

NEWSLETTER

From your Town Supervisor

Greetings Wilmington Citizens. Here's the news out of the Supervisor's office.

I ask the Town to welcome Nicole Forbes as the new Clerk to the Supervisor. A Wilmington native, daughter of Steve and Nancy Randall, granddaughter of Ellen Paret, Nicole comes with a strong financial background and will be a perfect fit for the Town as we say goodbye to our clerk of more than thirty years, Shirley Lawrence. Shirley will be training Nicole until June 30th when she retires. So please welcome Nicole and thank Shirley for her many dedicated years of service to our community.

Water Meters

Beginning in February, your water usage will be billed according to the new metering system. Billing will be twice a year in February and August. There is a new base rate and then a sliding scale based on usage. Most people will see a drop as our new base rate for a residential home will be \$ 70.00 for up to 20,000 gallons bi-annually, with a 10% discount for seniors. The new commercial rate is \$ 140.00 bi-annually up to 40,000 gallons. Contact the Water Superintendent or the Town Office with questions. There is not a more fair way of billing than paying for what you use. I will caution that if you are a large user of water your bill could rise significantly.

Dredging

After many, many years the Dredging Feasibility Study is complete. The bottom line cost estimate, without permitting, is 2.5 million dollars. In the future, I would like to see an informational vote to see if taxpayers are willing to foot the bill for this, as it would be a significant

tax increase. We would lay out what the increase would be over a 30-year period to allow the public to make an informed decision whether to move forward or not. I would not anticipate much, if any, grant funding as dredging is not seen as being environmentally friendly. A copy of the study is on file at the Town Offices.

Grant News

The Town has been awarded a \$200,000 Micro-Enterprise Grant from the NYS Office of Community Renewal. This grant is for low to moderate-income businesses, which through an application process, can apply for funding for start-up or for an existing business. Several applications have been received and awards are anticipated to be made by March 1st.

The Town, in cooperation with ORDA, Essex County Planning, and Adirondack Architectural Heritage



has secured a \$250,000 grant for repairs to the buildings and stonework on the summit of Whiteface Mountain. Our most important treasure, the Whiteface Mountain Veterans Memorial Highway has been falling into disrepair. This committee was formed by the Town to search out funding for the repairs to the Highway itself and the infrastructure. This step is just the first in a very long process in securing funding to revitalize this national treasure. We are currently awaiting the results of an engineering study being performed by NYS

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Supervisor's Report (cont'd)

Department of Transportation for repairs to the road itself. We wish to thank the local DOT personally for their assistance in getting this study performed.

Town Beach

The new bathrooms are 90% complete with the finishing touches to be done in the spring. Work is 50% complete on the new boat launch, and the new cedar log lighting is being constructed by our highway forces during down time this winter. The pavilion construction is scheduled to be started in the fall.

Youth Center

Buy the time you receive this we should have a new Youth Center Director on board. We thank Michelle Hozley for her years of service. We plan to revamp the structure of the entire program and have a grand re-opening celebration.

The Town Board and the Youth Commission are meeting together to brainstorm new ideas. We are going to try a split time for different age groups, with Saturday from 12-4 being for just 12-year-olds and under. Thanks to Ted Holzer for being a great interim director! Stay tuned for more information as time goes on.

Trails

We have been working closely with DEC forester Rob Daley on our local trails. The Wilmington Wild Forest plan was enacted in 2005 with very little money to complete the plan. Aside from our wonderful Flume Trails, a snowmobile/mountain bike trail was approved.

The snowmobile trail would run from the North Pole 100 Acre Woods up the mountain to the Cooper Kiln Trail and then over the backside of the mountain to tie in with the Franklin/Clinton County trail systems.

The mountain bike part would run from the North Pole 100 Acre Woods to the Cooper Kiln Pond and tie in with the trail to the flume system. When this is finished it will be an immediate economic boom for the Town.

Next we would be looking to tie the Flume and the Hardy Road mountain bike trails together, continuing to make Wilmington a fantastic mountain bike destination. This project is a priority for us, and we are hopeful we can have a finished product soon. Thanks to Jim and Mary

Ellin Carmelitano for allowing access through their property.

Christmas Celebration

The 3rd Annual Wilmington Christmas Celebration was yet again a huge success! We wish to thank the Town Board, Matt Stanley and the staff of Santa's Workshop, Committee members Bob Hockert, Michelle Burns, Shirley Lawrence, Gerald Bruce and all the volunteers.

