

# NEWSLETTER

## Greetings Wilmington Citizens:

**Without a doubt**, the beginning months of 2020 were some of the most challenging times in recent history. The uncertainties and confrontation of events were all too real. It reminds me of words from a Charles Dickens book, *A Tale of Two Cities*, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." That pretty much sums up my feelings of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The reason I feel it was the best of times is the fact we have witnessed neighbors looking out for each other in ways that makes anyone proud to live in a town like Wilmington. Members of our community stood out and rose to the occasion of what it means to live in an area like ours. The sense of community and the unselfish acts of kindness abounded as we witnessed other parts of our state and country face some pretty depressing circumstances.

As far as the "worst of times" of Dickens' writing, the uncertainty of the Pandemic and the Health risks to people we care about almost became unbearable at times. The employment and business survival of our friends weighs heavy on our minds.

The good thing is that we will get through this like we have pushed through other challenges in the past. Our Adirondack grit and Wilmington way of getting things done will shine through.

From the first day New York State went on "Pause" we immediately set into motion safeguards to protect our town residents and staff. Our Town Offices were on lockdown but completely accessible to the public for any assistance needed.

Items like hand sanitizer, face masks and related items were made available throughout Wilmington.

Our town board monthly meetings had to be held by teleconference. All meetings were advertised on town bulletin boards and on social media. The public that participated on the phone meetings was pretty much the same as in person meetings. All meetings were recorded and minutes were written and are available from the Town Clerk.

Moving ahead as we try to understand a new normal will take some time to figure out. Things like our town budget and funding we receive from New York State at issue moving forward. Most municipalities have already been put on notice of potential budget short falls of promised state funds. For small communities like Wilmington, this will affect our town operations, to what extent will be determined.

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**Supervisor's Notes *continued***

Even with budget challenges, your town board is committed to trying to run our town beach this summer with life guards. Safely accomplished, this will help keep some sense of normalcy to our community. We may have to be closed a couple of days a week. Also shortening the hours of the beach being open to the public is on the table. However, we really want this to happen. It will require a detailed plan and will be dependent on the State of New York permitting us to operate as well.

We are still moving ahead with planning for summer concerts this summer. Plans have been scaled back to a goal of six Thursday night concerts. Normally we ask businesses to sponsor and donate for the expense of bands. This year we are soliciting residents that are able to contribute to help cover the costs of our concert series.

As you may be aware with the Pandemic recovery, New York State has set our reopening based on regions. There are four phases to reopening and each step has many requirements to accomplish this. I am certain this will take some time and rules will change.

As a community we are modifying goals we set in January. However, it is imperative that we keep moving ahead. The new normal forces us to think outside the box a bit.

During this whole crisis we as a town government have been committed to keeping the public informed. By using the community bulletin boards, newspapers, *Jay News*, and even the town's Facebook page, we have made information available in real time.

I wish to thank our awesome Wilmington staff for stepping up and being flexible during the height of the COVID-19 event. Many employees had their shifts changed to comply with social distancing and went above and beyond in their work.

Finally, none of us knows what the future holds. Even now we all hope for the best and pray the worst is behind us. No matter what occurs, I think we are even more thankful for our family and the community we live in. If we had to go through a world-wide pandemic, there really is no other place than the Adirondacks and Wilmington we would rather be.

Stay safe everyone,

**Roy Holzer**

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**WHY COVID-19 TESTS ARE IMPORTANT**

For the process of reopening our area, the State of New York has required each region perform a set number of COVID-19 tests. For Essex County, our monthly number needs to be around 1,200 monthly tests to comply with moving to the next phase of reopening. Most tests are free. Please contact your health care provider or the Town Supervisors office for more information.

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***History Trivia Questions (Answers on p.6)***

**Q1. When did Wilmington first get electricity?**

**Q2. What was Santa's Operation Toylift?**

## **NEW YORK STATE Phases for Opening the Region.**

Business in our region will reopen in the following phases. More information can be found at [forward.ny.gov](http://forward.ny.gov) website.

**PHASE ONE**-Construction, Manufacturing and wholesale, select Retail Using Curbside Pickup.

**PHASE TWO**-Professional services, Finance and insurance, Retail, Administrative, Real Estate and Rental

**PHASE THREE**-Restaurants, Hotels and Accommodations

**PHASE FOUR**- Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Education

EACH PHASE has metrics to meet. The quickest each phase can move to another phase is two weeks. Likewise, any setback can take longer or start the whole process over again.

## **LAKE EVEREST BOAT LAUNCH**

With the placement of splash boards on the town dam, the water level on Lake Everest has made it possible to place our boat dock/launch in the Au Sable River. This area is free to use.

## **WILMINGTON TRANSFER STATION REMAINS OPEN**

Our town transfer station remains open Tuesdays & Thursdays 11am to 5pm. Saturdays are 8 am to 4pm. Just a reminder, we have bottle deposit collection areas at the landfill for both youth & school programs. We have added a construction bin at our town landfill for residential use only. This is a trial run. If the bin generates enough revenue to make it self-supporting we will keep this added benefit to the operation.

