

# EG350 Celebration Planning

Community Kickoff

October 29, 2025

# Introductions: Steering Committee



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(Chair)



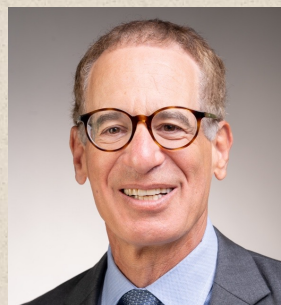
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# **Session Objectives**

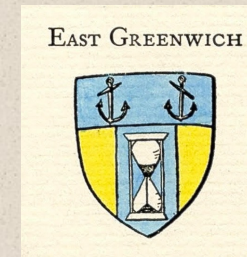
1. Get fired up
2. Gather input and ideas
3. Get you to sign on to help

## **Agenda / Expectations**

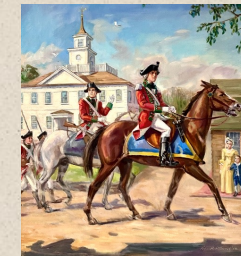
- Inspiration from past celebrations
- Preliminary vision for the 350<sup>th</sup>
- Ideation
- Wrap-up and refreshments

# 350 Years of Major History

- Older than 99.5% of towns in America
- The oldest master-planned township in America
- A seaport engaged in the Triangle Trade
- An outsized contributor to the American Revolution
- Home to one of the nation's first steam-powered factories
- Home to a premier academy
- A Navy town during WWII



Founded in 1677



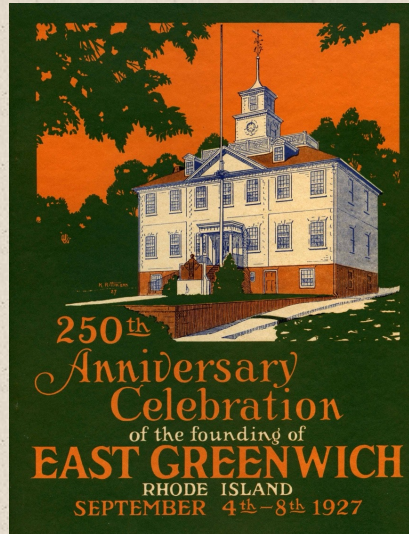
# 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration in 1927



Village decked out



Historical production followed by fireworks



5-day summer festival  
(Labor Day week)

Other events included: concerts,  
nightly carnival, firemen's muster,  
Frenchtown clambake, marathon



Massive parade

# 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration in 1977



Keystone Kops



2-week summer festival  
(end of July)

Other events included:  
concerts, ethnic dinners,  
firemen's muster, nightly  
carnival



Gala



Historical production  
followed by fireworks



Massive parade

**350<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

2 Years and 2 Days Away

October 31, 2027

# 350<sup>th</sup> Celebration: Logo



## **350<sup>th</sup> Celebration: Mission and Motto**

EG350 is dedicated to celebrating the 350th anniversary of the Town of East Greenwich through a yearlong series of events, activities, and projects. The anniversary celebration will honor our town's history, strengthen our shared identity, and foster pride of place. By engaging our residents in accessible and welcoming programs, EG350 will create meaningful opportunities for participation and collaboration.

The programming will highlight East Greenwich as a unique and special community—past, present, and future—and leave a legacy of civic spirit and commitment for generations to come.

**Honoring Our Past | Celebrating Our Present | Embracing Our Future**

# 350<sup>th</sup> Celebration: Framework

Note: All events are placeholder examples

## Winter

Oct 31, 2026 -  
February 28, 2027

### Signature Event:

- Official kickoff and outdoor movie: "The Story of East Greenwich"

### Other Programs:

- Lecture series
- Time capsule
- "EG 2077" exhibit
- Museums tour

## Spring

March 1, 2027 -  
June 30, 2027

### Signature Event:

- Gala ball

### Other Programs:

- Guided history walks / ghost tours
- "Passport to EG" scavenger hunt
- Frenchtown Day
- House decorating contest

## Summer

July 1, 2027 -  
September 30, 2027

### Signature Event:

- End-of-summer festival with parade & fireworks

### Other Programs:

- Historically themed Main Street Strolls
- Art show
- Car show
- 5K run

## Fall

October 1, 2027 -  
October 31, 2027

### Signature Event:

- Historic Halloween celebration

### Other Programs:

- Rededication of Founders Rock

# Workshop: Ideation

- Rotate through 4 stations (5 mins each)
- Add/build ideas for:
  - Winter '26 (launch)
  - Spring '27
  - Summer '27
  - Fall '27 (founding date)

<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>Fall</b>
Oct 31, 2026 - February 28, 2027	March 1, 2027 - June 30, 2027	July 1, 2027 - September 30, 2027	October 1, 2027 - October 31, 2027
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## **Next Steps:** Steering Committee

- Create the calendar of events
- Form subcommittees
- Activate merch and fundraising
- Hold a public regroup in January

## Next Steps: For YOU!

1. Use the QR code to access the EG350 webpage



# Next Steps: For YOU!

2. Sign up by entering your name and email address

\*Interests survey to come soon

**EG IS TURNING 350!  
PUBLIC MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH | 6:00PM

MEETING HELD AT  
**SWIFT COMMUNITY CENTER**  
121 PEIRCE ST

COME LEARN WHAT EG350 IS ALL ABOUT! SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND VISION FOR CELEBRATING OUR TOWN'S ANNIVERSARY IN 2027.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For more information call Rachel at 401-886-8626 EXT 4

**Stay Informed**  
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Project Lead

**PROJECT PHASES**

- Kickoff Workshop**  
October 2025 - October 2025
- Planning Phase**  
November 2025 - October 2026
- 350th Celebration Phase**  
January 2027 - October 2027

## **Next Steps:** For YOU!

3. Review the gallery of ideas and 'power dot' your 4 favorites



# Next Steps: For YOU!

- 4. Stay connected via the town website and the EG350 Facebook page



**East Greenwich 350th Anniversary Celebration**  
COMMUNITY SERVICES & PARKS DEPARTMENT

East Greenwich is preparing for an extraordinary milestone in its storied history—the 350th anniversary of its incorporation since October 31, 1677. To ensure this momentous occasion reflects the pride, diversity, and vibrant community spirit of our residents, the Town is assembling a steering committee and actively seeking input, ideas, and volunteers. Together, we aim to honor East Greenwich's rich heritage while celebrating its forward-thinking present, all while shaping a celebration befitting one of Rhode Island's most cherished and esteemed towns. The Town of East Greenwich believes in the power of collaboration and the importance of community voices in shaping meaningful public initiatives. Mark your calendar for our kickoff engagement meeting on Wednesday, October 9th, at 6:00 pm in the Swift Community Center. This meeting is an opportunity to share preliminary ideas, discuss goals, and present branding concepts while inviting residents to contribute their perspectives. Your input will directly influence the planning and execution of this event in a festive event, ensuring it truly represents the spirit of our community.

Join us online and share your ideas to help shape the unforgettable 2027 East Greenwich 350th Anniversary Celebration, ensuring this historic milestone reflects the unique heritage of our town and strengthens the



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THANK YOU!