



Wilmot Community Association Report for 2018

For more than 55 years the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) has been *Bringing Neighbors Together*. 2018 was no exception. Wilmotpalooza - a new event in the fall - was wildly popular with families. The day started with breakfast at the Red Barn, the Association's community center, and moved on to games on the town green and demonstrations on the ballfield on Pine Hill Road. Wilmotpalooza proved to be a wonderful extension to the WCA's programming.

Everyone's favorite activities and programs were back. The Chief David White Health and Safety Series provided interesting and important insights into residential wells and "having the conversation." Fun was had by all at the Mystery Dinner, Pie Breakfast, Halloween Trick or Treating, and three fall concerts.

The WCA is proud to partner with many organizations to offer a wide variety of programs including:

- Six summer concerts with Bandstand Committee
- Monthly lunches for senior citizens with Wilmot Ladies Aid Society, Kearsarge Council On Aging, and the Community Action Program
- A talk followed by a workshop on gardening sustainably with the Wilmot Garden Club and Colby-Sawyer College
- Fairy and Gnome Festival and Santa Comes to Wilmot with the Wilmot Public Library
- Blood drives with the American Red Cross
- A flu shot clinic with Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice
- Chief David White Health and Safety Workshops with the Wilmot Conservation Commission, New London Hospital and Lake Sunapee VNA and Hospice
- Spring cleanup and the town wide yard sale with the Town of Wilmot

Each year, the WCA schedules two major fund-raising events: the Black Fly Blitz, a 5K run on Memorial Day, and the Holiday Craft Fair in December. Both these events are popular throughout the region and bring visitors from near and far.

We invest in local students through scholarships. Quinn Miller, a graduate of Kearsarge Regional High School, received the Chief David White Memorial Scholarship, which honors David White, Wilmot's former police chief.

The WCA is a member-based 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization. It is funded through donations, including the Annual Fund and Membership Drive, grants, and rental income. Membership is open to everyone. The organization owns two facilities, the Red Barn, a community center on Village Road, and Timmy Patten Park, a beach and playground on Shindagan Road. The Red Barn has a fully equipped commercial kitchen, a function room that seats up to 100 people, and the organization's offices. The Red Barn also is home to the Wilmot Learning Place, a private preschool. Timmy Patten Park on Tannery Pond has a playground, picnic area, and beach. Town residents with a valid transfer station sticker and WCA members and their guests are welcome to use the property. Both facilities are available for rent.

Volunteers power the WCA. From students to senior citizens, volunteers always are welcome. Opportunities range from one-time tasks to serving on the board of directors. In 2018 close to 200 people donated more than 2,000 hours of their time to ensure your Association's success.

We invite everyone to join us. To stay up to date on WCA activities, please visit www.wilmotWCA.org and follow us on Facebook. For more information please contact the WCA at wca@tds.net.

Respectfully submitted,
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