## **JAY-WILMINGTON FOOD SHELF AVAILABLE**

The Jay-Wilmington Food shelf, located on Haselton Road next to the Methodist Church continues to keep its regular operating hours of Thursday's from 4 to 6pm. Special arrangements can be made at other times by calling Don Morrison at 518-946-7192

The food shelf is well stocked and they realize there may be a need for additional help right now. They are here for anyone who needs assistance.

## **JOB LISTINGS AVAILABLE**

All Essex County Job openings are available at the Town Clerks office for review. The Civil Service listings have job requirements, salary and testing information available on them. If looking for a job, it's worth checking out.

## **HELP FOR BUSINESSES**

For any business that is still seeking assistance for their operation, we urge you to check out the Essex County IDA website. This business organization has done an awesome job of putting together information that helps navigate the various programs that are available. The information can be found on their very first page of their website. The data is updated and useful. The website is [essexcountyida.com](http://essexcountyida.com)

If any businesses need assistance in navigating through finding help or writing a business plan, we do have a local volunteer business coach. William Barnes, who resides in Wilmington, has a background that could really assist in helping with formulating a clear roadmap for your operation. Contact the Supervisors office for more information.

Finally, please remember that the State of New York is requiring every business that is open to have a cleaning and operational plan because of COVID-19. There is also state online registration for some businesses.

## Wilmington E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library News

At this time there are few that have been impacted by the Coronavirus. The library staff and Board of Trustees are doing what we can to bring you services. We are in the scheduled "Phase 4" of the Governor's reopening plan. This puts our tentative reopening date at the end of June. A reopening plan is in the works and when it is, we will share it on our website, *Jay Community News*, Facebook, and in the post office.

Although the building is closed, you may use our online catalogue to check out e-books and audiobooks via our website: [www.wilmingtoncooperlibrary.org](http://www.wilmingtoncooperlibrary.org). Our wi-fi is always on, everyone is welcome to sit outside the library to log on.

We have a number of books that have been weeded from our collection in boxes on our porch on the left side of our door. Please help yourself!

Have existing materials? Don't worry about due dates at this time!

- All materials that have been checked out have had their due dates extended.
- Any materials that have been checked out prior to March 15th, have had all fines waived.
- Please don't bring back materials until opening and at that time, all materials will need to be returned via the book drop.
- If you have items on hold, they will still be waiting for you on reopening.

If you need any assistance in logging in to our system or using the audiobooks, please give us a call, email at [library@wilmingtoncooperlibrary.org](mailto:library@wilmingtoncooperlibrary.org), or to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/wilmingtonlibrary/>

Stay safe and healthy and hope to see you soon!



### ADIRONDACK FOUNDATION GRANT

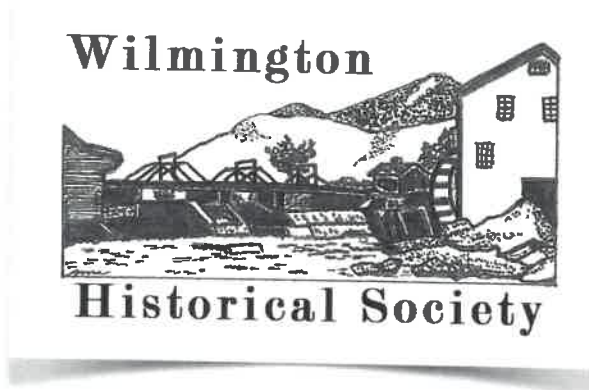
With the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Town of Wilmington was awarded \$5,000 to help our community with special need projects. On Easter we were able to use some of the funds to assist with an Easter Goody Bag delivery to many Wilmington Youth. Children were given a special treat, delivered directly to their homes by the Easter Bunny. A parade of Town and Fire Department vehicles escorted the furry bunny. Other Adirondack Foundation funds have been used for community food programs. Some face masks were also purchased from this grant. The town is really appreciative of the Adirondack Foundation and their assistance during this trying time.

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## WHISKEY RUN & FESTIVAL

### POSTPONED TO 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wilmington Historical Society Board has decided to **postpone the Annual Wilmington Whiteface Whiskey Run & Festival to Saturday, June 19th, 2021**. We plan to make it bigger and better than ever, a real celebration! We invite you to join us next year, so please put the event on your calendar. For more information about the 2021 Whiskey Run & Festival go to [www.adkwhiskeyrun.com](http://www.adkwhiskeyrun.com). If you would like to volunteer to serve on the Whiskey Run committee or to volunteer for next year's event, please contact Karen Peters at [whs12997@hotmail.com](mailto:whs12997@hotmail.com). In the meantime, it is our wish that you all stay healthy and safe and we hope to see you all at next year's Whiskey Run & Festival.

