



## Get the SCOOP on Tricentennial Programs

Join us Sunday, September 7 | 2–4 PM | Heritage Park

Stop by for a free scoop of Ice Cream and a sneak peek at plans for Southborough's Tricentennial Celebration in 2027!

Chat with the Tricentennial Committee, discover what's in store for this once-in-a-lifetime year of celebration. Learn how you can be part of this historic milestone and support it by donating for a commemorative engraved brick in Heritage Park — a lasting legacy for generations to come.

We will be serving Richardson's Ice Cream, provided in cooperation with Southborough's own teen ice cream entrepreneur, Connor Lester, who opened an ice cream shop inside Sperry's on Rte. 9. (Read more about Connor in Beth Melo's article on [mysouthborough.com](https://mysouthborough.com).)



## Celebrate Southborough — Together! Custom Engraved Bricks – Special Group Promotion

Calling all Southborough groups — Scouts, book clubs, Rotary, SOLF, "Friends of" organizations, neighborhood circles, and more! This is your chance to leave a permanent mark on our town's history and save money while doing it.



When your group orders **10 or more custom bricks together**, you'll receive a **special group rate of \$250 each** (that's \$50 off the regular \$300 donation).

### How it works:

- Gather your members' orders ([contact us](#) for a customized order form) and submit them as a single packet with payments to the Tricentennial Committee.
- Checks are preferred (no processing fees), but Venmo and credit cards are welcome.
- Already bought a brick? You'll still benefit — we'll refund the difference for qualifying group orders (minus any credit card fees).

### By joining forces, your group will:

- Celebrate Southborough's 300th anniversary in a big way
- Show your community pride
- Create a lasting tribute in Heritage Park for generations to enjoy

### Ready to get started?

[Contact us](#) for a custom order form tailored to your organization. Donations for bricks are **fully tax-deductible** to the extent allowed by law.

Prefer to purchase just one brick? You can do that, too! Visit our online ordering site [here](#).

Members of the Senior Center or Friends of the Council on Aging: Stop by the Senior Center and fill out one of the order forms to order a brick as part of the Senior Center Group Sale.

## Tricentennial Event Planning & Updates

### Let your voice be heard!

**Do you—or someone you know—have memories of growing up in Southborough? We'd love to hear them!**

The Tricentennial Committee, in conjunction with the Southborough Historical Commission, is launching an exciting new **oral history project** to help preserve and share the voices of our community. These stories will be recorded and edited by Southborough Access Media with interviews done in the studio at Trottier Middle School.



Oral histories are a powerful way to capture first-hand stories, personal perspectives, and everyday experiences that don't always make it into the history books. They help paint a richer, more personal picture of Southborough's past—and we want your story to be part of it.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact us!

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# Fundraising Updates

THANK YOU to our Southborough Tricentennial Sponsors!



## From Vision to Celebration: Fueling a Once-in-a-Lifetime Celebration

As we prepare to honor Southborough's remarkable 300-year legacy, the Friends of Southborough 300, Inc. is hard at work to ensure that the Tricentennial Celebration in 2027 is truly inclusive—offering a year of signature events that welcome and engage every resident in our community.

Our fundraising goal reflects the scale and ambition of this once-in-a-lifetime milestone:

- Event Production & Programming: \$350,000
  - (Parade, Drone Show, House Tour, Music Festival, Re-enactments)
- Public Safety & Logistics: \$50,000
- Marketing, Promotion & Coordination: \$25,000
- Legacy Projects & Installations: \$25,000
- Total Fundraising Goal: \$450,000

To meet this goal, we are excited to announce sponsorship opportunities at every level:

- Southborough 300 Elite Circle Sponsor – \$100,000
- Southborough 300 Pinnacle Sponsor – \$50,000
- Southborough 300 Founders Sponsor – \$25,000
- Southborough 300 Community Champion Sponsor – \$10,000
- Southborough 300 Supporter Sponsor – \$5,000
- Friend of Southborough 300 – \$1,000

Sponsorships made before the end of 2025 at \$10,000 or more can be spread over three years. All donations are tax deductible to the extent that the law permits. These sponsorships will help us deliver a yearlong series of unforgettable experiences while ensuring that every resident can participate fully—regardless of cost.

We are proud to share that we have already:

- Identified several major sponsorship prospects
- Researched and tailored proposals to meet individual corporate giving requirements
- Initiated conversations with key organizations and are homing in on at least three Elite Circle Sponsors to anchor our campaign.

**We have received two Community Champion Sponsorships at the \$10,000 level, one from The Southborough Community Fund and one from local realtor, Ginny Martins & Associates.** We are grateful for their support. This strong start puts us well on the path toward our goal and sets the stage for a vibrant, inclusive Tricentennial year. If you or your business would like to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at [Southborough300@southboroughma.com](mailto:Southborough300@southboroughma.com).

## Help Make History Happen — Join the Fundraising Committee!

Join our **Fundraising Committee** and play a key role in bringing the celebration to life. Whether you have experience with fundraising or just a passion for community, we'd love to have you on board. The fundraising team is led by Ginny Martins, Karen Anglim, Julie Connelly & Kathy Cook. Please contact [Ginny](#) for more information.

## Did You Know?

This 1897 photo shows agent **Lathiel Ellis**, a **Mr. Fay**, and **George Herrick** aboard a velocipede—a hand-pumped, three-wheeled railcar used for track inspection in the 19th century.

Fayville Station stood just east of Central Street, near the Southborough–Framingham line. The Agricultural Branch Railroad reached Fayville around 1850, prompting construction of a side-platform station to serve the growing industrial village.

Initially part of the Old Colony Railroad's Fitchburg Branch, which ran from Fitchburg to Mansfield, the line was later absorbed by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. By the late 1800s, timetables listed six daily trains to and from Boston, plus Sunday service—proving Fayville was a well-used local stop.

Passenger service ended in 1937, and the station was later dismantled. No trace remains today.



### Why it Matters in 2027

Fayville was more than a stop—it was a hub of local industry and transportation contributing to the economic and civic growth of Southborough and its neighboring communities. As Southborough marks 300 years, remembering places like this helps connect us to our town's rich and evolving story.

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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! Please fill out the Board and Committee Volunteer Form [here](#).

## Southborough Tricentennial Sponsors



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