

An invitation from the Town of Pawlet

May 5, 2011

Dear Pawlet Residents and Friends,

This year the Town of Pawlet is celebrating its 250th anniversary of charter, and you are invited to join in the festivities taking place this summer on August 26, 27 and 28.

Pawlet was granted its charter by King George III of England on August 26, 1761. The Pawlett Historical Society has a collection of photographs showing a wonderful celebration in 1911 honoring the town's 150th birthday. And many folks vividly remember the celebration that took place in 1961 when Pawlet celebrated its 200th birthday.

Two years ago we formed a group, Club 2011, to raise funds and plan this 250th celebration. Scheduled events include theatrical performances, guest speakers, historical displays in both villages and at the Braintree School, open houses, ghost walks, postage stamp cancellation, art show, children's events, parade, barbecue, street dance, fireworks and more. Whether you live nearby or far away, we hope you will make plans to be with us for this historic occasion.

We are putting together a program booklet to serve as a guide for the weekend events that can then be kept as a souvenir. To help with the cost of the publication, we are seeking business sponsors and patrons.

We are also encouraging all community members to consider participating in some of the birthday weekend events. Look through your attics and see what kind of "Pawlet/West Pawlet Treasures" you might have that could be displayed. Check your barns and sheds to see if there are any pieces of machinery or old vehicles that could be featured. Start thinking about how you can participate in our parade, perhaps by putting together a float or assembling a marching group. We are also calling on alumni of Pawlet Village and West Pawlet Village Schools – get your old classmates together for a reunion float. We have several bands lined up. All we need now are the participants. Let's make it a grand parade!

Please review the enclosed sign-up sheets and consider joining us for the celebration this summer. If you are not able to participate directly in these events, we welcome you, your family and friends to come to the party and enjoy the festivities.

We are looking forward to seeing you on August 26, 27 and 28 and thank you in advance for your participation and support.

Sincerely,

Judy Coolidge & Phyllis Mason, Event Coordinators



Souvenir buttons for Pawlet's 250th anniversary celebration are now available for \$1.00 and can be purchased from: either of us or at the Town Hall, Beth Kashner at the Library, or Linda Maness at Mettawee Community School or Rhonda Schlangen in West Pawlet.

Pawlet 250th Birthday Celebration – Program Sponsor

Mail to Judy Coolidge, PO Box 72, Pawlet, VT 05761 or email to judycool049@vermontel.net by **June 1, 2011**

Please check all that apply:

- Business Patrons, Business Card Size Ad** **\$25.00**

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$25. I wish to be included as a Business Patron. My business card is also enclosed.

- Individual or Family Patrons, Name Listing** **\$10.00**

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$10. I wish to be included as an Individual or Family Patron. I would like my listing to read as follows:

(sample: John Jones/John & Mary Jones/Mr. & Mrs. John Jones/Mr. & Mrs. John Jones & Family/ John, Mary, Sally & Jim Jones)

- Organization Patron, Name Listing** **\$10.00**

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$10. I wish to have my organization listed as a patron. I would like my organization name to read as follows:

(sample: Troop 324 BSA)

Pawlet 250th Birthday Celebration – Parade Participation

Mail to Judy Coolidge, PO Box 72, Pawlet, VT 05761 or email to judycool049@vermontel.net by **August 1, 2011**

Organization or Participant Name _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Please briefly describe your entry (approximate number of marchers, cars, float, etc.):

Please list vehicles, animals, and/or music in your entry to ensure proper placement:

Theme: Pawlet Through the Decades — Float or marchers should have a sign indicating which decade they represent. Parade step-off is at 3 PM starting at the West Pawlet Town Shed down Route 153 through town and ending at Leslie Iron Works. Lineup begins one hour before step-off time.

Questions: Call 325-3073 or 325-3309 x 2. Thanks for participating!

Pawlet 250th Birthday Celebration – Treasures, Crafts, Art Entries

Mail to Judy Coolidge, PO Box 72, Pawlet, VT 05761 or email to judycool049@vermontel.net by August 1, 2011

Organization or Participant Name _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Please check all that apply:

Pawlet Treasures Display

Where/When: Pawlet Town Hall Meeting Room, Saturday & Sunday, August 27 & 28, 10 AM - 2 PM

Setup: Thursday, August 25, 1 PM

Contact: Bill Jones, 325-3382 or Marilyn Bellemare, 325-2151

Where/When: West Pawlet Firehouse, Saturday & Sunday, August 27 & 28, 10 AM - 2 PM

Contact: Rhonda Schlangen, 645-9798, for setup time and other details

Old Time Arts or Crafts Demonstration

Where/When: Pawlet Library, Saturday, August 27, 10 AM - 2 PM

Setup: Saturday, August 27, after 8 AM

Contact: Beth Kashner, Pawlet Library, 325-3123

Art Show

Where/When: Pawlet Library, Saturday, August 27, 10 AM - 2 PM

Setup: Bring art items that need to be hung to Library by Thursday, August 25

Contact: Beth Kashner, Pawlet Library, 325-3123

Please briefly describe your entry:

Include any relevant historical information for your entry on an index card or similar format that can be easily displayed with it. Participants will be asked to help man the displays for a brief period of time. Table spaces will be provided for Pawlet Treasures Displays. Please indicate amount of space needed:

I agree that the Town of Pawlet or Club 2011 will not be responsible for my entry. Any insurance required will be my responsibility.

Signed _____ Date _____

*Happy 250th Birthday,
Town of Pawlet!
August 26, 1761 - August 26, 2011*



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Pawlet 250th Birthday Celebration – Machinery/Vehicle Exhibit

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Organization or Participant Name _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Please check all that apply:

Antique Farm or Business Machinery Show

Where/When: Edie Mach's field, Saturday, August 27, 10 AM - 2 PM (setup after 8 AM)
Contact: Gib Mach, 325-3428 or Tim Leach, 325-3455

Antique Car or Truck Show

Location: Edie Mach's field, Saturday, August 27, 10 AM - 2 PM (setup after 8 AM)
Contact: Bill Jones, 325-3382

I will be participating in the parade also

Please briefly describe your entry:

I agree that the Town of Pawlet or Club 2011 will not be responsible for my entry. Any insurance required will be my responsibility.

Signed _____ Date _____

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