## OTHER POSTPONEMENTS AND CHANGES

Due to COVID-19, other programs and events will be postponed or rescheduled as dates for particular presentations and needs dictate. All of our Summer Speaker Series Events are postponed until 2021 with ALL of our planned speakers pledging to re-schedule to next year, including such intriguing topics as "Prohibition in the North Country" with author Lawrence P. Gooley, "Seeing the Forest and the Trees: Integrating History & Genealogy" with genealogist Nancy Smith, "High Falls Gorge History & Tour," "Rural Rosie" with educator Katie Torchetti, and a "Pack-Basket making Class" with artisan Jessica Mulvey. Our regular archives/archives hours and monthly Open Discussions are suspended until further notice, but the Wilmington Historical Society continues to have regular business meetings on Zoom. In the meantime, the Wilmington Historical Society continues its work responding to emails, doing historical and genealogical research, writing grants, preserving photos and artifacts, and continuing to do outreach through the media. For more information about our programs and work, go to [www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org) or follow us on Facebook. We thank you for your continued support through your membership, volunteerism, and support of our building fundraising efforts. Please stay in touch with us, take care and remain healthy. If you would like to attend our regular business meetings on Zoom, please contact Karen at [whs12997@hotmail.com](mailto:whs12997@hotmail.com) and we will gladly add you to the Zoom meeting email list.

## Building Project

We have been working steadily to come closer to our goal of constructing a new building in which to house our collections, provide a research library, display local historical artifacts, and provide program space for the community. The Wilmington Historical Society's Ruth and Thomas Keegan Memorial History Center is beginning to take shape and we are moving ahead to have engineered stamped drawings done this year. In addition, we are seeking grants with the assistance of Steve Peters of Elevate 518, a fund and development company. And of course, we thank our benefactor, Dennis Keegan, who provided funding for the land purchase on Route 86 in Wilmington, for his other many monetary donations and for continuing to MATCH any funds we raise. The current balance in the Ruth and Thomas Keegan Memorial History Center construction fund is slightly over \$84,500. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the history center construction fund, please send a check to Wilmington Historical Society, PO Box 174, Wilmington, NY 12997, memo building construction fund, or go to [www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org) and donate with the memo line building construction fund. Thank YOU, our members and friends, for all your support. Together, we will create a new history-centered community space in Wilmington.

## Adirondack Foundation Grant

The Wilmington Historical Society is excited to announce that we have received funding from the Adirondack Foundation's Generous Acts Program in the amount of \$2,500 in support of our Wilmington Whiteface Whiskey Run Festival. This grant will provide programming, support and marketing for the Festival's cultural heritage portion of the day-long event, now postponed to June 19, 2021. The project allows the Wilmington Historical Society to create a cultural heritage destination event which brings economic stimulus to our lodgings, dining facilities and permanent attractions, as well as to local distilleries, craft vendors, musicians and others. The Generous Acts Grant is important for both economic and cultural reasons. We, at the Wilmington Historical Society, believe that we are increasing the number of tourist dollars for our local and Adirondack community as well as implementing our mission to interpret local history. Support for this work is from Generous Acts at Adirondack Foundation - a force for good that pools gifts from generous donors who love the Adirondacks and care about our communities. Adirondack Foundation enhances the lives of the people in the Adirondacks through philanthropy. To learn more, visit [adirondackfoundation.org/GenerousActs](http://adirondackfoundation.org/GenerousActs).

### Essex County Arts Council Cultural Assistance Program Grant

The Wilmington Historical Society is happy to announce that the Essex County Arts Council has recommended a Cultural Assistance Program (CAP) Grant for 2020 to the Wilmington Historical Society for our Summer Speaker Series 2020 in the amount of \$324.00. Recognizing that this grant award is being offered in a time of uncertainty when many anticipated projects may not be completed in 2020, as is the case for the Wilmington Historical Society's 2020 Summer Speaker Series postponed to 2021, the Essex County Arts Council is allowing grantees the choice to use grant money for the general operating budget or for another purpose. The Wilmington Historical Society Board has therefore requested to use the award this year for our general operating budget, especially since our major fundraiser has had to be postponed as well to 2021, and our memberships are down so far this year due to the pandemic. The Essex County Arts Council is kindly honoring our request, made possible, in part, by the Essex County Arts Council's Cultural Assistance Program Grant with funding provided by Essex County.

### Cemetery News

The Wilmington Historical Society would like to thank the following for their work in the Haselton Cemetery taking down dangerous trees and resetting a large grave stone that a fallen tree had knocked off its footstone: John Langford and Brett Durant of the Wilmington Parks Department and Eric Bruce of the Wilmington Highway Department, along with Jim Kelly's Tree Service. It is hoped that the town will continue to do tree work each summer to catch up with the problem trees. In addition, we appreciate the work Cemetery Sextant Doug Nemec has been doing to create an accurate updated map of Haselton Cemetery. The Wilmington Historical Society is also asking that relatives/descendants of those buried in any of our town cemeteries check to see if any of the headstones need repair, cleaning or re-setting.

