

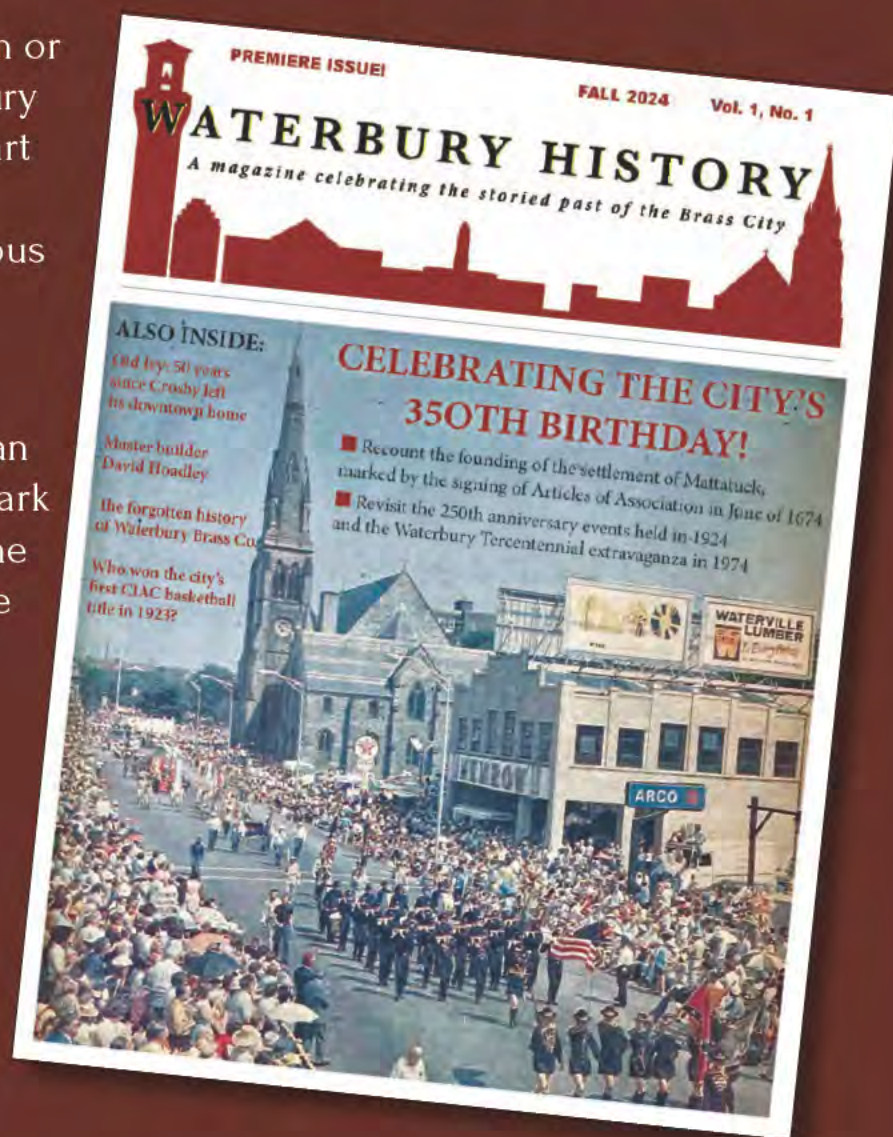
Boost your brand while displaying your community pride! Join us in commemorating Waterbury's storied past in its 350th anniversary year!

If you consider your organization or company to be a part of Waterbury history, then you need to be a part of "Waterbury History" – a new magazine dedicated to the glorious past of the Brass City!

This new publication from Highbury Press will launch with an issue focused around this landmark anniversary of the founding of the city, when settlers established the Mattatuck plantation in 1674.

Planned as a quarterly magazine with a number of themed categories to feature in each issue, Waterbury History magazine will highlight the people, places and events that have gained fame in the city over the years.

Look inside for a preview of the articles and topics included in the premiere issue of Waterbury History magazine, along with advertising opportunities available to grow your business and help celebrate Waterbury's 350 birthday!



A SNEAK PEAK AT 'WATERBURY HISTORY'

What better time to launch a magazine dedicated to the history of the City of Waterbury than during a landmark anniversary year of the events now recognized as the founding of the city, when settlers established the Mattatuck plantation in 1674.

