

NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM ROY HOLZER, TOWN SUPERVISOR

Thanks for reading our Town Newsletter, in the pages of this document, one will find the many issues and projects our community is currently working on. From town government to civic organizations, we have tried to give everyone a pretty good snapshot of all things Wilmington.

First and foremost is the celebration of Wilmington's Bicentennial. Throughout this year many attempts have been made to bring a better awareness to Wilmington's 200 years as community. I would like to personally thank everyone who participated in this endeavor.

As Supervisor, I have tried hard to keep our community informed on issues concerning the town. Almost every week I give a written report that appears on our town Facebook and web page at www.townofwilmington.org. The weekly report is also shared on the Jay News and is physically posted on our bulletin boards at both the Little Super Market and Wilmington Post Office.

In addition to the weekly reports, my office door at your town offices is always open to hear your concerns or suggestions. In the pages of this newsletter is a current update on a few projects that are currently in process.

WILMINGTON HOMESTEAD HOUSING -The town recently had an appraisal completed on land we are purchasing for homestead housing. The next step will be to set up a closing date and secure this property. The funds to purchase the property are coming from a Northern Borders Grant. Currently the concept would be to have six starter homes placed on this property. Of course, this project is still in the early stages. Logistics of property restrictions, implementation and program scope is still in process. However, we do have APA approval on 6 homes for this location. From a town standpoint, between the grant and the affordable nature of the property, securing the land was the very first step.

HIGHWAY BUILDING- As many are aware, our Highway Garage Building sustained major roof damages in May of this year. Our new roof should be started in the next two weeks. The new roof is being constructed up to New York State Fire and Building Codes and will hopefully survive any other "wind events." Upgrades of a generator and other energy efficient items are also planned. One of our biggest challenges was working out issues with the town's insurance carrier. I can honestly say that I have folders and folders of the back and forth with insurance companies, engineers and architects. This entire process has been a huge time consuming project.

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Supervisor's Report *(Continued from page 1)*

PRESTON FESTIVAL FIELD RESTROOMS- I am happy to announce that the new restrooms at Festival Field are now complete. We would like to thank Wilmington Resident Tony Nickinello for his hard work in completing the plumbing portion of this project. The interior work was completed by JFP Enterprises Inc. It should be noted that this entire project has been funded by a personal donation to the town by a seasonal resident. I also have to extend another thank you to Cliff Holzer from the Little Super Market and Darin Forbes for their contributions to this great addition to our festival field.

SHORTTERM RENTAL REGISTRATION- The Town of Wilmington has contracted with a company called GovOS to assist us in registering short term rentals with in the Town of Wilmington. The company we are using is also the same firm the Village of Lake Placid and North Elba uses. I hope to be well on our way by the end of the year with our system in place. Short Term Rentals are certainly a controversial issue with many and I could write pages on the topic. A copy of the Town Of Wilmington's Short Term Rental Ordinance can be found on the town website or one may contact the Town Clerks Office for a hard copy.

MURPHY'S LAW- This past year has been "Murphy's Law" on amp for our town for general insurance claims. In the spring we had trees fall on our beach restrooms roof causing damage. Thankfully, the Insurance Company Covered. Then in May we had the "wind" event at the Highway Garage. Finally, a week ago our water plant was struck by lightning resulting in electronic components being fried. Each time an incident occurs it triggers insurance claims. This creates an entire time consuming process.

PARK PAVILION PROJECT- We continue to receive donations for our covered skate Pavilion that will be in the park. This past July we had an awesome Music event in the park that raised over \$5,000 toward our fund.

ESSEX COUNTY COMMITTEES- As a Town Supervisor, I also serve on the Essex County Board of Supervisors. My committee assignments this year are, Economic Development (Vice Chair) Public Safety, Public Works. Subcommittees and task forces include, Legislative, Transportation, EMS, Board of Elections, Building and Grounds. I also respectfully serve on the Essex County IDA and ACAP Boards.

