

NEWSLETTER

Greetings Wilmington Citizens,

Here is the news out of the Supervisor's Office:

THE BRIDGE is basically complete. There is still some minor finish work. The placement of the old overhead wires into the bridge has been delayed until spring as the lead agency, NYSEG, will upgrade the line at the same time and give Whiteface a second feed through Wilmington. This line will be their second one to feed the mountain as it now comes from Upper Jay and across Fox Farm. In the end this should be better for the community as a whole. Continuing with our beautification projects, the Town is planning to install our "Adirondack" lighting on the Lakeview Terrace side of the bridge down to the dam. We are also going to use some of the old stone from the bridge to replace the rotted timber wall and the wall in front of the sign in the parking area. If time allows we are going to install a set of stairs on the Library side down to the river for access and to cut down on erosion. We also have a little surprise for in front of the Library, but we are going to keep that quiet for now.

THE WILMINGTON/WHITEFACE BIKEFEST will be June 3rd, 4th and 5th this year. This is a joint effort between the Town, Whiteface, the Visitors Bureau, BETA, ORDA, and ROOST. We have added to the shows as we continue to build this event giving something for both locals and visitors. We also strive to have as little disruption on the roadways as possible. Look for more info as the dates get closer.

THE YOUTH CENTER has re-opened under the direction of Teresa Orsi, it is open Friday 4-8, Saturday 12-8 and Sunday 1-6. Find them on Facebook. We gave the inside a little facelift, so come on over and check it out.

THE REC PATH on Springfield Road is complete and we thank Essex County for an excellent job! This past fall the Town was awarded another grant of \$200,000 for the rehab and addition on the path down Fox Farm. That work has already started and we are hopeful that it should be completed in the spring as soon as the weather breaks. It is great to see that many people are enjoying the Path, we have also requested from the state that the speed limit be reduced in this area, and we await a response.

WILMINGTON
HOME OF
WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN



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Supervisor's Report (continued)

THE TOWN WAS AWARDED A GRANT for the engineering and design to repair the wall at the dam behind the library. This grant would also include construction plans for adding a second gate at the same time. As we have previously discussed, this is the first step in cleaning out the river as it continues to fill with silt at an alarming rate. Lowering the water level and removing the silt is the only remotely financially feasible way to clean out the river. If left as it is, we will have nothing but a mud flat to look at. After this stage we are going to seek construction funds for the actual work through what is called the CFA Grant Process. There will, at some point be a part of this the Town will have to pay for. We have been fortunate with the other grants that our talented employees have been able to perform the 50% in-kind match needed. This will not be the case on the dam repairs, but we are hopeful to receive at least 50% of the funds needed. We will keep you informed as this unfolds.

The draft amendment to the **WILMINGTON WILD FOREST** unit management plan has been through the DEC public comment period. We are hopeful the rest of the approvals needed from the APA will go smoothly as there was really no controversy surrounding it. This plan will add miles to our mountain biking and hiking trails, provide handicapped access to a bog on Hardy Road that has a breathtaking view, and re-route the Cooper Kiln snowmobile trail. If the process can finish by late spring, we hope to be cutting the trails mid-to-late summer. The outdoor recreation opportunities continue to grow and we thank the DEC for making Wilmington their "shining model."

The Town Board and I feel it is important to point out that the Town currently has several frivolous lawsuits that are taking thousands upon thousands of taxpayer dollars to fight. I guess the constitution allows for this, but two of them have been going on for over two years. This affects all people as we must defend the town. We cannot talk about any specifics, but it is sad that people feel the need to go to court when there is no chance of winning. We have also been advised that most countersuits for legal fees don't get awarded.

The last item will make some unhappy. After many, many complaints about dogs' relieving themselves in our ball field and skateboard park, the Board has voted to ban dogs from these two areas. We have put up warning signs, put up bags, supplied garbage cans and we are still finding dog waste all over. It is a public health hazard to have dog droppings in an area that is for public recreation. We can no longer ignore it, and have tried many things to no avail. So effective immediately, no dogs are allowed in the fenced-in ball field or skateboard park.

That's all for now.

Regards,

Randy Preston

History Trivia Questions

1. What was the purpose of the wishing well at Santa's Workshop?
2. When was the Wilmington Notch Road created?

(Answers on page 4)



YOUR DOG



DOG CONTROL NEWS

With the cold winter months upon us please remember that dogs should not be left outside in the cold for extended periods of time.