More thanks go to the Wilmington Youth Center, Wilmington Fire Department, Wilmington Town employees, Essex County Sheriff's Office, all the people who donated snacks, and John Peck for the poster.

Entertainment was provided by the Dogs of Jazz, the AuSable Forks Elementary School Chorus, the Lake Placid Elementary School Chorus, AuSable Valley High School Jazz Choir, and the Lake Placid High School Women's Ensemble.

Thanks to all who donated for the children's gifts and the fireworks:

Gold Sponsors:

Essex County Youth Bureau, Little Super Market, Wilkins Insurance Agency, Whiteface Region Business & Tourism Center, Whiteface Mountain, Paul Wos-Owaissa Club

Silver Sponsors:

The Hungry Trout, The Candyman, Rhoda Morrisroe, and Douglas Stoner.

Bronze Sponsors:

Alpine Country Inn & Suites, Mulvey's Adirondack Farm Market, Birch Tree Lodge, Carr-Hughes Productions, Willkommen Hof B&B, Joan Carr, Grand View Motel, Green Mountain Lodge/Mel's Diner, Haselton Lumber, Ledge Rock at Whiteface, Dr. Emil Miskovsky, Mountain Brook Lodge, Jack & Noreen Levitt, Jeri Wright, North Pole Resort, Wilderness Inn, Peck Builders, Century Fire Apparatus, AuSable Two Fly Shop, The Country Bear, Young/Lyon Hardware, Thomas Hinman, ABC Automotive, C. Grady Automotive, Adirondack Sauna, Whiteface Insurance & Investments, Whiteface Community Methodist Church.

This event could not have happened without everyone's kindness.

That's it for now.

History Trivia Questions

1. How many soldiers did the Wilmington/Jay area supply at the Battle of Plattsburgh in September of 1814 during the War of 1812?
2. What current town was formed by separating from Wilmington in 1844?

(Answers on page 7)

Summer Concerts

We are looking forward to another successful concert season at the beach and will be starting our fundraising efforts in a few months. All donations are greatly appreciated. Don't forget the concerts start at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday during the months of July and August. If you have fundraising ideas or would like to help out with the concerts, please contact Shirley Lawrence at 946-7174 or 946-1282.



Councilman Steve Corvelli

I hope everyone is having a safe and healthy start to 2011.

I have some encouraging news about our Verizon cell tower. Verizon Wireless has included the construction of our tower in their 2011 budget. I did not get any timetable from them yet, but I will update everyone at the Town Board meetings as I hear from them. If it takes the rest of this year for the construction and start up of the tower, that's only five years since I first approached them on this project. How time flies when you're trying to accomplish something so beneficial to the welfare of the community.

The process of upgrading the Town's Zoning Code is finally approaching its completion. There will be a final public hearing at the March Town Board meeting. It was a long process and the committee is very thankful for all the input and cooperation we received from the citizens and business owners in our community.

The Elizabethtown Community Hospital is establishing an Ambassador Board to assist with community outreach, general support, fundraising initiatives, and to solicit feedback regarding the hospital's services and programs. I have been contacted by Rod Boula, the Administrative CEO of the hospital and asked to become an Ambassador for them. I am honored to be considered for a position on this new board. I will be attending a meeting at the hospital in February with Mr. Boula, Ulrich Hoffmann, who is the President of the Board of Directors, and other prospective board members. I believe that the High Peaks Health Center in Wilmington has been a tremendous asset to our community and a wonderful success for the Elizabethtown Community Hospital.

As I'm sure everyone already knows, Michele Hozley terminated her position as the Director of our Youth Center. I just want to say thank you, Michele, for all of the years of dedication and hard work you have given to our youth and the community.

In closing, I thank everyone for allowing me to represent you and your interests on the Town Board, and encourage you to attend meetings and get involved as much as you can. Wilmington is a great place.

Respectfully, Councilman Steve Corvelli

E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library News

Meet the Library Board:

Karen d'Avignon, President.

Karen grew up in Wilmington and her great aunt was the librarian. She always loved visiting the library, but felt that it was a scary place because it seemed so big and dark. She recalls participating in summer fundraisers to keep the library open and the terrible years when it was closed. After living in Colorado for some time, Karen moved back to Wilmington. She worked at Santa's Workshop for twenty years as the candlemaker and the art director. She is currently employed at High Falls Gorge as manager and gift shop buyer. Karen has served on the Library Board for many years and is also a member of the Friends of the Library, finding both positions rewarding but challenging as we struggle with funding.

