Wilmot Community Association Report for 2015

For more than 50 years the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) has provided facilities where Wilmot residents can participate in recreational, social, and educational activities. Following the WCA’s vision, Bringing Neighbors Together, here’s how the board of directors and staff measured our success in 2015:

- 9,000 attendees enjoyed events sponsored by the WCA, collaborative organizations, or private individuals.
- Nearly 350 volunteers worked more than 2,500 hours on behalf of the WCA.
- The WCA collaborated with 15 local organizations on a wide variety of events.

Membership, attendance at events and programs, facility rentals, and financial support from the community all increased in 2015.

The WCA schedules two major fund-raising events each year: the Black Fly Blitz, a 5K run on Memorial Day, and the Holiday Craft Fair in December. Other activities in 2015 included Imagination into Art, the Pie Breakfast, a Scarecrow Contest, a Halloween Party, a series of fall concerts, and a Harvest Potluck.

We partnered with the town of Wilmot and the Bandstand Committee to present six summer concerts. The WCA collaborated with the Wilmot Ladies Aid Society and the Community Action Program to serve a monthly lunch for senior citizens. With Restoring the Waters Puppet Theater, founded by Caroline Fairless and Jim Sims, the WCA presented New Voices – Ancient Words, a production in August at Timothy Patten Park. The WCA also worked with the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Department and the Wilmot Public Library to present the Wilmot Express in December.

Investing in Wilmot’s young scholars is one way we spend the money we raise. Kevin Cioffi, Jr. and Matthew Lutz, June graduates of Kearsarge Regional High School, received a Kay White Memorial Scholarship, which honors Kay White, one of the association’s founders.

In honor of David White, Wilmot’s former police chief, the WCA’s board established the David White Memorial Scholarship in 2015. The first recipient will be announced in June.

The WCA Red Barn 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. Capital improvements to the Red Barn in 2015 included installation of air conditioning in the Function Room and improved lighting for the lower parking lot. The Red Barn also is home to the Wilmot Learning Place, a private preschool.

The WCA also owns and maintains Timothy Patten Park, a playground, picnic area, and beach on Shindagan Road. Town residents who have a valid transfer station sticker, and WCA members and their guests are welcome to use the property.
Membership in the WCA, which runs from January 1 to December 31, is open to everyone. The WCA is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization. It offers 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 range from one-time tasks to serving on the board of directors.

Please visit www.wilmotcommunityassociation.org and follow us on Facebook. You can contact the WCA’s office at 526-7934 or wca@tds.net for more information about programs, facility rental, membership, and volunteer opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
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