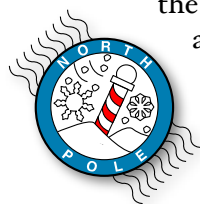


NEWSLETTER

From your Town Supervisor

Well, hopefully, spring will be upon us soon. Here is an update of items that have happened, and what's on tap for the future.

Wilmington's second annual Christmas Celebration was another huge success!! Approximately 500 residents took part in the evening festivities. I am very happy that



the Town was able once again to partner with Santa's Workshop to give something back to the community. I have many people to thank:

The Town Board, Matt Stanley and the staff of Santa's Workshop, Committee members Bob Hockert, Michelle Burns, Shirley Lawrence, Gerald Bruce and the Volunteers; the Wilmington Youth Center, Wilmington Fire Department, Wilmington Town Employees, and all the people who donated snacks, and John Peck for the poster.

Entertainment was provided by the "Dogs of Jazz," AuSable Forks Elementary School Chorus, AuSable Valley High School Jazz Choir, and the Lake Placid High School Women's Ensemble.

Thanks to all who donated for the children's gifts and the fireworks:

Essex County Youth Bureau, Merit Peck & NYSCOPBA, Alpine Country Motel, Brett Heineman, Carr-Hughes Productions, Willkommen Hof, Candyman, Green Mountain Lodge, Haselton Lumber, Jeri Wright, Whiteface Outlook, North Pole Resort, Wilderness Inn, Parkside Supply, Peck Builders, Rhoda Morrisroe, Century Fire, Conway Construction, Wilkins Agency, Ledge Rock, Mel's Diner, Dr. Emil Miskovsky, Little Super Market, Tom Hinman, The Hungry Trout, ABC Auto, C. Grady Automotive, Whiteface Visitors Bureau, Adirondack Sauna, Mountain Brook Lodge, Whiteface Mountain, Mickey Danielle, Whiteface Insurance, Forbes Excavation, AES Engineering, ACO Property Advisers, and Gary Duprey.

I would also like to thank Jim and Maryellen Carmelitano for purchasing one of our Christmas decorations which was placed across Route 86 in front of the A & W. This gift was very generous.

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TRANSPORTATION

Mountain Valley Shuttle

The Bus runs Monday through Friday from AuSable Forks to Lake Placid. There are two trips daily. One based on a 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM shift and one on an 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM shift. For further info contact 873-3689.

Senior Bus

The Senior Bus is available to provide transportation to and from the Nutrition site at the Methodist Church. Meals and a social gathering take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the first and third Mondays, the Bus travels to Plattsburgh for shopping. They also travel once a month for entertainment. All are welcome, for further info contact 946-7174.



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Supervisor's Report (cont'd)

Summer Youth Program- The Town will once again be partnering with the Town of North Elba and the Town of Jay. Families can choose which program would work the best for them. Transportation will not be provided. More info to follow, direct questions to 946-7174.

Water Meters- Well after approximately 15 years the Water Meter project is complete! We are currently training with the new reading and billing system. We plan to be doing a great deal of sample readings throughout the summer to attempt to be sure that when we go online with the meters we are as fair and accurate as possible. After 15 years we feel we can wait eight more months so hopefully we have it right the first time. The remainder of this year will be billed on the current flat rate system. I want to thank Ed Orsi, our Water Superintendent and Darin Forbes for all the hard work in bringing this project to completion.

Town Beach/Beautification- I think most people have heard that the Town was awarded a \$200,000.00 grant for the revitalization of our beach area. Due to State budget issues the project may drag out to three years and we need to perform the work in stages, as it is a reimbursement-type grant. We do plan to construct the new bathrooms this year, add a dock, and install new lighting. The future will bring a new pavilion, handicap fishing deck, new parking lot, nature trail, and new fencing. Please bear with us during the construction process.

The town forces will be continuing with sidewalk replacement and plan to further enhance the Bill Carr Memorial at the Library.

We are also going to reinstall the 1980 Olympic sign at the parking area next to the dam. Town forces are constructing the signposts and a roof structure, which will have an Adirondack look. This is a very important part of our history and you can thank Guy Stephenson's questioning where the sign went that made this happen.

River- The Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan has finally been completed and adopted by the Town Board. This will assist in protecting our river and also have within it a plan for economic development along the river. This plan is a key to opening the door for funding enhancement projects in the river area. Thanks to my predecessor, Jeanne Ashworth for starting this process.

Dredging Study- This is still not complete, but will be this summer. It was held up by the state budget mess, which resulted in the funding being delayed. What we do know is it will be a multi-million dollar process and the Town Board plans to have a public vote to see if the taxpayers want to move forward with the plan.