Roy Holzer

History Trivia Questions (Answers on p.6)

1. The Wilmington Fire Company was formed in what year?
 2. Who formed a blacksmith's shop in Wilmington in 1822?
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Dear Wilmington friends and neighbors,

Whether old-timers or newcomers, we all depend on the services of the Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. No matter the season or whether day or night, members of the department—our friends and neighbors—are there, providing assistance at fires, accidents, and medical emergencies. Your safety is our concern every day of the year. We are here to serve you.

Once a year, we reach out to you to support our team in providing crucial services, which enables our community to survive and thrive. Thanks to your generous donations, we are able to purchase equipment necessary to provide excellent support to our community. Last year with funds raised we bought:

- a storage shed to house our seasonal equipment
- a six-wheel Polaris ATV to aid in backcountry rescues

This year, donations will be directed towards the purchases of:

- protective fire gear
- an enclosed equipment trailer
- a stair chair to safely carry patients up or down stairs

Please help us find you during an emergency by:

1. Displaying your house number prominently so that it is visible from the road. (Think bad weather, heavy snow...can we see your house number?)
2. Keeping roads and driveways open and clear for the ambulance and fire trucks. (Our vehicles are BIG; they can be as large as 33 feet long and 11 feet high.)
3. Guiding the ambulance and trucks in from the road when possible. (This helps us find and reach you more quickly in an emergency when seconds count.)

We are looking for new members to help provide these vital services. Our volunteer roster remains lower than desired. If you are interested, please check the box on the enclosed envelope or call the station for information.

We rely on your support just as you rely on these services. Please know how much we need you. Without your support, we would not be able to provide the range and quality of services needed for the health and safety of the community. We are counting on your generosity now more than ever.

Sincerely,
Louis Adragna, Chief

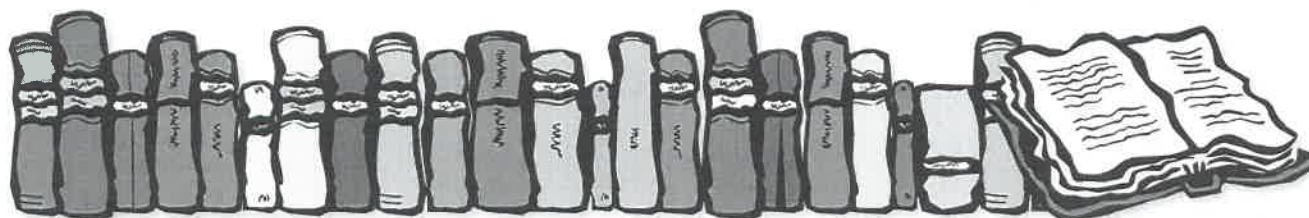
Wilmington E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library News

The library is expecting to undergo a facelift and complete interior remodel this fall. In order to help finance this project, last year we applied for the New York State Public Library Construction Grant for this year's grant cycle. The state was supposed to notify us of the funding results, but there's a delay, and we haven't been informed of the funding amount at this time. We have been assured that in all likelihood we will receive the grant, in the best-case scenario in which we receive 75% funding, we still have at minimum, a \$20,000 budget gap. As construction costs are considerably more than they were last year, we are fundraising to subsidize any additional costs and to help combat any deficit that we may encounter with our current project. To date, we have raised a little over \$8,500 and we are incredibly thankful to all who contributed. Due to the nature of this project, the library will have to close for the duration of this project. We will keep everyone updated on our Facebook page, our website, and the Jay Community News.

Our current fundraiser is a Whiteface Only/Non-Holiday Season Pass. We are selling 200 tickets at \$25 per ticket. We have been assured by ORDA that if you have already purchased a season pass and win this raffle, they will issue a refund.

