

Town Supervisor's Report

6.15.26

Household Hazardous Waste

Essex County will offer four "Household Hazardous Waste" collection days this summer. The collection days near Wilmington are:

- July 18, at the Town of North Elba Highway Garage, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; &
- July 25, at the Essex County Department of Public Works in Elizabethtown (8053 Route 9), also from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The county will accept paints, stains, cleaning products, pool chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, kerosene, gasoline, automobile fluids, fluorescent light bulbs, and various other products that are not suitable for your compost bin.

There is also a list of things the county will not accept (explosives, computers, tires, etc.) at these events.

Proof of county residency is required (driver's license, utility bill, etc.). The county emphasizes that these collection days are for household, not business, waste.

If you have questions, please call 518 873 3743.

Senior News

Due to the efforts of town board member Randy Winch, it is likely that Wilmington will receive a new "senior van" as part of a pilot program!

Both Randy and I have been told that we can expect this to happen fairly soon. More information to come ...

In related news, here are some of the services the Essex County Office for the Aging may be able to offer Wilmington residents age 60 and over:

- Insurance counseling
- In-home support to help people stay in their homes longer
- Home-delivered meals
- Transportation assistance
- Legal services (power of attorney, healthcare proxy, simple land transfers, etc.)
- Caregiver support
- Personal emergency response, alerting friends / family of the need for immediate assistance via electronic device

This is not a complete list. Please call 518 873 3695 for more information.

The county's Office for the Aging also helps with the twice-weekly senior lunches at the Methodist Church. These social get-togethers take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting at noon.

Park Updates

The basketball and tennis courts at the town park were sealcoated recently. They are much improved.

Speeding Studies

If I had to come up with a list of the top-five “problems, issues, complaints, or concerns” people have mentioned to me over the past five years, there is no doubt that speeding would be on that list.

Over the years Wilmington residents have told me that dangerous driving is an issue on Haselton Road, Bonnieview Road, Route 86, Hardy Road, and Springfield Road — and I have no doubt those concerns are valid.

Randy Winch has asked the town board to initiate the process through which we will seek to lower the speed limit on Hardy Road. Similarly, the town board recently received a petition asking us to address the excessive speeding on Springfield Road. I brought these requests to the relevant county official and learned that the first step is to undertake a study of the average speed and the top speeds travelled on these roads. The county will place instruments to measure traffic speed on these roads in the coming weeks.

At the start of the year I spent a lot of time reviewing and organizing the previous supervisors’ files, and there is no doubt that speeding on Wilmington’s roads is a perennial issue. A previous town board was successful in lowering the speed limit on Springfield Road. At the same time, some of the official correspondence in that file unequivocally expressed that the posted speed limit is less important than the level of enforcement.

On a positive note, it seems that traffic enforcement in Wilmington is currently much

more visible and active than in the past several years.

Beach Concerts

The summer beach concert series got off to a great start on Thursday, June 4. **Thank you** to everyone whose donations made it possible for us to start the series a month earlier this year.

Here are some of the upcoming concerts:

6/18: **ON3**

6/25: **Blood Hill Strings**

7/2: **Carl Rubino (4:30 start)**

The Rob Beaulieu Band (6 p.m start)

7/3 (Friday): Spring Street (6 p.m. start)

7/9: **JEB**

7/16: **Gwen Tracy Duo**

7/23: Larry Stone & Friends

Special thanks to The Essex County Arts Council, the Whitebrook Dairy Bar, and Whiteface Farm.

As is usually the case, there is much more I could write ... but that will have to wait for another newsletter.

As is always the case: Thanks for taking the time to read this report.

Sincerely,

Tim Follos

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