



America's Semiquincentennial

Wallingford Business & Kids Bicycles Parade

June 20, 2026

**Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary (Semiquincentennial)
Be a Part of History – Showcase Your Business with Pride!**

 Date: June 20th, 2026

 Location: North Main Street, Wallingford, CT

 Time: 10am-12pm

 Join Us as We Celebrate 250 Years of American Independence!

The year 2026 marks a monumental milestone in American history — the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding and signing of the Declaration of Independence. To commemorate this special occasion, the Wallingford community is organizing a Business Parade that will spotlight local businesses, entrepreneurs, and community spirit!

Why Participate?

-  Gain visibility for your business in front of hundreds of attendees
-  Celebrate patriotism and community pride
-  Network with fellow local businesses
-  Be part of a historic celebration that only happens once every 250 years!

Who Can Participate?

-  Local Businesses
-  Non-Profit Organizations
-  Community Groups
-  Entrepreneurs & Startups
-  Schools & Youth Groups
-  Military & Veteran Organizations

Decorate your float, car, or team in **red**, white, and blue and show off your brand with patriotic flair!



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Join In the Fun!

Decorate your

Bikes

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Registration Info

Deadline to Register: May 1st, 2026,

Registration Fee: **FREE**

Sign Up Today:

Business / Group Name: _____

Business / Group Phone: _____

Business / Group Email: _____

Person to Contact: _____

Type of Participation: (People Walking / Float / Vehicle / Dancing / Music/ Bicycle)

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Let's come together as a town, as a business community, and as proud Americans to celebrate the past and pave the way for the future!

 For Questions, Contact:

Renee Miller, Executive Director – Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce

(203) 269-9891

renee@quinncham.com



PARADE FLOAT GUIDELINES

Parade Committee will conduct inspection of all floats prior to the beginning of the parade to ensure compliance with Parade Float Guidelines. At the sole discretion of the Inspection Committee, if the float is deemed to be not safe in any way, the float will not be allowed to participate in the parade.

FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

- Decorative material on parade floats shall be noncombustible or flame retardant. Materials such as straw or hay must be treated with flame retardant material.
- Plastic sheeting (visqueen) and plastic tarps will not be permitted.
- All floats and towing apparatus must have a minimum 2-A, 10-BC rated portable fire extinguisher and have the current State Fire Marshal certification tag indicating that the fire extinguisher has been serviced within the last year. The gauge must indicate that the fire extinguisher has pressure. The fire extinguisher must be mounted so that it is accessible to the operators and must not be obstructed by decorative material.
- Open flame devices are prohibited on parade floats. The use of fuel fired torches, candles or similar devices which can ignite the parade float are prohibited.
- Fireworks are not permitted to be discharged.
- No smoking on or near the parade float at any time.

FLOAT VEHICLES:

- Float vehicles must be properly registered as required with the appropriate state Department of Motor Vehicles and insured. Copy of vehicle registration and copy of insurance must be provided one week prior to the parade.
- All motorized vehicles, to include motorcycles, must be properly serviced for gasoline, water, oil, brakes, tires and battery prior to entry into parade queuing area. No extra gasoline, other than in the vehicle's tank, can be carried on the float or the float vehicle.
- Float bed must be sturdy and capable of carrying the weight to be imposed.
- Floats, including the tow unit, must not exceed 65 feet in length. Stabilized props on float cannot exceed 12 feet in height from the road surface and 102 inches in width.
- Floats must have a minimum of 12 inches ground clearance from frame and nothing can drag on the roadway from the float.
- Decorative material and parade structure must be kept clear of the exhaust system on motorized floats.
- Portable generators must be used carefully with no heated exhaust allowed to come in contact with the float and portable generators must be secured to the float. Re-fueling of generators will not be permitted.



PARADE FLOAT GUIDELINES

FLOAT VEHICLES Continued:

- If music is part of float, this must be included in application. The music must maintain a volume that will not interfere with other participating parade units.
- No combination of vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than two (2) vehicles.
- Vehicles towing floats must be equipped with tow bar or coupling device of sufficient strength to hold the weight of the towed vehicle when operating.
- All wheels of motorized vehicles must stay in contact with the ground at all times.
- Continuous blowing of loud horns or sirens is prohibited.
- Use of animals is prohibited, unless previously approved by Parade Committee. If permitted, animals must be under the control of a trainer or experienced handler or rider. All animals, other than horses, must be on a leash.

FLOAT DRIVERS:

- Drivers must possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license and be adequately trained to drive float and/or float vehicle. Drivers must be a minimum of 21 years of age.
- Once float is in position in assembly area, a driver and representative must be in attendance at all times in the event there are questions, problems, or if the float needs to move.
- Operators of vehicles shall not have their vision obstructed.
- All motorcycles drivers must have a "M" class license. Motorcycles must be properly registered with the appropriate state Department of Motor Vehicles and insured.
- Motorcyclist in the parade, though not required by law are strongly encouraged to wear helmets, riders without helmets do so at their own risk. Copy of motorcycle registration and copy of insurance must be provided one week prior to parade.
- Float driver must maintain minimum of three (3) car lengths from proceeding unit.

FLOAT RIDERS:

- No one will be permitted to ride on float as it is being transported to and from the parade site.
- No children under 12 will be permitted to ride on a float without the supervision of at least two adults.
- All passengers standing or sitting on float must wear a safety belt or have handholds or other support while the float is moving.
- Each float shall have no more than 14 persons riding on the float.
- No riders will be allowed to ride on the edge of the float.
- No throwing of any items from moving vehicles. Distribution of candy, balloons or small items must have a person walk alongside of float to hand out such items. Parade

Committee reserves the right to inspect and approve any items distributed during parade.