Those beginnings 350 years ago – along with a pair of anniversary celebrations in 1924 and 1974 – provide the overriding theme to the premiere issue of Waterbury History. The endeavors of hardy pioneers to begin a new settlement in the 1670s are recounted in an article (based on old historical texts of the city), while massive celebrations from 100 years ago and 50 years ago are also detailed in the issue. The week-long extravaganza in 1924 culminated with a parade and pageant in what organizers called “the greatest day in all the history of Waterbury” (beginning of that article is shown at left), and the Tercentennial gala in 1974 featured a series of themed events and the largest parade in city history.

Other regular features you will find in this publication include an “Industry and Innovation” category. The initial

issue highlights the history of Waterbury Brass Co. (part of article shown at bottom left), which was eventually overshadowed by the city’s “Big Three” manufacturers but at one time was the largest brass mill in the country.

The former downtown home of Crosby High represents the first subject in our “City School and Churches” category, which will also be a regular feature of this magazine. As half a century has passed since the closing of the “Old Ivy” site in 1974, this offers a timely opportunity to recount some of the history of the city’s first high school – whose name was changed from Waterbury High to Crosby High when that building was opened in 1897 (article below).

Each issue will also highlight a member of Silas Bronson Library’s “Waterbury Hall of Fame,” with the inaugural edition featuring David Hoadley, the city native who became one of the nation’s foremost architects in the early 1800s. And in the “Sports and Recreation” category, this premiere edition looks back at the first CIAC basketball title won by a city high school when Wilby captured a state crown with a buzzer-beating basket in 1923.

'THE GREATEST DAY' IN CITY HISTORY?

Parade, pageant capped a week-long 250th anniversary celebration highlighting Waterbury's growth

BY MICHAEL GRIFFIN
It was billed by organizers as “the greatest day in all the history of Waterbury,” part of a week-long extravaganza celebrating the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the city. The date was June 7, 1924 – the first Sunday of June one hundred years ago – on which a pair of major events served

as the culmination of a gala observance within a burgeoning city that seemed poised for continued growth as one of the major municipalities in New England.
Two-and-a-half centuries had passed since a group of settlers had signed Articles of Association and Agreements to establish a new settlement known as Mattatuck, and it seemed all of Waterbury

was poised to display its community pride, honor its early development and show the world its various achievements and vision within a number of realms.
Municipal officials and groups within the city had considered a number of options to mark the anniversary year, but a major focus was given toward a week-long program around June 6, the date listed in 1674 when the documents were officially signed for the Mattatuck plantation.

The Mattatuck Historical Society, a group formed in 1877 to recognize and preserve Waterbury's oldest past, played a major role in planning the anniversary week, arranging events in cooperation with city officials, the Chamber of Commerce and other local organizations.
The anniversary party commenced on Monday, June 2, 1924, with the official opening of the Industrial and Mercantile Exposition, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, at the State Armory on Field Street.

The exhibition featured opening addresses by Mayor Francis B. Guilfoyle and Gov. Charles H. Templeton, and included exhibits featuring the many products and advancements of Waterbury businesses and agencies. Reports estimated that 13,000 people visited the exhibits during the week-long event at the armory.
On Wednesday, June 4, the Mattatuck Museum opened an exhibition of portraits of “Early Waterbury Citizens” in



At left, the cover to the 1924 program of events to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Articles of Association and Agreements for the settlement of Mattatuck, which is considered the founding of the City of Waterbury. (The program is from the archives at Silas Bronson Library.)



Above, the Massed Colors (of multiple military service organizations) makes its way along East Main Street as part of the huge parade on June 7, 1924. To celebrate Waterbury's 250th Anniversary, the Sewell factory (at left) and steeple of Sacred Heart church (in background) can be seen. Pictured below are a float from the Swedish community in the city and the state Girls Scout drum corps, among the 10,000 people who marched in that day's parade. (Contributed photos)



well as a display comprising furniture from old Waterbury homes, allowing visitors to view some items from colonial times.
The museum and historical society were involved in two important events held on Friday, June 6. In the afternoon, a table in the memory of David Hoadley – a city native and well-known builder who became one of the nation's leading architects in the early 1800s – was unveiled at Silas Bronson Library.
The ceremony served as the final sign of a dedication long worked for and urged upon the city by the Mattatuck Historical Society, is mentioned in the Society's Yearbook Number Thirteen, a “Fiftieth Anniversary Issue” that covered the years 1920 to 1928.
The table was designed by Cass Gillett, who had designed Waterbury's City Hall and other downtown buildings in prior years. He made an address on the occasion to honor Hoadley, designer of a number of churches and homes in Waterbury before passing further fame to de-