This fall we are sponsoring a knitting club and knitting lessons. On Wednesday, September 21st we will host our first club meeting from 2:30 to 3:30 and will meet every other week. Our knitting lessons will begin on Saturday, October 1st from 11 to 12, and will also meet every other week. There will be a \$10 supply fee for the class and scholarships are available for those who are in need. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the library at 518-946-7701 or email library@wilmingtoncooperlibrary.net

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped us with our float in the Bicentennial Parade. Tim and Tina Preston, for loaning us the trailer, Doug Smith for his tractor, Karl von Entress for his driving, decorating, and all-around amazingness, our fantastic Mother Goose, Susan Hockert, Santa's Workshop for the costume and props, and finally Ragen and Elyse for their candy throwing skills. We wouldn't be where we are if not for this phenomenal community.





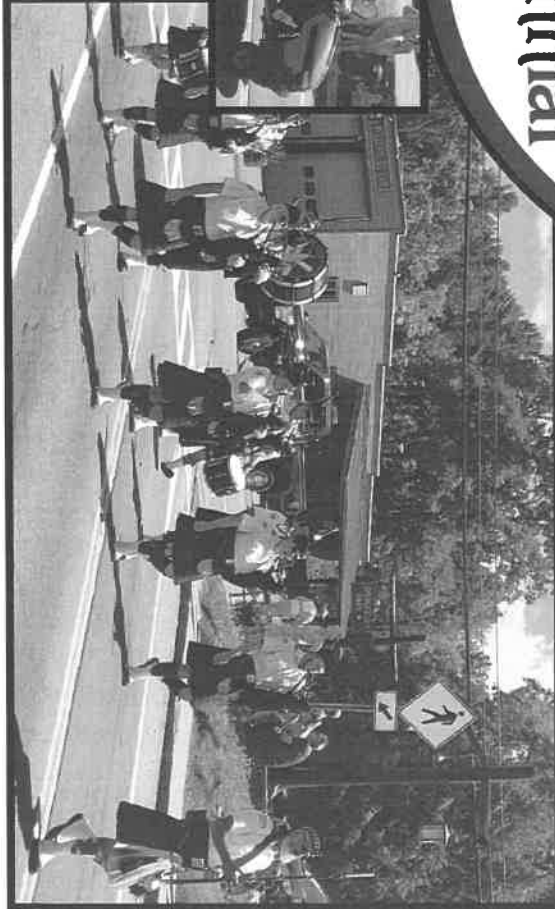
Celebrating 200 Years

1822-2022

WILMINGTON

HOME OF
WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN

Bicentennial



WHITEFACE VISITORS

We have had a VERY busy year! Here is just a highlight of some of the things our office has been working on in 2022. We kicked off the year with our annual Welcome to Wilmington Dinner, honoring this year's recipient Joyce Terry—Citizen of the Year. Not long after, we kicked in event season with the 22nd Annual Ausable River Two Fly challenge, followed a few weeks later by the 20th Anniversary of the Whiteface Uphill Bike Race.

This year Ironman invited us to have a booth in their "village" allowing us the opportunity to show the athletes and families a taste of what Wilmington has to offer. It was very encouraging to see the event from this side of things.



In July we had the 1st Annual Wilmington Mountain Music Fest.....all we can say is WOW! The turnout and feedback has been fantastic and we are already planning for next year's.



Wilmington Town Dinner Honoring Joyce Terry Citizen of the Year
Also pictured Jeri Wright & Wendy Grossmann

Bryan from Bucksberry Farm a vendor from this year's Wilmington Farmer's Market



BUREAU Bits



Ironman Booth Representing Wilmington

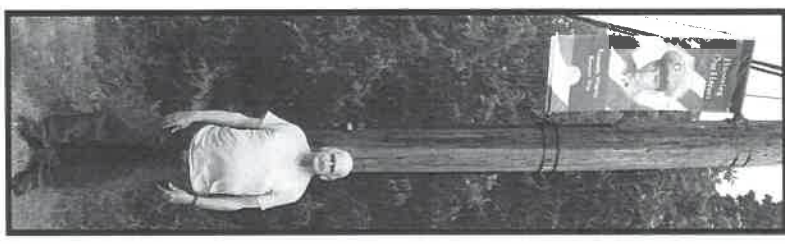


This year we entered into our first full season for the Farmer's Market.

