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From the Presidents Desk

Happy New Year Neighbors:

This is my first note as the new president of the WRCA; I hope it finds you well as we embark on 2005 together. As often is the case as we start something new, we tend to reflect on the past. For me, having grown up here, I think back to 1964. I was just six when we received the welcome to the neighborhood from the WRCA along with the neighborhood directory. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

Looking forward, I hope you would all join me in thanking all the people who have agreed to serve this year as block reps, head reporters, activity chairpersons, board of directors, officers and any others who help to make this such a great civic association. There are many events planned for you and your family to better get to know your neighbors and to enjoy. The first major event of the season is the Snowflake Dinner Dance on March 12. Lee Baker is planning a wonderful evening at a price that cannot be beat. The Classics V banquet facility is a wonderful venue and the May family always provide great food. Plans are also in the works for a new event that we hope will be well received. More information on this, an early summer cruise on the Miss Buffalo, will be forthcoming soon. I hope to see you at one of these or one of our other upcoming community events.

Remember, you can use the coupon included in this newsletter to renew your 2005 membership. This prepayment will make the block reps job easier. We would like to thank all those who have already taken the time to mail in their registration.

A final word, please try to keep your sidewalk clear of snow and ice. If you have a snow blower and can take an extra minute, help keep as much of the neighborhood sidewalks and fire hydrants clear....It could be a matter of life and death.

Sincerely,
Cam Hill

Bulletin Board

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30
p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome

- **DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY WITW IS JANUARY 14**
- **Membership Renewal**
(page 1)
- **Snowflake Dinner Dance**
(details page 4)
- **Membership Renewal**
(details page 1)
- **Holiday Lighting Winners**
(details pages 5 & 6)

WRCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-*Membership Drive!*

Renew your membership by mail
this month, before the February

You may renew your WRCA Membership by completing the membership form and mailing it with your check for \$15.00 made out to WRCA. Your block rep will be informed of your payment and your 2005 WRCA Directory will be delivered during the regular membership drive in February. Note that the zip code is slightly different. The PO Box provides for added security and flexibility. Your check will be deposited within one week of receipt.

Name _____

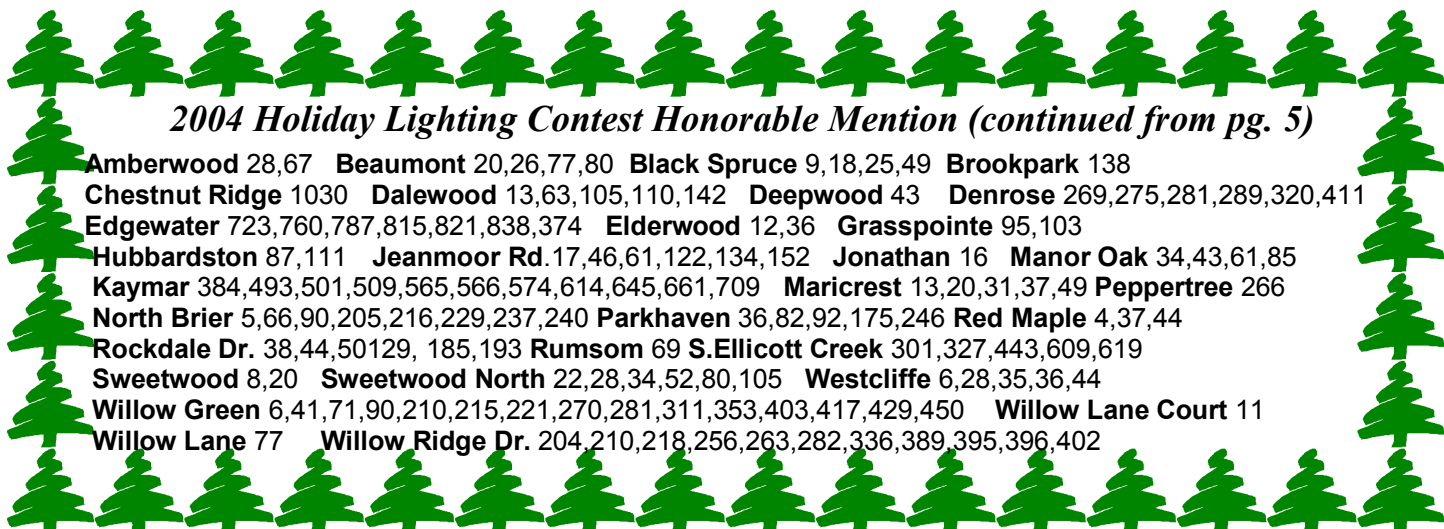
Address _____

Amherst, NY. 14228

Mail form and check to:

