

Wilmot Community Association Report for 2014

For more than 50 years the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) has provided facilities where Wilmot residents can participate in recreational, social, and educational activities.

The WCA reflects and enhances Wilmot's amazing community spirit – the essence of why Wilmot is a sought-after place in which to live. Following the WCA's vision, *Bringing Neighbors Together*, here's how the Board of Directors and staff measured our success in 2014:

- At least 2,500 people attended events sponsored by the WCA.
- Nearly 350 volunteers worked more than 2,500 hours on behalf of the WCA.
- 15 local organizations collaborated with the WCA on events.
- More than 3,500 people attended events, programs or classes at the Red Barn sponsored by individuals, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations.

Membership, attendance at events and programs, and facility rentals all increased in 2014 as a result of hard work by volunteers, the WCA's Board of Directors, and staff. We started the year by honoring Patty McGoldrick as the organization's Volunteer of the Year.

The WCA schedules two major fund-raising events each year: the Black Fly Blitz, a 5K run, and the Holiday Craft Fair. Mark your calendars: in 2015, the Black Fly Blitz will be Monday, May 25; the Holiday Craft Fair will be Saturday, December 5.

Investing in Wilmot's young scholars is one way we spend the money we raise. Emily Irick, Tess Jewel, and Amber Young, June graduates of Kearsarge Regional High School, each received the WCA's Kay White Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship honors Kay White, one of the association's founders.

We partnered with the town of Wilmot and the Music on the Bandstand Committee to present six summer concerts. The WCA also collaborated with the Wilmot Ladies Aid Society and the Community Action Program to serve a monthly lunch for senior citizens. The WCA secured underwriting from Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty for underwriting the Wilmot Express and worked with the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Department and the Wilmot Public Library to present the town-wide, progressive holiday event in December. The WCA also sponsored Imagination into Art, Pie Breakfast, Harvest Luncheon, Scarecrow Contest, and a Halloween Party for town youngsters.

The organization coordinated the town-wide cleanup to pick up trash along roads and highways throughout Wilmot. More than 100 people participated in this effort conducted the first week of May. In 2015, the event will be from May 2 to May 9.

In September, the WCA hosted a volunteer appreciation event at Timothy Patten Park to honor the many people who contribute their time to organizations that benefit the community. It was organized by Window on Wilmot (W.O.W.) In late October the WCA hosted a flu shot clinic conducted by the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice.

The Red Barn, the community center at 64 Village Road, is a hub of activity throughout the year. It houses a fully equipped commercial kitchen, a function room that seats up to 75 people, and the organization's offices. It is ideal for business meetings, bridal showers, birthday parties, and other functions. The Red Barn also is home to the Wilmot Learning Place, a private preschool.

The WCA owns and maintains Timothy Patten Park, a playground, picnic area and beach at 28 Shindagan Road. Members and their guests are welcome to use the property.

Two part-time employees, Susan Nye, administrator, and Mary Fanelli, administrative assistant, staff our office from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays through Thursdays and by appointment. David Lorden, part-time custodian, keeps our facilities shipshape. Since COMMUNITY is our middle name, whenever practical and feasible, we contract with local businesses – more than a dozen – for professional services and maintenance.

Membership in the WCA, a not-forprofit 501(c) 3 organization, is open to everyone. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. The WCA provides volunteer opportunities that allow new and longtime Wilmot residents to show their community spirit. From senior citizens to high school students, volunteers always are welcome. Opportunities include one-time tasks, assisting with events, and serving on the board of directors. Being a WCA volunteer is fun and rewarding.

Please visit our website at wilmotcommunityassociation.org, follow us on Facebook, or contact the office at 526-7934 for more information about programs, facility rental, membership, and volunteer opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
WCA's Board of Directors,

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