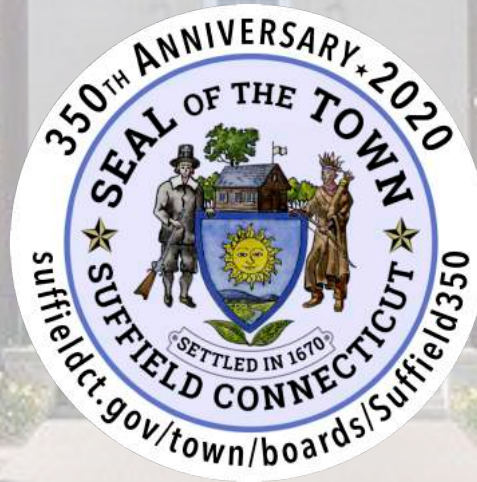


Celebrating the Town of Suffield's 350th Anniversary



<http://www.suffieldct.gov/town/boards/Suffield350>

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350th Anniversary Celebration

The 350th anniversary of the settlement of Suffield is **October 12th, 2020**. The Board of Selectmen created a committee to organize the commemoration:

- ✧ The 350th Anniversary Committee's mission shall be to regularly meet to plan and coordinate a series of events, learning activities and social and cultural opportunities which will lead to an awareness and appreciation by all about the rich, 350 year history, life experience and growth of the Town of Suffield.
- ✧ The committee's goal encompasses developing strategies and planning events that allow opportunities for the greatest amount of town wide participation. It will further seek public and private contributions in its effort to highlight Suffield's rich political, social, cultural, economic, educational, agricultural and religious history.
- ✧ The 350th anniversary observance shall create a stronger sense of community, enhance tourism and promote continued economic growth and prosperity in the Town of Suffield (approved by the Board of Selectmen 6/7/17).
- ✧ The First Selectman, serving as ex officio, and nine (9) members will comprise the 350th Anniversary Committee from its inception in June, 2017 through the events completion in 2020 (approved by the Board of Selectmen 6/7/17).

Committee Membership

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The committee meets at 7pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the lower level of the Town Hall.

The First Meeting

The committee's recommendation is that the 350th anniversary be a year-long celebration!

- ✧ The 350th “big weekend” is Friday, October 9th through Monday, October 12th, 2020
- ✧ Other 350th anniversary celebration events will start on December 31st, 2019 and run throughout 2020
- ✧ Every resident, club, student, school group, non-profit organization and business should have an opportunity to participate if they wish to

Initially, the committee will be organized into 5 focus areas:

Events (including projects and programs) that celebrate Suffield's wonderful open spaces, it's rich history, and it's exciting future

Communications – to give everyone in town a way to share their ideas, and to keep up-to-date on what is being planned

Outreach – to get people and organizations interested in participating – engage schools, churches, businesses, clubs, associations, and nonprofits

Fundraising – to encourage private donations and apply for grants to help fund projects, programs, and events

Finance – to insure that event costs and benefits are understood, and insure that funds raised are spent wisely

Revolutionary
War muster

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Road race

Refresh the signage
on historic houses
around town

How to celebrate?

Lots of great ideas...

History of the tobacco
industry in Suffield

Student art show

Native American
influences program

Pumpkin chunkin
contest

Develop a "Main St. Walking
Tour" app for smartphone

Bike race

Aerial photographs from
the past 80 years

Schedule scanning days
so residents can have
their own historic
documents digitized

Cemetery tours and
gravestone rubbing

Polish party with Polish
food and a polka band

Polish heritage program

Oldest & newest
houses

Program on the influence of
slavery in Suffield

Contests for "official" 350th
car, truck and motorcycle

Tractor pull

**The committee will focus on a few ideas, and
coordinate with clubs and organizations on others...**

Suffield 350th - The “Big Weekend”