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A 'BIG WHEEL' IN THE CITY'S INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

Waterbury Brass Co.'s water-powered site was at one time the largest brass mill in the country

BY MICHAEL GRIFFIN
The development of the city of Waterbury was dominantly dominated by the brass industry. And over time, that brass industry sector to be dominated by the “Big Three” manufacturers – American Brass, Chase Brass & Copper and Sewell Manufacturing. These were probably not a single city resident in the early to mid-1900s who wasn't related in some way to an employee of at least one of those companies, such was their influence.
But in its earlier days, the burgeoning industry included the endeavors of a larger number of firms that established a business presence in the city. These names may no longer be as familiar as Sewell or Chase, but their efforts are certainly worthy of inclusion when outlining Waterbury's evolution into “The Brass Center of the World.”
In fact, some of these early companies were eventually retooled or consolidated into “The Big Three” companies, as city industrialists had interest and involvement in various firms over the years.

Examples include Abel Porter and Company, considered to be the first rolling brass mill in the United States, according to local historians. The company was founded in 1802, when brothers Abel and Levi Porter arrived in Waterbury and joined power loom maker Henry, Silas and Samuel Galley to form the company, which would be retooled decades later into Sewell Manufacturing Company.
The earliest entity that would eventually become part of Chase Brass and Copper was the Waterbury Manufacturing Company, which was founded

back in 1837. And companies begin in the 1800s that would later be consolidated into American Brass include Benedict and Parham, Coe Brass Manufacturing and Holmes, Booth and Hayden.
Another firm that merged into American Brass was the Waterbury Brass Company, which at one point was the largest brass mill in the country, according to William G. Lathrop's “The Brass Industry in the United States,” published in 1926. Yet the business name would begin to fade away after consolidation in 1899 – in similar fashion to the water wheel (that once powered its production, after they were left in the abandoned mill site in the corner of a city park).

The iron hub of one of those discontinued entities is all that remains of the “great mill” at the Waterbury Brass Co. a business founded in 1845 by a group of city men whose names may be more memorable for their accomplishments outside of that particular business venture.
The initial group of company directors included:

■ **Isaac Holmes**, who had a hand in starting half a dozen brass-related businesses and in the town considered most responsible for Waterbury becoming the “Brass City.” At a time when local businesses were dependent on Great Britain for the importing of brass, Holmes was sent to England by the Sewell brothers in 1829 to help unguile one machine and skilled workers to then kickstart production in the U.S.



Above, the layout of the East Mill of Waterbury Brass Co. is shown on a page from the Southern Insurance Fire Map booklet for Waterbury published in 1884.

The drawing below, of Waterbury Brass Co.'s East Mill on the Mad River, is featured in “The Town and City of Waterbury, Connecticut,” edited by Joseph Anderson and published in 1896.



■ **Hobart Victory Weston**, an important engineer in Waterbury during the 1800s, who became famous after his death as an outstanding American folk artist – with his work featured in numerous galleries and museums. He built Waterbury's first stone arch bridge and built the state's first iron bridge. His iconic carriage shed in the Rosely Manor neighborhood was listed on the State Register of Historic Places in 2013.
■ **Timothy Pomeroy**, who had previously operated a brick manufacturing business – providing bricks



The water wheels of Waterbury Brass Co.'s mill on the Mad River can be seen in this photo, taken during the demolition of the building housing the wheels in 1905. The mill bordering Hamilton Park's southeast corner had ended operations earlier that year; the land would be donated to the city years later, adding to the park's acreage. The water wheels and a storage building were left on the former mill site, along with the stone dam wall (at back left) that helped regulate water flow to the wheelhouse.

'OLD IVY' CLOSES ITS DOWNTOWN HOME

Crosby's 1974 grads were the last senior class to walk the yellow-brick building's hallowed halls

BY MICHAEL GRIFFIN
While June of 1974 marked a landmark anniversary of the founding of the city, the month also represented an end of an era for a certain Waterbury institution, as Crosby High School closed the doors on its longtime downtown home with the end of classes that 1973-74 school year.
Crosby High would move into a spiffy, new modern complex on Pierpont Road in the fall of 1974, and continue to advance and prepare city students for college and future endeavors. Students and faculty certainly appreciated the transition to a building equipped with upgraded and enhanced facilities, but many have retained a fondness for the former site at the corner of East Main and North Elm streets, now 50 years after its closing.