Jane Sibalski, Vice-President.

Jane is originally from Hawaii. She has been on the board for many years. She enjoys quilting and knitting. Jane and her husband Dick live in Wilmington.

Judi Gould, Treasurer

Judi moved to Wilmington in 2002 from San Diego. Her husband Dan has family roots in Wilmington going back five generations. Dan has always dreamed of retiring here. Judi has served on the Library Board, the Friends of the Library, the Planning Board, the Local Waterfront Revitalization Committee and numerous other committees since moving here full time. Judi enjoys gardening, cooking, socializing and entertaining friends and family who find this area such a wonderful change from suburbia.

Kathy Briggs, Secretary

Kathy moved to Wilmington in 2003 with her husband Scott and sons Colin and Justin. Kathy teaches music at Lake Placid Elementary where she has worked for 22 years. She also directs the High Peaks Ringers. Kathy is an avid reader and bakes fantastic goodies. Kathy joined the Library Board last year.

Gail Mitchell

Gail moved to Wilmington in 1991 after living in the Cayman Islands for three years. She purchased the old Route 86 diner and turned into "The Country Bear" which she owned for fifteen years. She has since retired and lives on Quaker Mountain with her husband, Tom. They both enjoy kayaking, camping and skiing. Gardening is a passion of hers. She also loves reading and knitting. Gail has served on the Library board for the past twelve years.

Sylvia Mustelier

Sylvia has lived in the North Country for most of her life. She has been a member of the Library Board for about twelve years. Her interests include sports, gardening, reading, friends, family and her tiny dog Jazz.

Look for a fun community-oriented event in the spring!

Jenny Winch

Jenny has lived in Wilmington for eleven years. She and her husband, Jason, have a lovely daughter, Amber, who is in fourth grade at LPES. Jenny is a certified Elementary School teacher who substitutes at LPES. She enjoys hiking, skiing and camping in the Adirondacks when school is not in session. In her free time, she enjoys scrapbooking, cake decorating and curling up on the couch with a good book. Jenny is excited to be on the Library board because she will help ensure it remains an important part of the town.

On November 4, the Library hosted the AuSable Valley Dance Club performance at the Whiteface Range Hall. These talented kids put on quite a show. Thank you to Roy Holzer who helped make the performance a great success.

The Library is in serious need of some structural repairs. Any community members willing to donate time and/or materials to the Library please contact Samantha Baer, Director at 946-7701.

Board member and Master Gardener Gail Mitchell will be overseeing the Youth Garden again this summer. Gardening is a great experience for children of all ages to learn about growing things and benefit from the garden's bounty.

We will also be having a summer reading program this year. Anyone wishing to participate can sign up at the Library.

Boy Scout Cody Langley has chosen the Library as the location for his Eagle Scout project. He is currently working on converting one of our supply closets into an archive room for our magazines and other historical material. He will also be building a bookshelf for the Library. We are fortunate to be the recipient of this worthy project.

The Friends of the Library will be hosting their annual Food and Yard/Plant Sale on Saturday June 11 starting at 10 AM.

WANTED: Cookie recipes for an upcoming cookbook. They can be dropped off at the library or by e-mail library@wilmingtoncooperlibrary.net

Are you looking for computer training? How about job search skills and tips on improving your resume? Ken Doyle from One Work Source will be at the library once a month to help with job skills and to teach computer basics.

February 17 - 9:30 to 11:30: Resume & Interview Coaching
2 pm: Basic Word
3 pm: Basic Excel
March 24 - 9:30 to 11:30: Resume & Interview Coaching
2 pm: Using the Internet

(more Library info on page 5)

How Is Our Library Funded?

When you ask this question, the common response is “through our tax dollars.” This is true, but only to a limited extent.

The library compiles the budget each year based on trends from the prior year. The 2011 budget is a balanced budget and the total budget is \$29,000. There are three sources of funds that the library depends on:

- AuSable Valley School District contributes \$3500
- Lake Placid School District contributes \$11,000
- Town of Wilmington contributes \$9,000
- Total contributions are \$23,500

These amounts leave a shortfall of \$5,500. Where does that money come from? Primarily, the shortfall is made up from small grants, fundraisers and donations. Despite efforts to raise additional funds in 2010, the library ended with almost a \$1000 deficit.



