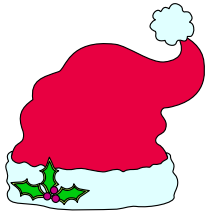


NEWSLETTER

From your Town Supervisor

Greetings Wilmington Citizens; here is the news out of the Supervisor's Office:



First, I want to talk about our Christmas Celebration held in November. In partnership with Santa's Workshop, the Town, Fire Department, and many volunteers we put on the best Christmas Celebration in the East! Everyone really enjoys our night at the Workshop and this year we had seventy businesses and citizens donate to the cause.

This event could not take place without the kindness and support of the Wilmington people. Over 120 very happy children visited Santa for this great event.

We talked about the weather last time and, boy oh boy, here we go again. The extreme cold and the different warming/rain events and then cold again has formed ice that dynamite cannot move. The positive is we had our Skating Rink open earlier than I can remember; we also had a Zamboni donated to the Town from ORDA which has been performing fine in maintaining the Rink. We thank ORDA for their generous donation. We also through a grant from Essex County Creating Healthy Places purchased a liner for the Skating Rink. This has also greatly enhanced the building of the rink. So come on out and enjoy the great outdoors.

I am sure that everyone has heard about the \$12 million for repairs to the Whiteface Mountain Veterans Memorial Highway. The entire Highway will be done from the bottom at Route 86 to the top. Work is to start by April 15th and may continue into 2015. The tentative schedule for the Toll Road is to be open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday at least for May, June, July. This may be altered as the construction moves forward. All events that have been held in the past will continue as planned. The bottom section from Route 86 to the Toll House will have one lane open at all times. We thank Governor Cuomo for coming to Wilmington to see the Highway and then making the funding available to perform the repairs cutting no corners.

The public meeting on the replacement of the stone bridge in the center of town has been conducted. For those who did not attend, the construction will start March 1st 2015. At this time the bridge will be closed to all traffic. This is a total replacement and the new Bridge will look very similar to the current one with lighting added. There will be no temporary bridge. The contract will allow for total closure for ninety days, (March, April, May) with a large incentive for having a lane opened on time and a fine for every day over.

The town is working on trying to have the utilities placed inside of the



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Supervisor's Report (continued)

bridge, doing away with the overhead wires; we're not sure yet if this will be successful. Starting March 1st should cause the most minimal disruption and enable us to have a lane open for the start of the prime tourist season.

The town is looking for an individual to fill an opening on the Board of Assessment Review. This is the board you would come to if you think your property assessment is too high. It is a one-day job that pays \$ 125.00. There is a required training session. If interested, please contact the town offices for further information.

The improvements to Heritage Park are 99% finished. We just have the landscaping inside of the island to complete in the spring. I want to thank the town forces for all the hard work; the area is spectacular now. It is also very beautiful at night with all the new lighting. We still have more work to complete at the beach. We are planning to construct a new handicapped fishing dock, replace the fireplaces and add a nature trail on two acres the town owns that adjoin the Beach. We will also add some picnic tables.

The town has two new gateway signs, a new park sign, and a new beach sign that will be installed in the spring. The town received a grant for new signage and the signs were created by a Wilmington native, Michelle Walker, from Lake Placid. They have an "Adirondack" look and will be mounted on cedar logs. We also have a new sign coming for Hardy Road/Springfield Road intersection which will identify the Mountain Bike/Hiking Trails. This sign and the park sign are being paid for through a grant from Essex County Creating Healthy Places. They will all have a similar look to the new signs at Heritage Park/Visitors Bureau.

The town is going to operate a mountain bike shuttle this summer. We ran a shuttle twice last year and it was a huge success. We will be transporting mountain bikers from the Up a Creek Restaurant parking lot (Mt. Bike Trailhead) to the start of the infamous "poor man's downhill" which is just below the toll house on the Whiteface Highway. The Mountain Bike trails are becoming more and more popular and this activity is something Wilmington can grasp onto as our own. The shuttles are going to start Bikefest weekend, (June 20, 21, 22) and run every two weeks all summer through September. We anticipate it will run on Sundays from 1-4 pm with a \$ 5.00 per head charge for the entire 3 hours. Stay tuned for more info as we get closer.