A full schedule of events for October 9th thru 12th, 2020

Gala Evening Event

Huge parade down
Main Street

Theatrical
Performances

Carnival

Sports events

Fireworks

Barn Dance

Picnic on the Green

Musical
Performances

Dance
Performances

House, garden
and farm tours

Concert

Inspirational Speaker

Projects and Programs

350th volunteers will drive several major projects

Re-Issue
“Biography of a Town:
Suffield, CT 1670-1970”
written for the 300th anniversary

Write and publish
“50 Stories for 50 Years”
a companion volume to
“Biography of a Town”

Erect a permanent structure
to display *current events*
banners across a main street

Barn Quilt Tour
*a public art project
for everyone*

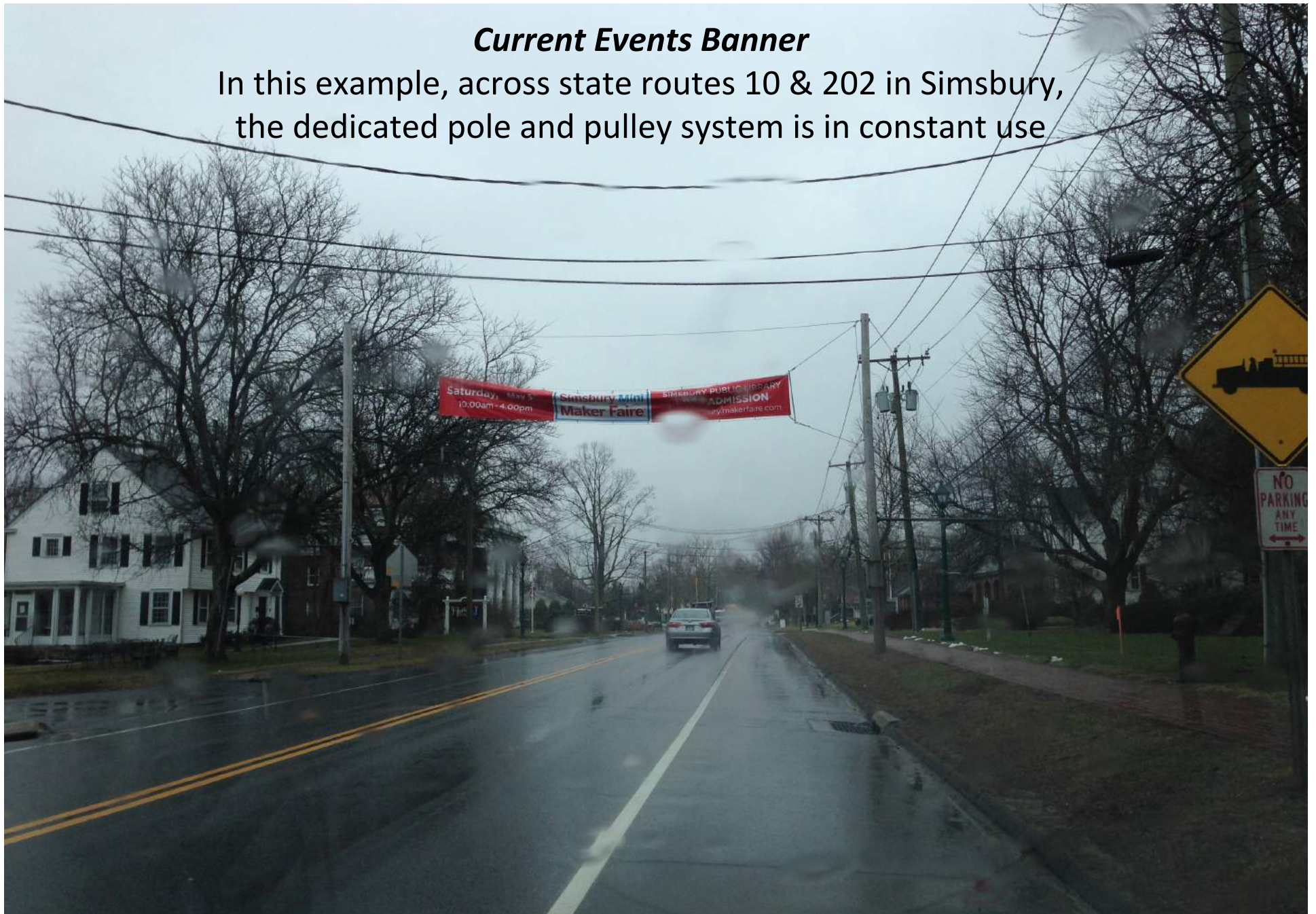
Create telephone pole
banners celebrating
historic figures

