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# CONNECTING FAMILY, **COMMUNITY, AND COMMERCE** Time Well Spent

Time is one of our most valuable resources, and this year's calendar is designed to help you make the most of it - organizing your family's schedule, planning milestones, and enjoying what our community offers. Thoughtful planning reminds us to pause invest our time wisely in the people, places, and experiences that matter most.

This year marks special milestones the 250th anniversary of our nation and our own 40th anniversary in business — milestones that highlight the importance of perspective, connection, and time well spent.

I hrough our community giving program, we support local charities with pro bono advertising and donations from our profits. Please reach out if you'd like to learn more.





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Wishing you all the best for 2026.

# Fairfield County, Connecticut **AND AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY**

1776 - 2026: Honoring Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

### **Fairfield County's Role in the Revolution**

- The Burning of Fairfield (1779): British General William Tryon burned the town to the ground in retaliation for patriot resistance. Many families lost their homes, yet the community rebuilt stronger.
- Danbury Raid (1777): Fairfield County supplied men to defend nearby Danbury when the British attacked and destroyed Continental Army provisions.
- Battle of Ridgefield (1777): General Benedict Arnold fought bravely against the British, earning temporary fame before
- Privateering & Coastal Raids: Norwalk and Stamford became hubs of privateering, with patriots seizing British supply ships in Long Island Sound.
- Patriot Leaders: General Gold Selleck Silliman of Fairfield led militia forces but was captured in a Loyalist raid. His wife, Mary Silliman, carried on his work, managing the farm and supporting the patriot cause during his imprisonment.

### **Did You Know?**

- Fairfield County towns were attacked multiple times, making the region a frontline buffer between British New York and Patriot New England.
  - The county's coastline provided secret crossings for supplies and intelligence between Connecticut patriots and allies on Long Island.
    - After the Burning of Norwalk (1779), only a handful of houses survived — yet the people rebuilt with resilience

### Looking Toward 2026

Fairfield County will proudly mark the Semiquincentennial with programs, tours, and community celebrations.

- Honor our Revolutionary heroes Explore Fairfield County's role
- Celebrate 250 years of freedom and democracy

in the birth of America

From the Ashes of 1779 to the Freedom of 2026 - Fairfield County Remembers.

# Honoring 40 Years of Town Planner Calendars: 1987-2026



This year, we celebrate 40 years of Town Planner calendars — a milestone reflecting decades of connecting families with local businesses, events, and community resources. For four decades, our free calendars have helped people plan their lives while discovering the best our towns have to offer. Now, with townplanner.com, that connection extends online, making it even easier to stay engaged with the community wherever you are.



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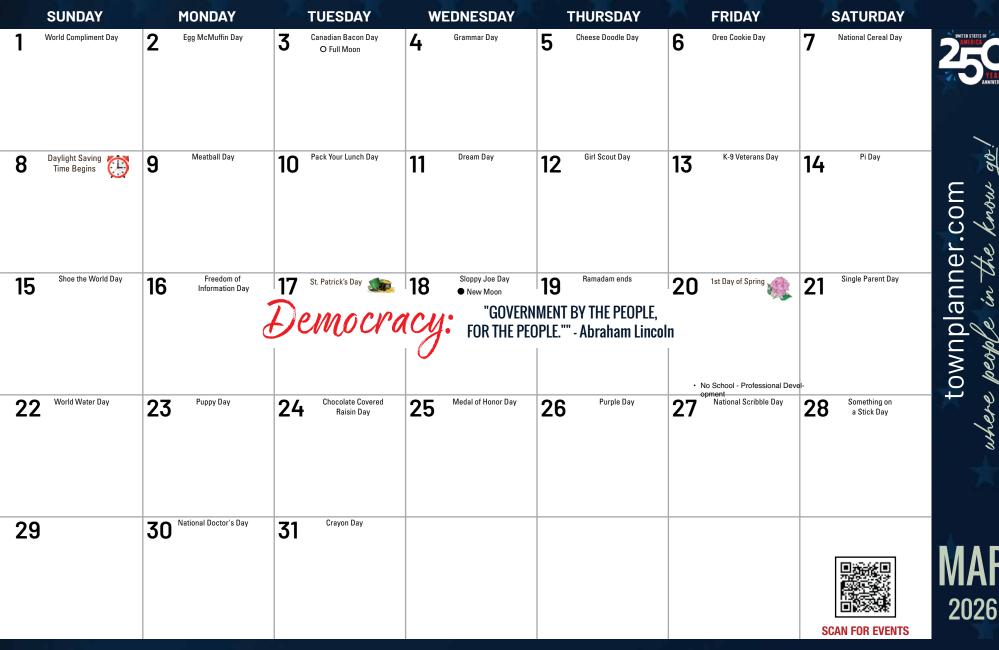
























## **Household To-Do List!**

Keep your home running smoothly with this checklist, contact a trusted local business from the Town Planner if you need a new provider.

