

## Fourteenth Annual Choose Franklin Community Day

Saturday, May 12 from 10 AM to 3 PM

### Press release

The Fourteenth Annual Choose Franklin Community Day will be held on Saturday, May 12, rain or shine. This year's event, sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank, Watts Water Technologies, and Mix 94.1 FM will take place at Odell Park, located on Memorial Street in downtown Franklin.

The day will Kick off with the Pemi Youth Center's Hero Hustle, a 5K Fun Run/Walk on River Street Extension in Franklin which will begin at 8 AM. Community Day activities will begin at 10 AM with a parade through the downtown followed by vendor booths, games, and food concessions. There will be a karate demonstration by White Tiger Karate at Noon on the softball field. In addition, there will be a climbing wall, bungee jump, game party truck, knocker ball, bounce activities and children's

games from 11-3 PM.

This year's parade/event theme is "Franklin RECreates and REcreates itself as a Recreational Community". The parade will step off at Franklin High School at 10 AM and proceed easterly on Central Street to Smith Street where it will turn and continue to Odell Park.

Many area service organizations and businesses will participate with raffles, giveaways, etc. There is no admission fee for the fair or shows. An all-day wrist band can be purchased for \$10 unlimited use of games.

Outdoor New England and Franklin Outing club Booths will be located in Marceau Park.

The day ends with a Community Talent Show at 6 PM at the Franklin Opera House. Tickets are available at the door for \$5. The show will benefit the FHS Chem Free Committee.

For further information, go to [www.franklin.k12.nh.us/community\\_day.cfm](http://www.franklin.k12.nh.us/community_day.cfm).

## Andrew Cushing to Speak on Historic Preservation of Buildings

### Press release

On Sunday, May 6, at 2 PM, the Wilmot Historical Society will present Andrew Cushing, field service representative for the NH Preservation Alliance. Cushing will speak on the preservation and repurposing of historic buildings. The program will take place at the historic Wilmot Town Hall in Wilmot Center on 9 North Wilmot Road next to the library.

For decades, our go-to solution for historic buildings has been to reuse them as museums. However, evidence shows that multiple museums are seldom the best use for schoolhouses, grange halls, depots, or churches.

Cushing will explore the questions: What creative solutions exist that high-

light better uses for our historic and obsolete buildings? How can we foster greater appreciation for these community landmarks?

He will recount what other NH communities have done, highlighting model preservation projects that might be replicated across the State.

In his position with the NH Preservation Alliance, Cushing focuses on connecting communities to the resources they need to start preservation projects. A graduate of Bowdoin College and the University of Pennsylvania, he has returned to his hometown of Grafton where he helps to oversee the Grafton Historical Society's six properties. In his spare time, he is fixing up two old houses of his own.

## Annual "Black Fly Blitz 5K" Scheduled for May

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Serious runners, casual competitors and avid walkers should mark their calendars for the Wilmot Community Association's (WCA) 14th annual Black Fly Blitz 5K starting at 9 AM on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 in Wilmot Flat.

Participants can pre-register online or register on the day of the race. Online registration closes on Friday, May 25 and is available at [www.wilmotWCA.org](http://www.wilmotWCA.org). Avoid the rush and register by May 1 to receive a free Black Fly Blitz T-shirt.

Until May 25, race registration is free for children 8 years and younger, \$20 for youths 9 to 17 and \$25 for adults 18 and older. On race day, registration will increase by \$5. Check-in and day-of-race registration opens at 7:30 AM Monday, May 28 under the tent on the town green at the intersection of Kearsarge Valley and Village roads in Wilmot Flat.

"For the seventh consecutive year, coaches and members of the Kearsarge Regional High School track and cross-country teams will be assisting the WCA on race day," said Ann Davis, a member of the race committee. "We are delighted to be able to assist with this event," said Peter Angus, coach at KRHS. "This collaboration is a

win-win for our teams and the WCA." Acknowledging the value of the volunteers' time, the teams will receive a portion of the race proceeds.

The 3.1-mile, 5K scenic course is a clockwise loop that starts on Village Road and continues on Shindagan Road, to Cross Hill Road, to Campground Road and then to Village Road. It is a relatively flat course over slightly undulating terrain. Water will be available at the midpoint of the race. Runners will receive free beverages and snacks after the race.

Awards will be presented at 10:15 AM at the Wilmot Bandstand on the Town Green next to the Wilmot Town Office building, 9 Kearsarge Valley Road. The Cloud Band will play classic rock and country music. Activities for children will include temporary tattoos and games.

The Black Fly Blitz is the WCA's largest fundraising event of the year. Proceeds support the organization's operations and activities. The WCA owns and operates the Red Barn, a community center at 64 Village Road, and Timmy Patten Park, a beach and playground at 28 Shindagan Road.

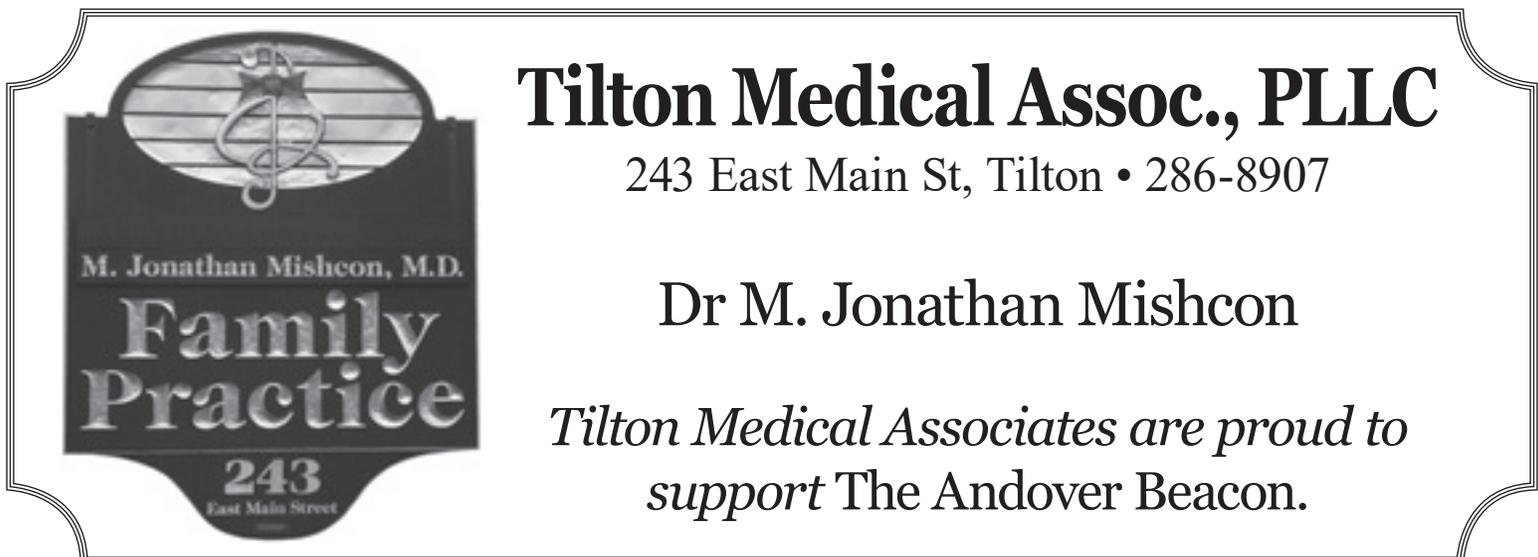
More information is available at [www.wilmotWCA.org](http://www.wilmotWCA.org).



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