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### Trivia Answers

1. In 1920, an electric power generator was installed at the dam in Wilmington. Financed by Frank Everest, it would provide electricity to his Whiteface Mountain House (hotel) and eventually to the entire town.
2. Julian Reiss, one of the founders of Santa's Workshop, soon turned his thoughts to those less fortunate. A wishing well fund, hosted by Elmer the Elf, collected coin donations within the theme park to purchase toys for the underprivileged. Santa's Operation Toylift got off the ground December 9, 1949 when Reiss flew a load of toys to an Ogdensburg, New York orphanage. As news of Operation Toylift spread, volunteer organizations and toy manufacturers donated to the cause. In 1952, ESSO Standard Oil Company provided a DC-4 freightliner to help deliver toys to thousands of underprivileged children across America. The plane, called the *Silver Sleigh*, landed in 34 major cities across 18 states and Canada. To this day, Santa's Workshop continues to collect donations for those less fortunate.

### Cemetery News (continued)

While it is each family's responsibility to keep up their relative's memorial, some members of the historical society have attended a cemetery workshop and may be able to respond to some of your preliminary questions. You may contact us at [whs12997@hotmail.com](mailto:whs12997@hotmail.com) for your inquiries.

### Annual Gift Card Raffle

The Wilmington Historical Society is one again sponsoring a **Gift Card Raffle**, valued at over \$400. The drawing will take place on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> (during the Festival of Colors, *if possible*). This is your chance to get all your shopping for the year done all at once! If you win, you get ALL the gift cards and there is something for nearly everyone on your gift list! All proceeds benefit the Wilmington Historical Society. Please be watching for details in upcoming social media, posters, flyers, etc.

### Pandemic Research

We are researching the local effect of the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic to enlighten our community and to be able to compare and put into context those results with today's pandemic experiences. If you have any family stories, news articles, photos, or other memorabilia related to the 1918 flu pandemic, we would love to include your information in our research. We will not only be sharing the results, but are asking for our members and the public to share their *current experiences* of the COVID-19 pandemic in a short paragraph, journal or diary, records, photos, etc. Our plan is to then catalog and archive these stories in our Wilmington Historical Society collections for future researchers. If you would like to share your Spanish flu and/or Covid-19 information to add to the archives, please contact us at [whs12997@hotmail.com](mailto:whs12997@hotmail.com).



## WILMINGTON STRONG



### WILMINGTON-WAY

In an effort to recognize the awesome staff of the Town of Wilmington, Town Supervisor Roy Holzer started a "Wilmington-Way" series that has been featured on our town Facebook page, *Jay News* and as a weekly addition to the *Lake Placid News*. The articles feature the unique experience and functions of our team. Wilmington is very fortunate to have such a dedicated group.

**RIVERSIDE THRIFT NEWS**

Hi everyone! Here is what's going on at the Riverside Thrift Shop.

In the last couple months, we've been giving away Easter decor, lots of books, hummingbird feeders and other goodies. We've had fun putting this stuff out for you.

We have been using our down time at the shop to do some much needed cleaning, organizing and painting. That being said, we miss you all so much. Hopefully we will be able to open safely in a few weeks.

Our volunteers have been putting out summer clothes and summer decor, we have a fully stocked shop ready with some really great and interesting stuff!

Unfortunately, getting back to our previous normal will not be possible for some time. We are going to have to limit the number of shoppers, require social distancing, and wear masks. This is going to be tough, we enjoy the socialness of the shop as much as everyone else. A crowded day at the thrift shop was so much fun!

Donations will be different as well, we are requiring that clothing and linens be washed and folded, adult stuff separated from baby stuff. Bags and boxes will have to be liftable by one "old person"! We will not be accepting any black bags at all. And we may accept donations on a different day than the days we are open. In order to keep our volunteers and shoppers as safe as we can, we will be storing our donations for several days before we open them and shelve them.

And some good news: we are welcoming back our summer volunteers, we continue to be thankful for all of our year round volunteers, and we are so happy for our very newest volunteers. And there is always room for you! Come check out everything we have to offer as soon as we can be open. Tentatively, our days and times will be the same but stay tuned! We try and post weekly on *The Jay Community News*.

Hope to see you all soon!

**SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE**

For Wilmington students graduating from Local High Schools this year, The Shawn Coarding Scholarship is taking applications. Potential applicants must write an essay about growing up in Wilmington. Contact [emcconvey@lakeplacid.net](mailto:emcconvey@lakeplacid.net) for more information.

**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNIZED**

Students graduating this year from Wilmington will be getting some special recognition. Plans are now underway to honor our graduates with Banners with their name and picture on them. The banners will be placed on our light poles and given to the student after being displayed in the community. Congratulations to all our High School graduates.