Whiteface Mt. Highway- The Town has teamed up with ORDA and formed a committee to develop a plan for the restoration of the Whiteface Mt. Veterans Memorial Highway and the facilities on the summit. The committee consists of representatives from Whiteface/ORDA, Adirondack Architectural Heritage, Essex County Planning Office, and myself. The Highway and facilities on the summit are a local, state and national treasure and we are concerned about their condition and are trying to have a plan and seek funding for the restoration of this jewel of the Adirondacks.

Business Grant- The Town, in conjunction with the Essex County Industrial Development Agency, is in the process of applying for a grant for local business improvements. Surveys to all businesses are in the mail. Contact the Supervisor's office with any questions.

Town Website- www.townofwilmington.org
Town Forms have been added to the site, which can be downloaded, thanks to Bob Hockert and Ginny Crispell for revising the forms for us. Minutes from all meetings are also posted for your viewing.

That's all for now,
Randy Preston

History Trivia Questions

1. Who was purported to be the first teacher in our town?
2. In what year was Wilmington founded?

FIRE DISTRICT NEWS

NEWS- Your Fire District Commissioners have had an energy saving audit done on the Fire Department building by NYSERTA. This audit was completed to find ways in which we can save money on energy usage in the building. We have already replaced the seals around the overhead doors saving on heat usage and we are looking into more cost effective lighting. Any way we can save money for the district in energy usage will be explored. A copy of the audit is on file with the District Secretary, Shirley Lawrence.

TRAINING – The Fire & Rescue members held a nighttime ice rescue drill below the town dam. Approximately twelve members attended. It was a perfectly cold winter night in which six of our members donned their ice rescue suits and slid into the dark icy waters of the AuSable River to rescue Fire Lt. Chris Kostoss, who ran this drill. Practice makes perfect and everyone performed their rescue tasks quickly and professionally. Each member of the Fire & Rescue must complete eight hours of training each year to remain an active member. Most of our members far surpass the eight-hours mark taking advantage of all training exercises that are offered.

Our Officers try to offer either Fire or EMS training every month of the year so that all members can keep current on the different techniques used.

SAFETY ISSUES – We must repeatedly remind everyone that if we can't get to you, we can't help you when time may be critical. This last snowstorm was unusually wet and heavy. You must keep your driveway or private road cleared so that emergency vehicles have access. And with Spring right around the corner, please trim all branches and brush from the sides of your driveway so that access is twelve feet wide. There will be a lot of trimming needed from this winter's weighty snow bending trees over.



MEMBERSHIP – As always, we invite you to consider joining our dedicated volunteers in helping your town. You can ask any member for an application. You must be at least 18 years old and live or work in Wilmington. You can join both the Fire & EMS or just the EMS division.



It's time for another update in the never-ending attempt to get our own Cell Tower. The APA had issued a lengthy list of questions to Verizon Wireless and would not consider their application complete until these questions were addressed. I have been advised that the questions have been addressed and hopefully the application will be accepted at the March meeting of the APA. I know it's discouraging to keep reading in the paper that everyone around us is being approved for Cell Towers, but we must keep the faith. Hey, it's only been over 3 years since I started this endeavor.

Councilman Steve Corvelli

As most of you know, Randy Preston and I were the Co-Captains for the Ironman USA Aid Station at the Fire House for many years. We have both retired from that position and hope all of you will support the new Co-Captains. They are the husband and wife team of Diane and Bob Kirby. We wish them well and will support them in any way they need. The Ironman event is a huge boost to our local economy and I encourage everyone to step forward and volunteer for the day and cheer on our local athletes.

Volunteering is a fun way to give back to your community and meet new people. There are so many ways everyone can get involved in some way. The Visitors Bureau hosts the Two-Fly, The Uphill Foot and Uphill Bike competitions each year. They say that a well-oiled machine runs smoothly. The Town of Wilmington is the machine and the Citizens of Wilmington are the oil. The more everyone gets involved, the smoother and better this Community will be.

Dog Owner Information

All dogs over four months of age are required by New York State Law to be licensed. Licensing requires that rabies vaccines be up to date. Please be a responsible dog owner and vaccinate and license your pet. Not licensing your dog could result in a court appearance. Having your pet identified with a dog license or rabies tag is also useful in finding the owner when a pet becomes lost.

Licenses may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office at the Community Center. Wilmington also has a dog control law which can be obtained by contacting the town offices. All dogs are required to be under control of the owner on a leash at all times. For the protection of wildlife NYSDEC will issue violations for dogs running loose.