What does the library spend money on beside books? The library pays for fuel oil, electricity and water. We pay for the telephone; however, our internet service is donated. We have four public use computers--all maintenance of the computers is donated; however, the printer and copier use paper and toner cartridges, which are purchased. The Library Director is paid a salary. In addition to the salary and associated taxes, the library must pay disability, workers' comp. and liability insurance. These categories comprise the bulk of the expenses.

The library has received several endowments with the stipulation that only interest income is to be used. With interest rates so low, the income from these endowments is nil.

The Friends of the Library are an independent group which raises money to assist the library. The Friends hold fundraisers twice a year and conduct a giving campaign in March. The Friends assist with book purchases, however, their primary focus is the maintenance of the library. In the past, they purchased replacement, energy-efficient, windows and front door, the ramp to the building, the security system, and numerous other enhancements. They also pay for the library to be cleaned on a weekly basis. This year, the library building is facing major maintenance issues. Windowsills are rotting, the building exterior is deteriorating and the stone pillars need to be redone. This maintenance work cannot be put off any longer and will be the focus of the Friends' fundraising activities. The Town maintains the insurance on the building, removes snow and trash, mows the lawn, and does what it can to assist in maintaining the building.

How can you help? The library greatly appreciates donations to underwrite expenses. For example, Eye Care for the Adirondacks donated funds toward the purchase of large print books. Also, a fund has been established in the memory of William Carr and historical books are purchased with those funds. In 2009, a loyal patron underwrote the cost of fuel oil. Additionally, supporting The Friends of the Library in their fundraising endeavors is most welcome. As expenses continue to grow and income stays relatively the same, it is up to us as a community to assure the library thrives and is able to provide the services our citizens deserve.

We invite you to visit our library and discover all it has to offer. We are open each week from Wednesday through Saturday.

Paid Emergency Medical Technicians

The Wilmington Fire District Commissioners and the Wilmington Town Council have joined together to make Wilmington a safer place to live and work. There is a growing problem throughout the country that has finally reached our community. It is getting harder and harder to get and retain volunteers for emergency medical response. The training requirements are very long and the hours these volunteers give to the community add up fast. At an emergency meeting of the Commissioners, Fire and Rescue officers, Town Highway Superintendent, and the Town Supervisor, a plan was devised to help keep our community safe.

The Fire District had already hired Jodie Agee, who is certified in Critical Care, to work one day a week to respond to ambulance calls, do all the necessary mandated paperwork and keep the ambulances fully supplied. With the new agreement, Christopher Hozley, an EMT and lieutenant of the Rescue Squad, has been hired to work for the Town's Highway Department and will also work with both the Water and Parks Department as needed. He will work four, ten-hour days per week and will automatically respond to any ambulance calls during those hours. His salary will be paid half by the Town, which already has that money in the budget for part-time workers, and half by the Fire District, which will draw the money from funds collected by third party billing of ambulance calls to Whiteface Ski Center. Also, Miranda Ward, who is certified in Advanced Life Support, will be hired per diem by the Fire District, to work if either Jodie or Christopher needs time off.

With this plan in place, there will always be an EMT to respond to ambulance calls, Monday through Friday from 6:30 am till 5pm. After 5pm, and on the weekends, our volunteer EMT's should be home from work and be able to respond to calls. It is a win-win situation for Wilmington residents.

FEMA Grant

The district is once again fortunate to receive a FEMA grant for \$30,000 to purchase new Turnout Gear and new Water Rescue Suits. The district thanks Randy Preston for his diligence in filing these grant requests

New Roof

The flat roof on the firehouse has been leaking and has had numerous repairs. The district will have the roof replaced this spring when the weather breaks.

Members Needed

We are always in need of new members. Please see article on page 9 as to how you can join the Wilmington Fire and Rescue Department.

Respectfully submitted,
 Wilmington Fire & Rescue Officers & Fire District Commissioners

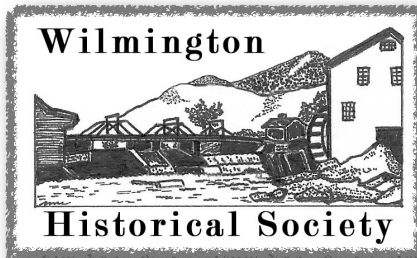
2011 Fire and Rescue Officers

- Chief* *Louis Adragna*
- 1st Assistant Chief*
Randy Preston
- 2nd Assistant Chief/Fire*
Travis Holzer
- 2nd Assistant Chief/Rescue*
Bill Minogue
- Captain Fire*
Chris Kostoss
- Captain Rescue*
Matt Levenson
- Lt. Fire*
Cliff Holzer, Jr.
- Lt. Rescue*
Chris Hozley

Safety Issues

We continue to ask everyone to please keep your driveways and private roads cleared of snow during the winter months. Any delay in an emergency response, could cause severe damage to your home or your physical health. On the same note, please remember to keep your driveways cleared of brush and branches to an opening of 12 feet wide by 10 feet high. Please make sure your house address number is clear and visible from the road.





