

## Clerks Corner 7/2018

### What is not to celebrate~

“Life gets in the way” is often said, but isn’t that what life is all about? It consists of complications like flat tires, illness and even work, as well as celebratory occasions such as receiving a promotion, winning a raffle and special days. Sometimes, those complications overshadow the fun, but making time for the fun especially during these tumultuous times is much needed.

We all celebrate major occasions, like births, graduations and marriages, but what about all the smaller occasions, like your child's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday, middle school graduation or a renovation of a community playground? Shouldn't we find joy in these small, happy milestones too? We can all de-stress by putting more emphasis on celebrating each happy moment. As the Wenham Town Clerk, I cannot miss mentioning such a milestone; our Town of Wenham is 375 years old. This is a perfect year to celebrate together, in both large and small ways, as a community!

All year long, the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has been hard at work bringing the community together in a variety of ways. We kicked off the celebrations with The Cocktail Silent Auction evening in November 2017. We have held literary events with a local author as well as a resident writing contest and literary evening. Both our logo contest and art contest were won by local students. We participated in the Art Grows Here 2018 by incorporating both in our installation. We scheduled several historical events too; a cemetery tour and a Princemere lecture and tour both in May. We cannot forget to mention the monthly articles in the Hamilton Wenham Chronicle about life in Wenham by resident Bob Hicks. In our display case in the Town Hall, many departments have shared historic items with us and the community. Our AP US history students presented video snippets of their interviews and research on several elder Wenham residents. Coming up in December, we will be hosting a historic Town Meeting at the Church.

Our major event, Parade & Community Day, is scheduled for Saturday, September 8. We are planning a 1.7-mile parade starting at the Buker School and ending at the Pingree Park. Immediately following the parade, the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will host a fun-filled day of education, entertainment and food for all ages through 3 pm. We are still accepting registrations to participate in any part of the day through this link, <https://goo.gl/forms/z0JIFnP8N9ohLIP22> .

The 375<sup>th</sup> Committee is selling merchandise at the Town Clerk’s office. Before that is Wenham Day, August 25 and the Committee will be there with several other Town Committees. Please note that the 375<sup>th</sup> Committee is only able to accept cash or checks for all merchandise. We sincerely hope all current and past Wenham residents will focus on happy times, and we welcome and invite you to participate in our celebrations in any way you can.

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