We averaged 10-15 vendors weekly and we are already planning for next year's season.

Our office has been busy with many projects. Stop by the Visitors Bureau and pick up your copy of our new Whiteface Region Vacation Guide. A lot of time and effort went into creating this magazine featuring Wilmington and the surrounding area.

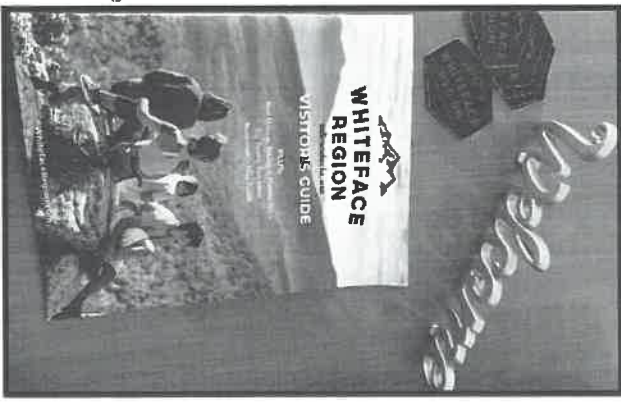
There are always opportunities to help out the town with special projects and events. Get involved and see what you've been missing!



Ken Weaver Standing under his HomeTown Hero Banner



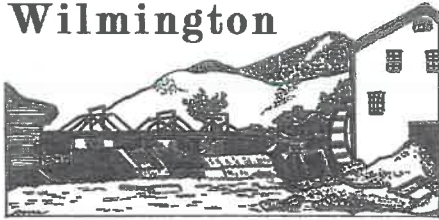
280 Cyclist Registered this Year For the 20th Anniversary Whiteface Uphill Bike Race



Our float for the Bicentennial



Wilmington



Historical Society

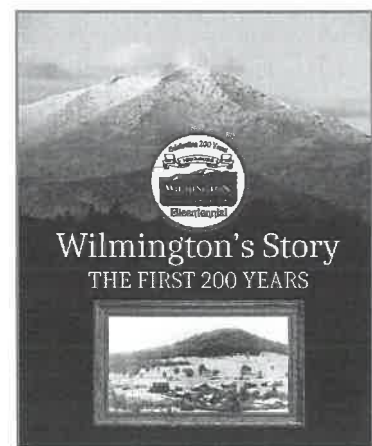
A new book!

Wilmington's Bicentennial year is here! While our town has never had a population of more than 1300 residents, significant events have taken place here and town residents have shaped not only local, but state and national history. The new book, *Wilmington's Story -- the First 200 Years*, attempts to accurately capture the details of Wilmington's journey through time, with memories, photos and surprises for everyone.

You will be sure to find farmers, flies and fishermen; industrialists, heroes, photographers, politicians, and presidents; artists, dreamers, writers, explorers, and Olympians; bikers and hikers; good ole' Adirondack creativity, and a great love for our natural beauty of the AuSable River and surrounding mountains and lakes... all while maintaining small town charm and appeal. Wilmington has grappled with weather events, economic downturns, slavery and abolition, immigration, evolving technologies, Prohibition, and an ever-changing local economy. The natural resources and extraordinary beauty of the area have always drawn people from many walks of life. With grit, ingenuity, creativity, skills, and tenacity our citizens have overcome obstacles and maintained a vibrant community. What began as a farming, lumbering, mining and industrial community 200 years ago, has slowly transformed into a four-season resort and outdoor recreation destination today.