**SCHOOL BUDGETS & ELECTIONS**

Au Sable and Lake Placid School budget votes will be handled a little differently this year. All ballots will be done through the mail. The target date for the vote will be June 9<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information in the days ahead.

**TOWN OF WILMINGTON NAMES ACTIVITIES FIELD AFTER RANDY PRESTON**

At a recent Town Board meeting, a resolution was passed renaming the town's activity field after Town Supervisor Randy S. Preston. Plans are now underway to have a plaque and memorial at this location. A more detailed plan will be forthcoming. The dedication of the activities field to Randy's memory is appropriate for all he did for our community while serving in office. In particular, it was a grant that purchased this property due to his efforts.



### A Word from Rev. Chrysalis Beck, Whiteface Community United Methodist Church

Greetings! As we begin to emerge from our social/physical distancing, I am aware of how much has changed. Sometimes there are events in our lives that alter our world view and this has been one. It plays out in many ways, with uneasiness and grief being perhaps the most pervasive feelings across the board, no matter what your actual context has been over these past 2+ months.

As we tentatively step forth with the relaxing of restrictions, into more social contact, we are still wary of physical contact. In a community like ours where relationships are close, where hugs and handshakes come naturally, this is a huge change. It won't always be this way. We just have to take it slow and practice patience.

Here is where we continue to celebrate and harness the power of community. As a church leader, I often say that God created us to be in community, each and every person with their own gifts and abilities and each with their own special spirit to create the world we together envision. I think sometimes we might forget we have this power. We can make of this situation anything we want. In fact, humans together can make this world to be anything we put our collective mind to. I have seen the power of community here throughout the past months – caring for one another, leading, guiding, organizing, planning, praying, reaching out, checking on our neighbors, wearing masks, gloves, and being respectful of physical distance. Essential service businesses and organizations have bravely kept necessities available. It has been tough and we have all had our moments of being less than our ideal selves. That is where grace kicks in. We become aware, we regroup, we tune our vibration to a higher frequency and get back in the game, stronger, wiser, more compassionate and more self-aware.

It is said that the pessimist blames the wind; the optimist believes the wind will change; the leader adjusts the sails. This is a time for us to adjust our sails as we take the empowered stance together as community. We will get through this time together and we will rise together. So, step outside, take in the view, breathe deeply, move your body, plant a garden, call your neighbors, hug your children, practice kindness and compassion with others and with yourself, do something every day that brings you joy and nourishes your soul. And remember that we are all in this together.

### Wilmington Newsletter Reflection for Spring 2020

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am sitting in the parsonage, next to an open window with the sun streaming in. This morning was the ninth Sunday in a row that the good people of the Wilmington Church of the Nazarene gathered online exclusively for our weekly worship together. Gathering together has been an important part of who we are as "the body of Christ" since the beginning of the Christian faith. Bringing all the parts of the body together has served to increase our sense of unity, strengthen us, encourage us, and provide needed course correction along the journey of life. Not coming together under the same roof seems strange, and at first caused me to feel a bit like a ship that was suddenly left adrift in the middle of an ocean called Pandemic, as I worked feverishly, prayerfully, to try to figure out how God was moving, and what I could do to lead His people into joining Him in that work.

I did not have to wait long for the answer, as God's instructions for His people have not changed despite all the various events of human history and great advances of technology. Mark records these words of Jesus regarding the Greatest Commandment in *Mark 12:30-31* – "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." That's it. Love God with everything in you, and treat other people as well as you treat yourself. Deceptively simple, as it turns out living this way of Jesus may be the most challenging thing a person might endeavor to do.

Hence the need for our weekly gathering for strength, encouragement, and course correction, online or in person. Friends, if during these uncertain times, you find yourself in need of help in navigating the largely unknown road ahead, please know your Wilmington Church of the Nazarene is here for you. You are welcome to join us for our Sunday services on Facebook, (@WCOTN) 10:00 am every Sunday. We also have a Prayer Hour on zoom every Tuesday at 10:00 am, and Bible study on zoom every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. You can find links to these events posted on our Facebook page. We are also available to help provide information and resources to help our community care well for one another. We desire to be of service to you.

Finally, Friends, I am here for you as well. Self-isolating and social distancing have affected all of us in a variety of ways, mostly not for the better. If you find yourself in need of someone to talk to, or in need of help gaining some perspective regarding your particular situation, please do contact me; my email and office phone are listed below. I am grateful for the privilege of praying for you, and the contents of any conversation between us will stay between us and our Father in heaven. Don't struggle and suffer alone – shared burdens lighten the load for all of us.

You are loved!