The Town continues to work with the owner of the old Wilson Farm Store to come up with a solution that we can all live with. The 7-11 Corporation has not been cooperative in cleaning the place up. As it stands today, 7-11 Corporation has the lease until April 2015. We are hopeful that something can be done to get rid of this eyesore. We are also hopeful that an answer to a gas station will be coming soon.

I want to continue to give a plug to the High Peaks Health Center. They are open five days a week and can be reached at 946-1111. Let's support the people who support Wilmington.

That's all for now, *Randy Preston*

History Trivia Questions

1. How was one most likely to cross the AuSable River in the hamlet of Haselton in the early 1900's and before?
2. How much did it cost for a ski ticket at the first Whiteface Ski Area (on Marble Mt.) in 1948?

Winter 2014 Fire District News

Your 2014 Line Officers for the Wilmington Fire and Rescue are:

Chief	Lou Adragna
1st Assistant Chief	Randy Preston
2nd Assistant Chief/Fire	Bill McGreevy
2nd Assistant Chief/Rescue	Chris Hozley
Captain Fire	Bob Rondeau
Captain Rescue	Bruce Barry
Lieutenant Fire	Mark Payette
Lieutenant Rescue	Jamie Martineau

We hope that the Arctic cold has gone away by the time this reaches you!

Safety Tips

With the unusually cold winter that we are experiencing comes issues that everyone needs to address to stay safe:

If you use a supplemental heating unit, make sure it is placed safely away from any combustible materials.

Check and replace all batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

If you experience frozen water pipes, do not use an open flame to try and thaw them. Use a hair dryer if the pipe is accessible and if not, call a plumber.

Make sure to have your wood burning stove or chimney cleaned and inspected as soon as the weather warms up.

Dispose of your hot ashes by putting them in a metal container and placing them outside away from your home to completely cool before discarding them.

Please try to keep your driveway or private road as free from snow and ice as possible so emergency vehicles have easy access to you.

Keep your driveway or private road open to at least 12 feet wide by trimming trees and brush on each side.

Check on your neighbors if you have not seen any activity to make sure they are safe.

Junk Vehicles

The Fire Department will take any vehicles that you have no need for so they can use them in training exercises. They will come and get it and dispose of it when done. Contact Chief Louie Adragna for more information.

The Wilmington Fire and Rescue is always looking for people who would like to help their community. If you are interested in becoming a member, you must be at least 18 years old and live or work within the Wilmington Fire District. You may contact any of the above Officers for an application and you can join both Fire and Rescue or just the Rescue side, assisting with ambulance calls.

E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library News

Cookie Sale:

The Friends of the Library Cookie Sale in December was very successful. We can't express how grateful we are to everyone who baked, or bought cookies. We have some very skilled bakers in our community. We have one lady who comes from Keeseville to purchase a large number of boxes, because as she says, we have some of the best cookies in the North Country!



iPad Raffle:

We would like to congratulate Justin St. Louis, an employee of Haselton Lumber, on winning the raffle for the iPad mini.

Services:

In addition to books, our Library offers many services to our community. We have 4 public computers, fax and copy services, audiobooks, inter-library loan, downloadable audiobooks (to your mp3 player), e-books and many more! This year we were able to purchase 4 e-books for the CEF Library system. If you received an e-reader for Christmas and want to learn how to get FREE e-books from the library, stop by and we would be happy to help you!

Whiteface Community United Methodist Church

The Whiteface Community United Methodist Church invites you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 am. We worship in the Protestant Christian tradition with spoken prayer, scripture readings, congregational singing and a sermon from the Pastor. Sunday School for elementary-age children is also at 10:30 am. We follow our denomination's "Safe Sanctuaries" protocol to make sure kids are safe while they are with us. Our music program consists of our choir, our band, and our chime ringers.

Annually, we support a variety of mission projects, both locally and abroad. Two programs we are supporting currently include Habitat for Humanity, which builds affordable homes for eligible local families, and United Methodist ministry in Belarus, a former Soviet Republic, where the effects of the Chernobyl disaster have left many with life-threatening illnesses and the poverty that accompanies illness.