- Riders on roof of hood of vehicles are not permitted.
- No one may get on or off a float or any motorized unit once the parade has started.
- No alcoholic beverages on any float or entrant, before, during, or after the parade.
- No distribution of political advertisement or political material is allowed



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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Celebrate America 250th Wallingford

Described below are the minimum coverages as required by the Town of Wallingford:

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY:

- General Aggregate Limit.....\$2,000,000
- Each Occurrence for Bodily Injury, Personal Injury & Property Damage ... \$1,000,000
- Products & Completed Operations Aggregate..... \$1,000,000

AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY:

- Combined Single Limit per Accident for Bodily Injury & Property Damage...\$100,000/\$300,000

ADDITIONAL INSURED

- The Town of Wallingford shall be named as an additional insured and this coverage shall be stipulated under "Description of Operations" and shall be worded as follows:

The Town of Wallingford, its Agents, Officials and Volunteers named as Additional Insureds with respect to General Liability coverage.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER: The certificate holder shall be named as:

Town of Wallingford
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, CT 06492

CERTIFICATE FORM:

All certificates shall be submitted in original form with a live signature by the Authorized Representative of the producer. These can be sent via email.



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Parade Liability Indemnification

Celebrate America 250th Wallingford

LIABILITY WAIVER; INDEMNIFICATION

In consideration of my permitted participation in the Celebrate America 250th Wallingford Parade and for other good and valuable consideration, I hereby waive, on behalf of myself and the participant entity which I hereby certify that I am duly authorized to act on behalf of, any right or cause of action and hereby release the State of Connecticut, the Town of Wallingford, and the Celebrate America 250th Wallingford Committee, its agents, volunteers or event sponsors from any and all responsibility or occurrence of alleged liability arising as a result of my or the participant entities' participation in the parade event reference herein.

I, and the participant entity which I am duly authorized to act on behalf of, fully understand that participation may involve a risk of injury to any and all parts of my body and I freely and expressly assume and accept any and all such risk. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I hereby acknowledge, understand and agree that this waiver shall include any rights or causes of action resulting from personal injury to me or property damage sustained by me in connection with my participation in this event and I, and the participant entity which I am duly authorized to act on behalf of, do hereby fully indemnify and hold harmless the State of Connecticut, the Town of Wallingford, and the Celebrate America 250th Wallingford Committee, its agents, volunteers or event sponsors from any act or occurrence related to my participation in the parade event.

I have made no misrepresentations to the State of Connecticut, the Town of Wallingford, and the Celebrate America 250th Wallingford Committee, its agents or volunteers regarding my age or ability. I have carefully read and fully understand the contents of this Waiver of Liability and I sign it of my own free will. This Waiver of Liability represents the full agreement between me and the Celebrate America 250th Wallingford Committee.

This waiver is executed this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Participant Name: _____

Participant Signature: (required) BY: _____



PARADE FLOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST

Name of Float Entry _____
Name of Driver _____
Drivers License # _____
Address _____
Phone # _____
E-mail Address _____

***The float driver must have this inspection checklist in possession on Parade Day
Driver must check off, sign, and present checklist to the Officials for verification
prior to start of parade.***

1. Float & Running gear- Float and tow vehicle, supporting structure, wheels, tires, and brakes are in good condition and sufficient for safe handling of float with riders on board. (____)
2. Maintenance- Float and tow vehicle are in good working order, properly serviced with gasoline, oil, and water. If licensed for highway use, vehicle's proof of insurance is available. No extra gasoline is carried on the float. For emergencies, a horn or other sounding devices are present. (____)
3. Decorations- All decorative materials used are flame retardant; either manufactured or treated (borax). No sharp or unfinished edges are exposed. If individuals are enclosed within the float or decoration, proper ventilation and emergency exits are provided. (____)
4. Vision/Communication- Driver has proper 180 degree forward vision (or spotters) as well as view of (or communication to) float riders. (____)
5. Fire Suppression- The float has at least one 10 lb ABC Type Fire Extinguisher, which has been serviced, tagged & dated. It is affixed to unit within easy reach of the float driver and float occupants (other extinguishers may be used, as needed) (____)
6. Riders- Each float rider has sturdy support, hand holds, belts restraints or other means to prevent fall from unit. No one shall be located where they could fall under float. Safety of seated and standing riders will be assessed by the Parade Committee. Alcohol consumption or smoking on float is prohibited. Riders have been cautioned to remain on float during the parade and any time the float is in motion. (____)



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- 7. Drivers- Float driver has a valid driver's license and is competent to drive safely, Driving under the influence of drugs or intoxicants is prohibited. (____)
- 8. Generator- Portable generator, if used, must be securely mounted and separated from decorative materials. Generators must have proper ventilation and the exhaust must safely extend to the exterior of the float. Keep in mind that the exhaust becomes extremely hot when in use and can ignite combustible material. (____)
- 9. Wiring- All float electric wiring used for light or other components are secured and appropriately guarded to prevent shock or fire. (____)
- 10. Speeds- Float unit is able to maintain at least 10 mph. Float speed shall not exceed 20 mph when float riders are on board and during parade. (____)
- 11. Towing- Towed trailers or towed floats has sturdy tow connections and safety cables or chains in place (and attached) which are sufficient strength for proper handling. (____)
- 12. General- Riders have been advised that objects should not be thrown from the float. (____)

The above inspection has been made and to the best of our knowledge this float is in accordance with the Town of Wallingford safety requirement and is acceptable for participation in the Celebrate America 250th Wallingford Parade.

Float Driver: Signature _____ 6-20-2026

Names of Float Riders: _____

Parade Official: Name/Signature _____ 6-20-2026