



## Custom Engraved Bricks – Group Discount Available!

Are you part of a local organization such as Scouts, a book group, Rotary, SOLF, or a “Friends of” group? Maybe even a group of friends or neighbors?



### Order 10 or More Bricks and Save!

Southborough organizations whose members collectively order 10 or more bricks will receive a group discount of \$50 per brick, lowering the donation per brick from \$300 to \$250 each.

To qualify, all orders from your group must be submitted together, along with payment, to the Tricentennial Committee. While checks are preferred to avoid additional fees, payment via Venmo or credit card is also accepted.

Partnering with your organization allows us to celebrate Southborough's milestone while showcasing your group's commitment to the community.

**Already purchased a brick?** If any member of your group has previously ordered a brick, we'll refund the difference for a group order, less any applicable credit card fees. **Early supporters won't have penalties.**

For a customized order form tailored to your organization, or for more information, [Contact us](#) today!

Your donation will create a lasting tribute within Heritage Park, ensuring that your connection to our community endures for generations. Plus, donations for bricks are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Interested in buying a single brick? Please visit our online ordering site [here](#).

## Tricentennial Event Planning & Updates

### Fireman's Muster Planning for Tricentennial



*The Union No. 1 was built in 1867 by the William Hunneman Co. of Boston, MA one of the leading hand engine builder in America at the time. It was restored by the F.D. Newton Veteran Fireman's Association and is their engine for muster competitions.*

## **Save the Date: July 17, 2025**

At the Tricentennial Committee's meeting on June 11, Jamie Falconi and David Falconi of the F.D. Newton Veteran Fireman's Association proposed hosting a Fireman's Muster as part of Southborough's Tricentennial Celebration. The committee voted unanimously to reserve July 17, 2027 for a showdown of teams testing their skills.

A Fireman's Muster is a spirited event that celebrates the history and camaraderie of firefighting. Teams compete in challenges showcasing traditional techniques and teamwork, using hand-pumped fire engines, or "handtubs," to test their skills in pumping water and precision spraying. Southborough's own handtub, *Union*, will take center stage during this lively competition.

The four-hour event promises excitement and fun for all ages, with firefighting teams from neighboring communities expected to participate for prizes and bragging rights. To complement the muster, the day will also feature a Family Barbecue, bringing together residents and visitors for good food, great company, and a celebration of community spirit.

This unique event offers a perfect blend of tradition, entertainment, and togetherness, and we hope it will be a memorable highlight of Southborough's Tricentennial.

## **A Little History of Handtubs and Musters**

From colonial times through the Civil War, hand fire engines were the primary source of fire protection in America. Large numbers of men were required to operate these "handtubs" and often times local fire companies became an important part of the fabric in many communities.

In the late 1850's fire engine manufacturers started to develop the steam powered fire engine thus retiring the old handtubs. Veteran Fireman's Associations were formed in order to keep the camaraderie of these old machines alive.

The Muster is a competition between several fire associations. Each association has it's own fire truck which is maned by as many "pumpers" as possible. The goal is build pressure and measure the longest stream of water on a cardboard track. The muster attracts many associations and the F.D. Newton Veteran Fireman's Association from Southborough will be one of the participants

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## Oral Histories from Residents

**Would you or someone you know like to share their story about growing up in Southborough?**

The Tricentennial Committee along with the Historic Commission is partnering with Southborough Access Media (SAM) to record a series of citizen oral histories.

Oral histories offer a unique opportunity to share personal experiences and provide powerful insights into the impact of past events from diverse perspectives. Your stories have helped shape the community we are today, and we'd love to preserve them for future generations. Oral histories give individuals a powerful opportunity to tell their own stories and can introduce the power of seeing the impact of events of the past through multiple perspectives. Your stories have shaped the community that we are today.

Participating requires less than an hour of your time. Interviews will be conducted at the SAM studio at Trottier, or we can come to you if needed. To help you prepare, we'll provide a series of questions in advance.

If you're interested, please contact us!

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## Plus, Lots More!

**There are many events the Tricentennial Committee and volunteers are working on behind the scenes, including a drone show, House & Garden Tour, Cemetery Tour, History Talks, Music Festival, Gala, and more.**

**Have some ideas or want to help with the planning? Please contact us at [Southborough300@southboroughma.com](mailto:Southborough300@southboroughma.com)**

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## Heritage Day 2027 Moved to Sunday

At the request of the Tricentennial Committee, the Select Board voted on June 17 to move Heritage Day 2027 to Sunday, October 10th. This change honors Yom Kippur, which begins at sundown that evening.

To accommodate all, the Tricentennial Grand Parade will start later than the usual Heritage Day parade to avoid conflicts with morning religious services, and all festivities will conclude before sundown.

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## Did You Know?

The circular dam on Middle Road is part of the Sudbury Reservoir system—an engineering marvel completed in 1898 to supplement Boston’s water supply

Designed as a runoff spillway or culvert inlet, its distinctive round shape channels water efficiently from the reservoir into downstream aqueducts, helping to regulate flow and prevent erosion—an innovative solution at the time.

A picturesque glimpse into 19th-century waterworks engineering, the dam represents Southborough’s critical role in shaping Boston’s modern water infrastructure.



*1915 photo of circular dam on Middle Rd.  
Photo: Digital Commonwealth*

Most springs this area is the nesting home of a pair of resident swans and their young.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**The Southborough Tricentennial Committee is actively seeking community volunteers to help assist with organizing and staffing events and fundraising. Do you have some time and skills to contribute?**

Join us in making Southborough's Tricentennial Celebration a memorable event! Your creativity and passion can help bring our community together in a fantastic way. This is your chance to leave a lasting mark in our town's history while having fun along the way. Sign up today and be part of something special! **Contact us at [Southborough300@southboroughma.com](mailto:Southborough300@southboroughma.com)**

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