A Book Review in the August 31, 2022 Adirondack Daily Enterprise, reviewer Richard Frost says this, "When I learned the town of Wilmington was publishing a history as part of its bicentennial commemoration, I imagined long lists of events, detailed sketches of people I hadn't heard of, and lots of arcane references familiar to residents but not to an outsider like me. What I got instead was a short and breezy volume, under 50 pages, written in heavy prose but in the style of an anecdotal timeline. I sat down and went through the book in maybe an hour, enjoying every minute..." He also says, "The book is easy to read with crisp, clear layout and lots of photos. I found myself wanting those touch-screen buttons labeled 'want to learn more?' Congratulations to the Wilmington Historical Society for their achievement."

The historical society would like to thank all those people who encouraged us and offered ideas for the book project. Historical society members Judy Lawrence, Merri Carol Peck, and Karen Marshall Peters wrote the book with significant research assistance from Guy Stephenson. They spent many hours researching, checking dates and events, talking with people, getting leads on events or stories, obtaining photos and documents, writing and proofing. It is a work of dedication by all those who participated in making the project possible, including the professional guidance of Beth and Tim Rowland of High Peaks Publishing. We thank all those who took the time to be interviewed, to search for and contribute photos and documents to help us complete this work. Some people literally took photos off their walls to copy them for us! The book may be purchased at a retail price of \$10.00 at wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org, Amazon.com, or locally at the Whiteface Visitors Bureau, the Wilmington Town Hall, the Little Supermarket, Up A Creek Restaurant, Adirondack Chocolates, the Bookstore Plus in Lake Placid, or the Book Nook in Saranac Lake.



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WHISKEY RUN & FESTIVAL

The 5th Annual Wilmington Whiteface Whiskey Run & Festival held on June 18th to benefit the Wilmington Historical Society's building fund, was back in-person this year. Over 300 runners participated in the 5K and 10 K races, a new record! Race finishers received a t-shirt, a 2 oz. flask medal, a "swag bag" filled with items from local businesses, and a chance for a prize in a special racer's raffle as well as prizes for first, second and third overall and in age categories. We would like to thank all our sponsors and volunteers who helped make the race event possible. ***The Festival following the race was made possible thanks to an Adirondack Foundation Generous Acts Grant (granted in 2020 but allowed to be postponed until 2022 due to the pandemic).*** The event featured the Battle of Plattsburgh re-enactors with the firing of a cannon, 1814-style camp and marches, a Craft Fair with over 40 vendors, raffles featuring local products, and Celtic music and entertainment by the "Men O'War Balladeers." In addition, there was a special ceremony at 12:30pm in honor of the local soldiers from Jay/Wilmington who fought at the Battle of Plattsburgh in 1814. Free whiskey, beer and wine tastings were provided by local craft distilleries, breweries, and wineries to go along with the theme of the Festival. While the weather deteriorated in the afternoon with temperatures hovering around 50 degrees F, wind and rain, we still had a successful event. ***Next year's Whiskey Run & Festival will be held on Saturday, June 17th--- save the date!***



Annual Gift Card Basket Raffle

The Wilmington Historical Society is once again sponsoring our ***Annual Gift Card Basket Raffle***, valued at over \$500. The drawing will take place on **Saturday, September 10th at Wilmington's Festival of Colors**. This is your chance to get all your shopping for the year done all at once! If you win, you get ALL the gift cards and there is something for nearly everyone on your gift list! Donation Amount: \$5 per raffle ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. *Winner need not be present but must make arrangements to collect the prize.* All proceeds benefit the Wilmington Historical Society. Raffle Tickets may be purchased **all day** at the Festival of Colors or online *up until 12 noon on SEPTEMBER 10th* through the special *Raffle Gift Card Donate* button on our website at www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org You may also contact the Wilmington Historical Society at 518-946-7783 or email whs12997@hotmail.com for further information.



Bicentennial Parade

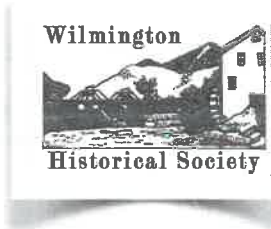
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1. It was formed by citizens in 1921, and received formal town approval in 1923.