A postcard dated 1916 shows Crosby High School on East Main Street in Waterbury, one year before an addition would begin being built on site.



A classroom lecture at Crosby High School is pictured in a school yearbook from the 1960s.

The 17½-story, yellow-brick building held a thousand pieces in the hearts of Crosbians, even if it did possess some idiosyncratic features – including a gymnasium in the basement and a small assembly hall on its top level. Former students may remember the suggested lunch periods that required one portion of the student body to walk the halls for a period, or nodding down to the sub-basement for some classes, or perhaps spinning from a third-floor classroom to make the city bus after the last period of a school day.
In those days before dedicated school buses – with the three public high schools all located not far from the city center – Crosby's downtown home was at the hub of activity for generations of Waterburians during their teenage years. After classes, Crosby students would congregate at nearby venues like the Handy Kitchen, head to afternoon jobs

at Miller & Peck, Worth's, Campus Corner and other businesses, and crowd the Armory to root for their Bulldogs during scholastic basketball doubleheaders in the winter months.
The school's proud sporting traditions also included water slides for swimming and rifle teams and a couple of undefeated football seasons while Crosby was housed on lower East Main Street. Other popular extracurricular activities in those days included the dramatic arts performances at

well as the numerous ethnic and service clubs at the school.
Students also cherished the free-cost education provided by the fine faculty and dedicated staff at the “Old Ivy” as Crosby served as Waterbury's classical high school and major college preparatory facility before generalization was completed across all of the public high schools in the city.

By League universities, military academies and other top colleges were among the destinations, reached by graduates of Crosby's downtown home. That tradition is in the case since the school moved into the “new building,” carrying on a proud tradition for the city's first high school, which is also considered the third oldest in the state.
The origins of Crosby High School date back to 1851, when Waterbury High School was opened on School Street (between Sewell and East Main streets). That school housed down in 1870, the same year that Minnie Sherman Crosby became the school's principal. A new high school opened in 1873 on a site on Elm Street, as mentioned in Joseph Anderson's “The Town and City of Waterbury, Connecticut.” From the Anderson period to the year Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-Five, the definitive early history



An old Crosby High postcard shows the corner of an image from the City of Waterbury's Municipal Register for 1897. The new high school on lower East Main Street opened that year, when it was renamed in honor of school superintendent Minnie S. Crosby, who died early in the year.

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL
Will be Thrown Open to the Public To-Morrow and Saturday.
Chairman Wicks of the board of education, made the announcement today that the new high school building will be thrown open to the public tomorrow and Saturday. The school will be opened at 2 o'clock tomorrow morning, and will remain open during the day. There is an opportunity for all who are interested to examine the building and see what hundreds of people will see tomorrow. It is very evident that the board of education, the architect, the builders, the students, and all others, who are at this time in the city, will be very interested in the work and progress of the new school. There is no doubt that the building will be one of the finest in the city. The school is an ornament to the city, and it is hoped that the people will have every opportunity to see the new building before it is closed.

“An ornament to the city.” An article in the April 15, 1897 edition of the Waterbury Evening Democrat touts a public showing of the newly built high school in Waterbury before it would officially be opened to students the following week.



Visitors enjoy a day of swimming and fishing on a pond at Waterbury's Hamilton Park in a scene from the park's early years, captured in a postcard dated Aug. 1, 1922.

Brass City's breath of fresh air

Local author marks 125th anniversary of Waterbury's 1st park

BY TRACY O'LEARY

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PARK: City's 1st park became an outdoor mecca

By Tracy O'Leary

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A PASSION TO PRESERVE THE CITY'S GLORIOUS PAST

Waterbury History magazine is the brainchild of Michael Griffin, an author and copy editor who is a lifelong city resident. His books – "The Great Breathing Place Of The City: A History of Hamilton Park in Waterbury" and "Hoop History: Fifty years of high school boys basketball in Waterbury" – involved years of research and have received glowing reviews (in newspaper articles shown on these pages), and he has spoken at numerous events in the city on his book-related topics.