His and Yours,  
Pastor Grace Govenettio

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Office: 518 946 7708



## Event Updates

as of print time

Wilmington Whiteface Whiskey Run—Postponed until 2021

Lake Placid Horse Show—Postponed until 2021

Ironman - Postponed—Date to be determined

Wilmington Mountain Bike Festival—Postponed until 2021

Festival of Colors—Still on schedule for September 12th

Ironman 70.3—Still on schedule for September 13th

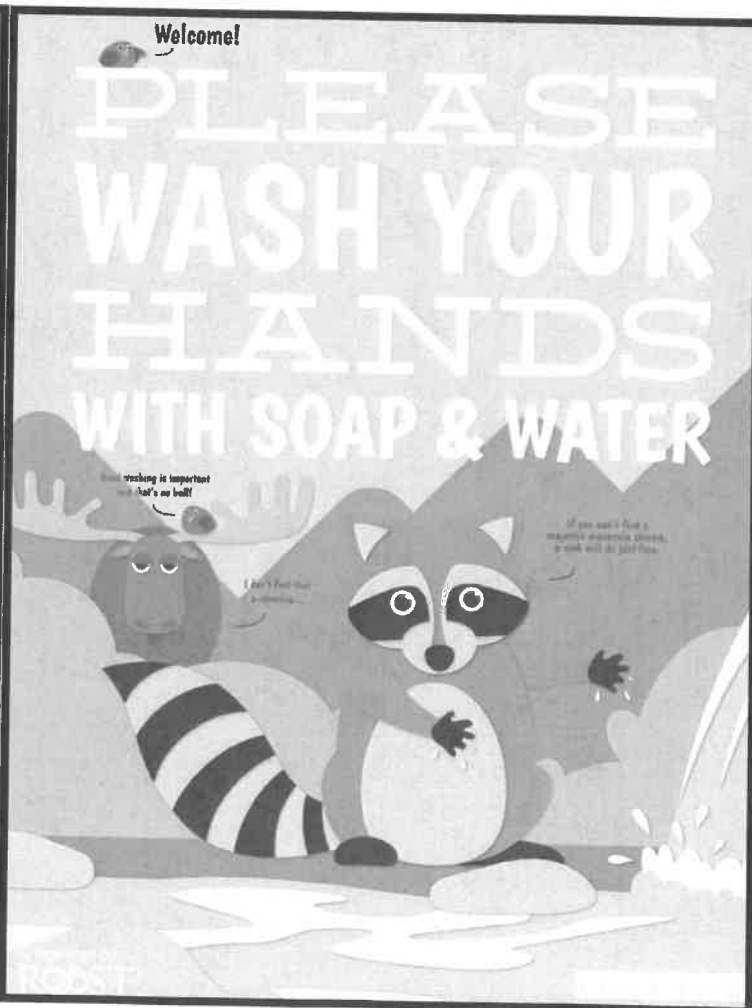
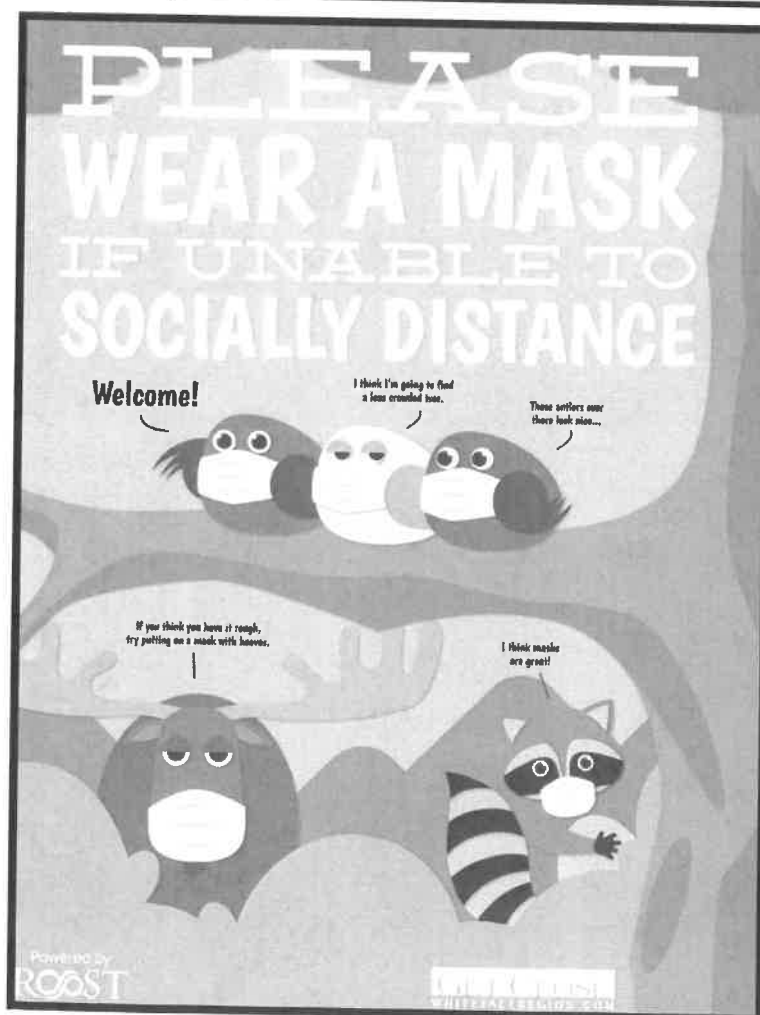
Ausable River 2 Fly Challenge—Rescheduled for September 17-19th

