



*150th Anniversary Committee
Newington History Walk*

“A History of the Library” StoryWalk®

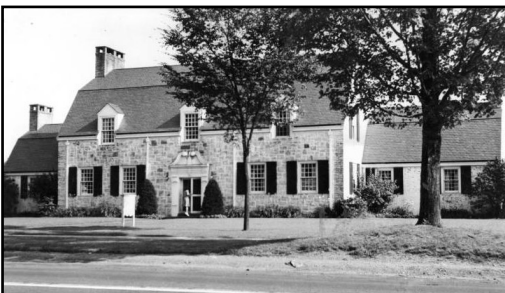
Saturday, April 24

(rain date April 25)

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

- ◆ Come out and celebrate the 150th anniversary of our Town’s founding.
- ◆ **Learn about the history** of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library by strolling around our special StoryWalk® at Mill Pond Park.
- ◆ **Visit the Friends of the Library** at the front steps of the library to learn more about the its history and ask questions. Snacks that originated in 1939, the year the library opened, will be available.

*Sponsored by the Lucy Robbins Welles Library and the Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library
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1. **Kellogg-Eddy House and Museum** - Home to the Newington Historical Society. President Jim Late and former President Linda Crawford will don period costume and conduct tours of the newly established Farm Museum, which can be viewed from outside and inside, and contains the rescued Holt Dairy Farm wagon and the newly acquired Eddy Farm wagon. They will discuss the history of the Historical Society.
2. **Lucy Robbins Welles Library** –Take a walk around Mill Pond Park and read the StoryWalk® on the history of the library. Then visit the library steps where the Friends of the Library will answer any questions you have about the history of the library and give out snacks that originated in 1939, the year the library opened.
3. **Mill Pond Falls** - Lifelong resident Joseph DeMers will portray a sawmill operator from 1677, when pipe-staves were an early industry.
4. **Original Firehouse Number 1** - Saved from destruction in 1996 by dedicated volunteers. Recently retired Chief Chris Schroeder and volunteers will display antique fire trucks and fire department history.
5. **Church of Christ, Congregational** -Nancy Crawford, Jonathan Tinkham, and Jim Mulrooney, wearing period costumes, will represent 18th and 19th century figures from the congregation's long history. The congregation will celebrate their 300th anniversary in 2022.
6. **944 Main St**– A stately home facing the town green, with a rich history dating back to the 1720s. Two interpreters (Jeri Nagel and Dennis Morgan) will recount centuries of history of this property.
7. **646 Main St** - A lovely Victorian Italianate house that was built by John Kirkham for his bride when he returned to Newington from the 1849 California Gold Rush. Town Councilor Dave Nagel will portray John Kirkham. The home is owned by Flo and Jack Guite and has been featured on Historical house tours for past anniversaries.

The event has been designed to be COVID aware, outdoors or in buildings open to the outdoors (firehouse and Kellogg-Eddy Barn). Historical Presenters will be ten feet away from participants. Social distancing will be enforced, and masks must be worn. Participants may walk the entire route. Those who wish to park and walk should park in town lots - Constitution Square, the Senior Center, and the Library lot. The properties may be visited in any order.