"My aim with the books was to not only provide readers a way to reminisce about memorable places and events, but also to serve as a written record and inform younger generations about these prominent places and achievements that risk being forgotten as time goes by," says Griffin, who will serve as editor of the new magazine. He and others will contribute articles for the publication that will pursue a mission similar to the dual purposes of Griffin's books – highlighting the glorious past of a municipality once considered among the top cities in New England and renowned for its industry, culture, entertainment, and educational and recreational systems.

For information, email michaelgriffin@waterburyhistory.com or call 203-759-7176.

SPORTS

CONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bueckers out 6-8 weeks with fracture

Waterbury's women's basketball team is without a key player for the next six to eight weeks due to a fracture suffered by guard Bueckers. The team is currently in a rebuilding phase and will be looking for other players to step up during this time.

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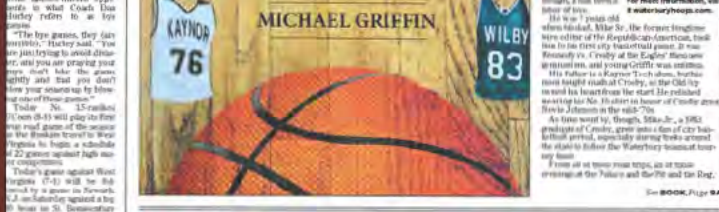
Huskies begin high-level schedule

The Waterbury men's basketball team, known as the Huskies, has begun its high-level schedule with a series of challenging games. The team is looking to improve its performance and secure a strong record for the season.

LABOR OF LOVE

chronicles decades of city hoops

The book "Hoop History: Fifty years of high school boys basketball in Waterbury" is a labor of love that chronicles the rich history of the sport in the city. It features stories of players, coaches, and memorable games that have shaped the local basketball scene over the decades.



CONN FOOTBALL

Patriots' downfall after Brady lasted one just season

The New England Patriots' season has ended in disappointment after a long and successful run led by Tom Brady. The team's performance in the playoffs was disappointing, and fans are looking for answers to their team's downfall.

Silas Bronson Library

BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS

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VITA FREE TAX PREP

The VITA TaxPrep program is being held at the library on Saturdays by appointment only. IRS-trained volunteers are available to prepare tax returns for individuals who made \$4,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their tax returns. To schedule an appointment, call 211, listen to the message, then press 3, and then 4.

READY, SET, LIBRARY!

Stop by the library during the week of April 7-13 to help us celebrate National Library Week! We'll have fun activities, including a library scavenger hunt and raffle prizes. This year's theme is "Ready, Set, Library!"

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

ANCESTRY TIPS: ANCESTRY.COM

March 26, 6:30 p.m.

Classroom

Learn how to use Ancestry.com, a powerful tool for researching your family history. The program is available to library patrons for free. Explore billions of census records, military, immigration, and other records.

HISTORY OF HAMILTON PARK

Saturday, April 5, 1 p.m.

Main Reading Room

Michael Griffin, author of the new book, *The Great Breathing Place Of The City: A History of Hamilton Park in Waterbury*, will tell the story of Hamilton Park, which once featured a small zoo and an acclaimed rose garden, offered some of the city's favorite ice skating and swimming spots, and featured one of the state's top dance and music halls during the Big Band era. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

THE GREAT BREATHING PLACE OF THE CITY

Author Michael Griffin will discuss his book, "The Great Breathing Place of the City: A History of Hamilton Park in Waterbury." The book tells the story of Hamilton Park, which once featured a small zoo and an acclaimed rose garden, offered some of the city's favorite ice skating and swimming spots, and featured one of the state's top dance and music halls during the Big Band era.

Griffin to visit Bouley meeting

Bouley Manor Neighborhood Association will meet June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Chase Grammar School, 40 Woodtick Road.

A community police officer will provide an update on any police activity in the area. Author Michael Griffin will show a slide presentation and discuss his book, "The Great Breathing Place Of The City: A History of Hamilton Park in Waterbury."

Donations of nonperishable food items will be accepted for distribution to local food banks. Dues for 2024 can be paid at the meeting or mailed to BMNA, 66 Hinsdale Ave., Waterbury CT 06705.

For information, call Charlie at 203-759-7176.

MEN: WVU tonight

Waterbury men's basketball team will play a game against West Virginia University (WVU) tonight. The game is expected to be a competitive one, with both teams looking to improve their records.