Wilmington Whiteface 100k—Rescheduled for October 3rd

Whiteface Uphill Bike Race—Rescheduled for October 4th

For up to date status, visit

[www.roostadk.com/event-updates](http://www.roostadk.com/event-updates)

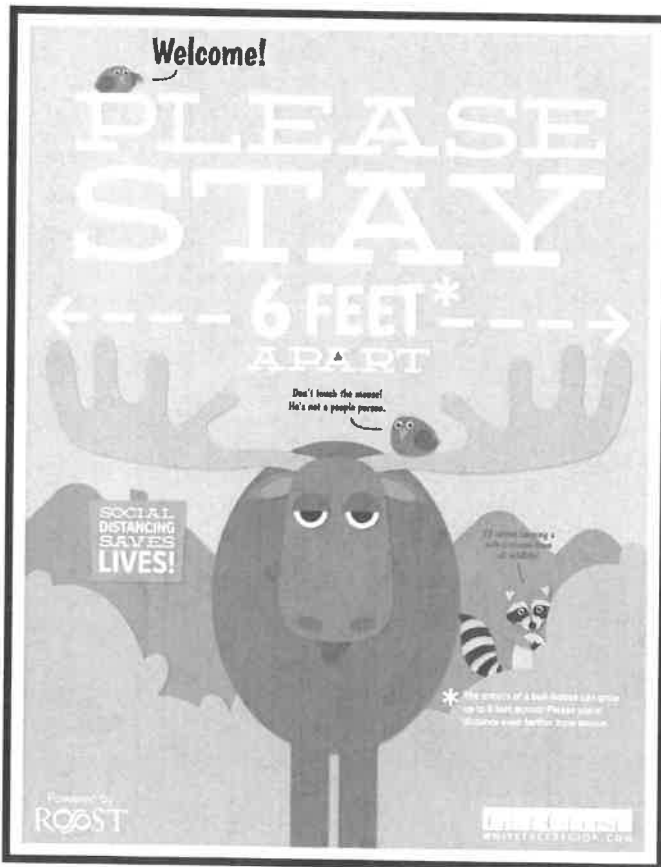


# Whiteface Visitors Bureau

Happy SPRING/SUMMER! We are so fortunate to live in Wilmington during this difficult time. There is truly no better environment or community to be "On Pause" in. We want to thank you for continuing to support our local businesses.

As you know, the information and rules around us "re-opening" change daily. We encourage you to stay up to date on everything from business hours to new procedures by going to :

**[www.roostadk.com/updates](http://www.roostadk.com/updates)**



Stay up to date on all upcoming events , area info and business updates by liking us on Facebook  
**Whiteface Visitors Bureau**  
Or  
**Town of Wilmington**

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## WAYS

to support local business while playing it safe:

1. Get takeout from a restaurant and leave a tip
2. Buy a six-pack, growler, or crowler and enjoy at home
3. Like and share social media posts
4. Buy gift cards/certificates and use later
5. Join a local farm's CSA
6. Stock up on books, card and board games, and arts and craft supplies from local book and toy stores
7. Round up when leaving tips at cafes, bars, and restaurants
8. Plan activities and book a staycation for later this summer and fall
9. Take advantage of specials and delivery or curbside pick up options

#WeWillBeHereADK

**GET CLOSE**  
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***Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2019***  
***Wilmington Water District***  
***Town of Wilmington***  
***PO Box 180 Wilmington, NY 12997***  
***(Public Water Supply ID NY1500300)***

## **INTRODUCTION**

To comply with State regulations, Wilmington Water District will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Ed Orsi, Water Superintendent at (518) 946-7210. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, we would be pleased to discuss any drinking water issues in person or please feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled town board meetings. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Community Center on Springfield Road.

## **WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?**

In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves approximately 980 people through 400 service connections. The water source consists of a dam impoundment on White Brook, which is located off the Whiteface Mountain Memorial Highway. A dam impoundment on Red Brook, located just north of White Brook, serves as an auxiliary water source. Water from both of these surface sources is filtered, disinfected, and treated for corrosion control prior to distribution.

## **ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?**

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radiological and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, is more than one year old.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or the New York State Health Department (518) 891-1800.



