

Wilmot Community Association Report for 2012

Following its vision, *Bringing Neighbors Together*, the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) marked a successful year in 2012.

Here's how the WCA's Board of Directors measured that success:

- 1,750 people attended events sponsored by the WCA.
- 100 volunteers worked more than 1,600 hours on behalf of the WCA.
- 40 businesses supported WCA events and activities.
- 10 local organizations collaborated with the WCA on events.
- 2,500 people attended events at the Red Barn sponsored by individuals, businesses, and other organizations.

As a result of hard work by the WCA's Board of Directors, volunteers and staff, membership, attendance at events and programs, and facility rentals all increased in 2012 over 2011. The organization schedules two major fund-raising events each year: the Black Fly Blitz, a 5-K run around the Wilmot "loop," which drew nearly 300 participants and raised more than \$6,000; and the Holiday Craft Fair, which featured 65 crafters, drew 800 shoppers, and raised more than \$2,300. Mark your calendars: in 2013, the Black Fly Blitz will be on May 27 and the Holiday Craft Fair will be on December 7.

Other events sponsored by the WCA in 2012 included the Easter Bunny Breakfast in collaboration with the Wilmot Learning Place; the town wide clean-up week in collaboration with the Wilmot Garden Club, Wilmot Conservation Commission, and the Wilmot Recycling Committee; the annual Pie Breakfast, the Scarecrow Festival, Halloween trick or treating, and the Wilmot Express presented in collaboration with the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Department and the Wilmot Public Library.

Is there more to the WCA, a membership-driven organization founded in 1963 to benefit residents of Wilmot, than a list of events for children and families to enjoy?

Absolutely! The WCA reflects Wilmot's amazing community spirit – the essence of why Wilmot is a sought-after place in which to live.

"I am passionate about the WCA's past, present and future," said Patty McGoldrick, who joined the WCA in July as its first executive director. As a contribution to the WCA, McGoldrick is waiving any compensation from the organization for two years.

In 2013 the WCA will celebrate its 50th year of promoting recreational, social and educational activities for residents of Wilmot and neighboring communities. The WCA will celebrate its founding with a party for the whole community in October.

The WCA's Red Barn is also home to the Wilmot Learning Place, a preschool established in 1964. For all of its 49 years the Wilmot Learning Place has been housed in a building owned by the WCA.

The WCA owns and operates the Timmy Patten Park on Shindagin Road. Members and their guests are welcome to use the playground, picnic area, and beach. Please remember that no lifeguard is on duty.

The office in the WCA's Red Barn is open 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays; 3 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; and from 9 a.m. to noon on the last Saturday of each month. Amy Gignac worked in the WCA's office until June, when she resigned to pursue personal interests. Mary Fanelli joined the staff in August as the office manager.

Membership in the WCA, a non-profit 501(c) organization, is open to anyone. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31.

Please visit the WCA's website at wilmotcommunityassoc.com, follow us on Facebook, or contact the office at (603) 526-7934 for more information about programs, facility rental, and membership.

Submitted by the WCA's Board of Directors.

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