

Temple 250th Birthday Celebration Events Calendar

1. "QM" Kick-off and Valentine Dance Sat. Feb. 16
Sponsor: Temple Recreation Committee Contact: Joe Cournoyer
QM Committee Vivian Nicholl
Description: 6:00 p.m. @ Temple Town Hall. Music, karaoke, cupcakes & punch followed by Valentines Dance from 8:00 – 12 mid. w Over Easy Band Free of charge, BYOB, refreshments, raffle, proceeds to benefit the 250th celebration.

2. "Founding of Temple" Tues. March 4
Sponsor: Temple Historical Society Contact: Anne Lunt
Description: 7:00 p.m. @ Temple Town Hall. Dartmouth Professor Emeritus Jere Daniell will visit Temple to present "Town Founding in NH: The Special Case of Temple." An expert on New England and the American colonial period, Daniell is the author of several books about New England, including Colonial N.H.: A History.
The program is made possible in part by the New Hampshire Council for the Humanities.

3. Historical Society Annual Meeting Tues. April 15
Sponsor: Temple Historical Society Contact: Anne Lunt
Description: 7:00 p.m. @ Temple Town Hall. Short films about Temple's past, including rare footage from the town's 200th anniversary in 1958.

4. Flower Planting Spring
Sponsor: Honey Hastings Contact: Honey Hastings
Description: A garden will be planted in commemoration of the town birthday.

5. Temple ½ Marathon and 4 Mile Walk Sat. April 26
Sponsor: Friends of Temple Town Hall Contact: John Singelais
Description: 9:00 a.m. @ Town Common. Registration and race beginning @ 10:00. Debut of town banner with new logo.

6. Temple Memorial Day Sun. June 1
Sponsor: Ex-Servicemen's Club Contact: Paul Quinn
Description: 10:00 a.m. church service @ Temple Congregational Church followed by Memorial Day parade @ 12 noon, speeches, wreath hangings, and taps. Temple Band plays on the Common @ 2:00 p.m.
The Historical Society will present "Temple Spirits" with local residents taking the parts of various 18th-century village personages in a "ghostly reenactment" of their lives. That event will take place at the graves themselves, in Temple's Old Burying Ground before the band concert.

7. Summer Reading Program June – Aug.
Sponsor: Mansfield Library Contact: Kathy Fedorka
Description: Beginning in late June, the summer reading program for school aged kids will include activities and reading that focus on Temple through the past 250 years and end in early August.
8. Independence Day Fri. July 4
Sponsor: Temple Recreation Committee Contact: Joe Cournoyer
Description: 10:00 a.m. @ Temple Center. Kids Patriotic Parade with decorated bikes ending at the Temple Ball field for games and contests. Food and other activities provided by the Temple Fire Dept.
Sponsor: Quarter Millennium Committee Contact: Sherry Fiske
Description: 4:00 p.m. @ Temple. QM Parade featuring Temple Town Band, Milford Fife and Drum, bands, horses, special guests and ending at the Common with the 6 pm Temple Band concert and the Ladies Aide Ice Cream Social.
9. Temple Colonial Days Sat. Sept. 20
Sponsor: QM Committee Contact: Vivian Nicholl
Description: 10:00 a.m. @ Temple Common. Drills and exhibitions by the Lafayette Artillery, demonstrations and exhibits of colonial day traditional arts.

3:00 p.m. @ Temple. Evolution of Transportation beginning at Wheelands garage and ending at the Temple Elementary School. Vehicles representing every decade of the 1900's led by horse drawn buggies will parade through the town and be on display at the school.

5:00 p.m. @ Temple Elementary School. All town banquet prepared and served by Niki McGettigan and the PTO and school children. Delicious homemade soups, breads, casseroles, and salads, topped off with a special celebratory dessert.

7:00 p.m. @ Temple Elementary School. Contra Dance featuring Frank Woodward as caller, his band New Boston Fancy, and other musicians are invited to play.
10. Temple Harvest Festival Sun. Sept. 21
Sponsor: Village Green Committee Contact: Vivian Nicholl
Description: 10:00 a.m. @ Temple Common. Beginning with a pancake breakfast at the Fellowship Hall by the Souhegan Lions Club @ 8:00 a.m., the fun begins with music, crafters, raffles, games, food, and special events and presentations commemorating the town's 250th birthday celebration. The day ends with the Temple Band concert from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.