Your dog should be treated like family and they feel the weather just like we do.

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 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. If you need a copy of the dog control ordinance, please feel free to contact me at 946-1282. *PLEASE KEEP YOUR PET LEGAL AND SAFE BY GETTING THEM VACCINATED FOR RABIES AND KEEPING THEIR LICENSE UP TO DATE.* The rabies clinic is usually held in July. We had a very good turnout last year. Thank you to those who attended and are obeying the law by licensing your dogs.

Thank you.

Shirley Lawrence, Dog Control Officer



Spring and Summer ARE Coming!
Look what's on the calendar:



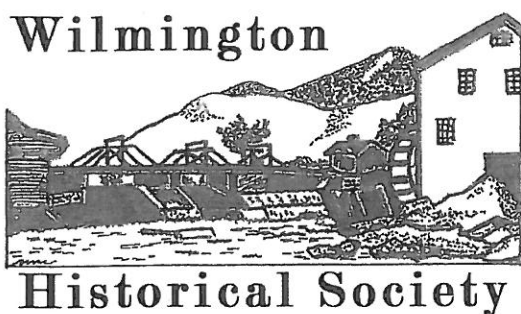
**Concerts
at the
Beach**



Two-Fly Competition



BIKEFEST 2016



Planning for a Building Continues

The Historical Society currently uses the Wilmington Community Center Meeting Room for meetings, presentations and display, a reference library, and to house historical collections that have been acquired from our community. While we appreciate the Town's support in allowing us to utilize this space, we are outgrowing this location and are in the process of securing a home of our own! Our WHS Board and WHS building committee continue to look at options and to revise and refine our building plans with our specific needs in mind.

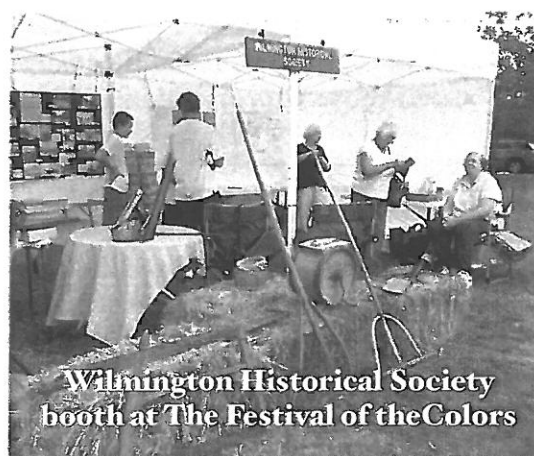
Upcoming Programs and Plans

We have just begun to plan for our lectures and programs for 2016. Please watch for our plans on our website at

www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org, on our Facebook Page and in our flyers, local newspapers and the *Jay Community News*. We are also looking for volunteers to serve on our fundraising committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Wilmington Historical Society at 518-420-8370 or whs12997@hotmail.com.

Second Annual Appeal — The Wilmington Historical Society initiated our Second Annual Appeal in November to grow our Wilmington Historical Society Fund at the Adirondack Foundation in order to better plan for our future and to sustain our organization in perpetuity. With the help of the many 2014-2015 donors in our

first appeal, the Wilmington Historical Society account at the Adirondack Foundation reached the initial short-term goal of \$10,000 to become an interest-bearing account. A big thank-you goes to all of those who contributed to that effort! Now we are seeking further donations to get to the minimum \$25,000 level as a full-fledged permanent fund, then "grow" it from there. **We thank all of our wonderful and generous donors.** If you have not already done so, we are asking you to help us to *reach our goal now and secure the future of the Wilmington Historical Society* by making a tax-deductible charitable contribution to the Wilmington Historical Society Fund at the Adirondack Foundation. You may send a check to the Wilmington Historical Society at PO Box 174, Wilmington, NY 12997 with "Wilmington Historical Society Fund at Adirondack Foundation" on the memo line or you may make a donation by signing into the Adirondack Foundation's secure website at www.generousact.org, click onto GIVE NOW and select "Wilmington Historical Society Fund." Keep in mind that this kind of donation is also a great way to memorialize or honor a loved one.



