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## Marlborough Celebrates America's 250th with Free Community Event on June 27th

By Ryan Malyar, Executive Director, WMCT-TV

MARLBOROUGH - This summer, as the nation marks its 250th birthday, Marlborough is joining the celebration in a big way. On Saturday, June 27th, the city's Revolution 250 Committee will host Celebrate 250, a free, family-friendly Independence Day event beginning at 4:00 p.m. with an evening parade down Main Street and continuing at Ward Park for a full night of festivities.

The evening will feature fife and drum corps performances, a historic military muster, and a live Revolutionary War skirmish between the Lexington Minutemen and the King's Royal Army. Educational camps, food trucks, local vendors, and live music will round out the night - all capped off by a dramatic cannon salute finale.

The Revolution 250 Committee has been working since early 2024 to highlight Marlborough's unique role in American history, including the city's connection to General Henry Knox's legendary cannon expedition along Route 20. The June 27th celebration is the capstone of more than two years of monthly meetings, historical exhibits, reenactments, and community programming.

Organizers are still welcoming parade participants, volunteers, and nonprofit groups to get involved - all at no cost. Parking and a shuttle service will be available. For more information and updates, follow the Revolution 250 Marlborough page on Facebook.



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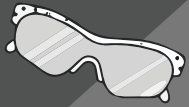
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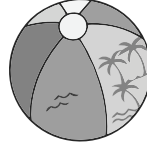
Come out and support the Marlborough Public Schools unified athletes and partners at our annual Unified Game Day, a district-wide event celebrating inclusion and teamwork, at Marlborough High School on June 5. Students with disabilities and their unified partners will test their skills in various games and activities. Opening ceremonies begin at 10 a.m. at the MHS fieldhouse. Locations and times vary for events. Visit [www.mps-edu.org/events](http://www.mps-edu.org/events) for details.

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## Before America: Marlborough's 1660 Founding Helped Shape a New Nation

By Mike Lawton, Assistant Executive Director, WMCT-TV

As Marlborough prepares to celebrate its birthday on June 12, the city is also looking ahead to the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026, but Marlborough's story began long before the American Revolution. The city was incorporated in 1660, more than a century before the Declaration of Independence.

Marlborough's roots trace not to the Pilgrims, but to the Puritans who settled Massachusetts Bay in the 1630s. After establishing communities in places like Sudbury, growing families soon ran out of farmland. In 1656, Sudbury residents John Ruddock, Edmund Rice, and John Howe petitioned the Massachusetts General Court for land to create a new settlement.

The request was approved, and the plantation, first called "Whipsufferage," became Marlborough in 1660, the 38th incorporated settlement in Massachusetts.

The land was already home to a "Praying Indian" plantation established by Reverend John Eliot, who worked with Native Americans who converted to Christianity and translated the Bible into the Algonquin language. Settlers and Native residents initially coexisted peacefully, while the area's fertile soil and rolling hills made Marlborough ideal for farming orchards, corn, and other crops traded through Boston.

Early residents built simple homes and a meeting house near the present-day Walker Building on Main Street that served as both church and government center. Life was difficult, with harsh winters, disease, and conflict during King Philip's War in 1675-76, when parts of the settlement were burned.

Despite those hardships, Marlborough endured and eventually became the parent community for Westborough, Northborough, Southborough, and Hudson.

As America approaches its 250th birthday, Marlborough's anniversary is a reminder that the foundations of the nation were built generations earlier by settlers seeking liberty, land, and opportunity.

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## Quotes

"Wise men speak because they have something to say; fools because they have to say something."

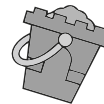
**Plato**

"Where the spirit does not work with the hand, there is no art."

**Leonardo Da Vinci**

"If you want to find the secrets of the universe, think in terms of energy, frequency, and vibration."