WRCA Treasurer
PO Box 86
Amherst, NY 14226

January 2005



2004 Holiday Lighting Contest Honorable Mention (continued from pg. 5)

Amberwood 28,67 Beaumont 20,26,77,80 Black Spruce 9,18,25,49 Brookpark 138
Chestnut Ridge 1030 Dalewood 13,63,105,110,142 Deepwood 43 Denrose 269,275,281,289,320,411
Edgewater 723,760,787,815,821,838,374 Elderwood 12,36 Grasspointe 95,103
Hubbardston 87,111 Jeanmoor Rd.17,46,61,122,134,152 Jonathan 16 Manor Oak 34,43,61,85
Kaymar 384,493,501,509,565,566,574,614,645,661,709 Maricrest 13,20,31,37,49 Peppertree 266
North Brier 5,66,90,205,216,229,237,240 Parkhaven 36,82,92,175,246 Red Maple 4,37,44
Rockdale Dr. 38,44,50129, 185,193 Rumsom 69 S.Ellicott Creek 301,327,443,609,619
Sweetwood 8,20 Sweetwood North 22,28,34,52,80,105 Westcliffe 6,28,35,36,44
Willow Green 6,41,71,90,210,215,221,270,281,311,353,403,417,429,450 Willow Lane Court 11
Willow Lane 77 Willow Ridge Dr. 204,210,218,256,263,282,336,389,395,396,402

Classified Advertisements

Editors Note: *Classified* is a service provided for the use of Willow Ridge Civic Association members free of charge. Please print or type your ad on a *full-sized sheet of paper*. Sign your ad (not the envelope) and include your address and phone number. *Classified* is not to be used for business purposes. Deliver to 221 N. Brier and place in porch box. Thank you.

FOR SALE:

Baby: Graco child's rear facing car seat, \$20. or b/o. 691-8981

Household: Windows and hardware, Willow Ridge generic type like Andersons -4- each approximately 39 x 25, \$30. or b/o. 691-8981

WANTED:

Sports and Leisure: Portable or stationary basketball backboard and net. Will remove from your property or home. 691-8981

Home Care : Assistant for female senior citizen, part time, 4 mornings weekly, occasional evening. Must be dependable and friendly, starting mid January, \$10.00/hour. Please call Ann @ 691-5135

FOR RENT

Condominium: ST. Augustine Beach, Florida vacation rental. Fully furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in a resort community on the beach with 2 pools, and tennis courts. 691-0621

Tops Register Tapes for the S.P.C.A. THIS PROGRAM IS DISCONTINUED

Tops markets owned by A-Hold Financial Services has terminated this program with the S.P.C.A. as of 12/31/04. This is a great loss for the shelter as they are a non-profit institution and receive no government funds.

In the year 2004 as of November 1, we raised \$335.37. We have increased our total every year since we started. Our total since 1997 comes to \$2,214.00 The SPCA serves about 16,000 animals per year from wildlife, farm animals, and birds, to dogs and cats. They make a big difference in their lives medically and find many homes for them. They need your kind donation of money and/or time now more than ever. For example, you can make memorial donations, special occasion gifts, buy engraved bricks at the dog walk or wall plaques. The SPCA phone number is 875-7360.

All of the SPCA friends in Willow Ridge should be so proud of the monies you've helped raise. The SPCA certainly appreciates all the efforts people put into this program.

I personally want to say a big THANK YOU to each of you who took time to save and drop off the tapes. What great neighbors I have in Willow Ridge! If any new programs start up, I will keep you informed.

Amherst Museum

www.amherstmuseum.org

Reduced Fall/Winter Rates:

Adults: \$4.

Family: \$10.

Children 5 - 18: \$1.

Members: FREE

Children under 5: Free

Erie Canal Engineering Exhibit

The exhibit "A Monument of Progress: The Erie Canal" will be held over at Amherst Museum through February 2005. This exhibit tells the extraordinary tale of the canal's planning, construction and ultimate expansion, beginning in 1817. The canal's builders overcame significant engineering hurdles to construct what was truly a marvel of its time. Visitors will see the canal from any vantage points. The exhibit includes drawings of the canal's complex structure by those who built it, as well as views of these structures as travelers' recollections.

In addition, the museum's restored historic buildings include a c.1840 log house built by a German immigrant family who traveled the canal to find a new home in rural Amherst.

Block Reps...Look for invitations for this year's February Breakfast!

This year we'll be sharing stories, and coming together to greet new faces! Free breakfast *and* a chance to escape Saturday morning chores...what more could you want? Seriously, though, this is the one chance that we have to come together and thank you for the important work you do for the association! I hope you'll join us for a fun and friendly way to kick off the February membership drive!