Wilmington Historical Society
booth at The Festival of the Colors

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. *Owner and manager Julian Reiss, while seeing delight in the faces of young visitors at Santa's Workshop, turned his thoughts to those less fortunate. A wishing well fund, hosted by Elmer the Elf, collected coin donations to purchase toys for the underprivileged. Santa's Operation Toylift got off the ground December 9, 1949 when Reiss, in his own personal aircraft, flew a load of toys to an Ogdensburg, New York orphanage.*
2. *A wagon track between Wilmington and North Elba was made in the 1860s replacing the 1812 McIntyre iron ore road through the Sentinel Range. The Wilmington Notch roadway became a New York State highway and modernization for automobiles was done in 1916 and 1935.*

WHITEFACE REGION...GET CLOSE

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BUREAU BITS

We are excited to see what 2016 has in store for Wilmington and the visitors that come to our region.

Our office is busy planning this year's events and welcome any volunteers who would like to assist throughout the year. We would like to thank Joyce Terry and Bert Yost for their years of service on our board of directors and welcome Robert Zborowski and Michele Powers to the board.



VENDORS WANTED



Are you a vendor or do you know a vendor who might be interested in participating in one of our events? We have 2 events to choose from.

Contact our office to see which fits your market the best!

Wilmington Whiteface Bike Fest -June 4-5th
Festival of the Colors -September 10th

17th Annual Ausable River

Two Fly Challenge

May 20-21

Founded to
celebrate the
Joy of Fishing,
Spirit of
Sportsmanship,
Preservation of the
Ausable River
and Natural
Wonders of the
Whiteface Region
in Wilmington NY.



AusableFlyFishing.com

Who will be?

Wilmington's Citizen of the Year

Want to nominate someone to be honored as
this year's Citizen of the Year?

1. Fill out a short nomination form: Form can be picked up at the Visitors Bureau office Monday-Friday 8-3, or email info@WhitefaceRegion.com and ask for one to be sent to you.
2. Return the form to the office by February 18th
3. Join us on March 22nd to Honor our Citizen of the Year at the Annual Wilmington Community Dinner at the Hungry Trout.



For more information, call Michelle at 946-2255

Nazarene Praise Band

Free Concert



Saturday February 27th

7:00pm

Nazarene Church



Willkommen Hof Brat Night \$8.95

Thursdays
Starting Jan. 14 thru Mar. 31
5:00 - 9:00 PM
518-946-7669
Reservations
Required

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2016 Calendar of Events

February

- 4th-7th Empire State Games
- 15th President's Day

March

- 22nd Wilmington Community Dinner
- 27th Easter

April

- 10th Whiteface Pond Skimming

May

- 8th Mother's Day
- 20th-21st Ausable River 2 Fly Challenge
- 30th Memorial Day

June

- 3rd Bike Fest- Jump Jam
- 3rd Bike Fest - Best Calves Contest
- 4th Whiteface Uphill Bike Race
- 4th Bike Fest - Beach Party
- 5th Wilmington Whiteface 100k
- 19th Father's Day

July -Summer Beach Concerts every Thursday

- 4th Independence Day
- 9th Whiteface Vertical K
- 10th Whiteface Sky Race
- 24th Ironman
- 31st Ride for the River

August -Summer Beach Concert Every Thursday

- 12th/13th Peak to Brew
- 13th Wilmington Get Together
- 20-27th Cycle Adirondacks
- 27th Whiteface KOA Car Show

September

- 5th Labor Day
- 10th Festival of the Colors

October

- 10th Columbus Day
- 31st Halloween

November

- 11th Veterans Day
- 24th Thanksgiving

December

- 25th Christmas

WILMINGTON WHITEFACE
BIKE FEST

JUNE 3-5
7TH ANNUAL
WILMINGTON WHITEFACE
BIKE FEST

UPHILL BIKE RACE
100K MTB RACE
JUMP JAM STUNT SHOW
BEST CALVES CONTEST
POOR MAN'S DOWNHILL
BEACH PARTY
LIVE MUSIC

For more information go to:
www.BikeWilmingtonNY.com

Open discussions -- We Share and We Learn from YOU!

Our "Open Discussions" take place at 7 p.m. before the business portion of each regular meeting, and last about 45 minutes to an hour. Refreshments are provided by the Country Bear Bakery. The number of attendees has been growing. Our most popular discussions in 2015 included the Wilmington Lawrence Family and the Winch Family discussions and the ski films of the original Marble Mountain Ski Center (1950) and the "new" Whiteface Ski Center (1960). Please join us in 2016!