Trivia Answers

2. Amos Avery



Summer Speaker Series 2022 a big success!

Our Bicentennial Summer Speaker Series was big success, with attendees in-person, on Zoom and afterwards with the programs made available on our website and YouTube. Our programs included "**Wilmington-Where Mountain and River Meet**" presented by Wilmington Historical Society President Karen Marshall Peters, "**And Grandma Said... Iroquois Teachings: as passed down through the oral tradition**" with Tom Porter (author and sub-chief of the Bear

Clan of the Mohawk Nation at Akwasasne), "**History, Lore & Restoration Projects of the Northern Adirondack Fire Towers**" with author Martin Podskoch, and the annual "**Wilmington Historical Walking Tour**" led by licensed guide Guy Stephenson and Wilmington Historical Society President Karen Marshall Peters.

The Summer Speakers Series was made possible by the Essex County Arts Council's Cultural Assistance Program Grant with funding provided by Essex County. Refreshments were provided by the Up A Creek Restaurant

Bicentennial Parade

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HIGHWAY CAMERAS

This past year the town of Wilmington partnered with the AuSable River Association in placing live stream camera's on the Whiteface Memorial Highway. This was a joint effort to facilitate reduced road salt usage and look at the roads in the winter in real time conditions. The camera has saved the Highway department some money. Instead of sending out an employee on overtime with a town vehicle to check a section of road, we can view the road to see if road treatment is needed. For more information on this project, feel free to contact Highway Superintendent Louie Adragna.

BICENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE PROJECT

Please join us in the commemoration of Wilmington's Bicentennial Time Capsule which will be sealed shut for 50 years. The event is slated to take place on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 10 am at Preston Festival Field in Wilmington. For further information, contact Marjorie Swift, committee chair at mas7642@yahoo.com



Hi everyone,

I would again like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve you as your town clerk. I am really enjoying the job.

I would like to give you a summary of the services available at my office.

We have the new hunting licenses and the books, and hunting seasons are upon us fast.

I also printed a bulletin from the state that helps explain the new gun law. This is available in the town hall, or I can email them to you. Contact me at townclerk@townofwilmington.org.

The town clerk's office also can issue handicap permits and renew them when needed.

I am also a notary for the State of New York and can notarize items if the need arises.

There is no charge for this service in my office.

The minutes of the meetings are now posted on the town's website, townofwilmington.org. I will also email them to anyone who would like them.

Contact me at townclerk@townofwilmington.org to set this up.

I can also renew your dog's license or help you get a new one.

My hours are 10 AM till 2 PM but I am usually here until at least 3pm. If someone needs something we can decide on a time to meet, I am willing to come in earlier or stay later to accommodate the residents of our town. There is also a mailbox outside the town offices, if I am not there you can leave your taxes, water payments, and dog licenses there and I will mail you a receipt.

Take care,

Dawn Stevens

Dawn Stevens

Bits 'n' Pieces

ANNIVERSARY LAPEL PINS- Be sure to get your special Wilmington Bicentennial Lapel Pin. Currently they are available for \$2.00 each and one can find them at the town offices, Visitors Bureau and Little Super Market. The funds raised from the pins offset the cost of Bicentennial events. Also, Bicentennial Pendant banners will be available at the end of the year for \$40 each.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES- We are happy to report that a total of 10 Thursday night concerts were held at the town beach this past summer. Thank You to all our sponsors and residents that made donations to this much loved event.

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HONORED- This past year we had 19 local students that graduated from area High Schools. For the third year in a row, Patti McConvey organized a banner project where banners with the student's picture was on display in our community celebrating their accomplishment. Banners were paid for by donations from the community.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THE TOWN OFFICES- Please remember that the Town of Wilmington maintains an active list of all Essex County Civil Service Openings at your town offices. Currently the county has about 45 open positions. If interested, please stop in and we would be happy to make copies of any of the job announcements for you.