### Weekly:

• Cleaning/change linens

### Monthly:

- Deep clean fridge, microwave and oven
- Check for expired food/medications

### Spring:

- Clean windows
- Run generator
- Service air conditioning
- Change dryer, hood and microwave filters
- Spray for mosquitoes/other
- Book exterior paint touch ups
- Mulch garden beds
- Fertilize lawn

#### **Summer:**

- Check roof for maintenance/repairs
- Reseal deck (every two years)
- Seal/Reseal driveway (every 3 years)

#### Fall:

- Clear gutters
- Check septic tank
- Fall yard cleanup
- Clean carpets (every two years)

#### Winter:

- Check furnace
- Service heating system
- Change smoke detector batteries
- Flush hot water tank
- Sweep chimney

#### Follow this calendar online:

Don't miss local business offers in the calendar and online at townplanner.com!





- **Bird Workshop (January)**
- **Herbal Winter Immunity (January)**
- Love Focused Herbs (February)
- Houseplant Spa Day (February)
- Winter Westport Farmers' Market Ends (March 5)
- Seed Starting Workshop (March)
- Spring Tree & Shrub Pruning (March)
- **Compost Workshop (April)**
- **Native Plant Lecture (April)**
- Tomato Masterclass (May)
- Planning your Herbal Garden(s), Culinary, Medicinal, Dyes & Fragrant (May)
- Summer Lecture Series (June 20-Sept 20)
- **Customer Appreciation Days (June)**
- Spotted Lantern Fly & Other Garden Pests (June)
- **Summer Entertaining with** Agape Olive Oil (June)
- Edible Landscaping (July) Family Fun Day (August)
- **Summer Produce Chef Night (August)**
- Canning & Jarring from the Garden (September)
- Dr. Z Herb Walk & Workshop (September)

Winter Westport Farmers' Market Begins

- Hayrides (Every Weekend in October) Fall Tree & Shrub Pruning (October)
- Fire Cider Workshop (October)
- (November 19) An Herbal Thanksgiving (November)
- Holiday Wreath Workshop (December)
- Holiday Open House (December)
- Westport Farmers' Market Artisan Fair



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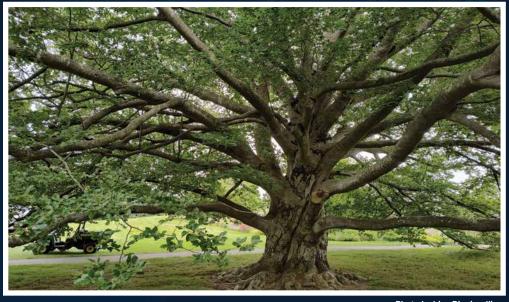
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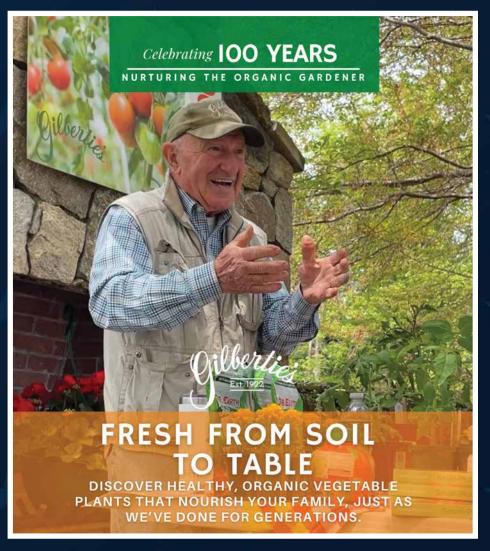
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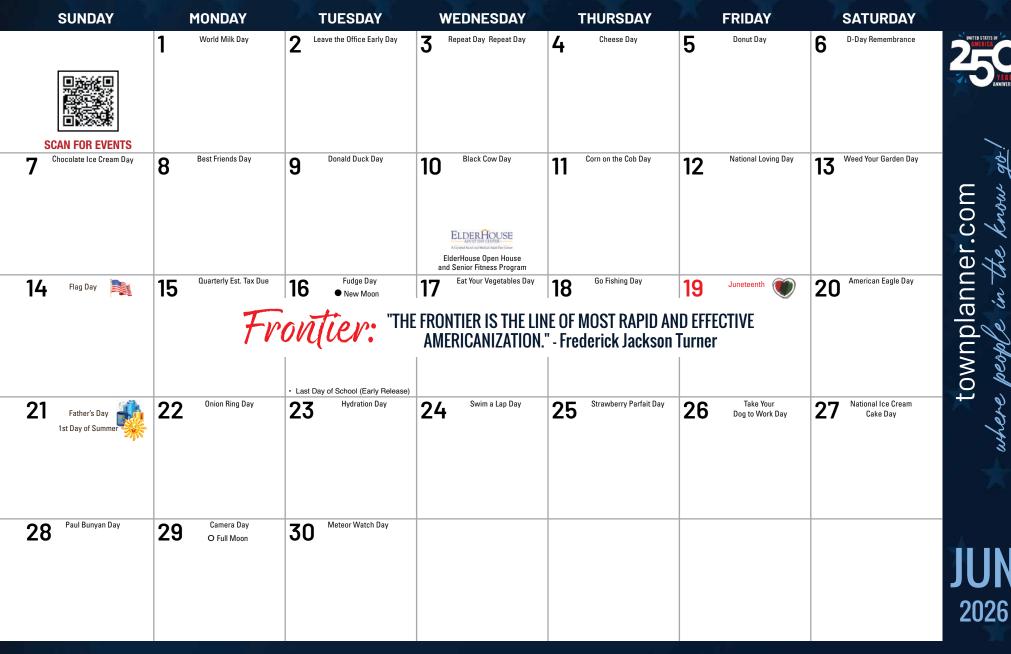




