Open Discussion topics for 2016 (all on Wednesdays):

February 3 — "Wilmington Service

Organizations History: American Legion & Auxiliary, Fire Dept. Auxiliary, Scouts, etc."

March 2 — "Women in the Adirondacks"

April 6 — "Area Adirondack Guides"

May 4 — "Local Wilmington Clubs: Fish & Game Club, Ski Club, Whiteface Wipeouts Motorcycle Club, etc."

June 1 — "Life & Times of Lifelong Wilmington Residents"

July 6 — "Santa's Workshop"

August 3 — "Wilmington Town Hall History"

September 7 — "Wilmington Campground History"

October 5 — "Wilmington Family History- (1) -Wilkins Family"

November 2 — "Wilmington Family History (2) -Preston Family"

Please note: We do not meet in December

NEED GENEALOGY HELP?

If your family history brings you to Wilmington, we can help. Each year we assist many people with genealogy requests, either in person or online. In addition, we have held workshops for those interested in learning more about the process. Most recently, the Wilmington Historical Society held a workshop in November for nearly 20 participants interested in genealogy. The workshop incorporated a brief exploration of sources available for research and an overview of *ancestry.com*. Participants received sample family group sheets and pedigree charts, lists of sources & other useful informational sheets as well as ideas for organizing genealogical information. If you need assistance with Wilmington family tree research, documentation, or organization, please feel free to contact us, as so many others already have.

HOW WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN GOT ITS NAME

The Wilmington Historical Society was recently asked to do research on how Whiteface Mountain got its name. Doug Wolfe, Guy Stephenson, Judy Lawrence and Karen Peters combined efforts and discovered the following:

Whiteface derives its name from multiple origins:

- 1) Original Native American names have been preserved by scholars in certain works such as William A. Beauchamp's "Aboriginal Place Names of New York," published in 1907, as Bulletin 108 of the New York State Museum. According to Beauchamp, The Algonquin name for the mountain was *Wa-ho-par-te-nie* from *Waapenot*, "it goes upward", or *Woapen*, "it is white." (Donaldson, p 49) A Mohawk Indian name for the mountain was *Thei-a-no-gu-en* meaning "white head," with reference to the bare white rock near its peak. (Smith, p 41)
 - 2) The name is also said to have come from an 1804 landslide which exposed a glare of bare whitish gray rock (whiteface anorthosite) extending from the summit to part way down the mountain on its eastern side. (Doug Wolfe)
 - 3) Frozen cloud water called rime ice impacts the mountain from 3800 feet up and occurs 10 months out of the year. Snow is also common. Both rime ice and snow lend a white "head" or white "face" appearance to the mountain. (Doug Wolfe)
 - 4) The first geographical work in which the name "Whiteface" occurs is Spafford's Gazetteer of 1813 (Donaldson, p 49)
 - 5) At one time, the High Falls Gorge pamphlet and many souvenirs in the area gift shops featured a Native American Legend. It was entitled, "White Face Mountain, the Land of Romance," highlighting a story about an Indian maiden, a young brave who befriended an old Indian and a white stag. The legend finishes with, "It is said that those who see with the eyes of romance can distinguish in the mountain mists the form the of the white stag standing alert on a rocky ledge just below the white face of the mountain."
- For the bibliographical information used in this research, you may contact the Wilmington Historical Society.

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BULLETIN BOARD

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Summer Concerts at the Beach. We had another successful year and are looking forward to another great year of fun and fantastic music.

If you would like to make a donation to this year's concerts, please send check payable to the Town of Wilmington, attn: Nicole Forbes and send to Nicole Forbes, PO Box 180, Wilmington, NY 12997



The Annual Water Quality Report will be coming out soon. You may view it online at townofwilmington.org, or you can request a copy in the mail by calling 518-946-7174, or email nicoleforbes@townofwilmington.org

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From the Cornell Cooperative Extension:

Every 2nd Monday of each month beginning at 9am, Eileen Longware, Nutrition Program Educator, is at the Community Center in Wilmington to provide FREE Nutrition Counseling. She is here to promote healthy eating, provide new dietary guidelines, help with New Year's Resolutions for weight loss "New Year, New You" Walk-ins welcome, or call her at 518-962-4810 ext. 412, or email el252@cornell.edu



Happy Valentine's Day!