Wind-In-the-Willows Willow Ridge Civic Association

Willow Ridge Civic Association

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<u>Bulletin Board</u>

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING <u>Tuesday</u>, November 8, at 7:30 p.m. Fire Hall *All Welcome*

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From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors:

There was much discussion at the last board meeting around the sidewalk extension for Bedford Park linking Willow Green and Kaymar, and unfortunately some of it was not very pleasant. It mostly centered around the feeling that there is a lack of respect for the rights of property owners on the entrance way to the park. The majority of the board felt this project would open access to this underused park to wheelchairs, baby strollers and toddlers on wheeled vehicles. In order to try to minimize any impact on our neighbors bordering the park, I ask all who use the park to please remember to pick up your litter, take care of your dog, and to make sure the hours of the park's operation are respected.

As autumn turns to winter it's time to find your snow shovel, buy gas for the snow blower and stock up on the ice melt. It is also time for the civic association to find new officers and board members. According to the by-laws of the association, all officers are elected to one year terms and limited to just two consecutive terms. Board members are elected to a two year term and are also limited to only two consecutive terms. These term encourages turn over which is a good thing; new ideas and the energy of new people keeps the organization constantly looking at issues from new and different perspectives. If you have the time and wish to become more involved in your neighborhood, please contact any current board member or come to the November meeting. *Volunteering is one of the few things in life that you often find you get more out of than you put in.*

Sincerely,

Cam Hill

EARLY BIRD WRCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OFFER EXPIRES 12/31/05

You may renew your WRCA membership now for a **rate of \$12** (a savings of \$3.00) if you send your check to the association treasurer by **December 31**, **2005.** Complete the membership form and mail it with your **\$12** check made out to **WRCA**. Your block rep will be informed of your payment and your 2006 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 de-

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, a

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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 <u>Classified</u> section, in which you may advertise **free** of charge

Classified Advertisements

Editors Note: *Classified* is a service provided for the use of <u>Willow Ridge Civic Association members</u> 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

Appliances: Whirlpool washer and electric dryer: Washer– commercial quality, super capacity, 6 cycles, 3 speeds. Dryer– electric, commercial quality, extra large capacity, 4 cycles, 3 temperatures. Excellent condition, used only 1 year, \$375.00 gets you both. 316-3348

Automobile: 1995 Pontiac Bonneville, 133,000 miles, sold as is, \$1,200.00. 691-0345

Baby Items: Fisher Price kid's easel, collapsible, \$5.00; Evenflo baby gate, Soft'n'Wide, fits 38" - 60" openings, \$5.00; Kid's Jungle Putt-Putt set. Use indoors or out. Includes one club and plastic balls, \$3.00. 691-8713

Baby Items: Simmons maple crib, spotless, needs mattress, looks brand new, asking \$150.00, 691-4599

Baby Items: Attention "new" grandparents and folks with summer/ winter cottages. Crib w/mattress, \$50.00, high chair, \$25.00; play pen, \$10.00, lots of other baby stuff, all in great condition! Make offers! 691-4413

Electronics: Computer—monitor with 15" flatscreen, keyboard, mouse, printer, 2 loudspeakers and woofer, \$150.00 or b/o. 691-7792 **Furniture:** Coffee table and sofa table, 2 years old, maghoney wood, carved legs, from Lazy Boy, \$175.00 each, 691-9460 or 583-9988.

Furniture: China cabinet, solid maple, 73"H x 46"W, light, glass shelf, 4 doors, and 2 drawers, excellent condition, \$350.00, 691-6198.

Furniture: Fabric executive chair, black with gray design w/ adjustable height with arm rest. Paid \$100.00, asking \$50.00. 691-7318

Household: Fireplace screens, new, 2 pair, size 40" x 22" and 36" x 20," \$12.00/pair. 691-6198.

Household: Lamp, handpainted ceramic fisherman. Great for your cottage! \$5.00. 691-8713

Household: Fish tank, 20 gallons w/stand and filter, heater, all accessories included, excellent condition. 691-0621.

