

News

# Obama Celebrates Milton's 350th

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butions of our ancestors during the past 350 years, and rejoicing in recognizing what a wonderful community we are today.”

Moulton, who just finished her 26th year as music director for First Parish, was responsible for organizing the June 10 events, including a picnic on the Town Green, a Dixieland band and magician, and the church choir concert. “We had a wonderful response,” she

said. “People are still talking about it. All of these things have brought us closer.”

Lynda-Lee Sheridan, chair of the 350th Committee, said Obama’s letter was read aloud during the July committee meeting.

Sheridan said many events are still being planned throughout the year to celebrate the anniversary, including a garden contest on Aug. 16

Visit [www.milton350th.org](http://www.milton350th.org) for more information.



Emma Jean Moulton holds the letter received from the White House pictured below.

## The Presidential Correspondence

Dear President Obama,  
This year, 2012, the town of Milton, MA, settled in 1640, and incorporated on June 11, 1664, is celebrating its 350th anniversary!

We would love to have you join us in our celebration on Saturday, June 9. On that day, as part of a “Big-Event” three-day week-end (fireworks Friday night, parade Saturday, and All-Town Picnic Sunday afternoon) we are hosting a terrific parade which will be viewed by thousands of people.

The opening ceremony will be held in front of the Town Hall, 525 Canton Ave., at 2 p.m. We would be very honored if you could attend, and also perhaps read a letter of congratulations to the town of Milton.

Milton has been home to six Massachusetts governors, including our current governor, was the birthplace of former President George H.W. Bush, the location of the nation’s first railroad, and home to the Suffolk Resolves, the historic

political document of defiance against British excesses that contributed substantially to the Declaration of Independence.

Milton, a “No Place for Hate” community, is a well-run town dedicated to giving its children a fine well-rounded education and its seniors good housing and interesting activities. Our community of 27,000 is home to Curry College, Milton Academy, Fontbonne Academy, St. Mary of the Hills School, and St. Agatha’s School. The interfaith clergy association of Jewish and Christian faith communities strongly supports respect. We have thriving business districts.

Money Magazine cited Milton as one of the “Ten Best Places to Live” three times over the past decade.

We have a lot to be proud of as we honor our past 350 years and look forward to the challenges of the future. We look forward to your helping us celebrate Milton’s 350th year!

Emma Jean Moulton  
Milton 350th Committee

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 20, 2012

I am pleased to join all those celebrating the 350th anniversary of the Town of Milton, Massachusetts. Such a momentous occasion is an opportunity to reflect on the history of your community and the people who made it what it is today.

Your community’s story begins before Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence and George Washington took the first Oath of Office. During your journey, we struggled through a Civil War and thrived during industrialization. We endured the Great Depression and two World Wars, drew inspiration from Dr. King’s dream, and watched Neil Armstrong land on the moon. Since our Nation’s founding, our country has evolved through times of trial and triumph. Together, as family, friends, and neighbors, you have written your own chapter in the narrative of the United States.

Today, as we work to fulfill America’s promise, we look to our past for lessons on courage and determination. As we continue our journey, I hope you are inspired by the principles upon which our Nation was founded, and by the hard work and sacrifice of our forebears.

Congratulations on this special milestone.