**Nikola Tesla**



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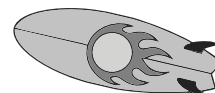
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1. Cosmo
2. Julie Andrews
3. 24 hours
4. AC/DC
5. Red

Trivia Answers:

# Summer In Marlborough

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3. LAKEWILLIAMS
4. STRAWBERRY
5. FIREFLIES
6. SOLSTICE
7. MARKET
8. HYDRANGEA
9. KAYAK
10. THUNDERSTORM
11. COOKOUT
12. HERITAGE
13. DOWNTOWN
14. BASEBALL
15. SUNSHINE
16. COMMUNITY
17. FESTIVAL

## Jokes!

Why did the hipster burn his mouth?  
He drank the coffee before it was cool.

What do you call a pile of cats?  
A meow-ntain.

Why did the bicycle fall over?  
It was two tired.

Why shouldn't you write with a broken pen?  
It's pointless.

## Seeking Community Voices

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## Drawing with Mark!

Let's draw a Pterodactyl!

1. Start with your "action line" to give the character a flow to the pose.



2. Add some circles along the Action line.

3. Start creating the wings using these shapes.



4. Add tubes and ovals to create the body, legs, and feet.



5. Use more "foundation" lines and simple shapes to create the face.



Add detail and round out the muscles following your foundation lines as a guide.



Add a background as you wish! Have fun!

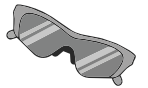
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## Perfect 18-0 for AMSA Softball

By Matthew Besachio, Sports Director, WMCT-TV

Over the Memorial Day weekend, AMSA Charter Softball capped off its first undefeated regular season in program history with a 8-2 victory over Hopedale High School. Their 18-0 record began with a dominant 17-1 win on opening day vs Tahanto Regional and two days later they dismantled Marlborough High by a score of 16-2. Other key wins during the season include a 13-4 win over previously undefeated Tantasqua Regional on April 27th, a 10-2 victory against D-1 Acton-Boxborough on May 11th and a 1-0 win on the road against Oxford High where Eagle ace pitcher Ava McLeod threw a no-hitter while striking out 11 and walking just one batter.



2026 AMSA CHARTER SOFTBALL TEAM

AMSA scored 9.2 runs per game led by senior captain Maddie Glynn (.490 avg./ 18 RBI), Brooke Laudate (.462 avg./ 7 RBI) & Ava McLeod (.417 avg./ 23 RBI). The Eagles allowed just 2.1 runs behind a stellar defense which featured Brooke and younger sister Mack Laudate on the left side of the infield and senior captain Kathleen Galvin patrolling the outfield in center. And starting pitcher, Ava McLeod went 14-0 with a 1.21 ERA and 79 strikeouts over 87 innings pitched.

The unbeaten #1 ranked team in D-4 is the prohibitive favorite in the upcoming MIAA state playoffs and will look to become the first Eagle team to win a state title since AMSA Girls Tennis won the D-3 state title back in 2023.

**HEY!** Can you find Cam?

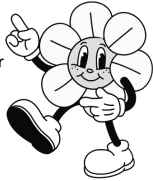
They are hidden somewhere on this edition of Marlborough Mirror.



Good luck!

### Whats Happening in Marlborough?

Email information about an upcoming event or activity for your club, school, church, or non-profit to: [newsawmct-tv.com](mailto:newsawmct-tv.com)



## Meeting Alyssa and Bella the Barn Owl

By Zachary Benton

Youth Coordinator/Producer, WMCT-TV

The Junior Reporters welcomed Alyssa Giaquinto of the Giaquinto Wildlife Center into the WMCT-TV studio this month. Alyssa brought along her friend Bella, a barn owl born in captivity. (The taping time was at 5pm - which felt to Bella like 3am does to us!) Alyssa and Bella do several outreach programs in Marlborough.

Junior Reporter Emery questioned Alyssa about common injuries to animals in the area; the answer was rodenticide poisoning. Rodenticide is poison used to kill pests like mice or rats. When owls eat a poisoned rodent, they become very ill, and may die. The City of Marlborough banned the use of rodent poison on city property in 2025.