Instrument: Keyboard: Casio CTK-401, 4 octave, full size keyboard with LCD and song bank; adjustable stand included, both barely used, \$50.00. 691-5960.

Instrument: Trumpet: Bach TR300 with case and 2 mutes, excellent condition, \$250.00. 691-5897.

Motorcycle: Brand new 2005 Kawasaki 1600, mint condition, 200mi., Vance & Hines Bigshot exhaust, Power Commander, paid 12K, selling for 10K, must see! 316-3348.

Sports and Leisure: Ping Pong table with net, regulation size, take it away yourself and it's FREE! 691-0345

Sports and Leisure: Basketball: hoop, backboard, and mobile pole with base. FREE! 691-3427 or 812-3327

Sports and Leisure: Putting green, 3' x 9' with multiple hole placements, \$15.00. 691-8713.

FOR RENT: Condo, 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. Call 691-0621 for further information.

WANTED

To rept garage for winter-time storage of car. 691-4973.

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

It's that time of year again! Ladies, wouldn't you enjoy an activity for yourself for a change? If you would like to relax and chat with your neighbors and friends, enjoy a morning out with the ladies, and have a playgroup for your toddler, this is just what you have been looking for!! The Parkview Ladies Bowling League still has a few openings. No prior bowling skills are necessary.

Our league bowls on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. at the Tonawanda Bowling Center on Young Street in the City of Tonawanda.

Single bowlers and/or teams are welcome. Talk to your friends, relatives and neighbors. The league does not operate on school holidays, during Christmas & February break, and we are finished with the season before Easter break.

Also, provided at NO EXTRA COST is a child/ babysitting service located in the alleys. This is a great playgroup for your toddler, while mom gets to enjoy a little fun too! To join or get more information, please call Connie Holovics at 553-7433 or Donna Rogemoster at 695-6974.

AMHERST MUSEUM \$4.00 Adults 3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd \$1.50 Children Amherst, NY Members FREE www.amherstmuseum.org

Get a jump on your holiday shopping at Amherst Museum's Guild Day Show and Sale, Saturday, November 5, 10:00 am—4 pm. This new event will feature museum guild members and affiliated guilds demonstrating and selling their traditional crafts, such as quilting, weaving, woodcarving, blacksmithing, lace-making and more. Other vendors will also be on hand. Amherst Museum guilds practice traditional 19th century crafts. Guilds meet monthly and present classes and demonstrations for all who are interested. Many guild memberships include membership in the museum.





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7:30pm:

NOTE: ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE—PLEASE ALSO REFER TO SCHOOL MAILINGS



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TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY, NO SCHOOL K-5.

MS; PTSA Mtg, 7pm@ HS Library; Book Fair

Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble Concert,

Immunizations, 3-4pm @ Glendale.

Meeting, 7pm, @ NVCC

Var. Show 7:30pm@ H.S.; End of 1st Marking Per., HS/

Influenza Immunizations, 8-9am @ St. Leo's; Influenza

Influenza Immunizations,7-8am @ Maplemere; BOE

Influenza Immunizations, 3-4pm @ Heritage Heights;

Influenza Immunizations, 9-10am @ St. Christopher's;

HS Symphony Orch., Concert Orch., HS Jazz Ens. Con-

11/18, W.R; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @NVCC; PARENT/TEACHER CONFER-ENCE DAY, NO SCHOOL

VETERAN'S DAY, NO SCHOOL, K-12

High School; NYS Gr.5 Social Studies Test 11/16-11/17.

WRCA Meeting Minutes October 11, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Cam Hill, president; Jim Prentice, vice president; Neil N. Cuomo, secretary; Jack Baker, treasurer; and Board Members Bill Pujolas, Ed Goetz, Jane Sieman, and Bob Foladare. Also present were Lee Baker, Laura Lewis, Matthew Evans, Ellen Evans, Thom Bellanca, Kathy Bellanca and Jim McCormick

