities for many more years!

An advertisement for Shepherd's, featuring the name "SHEPHERD'S" in large, red, serif letters. Below it, the text "At 55 Main Street since 1958" is written in a smaller, black, serif font. A central text box contains the headline "Calling Townsend Home since 1907" and a paragraph: "This year, we are celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The United States of America and 294 years of Townsend. We are proud to call this home and to provide support to our community as a whole. God bless America!". To the right of the text is a black silhouette of a tractor. The entire advertisement is set against a light beige background with decorative corner elements.

## Colonial Friends



Panda Wok



E.B. WHITE MEMORIES

A collection of my letters, photos & books of Uncle E.B. White

## FOREST APPLIANCE

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### Thank You to our Food Vendors

Lions Clubs – Pepperell and Townsend

Patriot Pizza

Sweet 'n Salty

## Townsend's Vote for Independence



At a legal town meeting of the inhabitants of Townshend upon June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1776, at the Public meeting-house in said Town at two o'clock in the afternoon:

The resolve of the late assembly of this Colony recommending to the several Towns to express their minds with respect to the important and Interesting Question of American Independence, is the occasion of our giving you the following Instructions. It is with regret and anxiety of mind that we find ourselves driven to the sad alternative either to submit to Lawless Tyranny and Domination or declare Independence from that State from whome we originated and with whome we have been connected ever since we were a people, not only in Trade and Commerce but in the Strictest bonds of esteem and affection; in this Scituation we thot ourselves happy nor did we wish the connection dissolved untill the repeated injuries of Great Britain became Intolerable and an accommodation we conceived Impracticable.

## Thank You to all Participants in the Parade and Old Home Day

- King Farm Inc.
- Gaswerks Automotive
- Farmers' Exchange
- State Senator John Cronin
- State Rep. Margaret Scarsdale
- Townsend Select Board and Town Officers/Employees
- Charlotte's Web and Friends
- First Baptist Church of West Townsend
- Townsend Veterinary Hospital
- Rock and Roll Gymnastics
- Daughters of the American Revolution
- Townsend Highway Department
- Townsend Republican Town Committee
- Sue Luongo
- Lisa Wallat
- Flag Committee
- Boy Scout Troop 10 Townsend
- Townsend Fire Buffs
- Chris Lyons for State Representative
- Delory's Historic Oxen and Cart
- Townsend Cemetery and Parks Department
- Uncle Sam - Glen Shepherd
- Travis Rollo
- Mike Meehan
- Townsend Recreation Department
- The Diana Cannon- the Carter Family
- Gibby Lashua

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- Townsend Historical Society
- Grand Marshal – Betty Mae Tenney and the Townsend Military Band
- Pepperell and Townsend Lions Clubs
- Squannacook Greenways/  
Girl Scout Troop 65303
- Townsend-Ashby Youth Soccer Association
- Townsend Community Access Media
- Townsend 4-H Club
- Townsend Rod and Gun Club
- Townsend Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Townsend Veteran Service Officer
- Women in the Military Service – WIMSA
- Townsend Minuteman Company
- Girl Scouts and Congdon Family
- Seven Hills Foundation
- Disabled American Veterans North Middlesex Chapter
- Christ Church Townsend
- American Flag Committee
- Friends of the Townsend Library
- Great American Marching Band
- Dee Bus
- Committee to Elect Glen McLeod
- NH Dadkart Racing League
- Yankee Ingenui 'T's Antique Car Club
- June Cloutier – Photographer
- Daniel LaCroix – Colonial House Joiner

The unjust and unconstitutional Claims of Great Britain to the Colonies without their consent, and to make laws in all Cases binding upon the Colonies &c. and the most dutifull and humble petitions of the Colonies rejected with scorn and Contempt, the cruel and unjust measures pursued by the King of Great Britain and a vindictive administration in sending fleets and armies to enforce those Unjust acts and measures by fire and sword in a manner unprecidential, the tragical nineteenth of April 1775, the innocent blood since shed, the acts of Parliament declaring the colonies in a state of rebellion and the unjust and piratical Laws consequent thereon we conceive have destroyed all hopes of an accommodation with Great Britain and must we think Justify these Colonies in renouncing all connection with and dependance upon Great Britain. We therefore declare it as our clear opinion that an American Republic be formed, provided the internal government be left to the colony, and we your constituents declare ourselves ready at all times, if the Honr. Continental Congress in whose wisdom and fidelity we confide shall declare such a form of Government, to support the same at the expense of our lives and Fortunes.

Voted to raise fifteen pound to buy powder and lead.

James Hosley, Town Clerk.



**Program Schedule for  
Parade and Old Home Day**

**June 20, 1776**

Time	Activity	Location
9:00 AM	Ecumenical Devotional Service	Methodist Church
9:30 AM	Town Meeting Reenactment of June 20, 1776	Methodist Church
9:15 AM – 9:45 AM	Shuttle bus between Town Common and Scales Lane	Town Common and Scales Lane
10:00 AM	Assembling of the Parade	Scales Lane
11:00 AM – 12:00 noon	Parade	Marching from Scales Lane to the Common
12:00 noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Declaration of Independence</li> <li>• Sen. Cronin and Rep. Scarsdale</li> <li>• Time Capsule</li> <li>• Minuteman Salute</li> </ul>	Town Bandstand
12:00 – 3:00 PM	Antique and Classic Cars Display	Brookline Street
12:00 – 4:00 PM	Old Home Day	On the Common
12:45 – 2:15 PM	Shuttle bus between Town Common and Scales Lane	Town Common and Scales Lane
4:00 PM	Closing Ceremonies	Town Bandstand

When, on April 1775, 74 men of Townsend marched for Concord to oppose the aggression of the British regulars, they did so in pursuit of their rights as Englishmen. After Bunker Hill and the Siege of Boston, the main object of the colonies began to change. In the fall of 1775 King George, III and Parliament rejected Congress' "Olive Branch" peace petition and declared the colonies to be in rebellion. Reconciliation was no longer possible.

So, on June 20, 1776, at town meeting, Townsend voted to instruct its representatives to vote for independence. The resolve stated in part: "It is with regret and great anxiety of mind that we find ourselves driven to the sad alternative either to submit to Lawless Tyranny and Domination or declare Independence from the State from whom we originated and with whom we have been connected....not only in Trade and Commerce but in the strictest bonds of esteem and affection...the cruel and unjust measures pursued by the King of Great Britain and a vindictive administration in sending fleets and armies to enforce those Unjust acts and measures by fire and sword...have destroyed all hopes of an accommodation with Great Britain. We therefore declare it as our clear opinion that an American Republic be formed, provided the internal government be left to the colony, and we your constituents declare ourselves ready at all times, if the Honr. Continental Congress...shall declare such form of Government, to support same at the expense of our lives and fortunes." Now we were AMERICANS!