Are you interested in becoming a block rep? Are you looking for a way to meet and greet new neighbors, as well as get involved in our community? Please contact Membership Coordinator Laura Lewis @ 691-9527 for more information.



2004 HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

Congratulations to all of the winners of the lighting contest. Everyone listed below should be very proud of their efforts to beautify our neighborhood. The winners will receive \$10 Home Depot Gift Certificates. See some of the neighborhood at our website www.wrca.info.

Winners

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. 51 Amberwood Drive | 10. 290 Peppertree Drive | 19. 44 Sweetwood Drive |
| 2. 107 Amberwood Drive | 11. 73 Rockdale Drive | 20. 136 Willow Green Drive |
| 3. 1100 Chestnut Ridge Road | 12. 105 Rockdale Drive | 21. 142 Willow Green Drive |
| 4. 327 Denrose Drive | 13. 113 Rockdale Drive | 22. 216 Willow Green Drive |
| 5. 115 Jeanmoor Road | 14. 217 Rockdale Drive | 23. 322 Willow Green Drive |
| 6. 57 Jonathan Place | 15. 55 Roundwood Ct. | 24. 214 Parkhaven |
| 7. 25 Kaymar Drive | 16. 145 S. Ellicott Creek Rd. | 25. 47 Parkhaven |
| 8. 89 Kaymar Drive | 17. 627 S. Ellicott Creek Rd. | 26. 213 North Brier Road |
| 9. 492 Kaymar Drive | 18. 55 Maricrest | |



FAREWELL

A belated farewell to the Rowe family of 756 Edgewater Drive. David, Cheryl, Alex, David, and Katherine have been Willow Ridge residents for many years. They moved to East Aurora at the end of August. Cheryl was always active with the WRCA and we will miss her as a very reliable block rep. Luckily, the Rowe's have such deep friendships in Willow Ridge, that they are coming back to visit quite often. Best wishes to a wonderful family and we hope you always feel welcome to attend the Octoberfest and the Snowflake Dinner Dance, as well as visit your friends and neighbors.

WELCOME

Neighbors on Roundwood Ct. welcome the Yager family to 15 Roundwood Ct. Jim works in the administration department at Buffalo State College and Pat works in undergrad advisement at U.B. The Yager's have five children and can be reached at 694-6499.

Neighbors on North Brier welcome the DeLuca family all the way from - Sweetwood Drive! We wish Russ and Carrie and their family, Olivia, 6; Julianna, 4; and Isabella, 1, many years of happiness in their new home.

A warm Willow Ridge welcome to the Dickinson family who recently moved into 384 Willow Green Drive. Jo Marie manages the Portrait Studio at J.C. Penney's and Alan is an engineer for CIR. Their two children are Katie, 20 and A.J., 18. Although they moved from Tonawanda, they aren't strangers to our community. Jo Marie's parents are the Alessis on Parkhaven Drive, her uncle is Frank Gengo and they have even paid their 2005 dues! We're very glad you've moved nearer to family and into our neighborhood.

Brookpark Drive welcomes Steve, Tenley, Cameron, and Cramer, along with Kyle and Victoria McQueen. From Peppertree, they are moving into 121 Brookpark. They can be reached at 564-1912. We wish you all the best in your new home.

THANK YOU

Thanks to Jennifer Poydock of 733 Edgewater Drive, who has graciously volunteered to be a block rep for a portion of Edgewater Drive. Jennifer is replacing Cheryl Rowe, who recently moved to East Aurora. Thanks Jennifer, for keeping the work of the WRCA going.

THANK YOU

Willow Ridge Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for your support of our cookie sale. Your generosity will enable us to go on field trips, such as a sleepover at the Aquarium of Niagara. It will also allow us to work on more badges, experience and learn new things and to participate in community service projects. We can also earn our Bronze Award. We sincerely appreciate your help in our endeavors to experience the life changing adventures in girl scouting.

The members of Girl Scout Troop 1061—Emily, Laura, Emily, Lacey, Kaley, Stephanie, Alex and Hannah

THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT

Its time to renew or become new members of the Willow Ridge Civic Association. In this age of information and communication that we all depend on, membership in the association becomes an invaluable tool. As members, one receives the directory, ie. a listing of everyone in the neighborhood, nearby businesses, money saving coupons, and services, not to mention phone numbers of the schools in the area. Need a babysitter? You'll find a babysitter listing in the directory. Do you own a business? Why not place an ad in the directory, which Willow Ridge residents use to locate local goods and services.