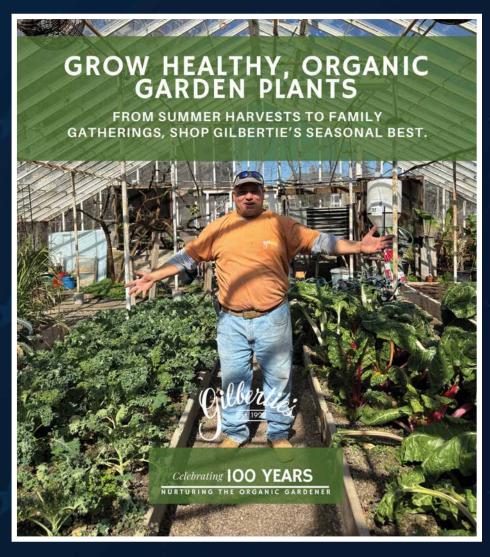


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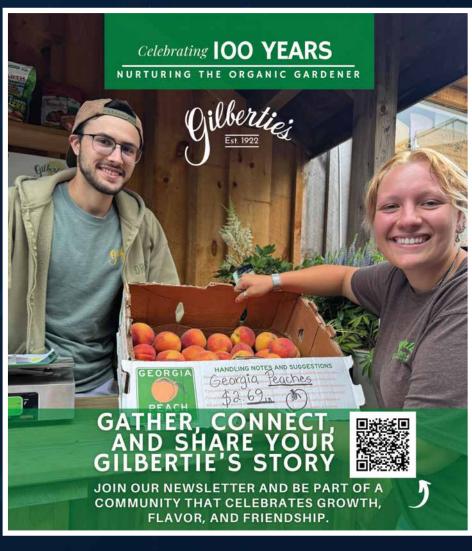


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Our Vision

### Who We Are

NAMI Southwest Connecticut is the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of people living with mental health conditions and their families.

Serving lower Fairfield County, we offer free, confidential peer-led support groups each month for families and friends of people living with mental illness, parents of children with mental health struggles, and individuals navigating their own mental health journey. There are in-person and online options. Our facilitators truly understand what you're going through—because they've been there too.

Beyond support groups, we provide an 8-week Family-to-Family educational course to help families better support themselves and their loved ones, host a monthly virtual book club, and bring in speakers for community events-all free and open to everyone.

Visit NAMIsouthwestCT.org/events to find a support group near you and stay connected with upcoming programs.

#### **Get Involved**

NAMI Southwest Connecticut has built strong partnerships with local hospitals, social service agencies, treatment centers, schools, faith communities, and the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Servicescreating a network of support across our region.

Whether you're seeking support, want to volunteer, or simply want to learn more, there's a place for you here. Become a member today and help us build a community where everyone affected by mental illness can find hope, help, and acceptance.

**NAMI Crisis Line: 988** namisouthwestct@gmail.com 203-400-NAMI (6264) - not a crisis line namisouthwestct.org



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**Important Dates to mark** on your 2027 Calendar!

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