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the September 6, 2005 WRCA board meeting, as published in the October edition of the Wind-inthe-Willows were reviewed. A motion was made by Bob Foladare, seconded by Ed Goetz to accept the minutes. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Baker gave the treasurer's report. He reported a checking account balance of \$8,221.00, and projected a surplus for the fiscal year. He provided the board with a breakdown of deposits and withdrawals during the prior month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cam Hill reported that he had received a letter from Councilman Dan Ward acknowledging our requests for improvements in Bedford Park, and asking if we have any further items that perhaps can be addressed. Cam will be speaking with Mr. Ward. Anyone with suggestions can contact Cam or any of the WRCA officers or board members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Report (Laura Lewis)

Laura reported membership of 930 for 2005, an increase of more than 10% over the last year. The monthly newsletter will continue to include a payment coupon for "early bird" rates on dues for 2006, that members are urged to take advantage of. This will lessen the burden on block reps. Webmaster (Jack Baker)

Jack reported that progress is being made in updating the website to make it more user friendly. Future details will follow. The present site remains www.wrca.info. In a related matter, Cam Hill requested authorization to purchase Adobe software at a cost of \$100 plus tax that will better allow transmittal of the newsletter to the printer via the internet and also allow for loading the newsletter onto the website. A motion was made by Bob Foladare, seconded by Jim Prentice to authorize the expenditure. Motion was carried.

Halloween Party (Jennifer Hubert)

The kids Halloween party will be held at Willow Ridge Elementary. Due to safety and liability concerns, the school district will not allow the bounce house without sufficient liability insurance of the supplier, which has made the rental cost prohibitive.

OLD BUSINESS

Sidewalk Extension Grant-Thom and Kathy Bellanca appeared representing neighbors surrounding the Kaymar entrance to Bedford Park to voice their opposition to the Town's intention to proceed with the sidewalk being extended to connect to the Bedford entrance off of Willow Green. They expressed their concerns with safety, increased traffic, and after hours activity by youths, which could affect the quality of life of residents around the park entrances.

Significant discussion followed, trying to find ways to minimize the impact on those in close proximity to the entrances, while balancing the potential positives of increased utilization of the park. A motion was made by Jim Prentice, seconded by Ed Goetz to allow the project to continue. Carried with one vote in opposition. Anyone with suggestions on how to improve the park is asked to contact any WRCA board member or officer.

NEW BUSINESS

Cam Hill suggested that we sponsor a scholarship to deserving high school students who reside in Willow Ridge. The award would be selected by the Dollars for Scholars committee at Sweet Home High School. This will be discussed at future meetings. Suggestions are welcomed.

Jim McCormick presented a quote for liability insurance to cover our meetings and functions including the dinner dance, boat cruise, Oktoberfest, National Night Out, Halloween and Easter parties. Hartford is writing the policy at a cost of \$1,287.00, the same cost as last year. It specifically excludes bounce houses and similar "trampoline" type devices, and any future use of these items would require a liability insurance certificate supplied by the provider, naming the WRCA as an additional insured. A motion was made by Jack Baker, seconded by Bill Pujolas to approve the insurance quote. Motion was carried. **ADJOURN**

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Bill Pujolas, seconded by Bob Foladare to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., which was carried. Respectfully submitted, Neil Cuomo Secretary



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GARDEN CLUB

Following the November 2nd meeting of the Willow Ridge Garden Club at Zion United Church of Christ, 15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda at 7:30 pm, members will welcome Marian Prezyna, master gardener, herbalist, beekeeper. She is the owner of Catstail Farm and will conduct a talk and slide show "The Role of Insects in Gardening" focusing on both beneficial and harmful insects. New members and guests are welcome. For information, please call Virginia Winter @ 691-7704. Mira Knoble

Publicity Chairman, 693-8666

WILLOW RIDGE GARDEN CLUB 2005 POINSETTIA SALE

	Red	White	Pink	Burgundy	Marble	Total
4.5" @ \$2.50				XXXXXX		
6.0" @ \$5.00						
8.0" @ \$10.00				XXXXXX		
10" @ \$11.00				XXXXXX		
4.5"Winter Rose @ \$2.50		XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	
6.0"Winter Rose @ \$5.00		XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	
22" Wreath @ \$11.00	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	