Thank you for using the new receptacles for dog waste clean up. These are located at the beach and on Route 86.

E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library News

Services

The Library offers many services to our patrons. In addition to book lending, we also have many audio books, and some movies. We have 4 public use computers and we also have wi-fi. With a library card, a patron has access to multiple databases including: auto repair, home maintenance, small engine repair, historical newspapers and many more. We offer access to Learning Express Library, which is a database that offers test preparation, job search and resume writing skills, and college preparation tips. All these services are FREE to our patrons.

Support

The Library is **not** federally funded. We receive some funds from the Town of Wilmington, LPCSD, and AVCSD. We depend on grants and donations to help provide services to our patrons. You can support the Library by either sending money directly to the Library or by donating to the Wilmington Library Fund at the Adirondack Community Trust (ACT).

The "Friends of the Library" are another way to support the library. This group of ladies holds a food & bake sale in June and a cookie sale in December. Their annual giving letter was sent recently to a number of faithful contributors. The "Friends" help to maintain the library and also contributes toward the purchase of books. If you are interested in joining the Friends or contributing to their fund drive, call Karen D'Avignon or Laura Trumbull. Both can be reached at 946-2415.

One-Time Fine Forgiveness Coupon

This coupon is good for one waived fine on one book, or one audio book or one movie.

Name: _____

This One-time Fine Forgiveness Coupon is redeemable only at the E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library.

Expires June 30, 2010

Donation

We are pleased to announce that we received a \$500 donation from Eye Care for the Adirondacks to assist in purchasing Large Print books. We have a nice collection of Large Print books in many different genres. Large Print books are much more expensive than regular books and we are pleased that we can continue to offer these to our patrons.

Library Spruce Up

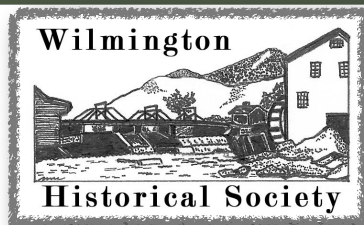
Are you handy? Can you paint? The Library is looking for volunteers who are willing to help spruce up our building. We need people who can repair the cement in the front of the building, repair our columns, and paint. If you are willing to help, contact Samantha Baer, Director at 946-7701.

Take a Bite Out of Books

The Library is looking for students in grades 5-7 to participate in a jeopardy-style competition on July 17th. The students all read the same six books and compete against other libraries and schools by answering trivia questions pertaining to those books. Winners receive gift certificates to the mall. If interested contact the Library.

Trivia Answers

1. Esther Kellogg
2. In 1822. However, the town was incorporated the year before in 1821 as "Danville", but was forced into a name change since there was already a "Danville, New York". Prior to 1821, the area we call Wilmington was a part of the Town of Jay.



2010 Membership

The Wilmington Historical Society has begun its membership drive for 2010. We would like YOU to become a new member or to renew your membership! This is our main fundraiser for the year. Your contribution and support is important in helping us to preserve the history of Wilmington with our historical collections and to provide programming and historical interpretation to the public. Your financial gift is tax-deductible. You should have received a membership form in the mail, but in case you did not receive it or have misplaced it, there are brochures available in the Town Hall, the E.M. Cooper Memorial Library, the Wilmington Business & Tourism Center or at the Wilmington Community Center Room. You can also download the membership form from our website at www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org. Please mail the completed form to: Wilmington Historical Society, PO Box 174, Wilmington, NY 12997. For more information, you may also call us at 518-420-8370.

New WHS Library & Archives Hours

The library and historical collections of the Wilmington Historical Society are now open regularly on the third Tuesday of EACH MONTH from 6 pm-9pm. (Dates for 2010: Apr.20, May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug.17, Sept.21, Oct. 19, Nov.16, Dec.21.) We are also open upon request by calling 518-420-8370 or emailing to whs12997@hotmail.com. You can research your family tree, your family history, or your local or area history. We have cemetery records, church records, maps, blueprints, 1850-1875 Wilmington census records, photos and much more! You are invited to come and browse our collection. Students and teachers are especially welcome. We are located at the Wilmington Community Center, 7 Community Center Circle, Wilmington, NY 12997.