Our church hosts the ecumenical food pantry which is open on Thursdays from 4-6 pm. Our thrift shop offers high-quality clothing and household items for very reasonable prices. The store is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9-2:00, located in the barn behind our red brick church at 1169 Haselton Road.

We wish you a blessed New Year!



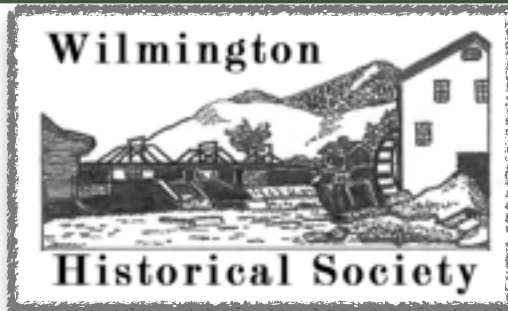
DOG CONTROL NEWS



All dogs over four months old **are required by law** to be licensed and should wear their license tag for identification purposes. **Licenses need to be renewed each year.** Owners that have **unlicensed dogs or dog licenses that have expired can expect to receive a summons to appear in court in violation of the town dog control ordinance.** This could result in fines and court fees. Also, a reminder that **there is a leash law in Wilmington** and it is a violation of the law for dogs to be running loose. Licensing may be done at the Town Clerk's Office at the Community Center. If you need a copy of the dog control ordinance, please feel free to contact me at 946-1282.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PETS LEGAL AND SAFE BY GETTING THEM VACCINATED FOR RABIES AND KEEPING THEIR LICENSES UP TO DATE.

Thank you.
Shirley Lawrence
Dog Control Officer



OUR Book--*Wilmington and the Whiteface Region*

Our new local book, *Wilmington and the Whiteface Region* authored by the Wilmington Historical Society and part of the "Images of America Series" published by Arcadia Publishing, was released in mid-August 2013. From all indicators, it is selling exceptionally well. We have been receiving great feedback from people who have purchased it. In one family, two were vying for who got to read it first, and another person stayed up late to finish it because he could not put it down! Others have told us that it "flows" well and is easy to read, and still others have told us that there is a lot in our book that they did not know about the history of Wilmington and Whiteface Mountain. Some comments from Jennifer Pratt, the Regional Sales & Marketing Manager Northeast for Arcadia Publishing: "This is actually a GREAT start ---one of the [best] I have seen honestly in my 2.5 years here at Arcadia!!! I think your book is doing really well!!!" (Sept. 4, 2013), and, "Your book is doing well sales wise. Your book has sold over 800!" (Nov. 19, 2013). In addition, we know that local sales were brisk at Christmastime, as well. If you have not purchased one already, then be sure to get your copy soon, and keep it in mind as a gift for other celebrations and special occasions like birthdays and anniversaries. Books are available for purchase from the Wilmington Historical Society at \$21.99 each plus tax. There is a 10% discount for Wilmington Historical Society members when purchased directly from the historical society and proceeds from the sale of the book benefit the WHS. Books are also available at most Wilmington and area gift shops and we appreciate their support!

Raffle Results from Wilmington's Annual Festival of Colors

In addition to a "book launch and signing" for our book, *Wilmington and the Whiteface Region*, and a display case of antique photographic equipment, the WHS held a raffle for a framed oil painting of the famous "Adirondack Hermit" Noah John Rondeau, one of the notable local figures in our book. The artist, Suzanne Switzer, was on hand to assist in the raffle. The winner was Barbara Rothman of Wilmington.

Congratulations, Barbara! And thank you for your wonderful donation, Suzanne Switzer!

