



Wilmot Community Association Report for 2019

For more than 55 years the Wilmot Community Association (WCA) has been *Bringing Neighbors Together*. 2019 was no exception. Several new events – Trivia Night, Sock Hop, Mac & Cheese Dinner, Disco Night, meet the candidates night for the town election, and SkyWatch – received rave reviews from attendees. We reprised Wilmotpalooza. The all-day, family-friendly event had something for everyone from pancakes to games, a best dog in town contest, a great concert, a meet and greet with the DHART helicopter team and much more.

Adding to the fun factor, we continued everyone's favorites including the Mystery Dinner, Pie Breakfast, Halloween Trick or Treating, and a visit from Santa.

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 about historic New Hampshire gardens with the Wilmot Garden Club
- Fairy and Gnome Festival with the Wilmot Public Library
- Blood drive with the American Red Cross
- A magical evening at Timmy Patten Park of an original performance of "A Tree Called Once" with Restoring the Waters Puppet Theater
- A presentation about naturalist Edwin Way Teale with the Wilmot Conservation Commission
- A flu shot clinic with Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice
- "Stop the Bleed" workshop with the Wilmot Volunteer Fire Department
- 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 the first Saturday in December. These events are popular throughout the region and bring visitors from near and far.

We invest in local students through scholarships. Carla Hoyt, Josiah Gove, and Russell Mellott, all graduates of Kearsarge Regional High School, received the Kay White Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is named for Kay White, one of the WCA's founders.

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, memorial gifts, 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 2019 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 wilmotWCA.org and follow us on Facebook. For more information please contact the WCA at wca@tds.net.

Respectfully submitted,
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