From the Water Department

Please remember to keep your contact information up to date, we have seen many cases where there have been water leaks in unoccupied homes, and we have no way of contacting you to let you know. You can update your information any time via mail, phone or email: PO Box 180, Wilmington, NY 12997; 518-946-7174 x 301; or nicoleforbes@townofwilmington.org.



In 2023, the New York State Health Department will be conducting a service line inventory. You can help by contacting Ed Orsi in the Water Dept. and letting him know what type of service line you have: PVC, copper pipe, iron, etc. Otherwise, Ed will be going door-to-door to get this information from you.

Also, the Annual Water Quality Report (AWQR) is available for your review on our website: www.townofwilmington.org, or contact us, we will be glad to send you a copy.

WILMINGTON FISH, GAME & SPORT CLUB



The club meets the last Wednesday of the month at 6 pm at our range off Evergreen Lane. Annual dues are \$30.00 for one person, \$40.00 for a couple. Dues and member information can be mailed to P.O. Box 83, Wilmington, NY 12997. New membership year starts on September 1st each year. We hold two clay bird shoots each year, spring, and fall. The dates will be announced ahead of the events. The club also has a Facebook page: facebook.com/WilmingtonFGSC. We do not meet from November until April. Club members help with fish stocking and host a kid's fishing derby in the spring.
Guy Stephenson Jr., Vice President

DOG CONTROL NEWS

Just a reminder: all dogs over four months old **are required by law** to be licensed and rabies shots up to date.

Licenses need to be renewed each year and should be on the dog at all times for identification purposes.

Owners that have **unlicensed dogs or dog licenses that have expired can expect to receive a summons to appear in court in violation of the town dog control ordinance**. This could result in fines and court fees. Also, a reminder that **there is a leash law in Wilmington**, and it is a violation of the law for dogs to be running loose.

Licensing may be done at the Town Clerk's Office at the Community Center from 10 am to 2pm, the cost is \$20.00 for dogs that are not neutered/spayed and \$10.00 for dogs that are. If you need a copy of the dog control ordinance, please feel free to contact the Town Clerk at 518-946-7174 x 303.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR PET LEGAL AND SAFE BY GETTING THEM VACCINATED FOR RABIES AND KEEPING THEIR LICENSE UP TO DATE.

Please have respect for others that live in your neighborhood by not allowing your dog to be outside barking continuously for a long period of time. Your dog and your neighbors will appreciate it.

Finally, the Winter months are coming up quickly, please remember that dogs should not be left outside in the cold for extended periods of time. Your dog should be treated like family, and they feel the weather just like we do.

Thank you
John Langford
Dog Control Officer



Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2021
Wilmington Water District
Town of Wilmington
PO Box 180 Wilmington, NY 12997
(Public Water Supply ID NY1500300)

INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, Wilmington Water District will be annually issuing a report describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. This report provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Ed Orsi, Water Superintendent at (518) 946-7210. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, we would be pleased to discuss any drinking water issues in person or please feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled town board meetings. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Community Center on Springfield Road.

WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

In general, the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include microbial contaminants, inorganic contaminants, pesticides and herbicides, organic chemical contaminants, and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves approximately 980 people through 400 service connections. The water source consists of a dam impoundment on White Brook, which is located off the Whiteface Mountain Memorial Highway. A dam impoundment on Red Brook, located just north of White Brook, serves as an auxiliary water source. Water from both of these surface sources is filtered, disinfected, and treated for corrosion control prior to distribution.

ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, haloacetic acids, radiological and synthetic organic compounds. The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, is more than one year old.

During 2021, we started to sample our drinking water for the per- and polyfluorinated compounds PFOA and PFOS and 1,4-dioxane on a quarterly basis. We collected samples during all 4 quarters of 2021 for PFOS, PFOA, and 1,4-dioxane and the results were below the detection limit for all three parameters. We will collect PFOA, PFOS and 1,4-dioxane samples again in 2022.