Name

Phone

TO ORDER CALL: Virginia Winter @ 691-7704 or Doris Mohr @ 691-6539

NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER NOVEMBER 27, 2005

Please write the quantity for each selection in the proper box. Please include payment with your order. Checks made out to Willow Ridge Garden Club. Pick up plants on the day of delivery—Friday, December 9, 2005 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. At 4280-F Chestnut Ridge Road, Amherst. If you cannot pick up your purchase by 3:00 pm on the day of delivery, please make arrangements for someone else to pick them up.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Welcome

Neighbors on Manor Oak Drive would like to wish a belated but sincere welcome to Yoshiko Nozaki and Hiro Inokuchi, who moved in to 31 Manor Oak in June. They can be reached at 564-1170.

Neighbors on Willow Green Drive would like to welcome the Tan family to Willow Ridge. Jing runs his own restaurant, and his wife, Oil, also works in a family restaurant in Kenmore. They have two daughters, Susan who is 5 and Lucy, who is 7 months old. Many best wishes to all in your new home.

Congratulations

John Karle Macritchie and Erin Montgomery were united in marriage on October 8, 2005 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. John Karle is the son of Jack MacRitchie and Debbie Wicher MacRitchie. They now live in Connecticut. John Karle is the grandson of Dorothy Wicher and Janette MacRitchie residents of Willow Ridge. The couple will be residing in the Detroit area. Congratulations and much happiness in your married life!



What's New With the Scouts Willow Ridge Community Cub Scout Pack 173 Bottle and Can Drive Annual CANS For CUBS — Saturday, January 7, 2006

For a third year, Cub Scout Pack 173 will again be going through our neighborhoods on Saturday, January 7, 2006, collecting empty bottles and cans. As a community project and fund-raising activity, money received from your donations will be forwarded to a charitable organization that helps families in need. Last year, we collected \$321.00, which was given to the American Red Cross. On Saturday, January 7, 2006, please put your empty refundable bottles and cans in bags or boxes outside your front door. With the help of their leaders and parents, the cub scouts will collect them between 12:00 and 2:00 pm. If you would like to help but are unable to leave bottles and cans outside your home on January 7, please call to arrange a day and time for them to be collected. Call JoAnn Simon @ 564-3007. Your generosity in this effort will be greatly appreciated.

Girl Scout Troop 383 Inkjet & Laser Printer Cartridge & Cell Phone Recycling

Girl Scout Troop 383 is collecting and recycling ANY old or used inkjet and/or laser printer cartridges found in your home or office. They are also looking for computer or copy machines, as well as old cell phones. If you, your friends or family members, or the company you work for are not already saving them, we can surely use them. Please call Donna at 691-6974 for a pick up or for any questions. The monies earned through this program will be put toward our trip to New York City next year. Many thanks for your support of the girl scouts.

Much thanks to the many residents in Willow Ridge who left empty bottles and cans on their front porches for Girl Scout Troop 383 to collect. You all helped to make our bottle and can drive so successful. We were able to earn a little over \$350.00 to go towards our trip to New York City. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support of the girl scouts. We are planning another drive in the spring, 2006, so keep collecting!! Thanks again! Troop 383



Annual Willow Ridge Christmas Card Delivery by Cub Scout Pack 173

Our Willow Ridge Cub Scouts will be spreading cheer and delivering Christmas Cards throughout the neighborhood once again. You can drop off Christmas cards addressed (complete addresses please) to your neighbors and friends in the Willow Ridge area at **80 Sweetwood North Drive** from **Friday**, **November 25**, **2005 through Thursday**, **December 8**, **2005**. Our cub scouts will deliver all cards from December 10, 2005 through December 18, 2005.

ADVERTISING REQUEST FOR WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY FOR 2006

It is time to begin assembling the Willow Ridge Community Directory again and you are invited to place an advertisement in the 2006 edition. Our directory will carry your advertising message into the homes of the community you serve in a handy 5 $1/2 \ge 8 1/2$ booklet that is kept, read, and used for a full year by our Willow Ridge residents.

