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America 250 | Berlin

Thursday, September 25, 2025

5:00 PM

Doc McIntosh’s Conference Room

Berlin Town Hall

Agenda – September 25, 2025

1. Dr. Tami Christopher, Executive Director New Britain Youth Museum/Hungerford Nature Center 860.827.9064
2. Peggy Lajoie, President Kensington Garden Club.
   1. Berlin Lions Fair
   2. Plant Sale – May 15, 2026, VFW
3. Chris Cote – Theatre Guild of Berlin, Inc. [cmcote187@aol.com](mailto:cmcote187@aol.com) – 1776
   1. Date? High School?
4. Berlin Lions Club Representative – Yankee Peddler Day
   1. Date
   2. Chairperson
   3. Different Committees
      1. Vendors – Berlin Kiosks LLC, 146 Mill Street
      2. Food - Non-Profits, local restaurants
      3. Admission? – tickets
      4. Entertainment
      5. Fireworks
         1. Letters to Businesses
      6. Great Berlin Baking Contest - Elaine
5. Scarecrow Contest – Toni and Elaine
6. Scavenger Hunt – Mary Kathryn (on vacation)
7. Berlin Historical Society will be decorating the library’s lobby display case in celebration of America 250 for the month of July 2026
8. Update on sales of merchandise – Berlin Fair
   1. Ordered 10 more 1X T-shirts and 10 2X T-shirts. 2X t-shirts are $3.00 more so we should charge $18.00? Kate will pick up from America Embroidery on Wednesday.
9. America 250 CT – State Meeting from September 23rd <https://ct250.org/events/>
   1. Give 250 Connecticut - October 27th to October 31st.
   2. Contract available – Kate will bring to the Council for their October 7th meeting.
   3. The American Revolution – Ken Burns Watch Parties: The American Revolution premieres on PBS on November 16, 2025. Attend an official screening or plan your own watch party. *Time? Senior Center and/or Library?*
   4. America’s Potluck – Sunday, July 5, 2026 – Join Utah’s state commission & others around the country in hosting a potluck, big or small! *Food trucks?*
   5. The Spirit of America: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 – Join Hawaii’s state commission in housing a reading of the declaration of Independence on the 250th anniversary of the date the Declaration of Independence was originally read to the public.
      1. Reading of the Gettysburg Address – Anita Fitzsimmons (member of KGC)
   6. Nationwide Bell Ringing: Saturday, July 4, 2026 – Join participants nationwide in ringing a bell at 2:00 PM.
   7. Logo given to America 250 – CT
10. Grants/Fundraising
    1. Marjorie Moore Charitable Foundation – need to connect with Donna Veach
    2. CT Humanities Grant – See American 250 Affiliate Resources
    3. Community Foundation of Greater New Britain
    4. Letters to Businesses
11. Cathy Lapollo – proposed banner
12. Approve of minutes
13. Next meeting – October 16th or 30th.