Besides the directory, you will receive a monthly copy of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, the newsletter filled with relevant information about the latest happenings in Willow Ridge. Through this newsletter you will always be notified of the great activities offered and sponsored by the civic association. Your neighbor's daughter is getting married? Somebody moved in down the street? It's great to be "in the loop!" Another important feature of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* is its Classified section, in which you may advertise **free** of charge.

These are only some of the benefits you'll enjoy as a member of the WRCA. To become a new member, or to renew your membership, please complete the form on page 1, mail it and your check to the WRCA treasurer.

Along with a hearty welcome, an invitation is extended through the WRCA to use your membership to become a voice and a volunteer in the community.

WRCA meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the Fire Hall. Let's reap the rewards that come by joining together in helping Willow Ridge continue to be the ideal place to live.

Committees and Activity Chairpersons

Adult Recreation	Jack & Lee Baker	691-5972	Boy Scouts	Terry Elberson	691-4224
Community Improve	Connie Holovics	691-9569	Couples Bowling	Marlene Tomaselli	691-5336
Cub Scouts	Scott McNess	691-5621	Cub Scouts	Bob Sieman	564-0913
Directory	Jane Sieman	564-0913	Garden Club	Virginia Winter	691-7704
Girl Scouts	Jackie Sommer	691-5605	Historian	Bob Lannen	691-5270
Holiday Party	Neil Cuomo	691-3014	Junior Recreation	Jennifer Hubert	691-4239
Ladies Bowling	Connie Holovics	691-9569	Membership	Laura Lewis	691-9527
National Night Out	Gary Roussie	Unlisted	October Fest	Tom Halter	691-5318
Publicity	Debbie Haendiges	691-5902	School Brd Liaison	Mike Morrow	691-8031
Sunshine	Lee Baker	691-5972	Webmaster	Greg Weber	support@wrca.info

WRCA Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. Present were Neil N. Cuomo, Jim Prentice, Clayton Cobb, Cam Hill, Jane Sieman, and Bob Foladare, which constituted a quorum. Also present were Laura Lewis, Bill and Linda MacDougall, Thom and Kathy Bellanca, Ed Goetz, Andy Adams, William Pujolas, Tom Halter and Lee Baker. Excused were Jim McCormick and Jack Baker.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

A review was made of the minutes from the November 2004 WRCA meeting as published in the December *Wind-in-the-Willows*. A motion was made by Robert Foladare, seconded by Jim Prentice to accept the minutes, which was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A report was provided by Laura Lewis for Jack Baker. There was a reported checking balance of \$6,545.00. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Neil Cuomo, seconded by Bob Foladare and carried to accept the treasurer's report.

Laura Lewis also reported that there are 260 prepaid members towards 2005 membership. She also suggested that the payment clip out coupon remain in the monthly newsletter for members convenience. She will be sending introduction cards to the block reps. She is still looking for block reps and head reporters in some areas. No date has been set for the block rep breakfast.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Neil Cuomo reported that there has been no new activity regarding the MJ Peterson apartments construction on Chestnut Ridge.

Discussion was held concerning the method of delivering the newsletter. Cam Hill presented a number of proposals utilizing various printing and distribution methods. The present method cost has been reduced to \$685.00 per month. The Metro Community News would be approximately \$285.00 per month or an annual savings of \$4,800.00. Discussion was held regarding the neighborhoods reception to the method change, and other factors relevant to a final decision. The matter was tabled to be addressed at the next meeting.

Jim Prentice reported that steps will be taken to have photos of the winners of the holiday lighting contest posted on our website at www.wrca.info.

Neil Cuomo also presented the slate of officers and directors for the 2005 year, which had been closed at the November meeting. Robert Foladare as acting secretary cast a vote to accept the slate as presented. Cam Hill was welcomed as incoming president. Andy Adams, Ed Goetz, and William Pujolas were welcomed to the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adult Rec (Jack and Lee Baker)

Lee reported the dinner dance is set for March 12, 2005, which is a little later than normal due to the new school recess conflicting in late February.

Oktoberfest (Tom Halter)

Tom reported that the Ellicott Creek fire hall has been reserved for October 22, 2005. He is staying on as chairman

for another year.

Website (Greg Weber)

There was no report. Discussion was held towards the site being updated more often, and the need for someone who has time to devote to maintaining the site. Volunteers from the neighborhood should be sought.

COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

The Bellanca and MacDougall families raised their concerns about extending and connecting the entrances to Bedford Park. As the neighbors that abut the Kaymar entrance, they were concerned with creating a cut-through that would attract more problems with kids hanging out in the park. Discussion was also held concerning improving the drainage in the park, rather than extending the path. Neil Cuomo will send a letter to the Town requesting improved drainage rather than extending the walk.