BOOK: Waterbury hoops 1970-95

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AD SIZES AND RATES

Full page: \$350 to \$450

Size: 8" x 10.5" (as represented by this beige box);

8.5" x 11" is optional (submitted artwork must then include a 1/8" bleed)

Costs, based on multiple ad insertions (over four-issue, or one-year, duration):

	One	Two	Three	Four
Full page	\$350	\$700	\$1,000	\$1,250 - 167.40 = 1,082.60
Inside front/back covers	\$400	\$800	\$1,150	\$1,450 - 167.40 = 1,282.60
Back cover	\$450	\$900	\$1,300	\$1,650 - 167.40 = 1,482.60

Special Introductory Offer!

In honor of Waterbury marking the 350th anniversary of its founding year of 1674, any order for four full-page ad insertions (in accordance with payment terms) will receive a **discount of \$167.40** (as shown above).

Half page: \$200

Sizes: 7.5" x 4.75" (horizontal, as represented by this white box) or 3.75" x 9.75" (vertical; size/dimension seen on page at right)

Costs, based on multiple ad insertions (over four-issue, or one-year, duration):

	One	Two	Three	Four
Half-page ad	\$200	\$400	\$575	\$725

Advertising Deadlines:

Reserve ad space by the following dates for upcoming issues of Waterbury History:

Fall 2024 issue: Sept. 1, 2024	Winter 2024 issue: Dec. 1, 2024	Spring 2025 issue: March 1, 2025	Summer 2025 issue: June 1, 2025
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DON'T MISS OUT!

Promote your product, organization or event – or wish the City of Waterbury a happy birthday! – with an advertisement in Waterbury History magazine!

Eighth page: \$70

Sizes: 3.5" x 2.0" (as represented by this white box, similar to dimensions of a business card)

Quarter page: \$125

Sizes: 3.5" x 4.75" (as represented by this beige box)

Quarter-page ad \$125

Costs, based on multiple insertions of quarter-page ad (over four-issue or one-year duration):

Two: \$250
Three: \$360
Four: \$450

Half page: \$200

Sizes: 7.5" x 4.75" (horizontal) or 3.75" x 9.75" (vertical, as represented by this white box)

See other "Half-Page" ad box on opposite page (for costs of multiple half-page ad insertions over a 12-month period)

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EDITORIAL CALENDAR · 2024-2025 ISSUES

While the tentative schedule below may be revised or updated, here are the planned topics for upcoming issues of Waterbury History magazine, to help advertisers plan their ad placements and alert interested contributors who may want to submit articles for selected issues.

Fall 2024 (Premiere Issue):

- Anniversary of Waterbury's Founding:
 - The Beginnings Mattatuck Plantation in the 1670s
 - 250th Anniversary in 1924 highlights Waterbury's development
 - Waterbury's Tercentennial events in 1974
- City Schools: Fifty years since Crosby closed its downtown home
- Hall of Fame: Master builder/architect David Hoadley
- Industry and Innovation: Outlining the history of Waterbury Brass Co.
- Sports/Recreation: Which school won the city's first CIAC basketball title?

Winter 2024:

- Iconic Tower: Waterbury's Train Station
- Christmas Past: In Downtown Waterbury
- Sports/Recreation: Lakewood Park's Early Years
- City Churches: St. John's Episcopal on the Green
- Industry and Innovation: From Apothecaries Hall to Hubbard-Hall; 175 years of history
- Hall of Fame: Hobart Victory Welton

Spring 2025:

- Cass Gilbert's Influence: City Hall and other downtown buildings
- A history of the Palace Theater
- City Schools: H.S. Chase Elementary School
- Industry and Innovation: The Waterbury Watch Co.
- Hall of Fame: Henry Sabin Chase

Summer 2025:

- The Flood of 1955
- Riverside Cemetery, a National Historic Site
- City Schools/Churches: The Immaculate Conception
- Sports and Recreation: Baseball's early days in the city
- Industry and Innovation: Highway Development
- Hall of Fame: Sculptor George Edwin Bissell

Fall 2025:

- Sports and Recreation: Hamilton Park pavilion, now home to Seven Angels Theatre, turns 100 years old
- Holy Land USA
- City Schools: St. Mary's School
- Industry and Innovation: Howland-Hughes
- Hall of Fame: Timothy Porter

Winter 2025:

- The Naugatuck Valley Mall
- Silas Bronson Library
- Sports & Recreation: The opening of Kennedy High's gym ends the "Armory era" of scholastic basketball
- City Churches: St. Patrick's
- Hall of Fame: City Engineer Robert Cairns

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