It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or the New York State Health Department (518) 891-1800.

Table of Detected Contaminants							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measure- ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants							
Turbidity ¹	no	07/20/2021	0.26	NTU	n/a	TT=<1NTU	Soil Runoff
Turbidity ¹	no	2021	100 % < 0.3	NTU	n/a	TT=95%of samples <0.3NTU	Soil Runoff
Inorganic Contaminants							
Barium	no	2021	ND	mg/l	2	2(MCL)	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	no	2021	ND	mg/l	na	10 (MCL)	Runoff from fertilizer use, leaching from septic systems & erosion of natural deposits
Lead	no	2019	0.0012 ² (ND - 0.012) ³	mg/L	0.015	0.015 (AL)	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Copper	no	2019	0.0061 ² (ND - .11) ³	mg/L	1.3	1.3 (AL)	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Fluoride	no	2019	0.2	mg/L	n/a	2.2 (MCL)	Naturally occurring.
Zinc	no	2019	0.034	mg/L	n/a	5 (MCL)	Naturally occurring; mining wastes
Sodium	no	2019	3.1	mg/L	n/a	See Note 4	Naturally occurring; Road salt; Water softeners; Animal waste.
Chloride	no	2019	5.1	mg/L	n/a	250 (MCL)	Naturally occurring or indicative of road salt contamination.
Radioactive Contaminants							
Radium 226 & 228	no	2017	0	pCi/L	0	5 (MCL)	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	no	2017	0	pCi/L	0	15 (MCL)	Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection Byproducts – Stage 2							
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	no	2021	34.9 ⁵ 14.9 – 56.2 ⁶	ug/L	na	80 (MCL)	By-products of drinking water chlorination needed to kill harmful organisms. TTHMs are formed when source water contains measurable amounts of organic matter.
Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)	no	2021	30.5 ⁵ 18.5 – 41.4 ⁶	ug/l	na	60 (MCL)	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Notes:

¹ – Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We test it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. Our highest single turbidity measurement (0.26) for the year occurred on (07/20/2021). State regulations require that turbidity must always be below 1 NTU. The regulations require that 95% of the turbidity samples collected have measurements below 0.3 NTU. We did not have any measurements that exceeded this criterion. All the measurements recorded were within the acceptable range allowed and did not constitute a treatment technique violation.

² – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the 10 sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the lead and copper values detected at your water system. In this case, 10 samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was the 2nd highest value.

³ – The level presented represents a range of the samples collected. The action levels for lead and copper were not exceeded at any of the test sites.

⁴ - Water containing more than 20 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on severely restricted sodium diets. Water containing more than 270 mg/l of sodium should not be used for drinking by people on moderately restricted sodium diets.

⁵ - The value represents the highest Locational Running Annual Average of the samples collected

⁶ - The values represent the range of the samples collected.

Definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Milligrams per liter (mg/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).

Micrograms per liter (ug/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) – picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Wilmington is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

Last year our system was in compliance with applicable State drinking water operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

The NYS Department of Health completed a source water assessment for this system based on available information. The assessment area for this drinking water source contains no discrete PCSs, and none of the land cover contaminant prevalence ratings are greater than low. However, the high mobility of microbial contaminants in reservoirs results in this drinking water intake having medium-high susceptibility ratings for protozoa and enteric bacteria and viruses. Furthermore, reservoirs are highly susceptible to water quality problems caused by phosphorus additions. The health department will use this information to direct future source water protection activities. These may include water quality monitoring, resource management, planning, and education programs. A copy of the assessment, including a map of the assessment area, can be obtained by contacting us as noted below.

DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium*, *Giardia* and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT?

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;
- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions so that essential fire fighting needs are met. You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:
 - Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
 - Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
 - Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community. Please call our office at (518) 946-7179 if you have questions.

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