Discussion was held concerning possibly moving the monthly meeting date. The matter will be tabled to January.

It was brought to the board's attention that Jack Baker, Barry Moir, and Ray Fliss had volunteered their time to decorate the tree at the entrance to Willow Ridge. The board thanked them for their efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Clayton Cobb, seconded by Jim Prentice at 8:40 pm to adjourn the meeting which was carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Cuomo, Secretary

2005 WRCA

Officer & Director Nominations

PRESIDENT	CAM HILL
VICE PRESIDENT	JAMES PRENTICE
TREASURER	JACK BAKER
SECRETARY	NEIL CUOMO

DIRECTORS

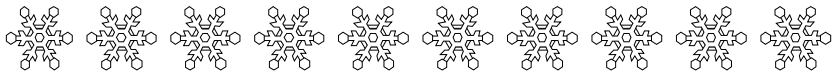
ANDREW ADAMS 2 YEAR TERM
EDWARD GOETZ 2 YEAR TERM

WILLIAM PUJOLAS ONE YEAR EXPIRED TERM (PAST PRESIDENT CUOMO)

JANE SIEMAN 2 YEAR TERM
(REMAINING DIRECTORS 1 YEAR UNEXPIRED: ROBERT FOLADARE & CLAYTON COBB)

ATTENTION: ANY WILLOW RIDGE RESIDENT WHO IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ELLICOTT CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. MAY CONTACT THE FIRE CHIEF AT 691-7439





Snowflake Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 12, 2005

Classics V Banquet Center
Niagara Falls Boulevard

6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Open Bar and Hors d'oeuvres
7:45—9:00 p.m.—Sit-down dinner, entrée choices:

Prime Rib of Beef
Chicken Wellington
Italian Style Orange Roughy
Vegetable Stir -fry

Dinner includes: wine, soup, Caesar salad, vegetable medley
Twice baked potato, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, tea
(11:30 p.m.—coffee and Danish)

9:30—12:30 p.m. Open Bar

8:30—1:00 a.m.—Music by Audio Dynamics Sound Systems

DOOR PRIZES

ALL FOR ONLY \$55.00 PER COUPLE!!!
(\$60/Couple, Non-members of WRCA)

School vacations and holiday festivities with family and friends will be about over as you read this Snowflake Dinner Dance entry. With the date being a bit later this year we have more time to get our thoughts and plans together. Tickets will NOT go on sale until February 15, but we are still working toward giving you another wonderful WRCA community party. As we mentioned in January, this event has been bringing out 300+ residents and friends, so it's never too soon to be sure you have your plans in order.

A few preliminary reminders:

- * round tables hold 10-12 people, but we will complete your table if less
- * full tables should be reserved by your "captain" but not until January 24
- *please leave phone numbers when you call for information or reservations

One of the many "extras" during the evening is the winning of the many wonderful door prizes that we have been given, not only from area local merchants, but from so many of YOU. Please think about helping us out again with this part of the event. If you have personal connections with a business, we have acknowledgment letters for donations. Please call us or Pam McNess with this info and many thanks in advance for this support.

Jack and Lee Baker, Adult Recreation, 691-5972

At the Schools In

- 3 School Resumes
PTA Meeting, 7 pm, Middle School
- 4 PTA Meeting, 7 pm, Willow Ridge
- 6 Financial Aid Night, 7 pm, High School
- 10 Yearbook Sales, 1/10—1/14, Middle School
- 11 BOE Study Session 7 pm @ NVCC
- Candy Sale Kickoff, Willow Ridge
- 13 PTSA Meeting, 7 pm, High School
- 17 **NO SCHOOL K—12 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- 18 BOE Meeting, 7 pm @ NVCC
- 19 Grade 8 Student Orientation for High School @ Middle School
- Grade 8 Parent Orientation for High School, 7 pm @ High School.
- Dollars for Scholars Meeting 8 am, District Office
- 20 Grade 7 Girls Chorus & MS Boys Chorus Concert, 7:30 pm @ High School
- 21 Jazz Festival & Dinner featuring Buffalo Swing, 6 pm, Middle School
- 24 Spring Sports Signup, High/Middle School
- Common Sense Parenting, 6:30—8:30 pm @ NVCC
- 28 End of Second Marking Period, High/Middle School
- Joe Shifflet Wrestling Tournament, 1/28 –1/29
- 31 PTA Council Meeting, 7 pm, High School
- Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30 pm @ NVCC

Information is taken from the Sweet Home District Calendar. Details subject to change.

Refer also to handouts and mailings.