Table of Detected Contaminants							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measure- ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>							
Turbidity <sup>1</sup>	no	5/29/2019	0.27	NTU	n/a	TT=<1NTU	Soil Runoff
Turbidity <sup>1</sup>	no	2018	100 % < 0.3	NTU	n/a	TT=95%of samples <0.3NTU	Soil Runoff
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Barium	no	2019	ND	mg/l	2	2 (MCL)	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	no	2019	ND	mg/l	na	10 (MCL)	Runoff from fertilizer use, leaching from septic systems & erosion of natural deposits
Lead	no	2019	0.0012 <sup>2</sup> (ND - 0.012) <sup>3</sup>	mg/L	0.015	0.015 (AL)	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Copper	no	2019	0.0061 <sup>2</sup> (ND - .11) <sup>3</sup>	mg/L	1.3	1.3 (AL)	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Fluoride	no	2019	0.2	mg/L	n/a	2.2 (MCL)	Naturally occurring.
Zinc	no	2019	0.034	mg/L	n/a	5 (MCL)	Naturally occurring; mining wastes
Sodium	no	2019	3.1	mg/L	n/a	See Note 4	Naturally occurring; Road salt; Water softeners; Animal waste.
Chloride	no	2019	5.1	mg/L	n/a	250 (MCL)	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination.
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>							
Radium 226 & 228	no	2017	0	pCi/L	0	5 (MCL)	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	no	2017	0	pCi/L	0	15 (MCL)	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Disinfection Byproducts – Stage 2</b>							
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	no	2019	38.6 <sup>5</sup> 19.5 – 56.7 <sup>6</sup>	ug/L	na	80 (MCL)	By-products of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains measurable amounts of organic matter.
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)	no	2019	43.2 <sup>5</sup> 28.5 – 45.1 <sup>6</sup>	ug/l	na	60 (MCL)	By-product of drinking water chlorination

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> – Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We test it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Our highest single turbidity measurement (.24) for the year occurred on (10/10/17). State regulations require that turbidity must always be below 1 NTU. The regulations require that 95% of the turbidity samples collected have measurements below 0.3 NTU. We did not have any measurements that exceeded this criterion. All the measurements recorded were within the acceptable range allowed and did not constitute a treatment technique violation.

<sup>2</sup> – The level presented represents the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the 10 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead and copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 10 samples were collected at your water system and the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest value.

<sup>3</sup> – The level presented represents a range of the samples collected. The action levels for lead and copper were not exceeded at any of the test sites.

<sup>4</sup> – Water containing more than 20 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.

<sup>5</sup> – The value represents the highest Locational Running Annual Average of the samples collected.

<sup>6</sup> – The values represent the range of the samples collected.

**Definitions:**

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Milligrams per liter (mg/l):** Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).

**Micrograms per liter (ug/l):** Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) –** picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water

**WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?**

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Wilmington is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## **IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?**

Last year our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

## **SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT SUMMARY**

The NYS Department of Health completed a source water assessment for this system based on available information.

The assessment area for this drinking water source contains no discrete PCSs, and none of the land cover contaminant prevalence ratings are greater than low. However, the high mobility of microbial contaminants in reservoirs results in this drinking water intake having medium-high susceptibility ratings for protozoa and enteric bacteria and viruses. Furthermore, reservoirs are highly susceptible to water quality problems caused by phosphorus additions. The health department will use this information to direct future source water protection activities. These may include water quality monitoring, resource management, planning, and education programs. A copy of the assessment, including a map of the assessment area, can be obtained by contacting us as noted below.

## **DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?**

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium*, *Giardia* and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

## **WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?**

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;
- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential fire fighting needs are met. You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:
  - Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
  - Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
  - Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

## **CLOSING**

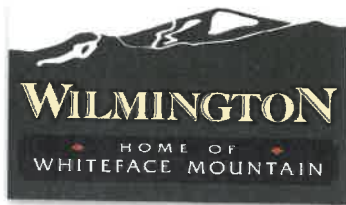
Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office at (518) 946-7179 if you have questions.



## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CONCERTS AT THE BEACH

Plans are underway to put on some kind of Summer Concerts at our town beach. Of course, COVID-19 rules and funding will decide how we proceed. This year we are appealing to residents that can donate, to consider making a donation. All bands are paid for by generous contributions. If you would like to contribute, please contact Concert Organizer Nicole Forbes at 518 946-7174 or mail check to: Town of Wilmington, PO Box 180, Wilmington New York 12997. If for some reason we cannot do the concerts, all money will be earmarked for the 2021 Concert Series.


**Thank You**



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### ***CENSUS: IT IS THAT IMPORTANT TO WILMINGTON***

**If you have not filled out your 2020 Census, please go to [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov) and complete it. The whole process didn't even take 5 minutes to complete. To our town and region, being counted is so vital. We need to make sure every Wilmington resident is included in the count.**

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### **WILMINGTON JUSTICE COURTS TO REOPEN**

The Town of Wilmington Justice Courts are slated to reopen on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Court is held on Thursdays at 10am. Social Distancing guidelines like face masks will be required in addition to other safety measures. It is suggested if you have business with the courts to call first at 518-946-7129

### **HIGH PEAKS HEALTH CENTER NOW OPEN-**

The High Peaks Health Center located behind the Wilmington Community Center is now open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:45am to 4:30pm Call 518 946-1111 for more information.