The directory (published in February of each year) lists the names, addresses and telephone numbers of

more than 1,200 families who live in the Willow Ridge area. Residents rely on it to contact neighbors and committees and to locate local goods and services. The directory is especially useful to those who are just moving into the area.

Prices are based on "camera-ready" copy (clear, black and white copies of a previous ad or one from another publication the same size as the one you wish to place in our directory. Typesetting will be extra. Minor changes are free. You may obtain quotes or help in setting up your ad by calling the directory chairperson. Full page ads are \$150.00, half pages are \$85.00, and quarter pages are \$55.00.

We will continue our policy of 10% discount for prepayment of an ad received by November 30, 2005. Ads will be placed in the directory in the order of receipt from front to back.

Many advertisers find our coupons to be helpful in generating business. We offer a coupon free of charge with any half or full page ad. (Quarter page advertisers can place a coupon in the directory for a \$4.00 fee). By offering a discount or special price for your goods or services, you draw attention to your advertisement. Coupons appear in a special tear-out section while your paid advertisement remains in the directory throughout the year.

If anyone is interested in placing an ad in our Willow Ridge Directory for the year 2006, please complete the contract on this page and drop it off to me along with your ad at 80 Sweetwood Drive North. *I will be accepting ads until December 31,2005. All payments due by December 31, 2005.* Thank you! Jane Sieman, Directory Editor, 564-0913

Make checks payable to **Willow Ridge Civic Associa**tion and mail to:

> Jane Sieman Directory Chairperson 80 Sweetwood Drive North Amherst, N.Y. 14228

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	Cost of Ad	
Inside front cover (first choice to last advertiser)	\$200.00	
Inside back cover (first choice to last advertiser)	\$200.00	
Back cover (first choice to last advertiser)	\$250.00	
Full Page (V-7.5" x H- 4.5")	\$150.00	
½ Page (V- 3.7" x H- 4.5")	\$ 85.00	
1/4 Page (V- 3.7" x H- 1.5") or (V- 1.75" x H- 4.5")	\$ 55.00	
Discount: Paid in advance by November 30, 2005	-10%	
Total Enclosed		

Name of Company

Point of Contact

Phone No.

Address

Email Address

<u>Coupon</u> (text below or attach) Please note: Coupons are free with ½ or full page ad; \$4.00 with 1/4 page ad.

PRESORTED STANDARD U.S. POSTAGE PAID Permit No. 1430 Buffalo, N.Y.

November 2005

Membership Corner Help!! Our Neighborhood Still Needs About 7 New Block Reps!! Also Available: 1 Head Reporter Position

If you ask our current block rep volunteers and head reporters why they help out the WRCA, they will often say that they value our neighborhood association and don't want to see it falter! It doesn't require a lot of time...but it is easier for all of us when all of our positions are filled.

Current Block Rep positions are available for:

61-102 Willow Lane107-140 Amberwood88-112 Hubbardston52-87 Dalewood300-411 Denrose (even)45-80 BeaumontS.Ellicott Creek215-241 Kaymar (specifically)Kaymar (in general)We need one newhead reporter for Rumson, Jeanmoor, and Beaumont!

Are you thinking about being a block rep? Maybe you'd like to try it out by helping with membership this time around! Give Laura a call today at 691-9527. Do you have friends or neighbors who could help out? You might ask them if they have considered being a volunteer.

This Just In! A Thank You...

...to Carol Bartlett from our association and especially from her Grasspointe neighbors for her years served as block rep! We will be needing a Grasspointe neighbor to replace her for 14-71 Grasspointe. Thanks again, Carol! Also thank you to Rosemary Fisher joining the Rockdale team as Block Rep!

To the Residents of Willow Ridge

Do you have any changes for the 2006 Willow Ridge Directory?

By now you should have been contacted by a block rep regarding your listing for the 2006 directory. If you have not been contacted by anyone, and would like an addition or change of any sort in the upcoming directory, please call me at 564-0913 or drop off a note to 80 Sweetwood North Drive. I will be taking any changes until December 31, 2005 as the directory goes to print in January. My goal is to keep the contents of each year's directory as accurate as possible. Thank you, Jane Sieman, Directory Editor.