FILM NIGHT a big success Co-sponsored by the Wilmington Historical Society and ORDA at Whiteface, on Oct. 25th "**Legacy-Austria's Influence on American Skiing**" featuring Hannes Schneider & His Disciples, by Culture Films, LLC was presented to the public. Popcorn and drinks were provided by WHS and Centerplate. A good way to usher in the 2013-2014 ski season, it was well attended by 45 people, all with positive feedback on the program. In fact, one of our attendees, Doris Bramm, shared with us that as a Massachusetts college student she came to Lake Placid (by train) in 1939 to compete in a Kate Smith women's ski race. At that event, she met both Hannes Schneider and Otto Schniebs, who gave advice to skiers and timed the race. She was thrilled with the film! And we were excited about her adding local reality to our history!

October Native American Children's Program Well-received

"Native Americans of the Adirondacks" was presented to the fourth graders at Lake Placid Elementary School on October 10th and 11th by Native Mohawk, Margaret Horn. Coordinated by teacher Alison Smith, Margaret Horn and retired teacher Karen Peters, not only did it support the social studies curriculum, it was a hands-on learning experience for the children. From the artifacts that they could actually touch, to the leather beaded pouches that they created and were able to take home, to the slide shows, the music, game---it all enhanced their understanding of

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Native American history and culture, and in particular, the Mohawk Nation. We are pleased that it was received so well by both the students and the teachers.

Research Assistance for Whiteface Highway and Wilmington Bridge Projects

One of the charges of the Wilmington Historical Society is to provide research assistance to both local and state agencies whenever needed. We have been especially busy this year providing photos and information for both the Whiteface Veterans Memorial Highway Project and the Wilmington Bridge Project. As a result of our digitation of Wilmington and Whiteface Mountain area photos, we were able to readily supply four different state and local agencies with the photos they needed to replace/restore our local heritage sites. We also thank our WHS Trustee Doug Wolfe for providing both his local history knowledge and his historical and technical resources for both projects. We are only glad that we were able to make this process a little easier and provide historically accurate information for these two very important ventures.

Adirondack Foundation (formerly Adirondack Community Trust)

The Wilmington Historical Society has opened an "Acorn Account" with the Adirondack Foundation, formerly the Adirondack Community Trust, in order to better plan for our future and to sustain our organization in perpetuity. The Adirondack Foundation is an endowment fund which helps local non-profit organizations to build long-term philanthropic support through charitable giving. The Wilmington Historical Society "Acorn Account" is seeded with a generous donation of \$5,000 from one of our long-time Wilmington Historical Society members, Dennis Keegan of Colorado. It allows us to begin the process of setting up an organization fund. The Wilmington Historical Society "Acorn Account" at the Adirondack Foundation needs to reach

the short-term goal of \$10,000 before it becomes an interest-bearing account. We thank Dennis Keegan for his belief in us, for his generosity and for his support in this very important step! Now we are seeking further donations to get to the \$10,000 level as a full-fledged permanent fund. Please consider a tax-deductible gift to help us reach the first goal, buy either sending your tax-deductible gift as a check to the Wilmington Historical Society at PO Box 174, Wilmington, NY 12997 (please put Adirondack Foundation on the memo line of your check) or by contacting directly the Adirondack Foundation (formerly Adirondack Community Trust) at www.generousact.org to donate to the Wilmington Historical Society Fund. Thank you!

Planning Ahead for a Building

The Wilmington Historical Society is beginning to plan for a building since we are outgrowing our space in the Wilmington Community Center. A building committee has been named to seek out possibilities and create plans for a suitable structure. On the committee are co-chairs Gil Dyke and Bob Peters (both retired technology teachers), Guy Stephenson (long-time WHS member and town resident), Bill Waldy (proprietor of the Alpine Country Inn & Suites), and Bob Hockert (town resident & owner of Adirondack Sauna). Thanks to all who are serving in this important capacity!

Programs for 2014

We are busy planning for our 2014 season. Please watch for our up-coming events in our flyers, on our website www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org, on Facebook, on the Jay Community News e-newsletter and in local newspapers. Refreshments are provided at each program by the Country Bear Bakery (located on route 86 in Wilmington). Programs are free and open to the public.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. By wagon using the fordway near Haselton Lumber or by a suspension footbridge located downstream from the fordway.
2. \$35 for the season or \$3 a day for T-bar and rope tows, with a charge of \$1 plus tax for a snowcat machine ride to the upper levels.

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