Publish a 2020 calendar
promoting all the special
events for the 350th
“366 things to do in Suffield”

Suffield 350th Store
shop for memorabilia online
or with selected local retailers

Current Events Banner

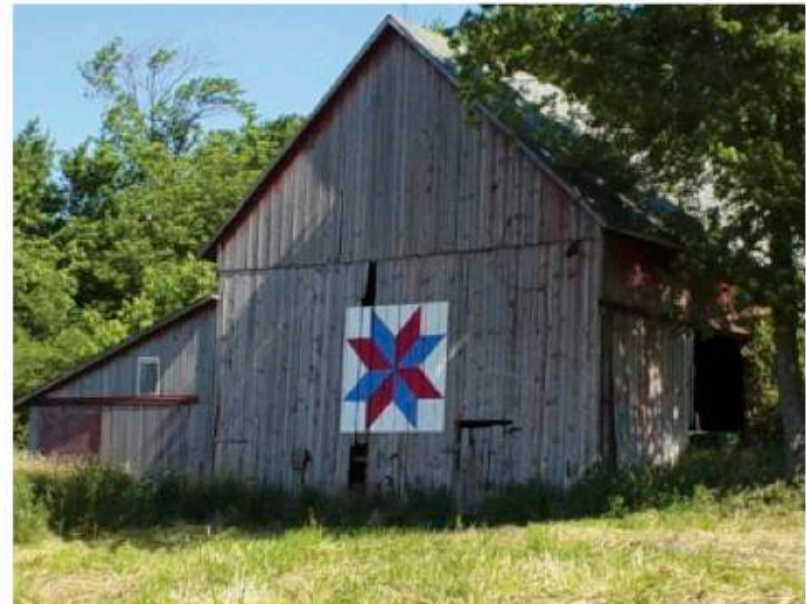
In this example, across state routes 10 & 202 in Simsbury,
the dedicated pole and pulley system is in constant use



Local artists and artisans will be invited to create unique barn quilts for public display, but anyone can make their own - workshops will be scheduled



About \$100 for a 4x8 sheet of MDO signboard



Many Suffield notables could be recognized, not limited to our military heroes



Fundraisers

The committee will raise money to support the events, projects and programs

Create and sell 350th memorabilia – caps, key chains, mugs, etc.

Annual golf fundraisers, beginning with one at SCC on October 13th, 2018!

Sell commemorative coins – possibly a series of 3 with Police, Fire, and Ambulance logos on the reverse

Suffield Trivial Pursuit championship

New Years Eve Ball on December 31st 2019

Coffee and tea party fundraisers

Suffield
Passport to Adventure

Grant writing

Ice cream socials

Restaurant donation of 10% of the check

Reusable grocery bag illustrated with maps of Suffield farm stands

Cocktail party fundraisers

Sell advertising in a commemorative program

2020 Calendar – 366 Things To Do in Suffield

Sell event and venue sponsorships

How Can You Get Involved?

- ✧ Is there a project, program or event you or a group you are involved with would like to host?
- ✧ Do you want to work on an event or project driven by the 350th anniversary committee?
- ✧ Do you have time to volunteer to work with one of the subcommittees?
- ✧ Can you help with fundraising?
- ✧ Do you want to include a 350th anniversary theme in one of your organization's regular events?

Talk with a member of the 350th Anniversary Committee.

eMail Suffield350@gmail.com to set up a meeting.

Call 860-758-0115 and leave a message for us.

Share your thoughts with us on Facebook or Instagram @**Suffield350**.