

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
TOURISM & CULTURAL COMMISSION

2025 COMMUNITY PHOTO CONTEST

MAY 15 - SEPTEMBER 2
PRIZES AWARDED



FOR RULES OR TO SUBMIT ENTRIES

EMAIL:

ECONOMICDEVELOPMENT@WETHERSFIELDCT.GOV

VISIT:

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
TOWN HALL, 505 SILAS DEANE HIGHWAY

CALL:

860.721.2838

WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE
INCLUDED IN
TOWN WEBSITE, TOWN CALENDAR
& VARIOUS TOWN PUBLICATIONS





Entry Information

- Contest run from May 15, 2025 to September 2, 2025.
- Photographs must be within the last twelve to eighteen months in Wethersfield.
- The contest is voluntary and open to professional or amateur photographers of any age. *Wethersfield Tourism and Cultural Commission members and their families are not eligible.*
- Separate entry forms are required for each photo submitted (i.e., two photo entries require two entry forms).
- There is a limit of six (6) photo submissions per person.
- The contestant must be the actual photographer of submitted image.
- Photos with minor editing enhancements are permitted, but images that are significantly altered will be disqualified.
- Photos must be submitted electronically. Hard copy photographs **will not** be accepted.
- Images will be chosen based on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit.
- The 2025 contest will focus awards on showcasing Wethersfield through the lens of the CT themes of America250 celebration: 1) *Power of Place*; 2) *Tell Inclusive Stories – the stories we didn't tell*; 3) *Doing History – knowing the past shapes the future*. Details attached.
- The Town shall determine winner eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion. All decisions made by the Town are final. Winners will be selected by the Wethersfield Tourism and Cultural Commission.
- The Town of Wethersfield reserves the right to resize and/or crop the image for optimal viewing.
- Photographers retain all copyrights to any photographs submitted and selected and agrees to grant the Town of Wethersfield a royalty-free, nonexclusive right, in perpetuity, to use photos in Town publications, including but not limited to: websites, social media, event flyers and other marketing and communication materials.
- The Town of Wethersfield reserves the right to remove from the contest any submitted image that depicts illegal, unsafe, patently offensive, or otherwise inappropriate content, that is deemed contrary to the goals and intent of this contest.
- If submitted photos feature clearly identifiable individuals, photographers must have received an expressed permission to take and use the photographs and submit a signed photo release form from the subjects.
- Four (4) winners will be chosen and notified in September with awards/prizes presented at Salute to Business event in October. The first place will receive a \$150 gift card, second place \$125, third place \$100 and fourth place \$75. In addition, there will be a random drawing from all other submissions with two (2) \$50 gift cards being awarded.

Submission Requirements

- Photographs must be taken within the Town of Wethersfield and **special consideration will be given to entries that depict recognizable Wethersfield landmarks, buildings and events. Photos that include people or from all seasons are encouraged.**
- High resolution, not less than 300 dpi, JPG or TIF format submitted via email, using a Google Shared Drive or on a USB or other memory stick.
- The Town of Wethersfield will only accept photos without watermarks and photographer name visible
- Please name the photos using the following pattern: Location/Photographer Name/Title of Photo/Date Photo Taken.

We look forward to your submissions! 

QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES: Please contact the Wethersfield Economic and Community Development Office at (860) 721-2838 or email at EconomicDevelopment@wethersfieldct.gov.



Website: <https://ct250.org/about/themes/>

America 250 | CT Themes

The founding legislation for the National Endowment for the Humanities states presciently that “democracy demands wisdom and vision in its citizens.” We recognize this as the foundation for reinvigorating our democracy. By recognizing this moment in our history, the nation has the opportunity to lay the groundwork for a reawakening of civic engagement by encouraging the participation of all residents. America 250 | CT is leading the state’s efforts to support diverse, inclusive, and impactful programs in collaboration with cultural, education, history, and arts organizations throughout the state.

Tell Inclusive Stories

The 250th serves as inspiration for CTH, its grantees, and the people of Connecticut to deal with and share stories that represent all of its people, past and present. For much of our history, the United States has excluded people—women, free and enslaved African Americans, Indigenous people, immigrants, people with disabilities, the poor, and many others—from full participation and representation in the nation’s political, economic, and cultural life. This commemoration is an opportunity to continue the nation’s reckoning with the past, both its glory and its missteps and flaws. By telling previously untold stories we will enable everyone to find a place in our nation’s narrative.

Power of Place

Connecticut is comprised of eight counties, 169 towns and cities, five recognized tribes, and countless communities with unique identities and contributions. The creation of a community-based structure will allow each of Connecticut’s towns and cities to define their own programs and ideas about how they can engage their citizens. The building of an understanding of our American past will begin in the public spaces dedicated to learning: libraries, community centers, local museums, and historic sites. CTH will ensure the alignment between Connecticut’s 250th activities and those of the greater region and nation, building relevance and aligning the state with other areas.

Doing History

To renew public engagement with history, the public must be invited to participate in the process of doing history. CTH will work with organizations in the cultural sector to drive collaborative and innovative approaches to celebrating the nation’s 250th. Using avenues such as the digital humanities, cross-sector convenings, and engagement with social studies teachers, we will build a collaborative environment and provide access for all state residents to cultural experiences. Inviting audiences to engage with the historical method can help them become more comfortable with the ambiguous, contested, and always-evolving nature of history. The commission’s work will focus on the role of Connecticut, its people, sites, and historic context of the time. It can boost tourism in the state by amplifying the story at historic sites, trails, and buildings, and by constructing programs around notable events.

For the Common Good

As we reckon with what the nation’s 250th means in Connecticut, we will encourage civic engagement to continue to build our communities, state, and nation using the democratic ideals outlined in our founding documents. The 250th anniversary offers an opportunity to reconsider the origins of our government, democratic institutions, and broader civic life, and a chance to reflect on the ways we have changed them over time. Discussions about our democracy and civic intuitions can help strengthen understanding, inspire action, and reveal ways that all of us can participate in and shape our democracy.



**Wethersfield Tourism and Cultural Commission - 2025 Community Photo Contest
Entry and Release Form - Entry Deadline: September 2, 2025**

Submit to:

**Wethersfield Economic & Community Development Office
505 Silas Deane Highway, 2nd Floor
Wethersfield, CT, 06109**

EconomicDevelopment@WethersfieldCT.gov

Please use a separate entry form for each photo submitted.

Photographer Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Photo Information:

Title/Filename: _____

Photo Content/Event Description: _____

Date of Photo: _____ America250 Theme (if applicable) _____

Location where photograph was taken: _____

Names of readily identifiable people in the photograph: _____

Release, Indemnity and Warranties:

By entering the competition, the photographer agrees to abide by all competition rules. The photographer agrees to indemnify and hold the Town of Wethersfield, the Wethersfield Tourism and Cultural Commission, and their employees and volunteers harmless from any and all claims, damages, costs and liabilities arising out of any alleged infringement or violation of any intellectual property or other rights, as a result of my submission of any photograph to the Town, or the Town's duplication and/or use of the photographs for any purpose. The photographer gives the Town permission to use any submitted photographs in digital, print, or video format for any purpose, including but not limited to: printed marketing materials, magazines, newspapers, televised broadcasts, and Internet distribution. The photographer waives the right to inspect or approve the finished version of such images. The photographer understands that they will not receive compensation for their time or use of submitted photographs. Failure to comply with these rules constitutes withdrawal from the competition. I agree that by submitting this photograph the Town of Wethersfield may use the image at the Town's discretion without further compensation from the Town of Wethersfield.

Photographer's Signature: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature (If photographer is under age 18): _____