Local school project brings history to life
In Spring of 2009, the Wilmington Historical Society initiated a local

children's author project between the Lake Placid Middle School and Kate Messner, author of historical novels for young adults. With local author Kate Messner's historical novels for children, we discovered a perfect connection between literature for youth and local area history. Kate's books include *Champlain and the Silent One* and *Spitfire*. After months of planning, on February 19, the Wilmington Historical Society sponsored and funded a program at Lake Placid Middle School with Kate Messner as the presenter. Kate took the students for a "trip back in time" to the American Revolution on Lake Champlain. She read excerpts from her middle grade novel *Spitfire*, set during the Battle of Valcour Island in 1776, signed books, and presented an interactive, multimedia slide show about the real 12-year-old who fought in the battle. Kids were invited to ask questions, handle artifact replicas, taste the food, and try on the clothes of an 18th century sailor. Kate was also able to explain how she uses historical artifacts and historical records to assist in her writing. By all accounts the event was a success, and she has since supplied the WHS with signed copies of her books *Spitfire* and *Champlain and the Silent One* for our library. We were pleased to be able to support both history and literature with this event. In the follow-up, we will continue to offer our services as a local history repository to both students and teachers.

New Picture Rail System

A new picture rail system has been installed in the Wilmington Community Center Room. It was purchased by the Wilmington Historical Society and put in place with the assistance of Bill Skufca, Bob Peters, and Guy Stephenson. The new system will allow the historical society to place photos, artwork, and other relevant displays on the walls with ease and without damage to the walls. In addition, the historical society is also reframing the wildlife painting by June Clow that hangs in the community center.

Adirondack Artifact Night--Fri., June 18

The WHS will sponsor a special area event--"Adirondack Artifact Night" to be held on Friday, June 18th at 7pm at the Wilmington Range Hall behind the Little Super Market on Route 86 in Wilmington. The presenter is Andy Flynn, who is best known for his work with the Adirondack Museum and his "Adirondack Attic" books series. The

Open Discussions

Once monthly, the Wilmington Historical Society holds "Open Discussions" on a variety of topics related to the history of Wilmington. We meet the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH at the Wilmington Community Center, 7 Community Center Circle (off Springfield Road) in Wilmington. Our "Open Discussions" take place from 7pm-8pm. You are invited to listen and learn, or to share your own stories, news articles, photos or artifacts related to the topic of each meeting. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME. Refreshments are served.

April 7:

"The AuSable River & the Owaissa Club"

May 5:

"Wilmington Memorials"

June 2:

"Races up Whiteface Mountain"

July 7:

"Wilmington & Area Fur Farming"

August 4:

"Wilmington Notch"

September 1:

"Wilmington Taxes!"

October 6:

"Disasters in Wilmington"

November 3:

"All Kinds of Snow & Ice in Wilmington"

Please Note: We do not meet in December.

first part of the program will be a slide presentation featuring stories about Adirondack history that Andy has written about. The second part will be a show-and-tell for people to bring in artifacts from home (their own "attics!") and to explain the story behind them, thus extending our knowledge of area history. We hope to see you there, and we can't wait to see what you bring!



Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church would like to announce the arrival of our new pastor, John Strong. Pastor John grew up in Wilmington where his dad founded the church nearly 50 years ago.

Pastor John and his wife Emma recently moved from New Jersey where they raised two sons, Nathan, 23 and Caleb, 19.

John graduated from Baptist Bible College of PA in Clarks Summit with a degree in Bible and Theology. He also has a Master's in Counseling from Philadelphia Biblical University.

Pastor John believes in down-to-earth preaching that enables Biblical truths to meet us where we live. We enjoy a variety of music in our Sunday morning worship service, with a mix of contemporary songs along with old familiar hymns. Our atmosphere is friendly and casual.

Everyone is welcome—we'd love to have you pay us a visit! Our service times are Sunday School (this includes adults where we have Bible teaching with class participation) at 9:45; Morning Worship at 11. Sunday evening service and Wednesday Prayer meeting both are at 7 pm. Teen youth group meets at 7 pm on Fridays.

Our church is home to Adirondack Christian School which is dedicated to providing a quality education with a thoroughly Christian emphasis. Enrollment is open to the community for those who want a God-centered education for their child in a safe, nurturing environment.

While Pastor John has been away from Wilmington for many years, his heart has always been here in the Adirondacks. He and Emma look forward to ministering to the people of our communities. He may be reached at 946 2482. If no answer, please leave a message so that he may return your call.

Codes Corner: Carbon Monoxide Alarms



Did you know that carbon monoxide alarms are now the law for all residences, regardless of date of construction?

The requirements of this law apply to all new and all existing buildings, without regard to the date of construction of the building, whether or not the building is, or has been, offered for sale.

“Exception: Compliance with this section is not required where no carbon monoxide source is located within or attached to the structure. However, compliance with this section is required if any carbon monoxide source is subsequently located within or attached to the structure.