Program News

On September 11th, 2010 the Wilmington Historical Society sponsored a booth at Wilmington's Festival of Colors entitled "Wilmington History on September 11th". We presented a display of photos, documents and stories of important past events which occurred on the date September 11th that affected Wilmington/

Jay residents (Wilmington was a part of Jay until 1821).

The first major event was the September 11th, 1814 Battle at Plattsburgh during the War of 1812 in which our United States was, for a second time, defending its sovereignty against Great Britain. Many Wilmington/Jay residents of the time took part in the battle. Among those featured in the display were Major Reuben Sanford, who is often touted as a hero in the Battle of Plattsburgh; Corporal Stephen Partridge, who died in a skirmish with the British a few days prior to the Battle of Plattsburgh; and Private Asa Lawrence, an ancestor of many of the Wilmington/Jay area Lawrence families.

Many similarities can be found between the Battle at Plattsburgh and the more recent 9/11 attacks in 2001, both occurring, for example, on the same day of the year and at the same time of day. Also featured, with a direct tie-in to Wilmington, was a 9/11 story and photos contributed by recent Wilmington resident Steve Peters, who is a direct descendent of the same Pvt. Asa Lawrence of the 1814 Battle at Plattsburgh. Steve's story recalls his experience in the aftermath of 9/11 by serving in credentialing for security at the Emergency Operations Center (through ORDA) in New York City in the week following the Trade Center attacks.

Yet another major event was part of the display-- September 11th, 1929, when New York Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt was in Wilmington, accompanied by many other dignitaries, to turn over the first shovelful of dirt to commence the construction of the Whiteface Mountain Veterans Memorial Highway. Other "September 11th in Wilmington" documents and happenings were presented in our exhibit as well, including some September 11th weather in various years.

In addition to the static exhibit, the Wilmington Historical Society began collecting other 9/11 stories from Wilmington residents for the WHS archives, either verbal or written, so that future generations can better understand our connection to the events of 9/11/2001. The WHS continues to collect Wilmington residents' 9/11/2001 stories. If you would like to add to our collection, you may write your responses to the following two questions and mail to Wilmington Historical Society, PO Box 174, Wilmington, NY 12997.

- 1) Where were you/what were you doing when you first heard about the 9/11 attacks?
 - 2) How did the events of 9/11 affect you and your family both short term and long term?
- In return you will receive a Deed of Gift which allows the WHS to own the material and gives the donor a receipt.

In a separate booth at the Festival of Colors, Sid Ward presented his locally famous cutting boards for sale, all proceeds to benefit the Wilmington Historical Society. Many thanks, Sid!

(more Historical Society info cont'd. on page 8)

OPEN DISCUSSIONS for 2011

Once monthly, the Wilmington Historical Society holds "Open Discussions" on a variety of topics related to the history of Wilmington on the *FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH* at the Wilmington Community Center from 7pm-8pm.

We often have photos, news articles, artifacts and stories. You are invited to listen and learn, or to share your own stories and materials.

The topics for the year 2011 are "Disasters in Wilmington", "Wilmington Weather Events", "Wilmington Wood Products", "Rocks & Minerals", "Wildlife Accounts in Wilmington", "Celebrations in Wilmington", "Fires in Wilmington", "Temperance Movement & Bootlegging", "Wilmington Supervisors", and "Early Settlers in Wilmington". Look for the dates in flyers, newspapers & on our website:

www.wilmingtonhistorical.org.

Trivia Answers

1. 240 men, including Major Reuben Sanford, a Commandant of the 2nd Battalion
2. The Town of St. Armand.

Wilmington Historical Society (cont'd.)

In October, the Wilmington Historical Society presented “X Marks the Spot—Wilmington’s Historical Maps, Documents, & Blueprints” with a display & activities by historical Society members.

