

# CORNWALL TOWN HALL NEWS



July 9, 2026

Hello Friends,

The 4th of July had more natural fireworks than usual this year. We had a wonderful parade. Thanks to everyone who participated. The great display of Cornwall life in 2026 was followed by a moving speech by Sam Waterston, who reflected on the promise of the Declaration of Independence. A video record of the event will be available soon; in the meantime, [click here to read the Cornwall 250th Anniversary of Declaration Remarks from Sam Waterston.](#)



The parade was followed by a significant summer storm whose high winds blocked 15 roads in Town. Thanks to our first responders who stayed out late into the night surveying the damage. The Fire Department was dispatched to Pawling, New York, to help with a fire there at 3:00 AM. Our Emergency Managers had a good line of communication with Eversource to coordinate road openings with our highway department. The emergency has largely passed, although restoration of power to remote locations may take a while as there was damage statewide. Especially hard hit was the Town of Salisbury.

Looking ahead we have [July Fest](#) this weekend 3-8pm. The [Rummage Sale](#) is next weekend, July 18, 19, and 20th. On July 25th we will have another special event at Foote Field (by the soccer fields) off Route 4. At 6:00 PM we will have a picnic; please bring your own picnic. At 7:00 PM there will be a colonial era contradance with local musicians. No experience necessary, just the desire to learn and have fun with your neighbors.

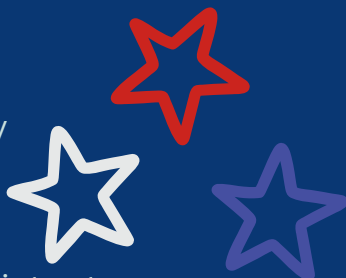
Beach passes remain available for Hammond Beach. We remember the extreme generosity of Mrs. Roxana Hammond and the volunteer efforts they gave Cornwall townspeople a place to swim on Cream Hill Lake.

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

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