“The term ‘carbon monoxide source’ includes fuel fired appliances, equipment, devices and systems; solid fuel burning appliances, equipment, devices and systems; all other appliances, equipment, devices and systems that may emit carbon monoxide; fireplaces; garages; and all other motor vehicle-related occupancies.”

For the complete text of the law, please see this link:

http://www.dos.state.ny.us/proposed_regs/em_1220.html

In each newsletter, Bob Guynup, Wilmington's Codes Enforcement Officer, will present a different subject referring to building codes.

If you have any questions please contact Bob at 569-4878.



News from the Whiteface Region Business & Tourism Center

Welcome Spring and the many new changes with it, of which we would like to keep you informed! We need your e-mail address to do this, so please send it to info@whitefaceregion.com.

It will not be shared with anyone, and used only to keep you updated with events, business hours and specials in the community. There is a lot going on, so don't miss out!

The Marketing Plan with the new 'GET CLOSE' theme was presented to the membership and Town Board with much excitement as well as the new website: www.whitefaceregion.com.

One of the goals of the 2010 marketing plan is to work with the mountain to help with events to bring more people here. We have finalized arrangements with Glazier to bring their annual food show to Whiteface Mountain on May 19th. This event caters to the hospitality businesses in the northeast, and we expect to have a large crowd. In addition, we have agreed to support Downhill Mike with the annual Bike Fest, in combination with our uphill bike race event on June 19th to make it a full weekend of exciting activities. The Bike Fest will promote all businesses in the Whiteface Region Business & Tourism membership on the website, at the mountain bike shop, and in *Decline* magazine and other media. Another goal was to provide more co-op ad opportunities which we did by purchasing full page ads in *Eastern Fly Fishing Magazine*, *Boston Marathon Magazine* and in the May/June issue of *Adirondack Explorer*.

The **new membership structure** was implemented and supports several small business levels, such as the "Home Business" level of \$50 which has been very popular. One of our

new benefits is a Business Directory listing all members, which will be provided for distribution at locations throughout the region in early May. Your membership must be current for your business to be included! We also held the first networking luncheon at the Whiteface Chalet and everyone attending agreed it was a great success. The next one will be June 3rd (location TBD) and we are inviting all businesses in the region to join us whether you are a member or not.

The **electric alliance** has become popular, especially after one of our members announced they saved over \$500 on the first monthly bill! If you are interested please contact Michelle at the Business & Tourism Center. We were a major contributor to the Wilmington Holiday party held at Santa's Workshop, and will continue to support Concerts in the Park, and JEMS in 2010.

As always, **we rely on our volunteers** to assist with our events throughout the year. For the next few months we will need help with:

May 22--11th Annual Two Fly Challenge

June 6--33rd Annual Uphill Foot Race

June 19--9th Annual Uphill Bike Race

If you are up for the challenge of

participating in the Uphill Races, contact our office – Wilmington residents get a special discount!

Applications for the **John Zachay Memorial Scholarship** are now available at the E.M. Cooper Memorial Library and the Whiteface Region Business & Tourism Center. Students can also get an application through their High School Guidance office. Applicants for the scholarship must be a graduating high school senior, accepted at an accredited college or university and a Wilmington resident. The annual scholarship award is \$500, and all applications must be received on or before May 1, 2010.



The Wilmington Annual dinner format was changed to include a buffet for \$17 and elimination of the auction items to allow people more time to socialize and it worked well. We welcomed thirteen Newcomers to town and honored **Merri Carol Peck** (pictured above, with her husband, Joe) as our **2009 Citizen of the Year!**

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Wilmington Youth Announcements

In Wilmington area, Girl Scouts are looking for Leaders and youth. A lot of opportunities can be created with the Girl Scouts. Please contact Beth Arthur at 518-563-1560 ext. 108.

Update on youth and community activities - phase II of the dirt jumps, chair project, and other fundraisers starting in May. Interested in helping out? Please contact Meg Parker 802-309-5447 or email riverstonewellness@yahoo.com

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Summer Concerts

We are looking forward to another successful concert season at the beach and will be starting our fund raising efforts soon. All donations are greatly appreciated. Don't forget the concerts start at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday during the months of July and August. If you have fund raising ideas or would like to help out with the concerts, please contact Shirley Lawrence at 946-7174 or 946-1282.

Are you covered?

- Have you had your Home & Auto, or even Business insurance reviewed in the past two years?
- Are you prepared for a financial emergency, if one were to occur?
- Are you confident that your retirement income/savings is protected if you become ill?
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