Currently, the historical society is in the planning stages of our 2011 events. Please look for program announcements in local newspapers, in flyers and on our website www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

Coming soon: our new 2011 Membership Flyer; it will soon be in the mail. Why become a member? Here is what we accomplished in 2010:

- Permanent New York State Charter information updated as requested by State Ed. Dept.
- Purchased inland marine and liability insurance for collections
- Provided five educational programs to the public
- Provided guest speakers to area civic organizations
- Provided educational booth at the Festival of Colors: “Wilmington History on September 11th”
- Provided an educational program for students at Lake Placid Middle School
- Provided permanent display for Whiteface Region Business & Tourism Center
- Provided scheduled and by appointment research hours at the Community Center
- Provided research assistance to genealogists, historical researchers and other interested parties requiring historical background information
- Participated in one archival training workshop
- Maintained and updated the WHS website
- Contributed to Wilmington Town Newsletter
- Planned regular meetings around historical open discussion topics to encourage public participation
- Accepted, digitized where possible, and properly stored photos and documents
- Catalogued archives onto Past Perfect Catalogue Program
- Provided background material for the PBS documentary on fly-fishing legend Fran Betters
- Archived and organized much of the Myrtle descendent Gowan Collection
- Contributed CD’s of the WHS Santa’s Workshop Presentations to Santa’s Workshop, Inc.
- Purchased historical books relevant to Wilmington and area history for our research library

The WHS served over 400 people in 2010 through programs & events, local in-school programming, regular meetings & open discussions, and researchers on site, by telephone and by email. *With your support, we can continue our work in 2011. Please renew or become a member; membership is our biggest fundraiser.*

KEEPING UP WITH TECHNOLOGY

The Wilmington Historical Society is keenly aware that we must keep up with technological changes, in order to effectively continue to preserve and conserve our multitude of digital photos, documents, and other materials. Since the WHS laptop computer is a 2007 model with an XP operating system, we are planning to purchase a new laptop with an updated Windows 7 operating system and more hard drive space. We plan to pay for it through a grant, donations, and memberships. If you would like to assist the historical society with a tax-deductible contribution for this purpose, please mail a check payable to the Wilmington Historical Society stating “computer” in the check memo, and mail to: Wilmington Historical Society, PO Box 174, Wilmington, NY 12997.

St. Margaret's Church

St. Margaret's Catholic church in Wilmington holds worship services on Saturday evenings at 6:00 P.M., on Sunday mornings at 7:30 A.M., and at 8:00A.M. on Tuesday mornings. All are welcome!

On the SECOND THURSDAY of each month, St Margaret's will hold a Mass at 5:15 P.M. followed by a HOLY HOUR from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. All are welcome!

Beginning January 23, St. Margaret's, Holy Name and St. Matthew's congregations will gather to share in a BIBLE STUDY. This study group will be held in the Library of Holy Name School every Sunday evening at 6:30 P.M. This will be an ongoing study and all are welcome to come whenever they can to grow and nurture their faith!



MEMBERS NEEDED

The Wilmington Fire and Rescue Department is always in need of new members. Volunteers do not stay forever. If you think you may be interested in joining the Wilmington Fire and Rescue organization, please contact any of our officers or stop by the Firehouse on either the 1st or 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm to ask for an application. You must be at least 18 years of age and live or work in the Wilmington Fire District.

We are in particular need of more new members for our ambulance service. You may join both the Fire and Ambulance service or join as an ambulance driver, ambulance attendant or Emergency Medical Technician. The Fire district will pay for any training you need. Please consider joining us and give back to your community.

Dog Owner Information

As of January 1st the State required that the Town take over all aspects of dog licensing. All dogs over four months of age are still required to be licensed. Dogs will be issued new tags at the time of licensing or renewal. You will receive a "Friendly Reminder" from the town when licenses are due. All licenses are required to be renewed each year. Licensing requires that rabies vaccines be up to date. There is a new dog control law that is available by contacting the Town Offices or may be viewed on the town website at townofwilmington.org.

Please be a responsible dog owner and **vaccinate and license your pet**. Not licensing your dog could result in a court appearance. Having your pet identified with a dog license or rabies tag is also useful in finding the owner when a pet becomes lost. Licenses may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office at the Community Center. **All dogs are required to be under control of the owner on a leash at all times**. For the protection of wildlife NYSDEC will issue violations for dogs running loose. Thank you for using the new receptacles for dog waste clean up, located at the beach and on Route 86.

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