Junior Reporter Josh, interested in Bella's unique physical traits, learned about owl facial disks from Alyssa. Bella's facial disk is shaped like a heart, acting "like a satellite dish" and bringing in "all of the sound." Barn owls can hear a mouse's heartbeat under six inches of snow!

Reporter Amelia was curious about how people can support Alyssa's mission. Alyssa said it's important to realize and spread the word that people need to coexist with wildlife. Barn owls can eat a thousand rodents a year, and building or putting a barn owl box on your property can help a LOT with pest control.

Finally, Reporter Joaquin inquired about Bella's head-rotation capability: just how far can a barn owl turn their head? Alyssa's answer: 270 degrees. That's 180 more degrees than humans can rotate theirs! Don't lose your head trying to compete with the owls!

'Til next time!



# June City Events



### Splash Pads Open for the Season

Tuesday, June 2nd | Ghiloni Park and Stevens Park

Splash into summer with the openings of the splash pads at Ghiloni Park and Stevens Park! For hours and more information, visit

[www.marlborough-ma.gov/Facilities](http://www.marlborough-ma.gov/Facilities)

### Marlborough Main Street Car Show

Sunday, June 7th | 9AM - 2PM | Main / Prospect St. & Granger / Florence St.

Take a walk down main street for a fun day full of flashy cars, food trucks, and live music! Free to the public, donations are welcome.

### Memorial Beach Open for the Season

Monday, June 8th | Hosmer Street

Looking to cool down this summer? The beach is officially open to the community on June 8th! For hours and more information, visit

[www.marlborough-ma.gov/Facilities](http://www.marlborough-ma.gov/Facilities)

### Mayor Christian's Senior Backyard BBQ & Concert

Thursday, June 11th | 12PM - 2PM | Ward Park

Mayor Christian invites all Marlborough Seniors (60+) for an afternoon of live music, delicious food, and great company at Ward Park! Space is limited, make sure to register before June 4th by visiting the Marlborough Senior Center on 40 New Street or by calling (508) 485-6492.

### Union Common Summer Concerts

Every Thursday starting June 11th | 7PM - 9PM | Union Common

An incredible lineup of local talent, refreshing drinks served by Lost Shoe Brewing, and family fun lined up all season long presented by Mayor Christian and the Marlborough Recreation Department. Grab your lawn chairs, invite your neighbors, and make Summer 2026 one for the books!

### FIFA World Cup Marlborough Fan Zone

June 11th 1PM - 6PM | June 12th 5PM-11PM | June 13th 6PM | Kelleher Field

Cheer on your favorite teams at the MetroWest Regional Fan Zones, featuring giant jumbotron watch parties, food trucks, beer gardens, arts & crafts and other vendors, and family-friendly activities. For more information, visit

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### The Rock Institute's Kids Concert

Saturday, June 20th | 12PM | Union Common

An afternoon showcase of student performances featuring Pop, R&B, and Classic Rock. Hosted by The Rock Institute.

### Wading Pools Open for the Season

Tuesday, June 23rd | Ward Park & Farrel

### Marlborough's 250th Anniversary Celebration

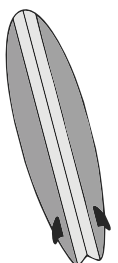
Saturday, June 27th | Main Street & Ward Park

All are welcome to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime celebration! Join in the parade down Main Street alongside Fife & Drum, Muster Groups, & nods to our 250 Years of American Independence, followed by festivities at Ward Park.



## Trivia

1. On the hit show, "Seinfeld" what was Kramer's first name?
2. What actor earned an Oscar nomination for the first screen appearance of Mary Poppins?
3. How long is the Le Mans endurance motor race?
4. Brian Johnson is the lead singer of what rock band?
5. What colour M&Ms did not exist from 1976 to 1987?



(Flip the bottom of the page for Trivia answers)