WATERFEST PARTICIPENTS

Pete's Pig
Advance 1 Cleaning Services
Fred's Coffee
Children's Museum
Center Point Church
Waterville Parks and Recreation
Waterville Public Library
Waterville Police

Waterville Police
Waterville Fire Department
Camden National Bank

Kennebec Messalonskee Trails Girl and Boy Scouts

Colby College Bernier-Boyd Family

DOOR PRIZES FOR PARTICIPENTS

Are you Ready to Party?
Flagship Cinemas
Boys & Girls Clubs and YMCA of Greater
Waterville at the Alfond Youth Center
Waterville Parks and Recreation
Bernier-Boyd Family

VOLUNTEERS AT 181 AND 226

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Summer—Fall 2018 NEWSLETTER



MOVING ON UP



On July 27th, WCLT sold our home at 181 Water Street and Waterville's South End gained a new homeowner! Just as exciting is that the new owner is Anna Holdener, Youth Specialist at the South End Teen Center.

Ashley Pullen, President of WCLT, passed the keys to Anna that same afternoon. Scott McAdoo, WCLT Secretary, presented Anna with a handwritten sign that had advertised prices for bait that once was sold by a previous homeowner from the home's basement.

The house has the same 'good bones' found in many homes built in the late nineteenth century throughout the South End. Now fully restored and renovated by WCLT and KVCAP, it exemplifies the high value of all similarly constructed homes in Waterville.



WCLT celebrates this first affordable home which was renovated from roof to basement with the generous contributions of many people and organiza-

tions. We particularly thank KVCAP, All-Around Fence Company and our supporters.

WELCOME HOME: WCLT'S Welcome Home Program



Neighbors make a community! Businesses and friends are helping our families move from rentals to their own homes by participating in our *Welcome Home Program*. Our program is like a housewarming party where area businesses and friends help with useful items.

Just imagine the excitement of moving into your own home, an accomplishment you didn't previously think was possible. There are so many things you will need for a home that were not needed when you rented. For a first time homeowner, the list of needed items could seen endless.

The Land Trust and our new homeowner, Anna Holdener, thank **Ware-Butler Inc.** for two very handy items in Maine: a rake and a shovel. **Han-naford Supermarkets** provided a set of Waterville's purple trash bags.

We acknowledged them for their generosity.

We all hope the snow shovel gets minimal use.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ashley Pullen Fall 2018

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead

This Margaret Mead quotation has always been a favorite of mine. From the beginning, Waterville Community Land Trust has been the small group Mead describes: a handful of concerned community members looking to revitalize our city. We are all ages and come from all walks of life; we each have our own individual motivation for coming back to the table every month but our common mission unites us. It has been five years since our visionaries first floated the idea of a community land trust, and our progress in the face of barriers has been remarkable.

For those who are unfamiliar with the process of establishing a new organization, there are countless legal and logistical hoops to jump through. But a task equally as daunting stood before us, and that was to secure the funds to purchase and renovate our first house. We were fortunate to receive funding from a number of sources and could not have done it without the generous local support we have found in our neighbors like you. Fast forward to this summer and we couldn't be prouder to hand over the keys to 181 Water Street to our first WCLT homeowner, Anna Holdener.

We believe that by clustering our work in one area, it will deliver the greatest immediate impact and then as our work progresses we can grow outward. Whenever a hurdle arises, our board turns to our "figure it out" mentality and for this I am truly grateful.

Thank you again for your support of our humble organization. To grow from a mere vision to an established nonprofit and now, with a part-time executive director and assets in the community, we are on an amazing journey together.

NEXT PROJECTS: NEW HOME, NATURE PRESERVE & PARK

WCLT owns over 2 acres on the Kennebec River at 226-228 Water Street. Our plan is to build a new home and develop a nature preserve on these 2 acres. We also own a parcel at 232 Water Street, adjacent to 228, where a small park will be built that will overlook the river.

The land is a natural wildlife preserve as there are very few parcels along the Kennebec River which are natural and that attract the population of birds so obvious at this site. We are in the design phase for the nature preserve and consulting with experts on how to encourage native plants and wildlife habitats. We are cognizant of the neighborhood's need for safety and will design the preserve to provide minimal opportunities for illegal activities.

The new home will be architecturally compatible with the existing homes in the South End. Below is an example of a small home that is similar to others in the neighborhood. (NOTE: There's time for you to provide your ideas!)) We expect that

the house will be less than 1000 SF, built comfortably for one or two adults and a second bedroom or loft for a guest or child. Because there will be a great view of the Kennebec River we plan on including a porch or deck on the back of the house for outdoor living.

Suggested designs for the park include seating for those who wish to enjoy the water view and a flower bed where plants are provided by those who wish to take part in making this park an asset to the neighborhood. Downlighting for safety will be considered. We also hope to include a brick patio with names inscribed of all who contribute to build the park.



Home Designed by Eric Moser; similar plans can be found on Houseplans.com

WATERFEST = NEIGHBORHOOD FUN & CELEBRATION OF THE KENNEBEC RIVER



Over 100 neighbors and volunteers gathered at the inaugural Waterfest on June 24th at Couture Field.

Activities included face painting, puppet shows, interactive displays, bike decorating, free concessions and summertime approved door prizes. The festive atmosphere included music by local DJ, David Lee.

WCLT and Kennebec Messalonskee Trails offered a well-attended tour of the new and proposed trails in the area. Area neighbors took the opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas for the development of WCLT's properties at 226-232 Water Street. Some initial thoughts include adding plants to attract bees, butterflies and birds, or maybe a spot for fly fishing.

Special thanks to area friends dedicated to launching Waterfest: Advance 1 Cleaning Services, Fred's Coffee, Pete's Pig, Children's Museum, Camden National Bank, Are You Ready to Party, Flagship Cinemas, the Boys and Girls Club, Messalonskee Trails, Center Point Community Church, South End Neighborhood Association, Habitat for Humanity, Waterville Public Library, Waterville Parks and Recreation, Colby College and the Waterville Police Department.

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

- ♦ Kay E. Dopp Fund of the Maine Community Foundation
- ♦ Elmina Sewall Foundation
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WCLT WISH LIST

- Donations for the Welcome Home Program
- An office!
- ♦ A rider mower that works
- ♦ Office supplies

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Thanks to Jackie Dupont and Winnifred Tate for their service on the WCLT board during 2017-2018.

Picture (right): Face painting at Waterfest



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