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From the Presidents Desk **Hello Neighbors:**

The board has decided to begin the 2006 Membership Drive with the October issue of the Wind-in-the-Willows. Again you will be able to mail in membership registration along with a check, sent to the post office box. This simplifies the process and makes it easier on our block reps come February. An early bird discount of \$3.00 will also be offered again this year for any mail-in memberships received before December 31. After that date the price will be \$15.00 which you can mail in or it can be paid directly to your block rep when your Willow Ridge Phone Directory is delivered.

I would like to briefly address a couple of comments I received regarding the amount of advertising in the September issue. It was decided to take an additional page of ads for last month's issue due to the typical low volume of news copy over the summer. A typical issue will be limited to the two extra pages that were added for that purpose starting with the June issue. At this point we have annual commitments for slightly over half that space. When that is gone we will be unable to guarantee that any additional space will be available.

If you're interested in becoming more involved with the Civic Association, now is the time. During the upcoming meetings we will be looking for candidates for board positions for the next year and finalizing what promises to be a very exciting budget for 2006. On the table will be scholarships for graduating high school seniors from the Willow Ridge area, a sidewalk repair incentive fund, Bedford park improvements and other ideas from anyone in attendance.

> Sincerely, Cam Hill

Bulletin Board

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING Tuesday, October 11, at 7:30 (PLEASE NOTE NEW DAY) p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome

- DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEM-**BER WITW IS OCTOBER 7**
- Classified (page 2)
- Minutes (page 4)
- Halloween Party (page 8)

5th ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST

Date: Saturday, October 22nd

Time: 8:00-1:00

Place: Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

Price: \$10/person includes beer,

pop, and music (bring your own

snacks) \$15/person after October 15th

Tickets: Call Tom or Kathy Halter at 691-7352

(reserved tables for groups of 8 or more)

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

Automobile: 1988 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer 4X4. 4.3L V6,A/C, trailer hitch. 164K miles, good condition, runs great! Great winter vehicle, \$1695 or b/o. Call 510-2498.

Automobile: 1997 Chevy Cavalier convertible, red with black top. Florida car, CD, fully loaded, \$4100.00 or b/o. 691-9339.

Firewood: Scout fundraiser, \$85.00/face cord mixed hardwood. Delivery and stacking included. Bob Sieman @ 564-0913, or Scott McNess @ 691-5621

Furniture: China cabinet, dark wood, excellent condition, \$125.00. 692-9339

Furniture: Dining room set: solid wood table, hutch, double glass door cabinet, and four recently recovered chairs. Lighted cabinet has two glass shelves. Two drawer hutch has two doors with shelves. 108" table has three leaves with a full set of matching pads. \$500.00 564-4567.

Furniture: Oval table, excellent condition, 60X42 plus 3 leaves. Perfect for dining room, \$99.00. * Glider-rocker, cushioned back and seat in blue with white tiny flowers., \$45.00. * Rocker, Hitchcock type, beautifully decorated, \$85.00. * Coffee table with drop leaves. 24L X 22 1/2 W X 15" H also with drawer, 1950 era, mahogany, \$45.00, 691-3599.

Household: Beautiful quilt, hand-sewn white background with delicate flowers. Full or twin size, \$50.00. 691-3599.

Novelty: Commercial Bubble Gum Machine for recreation room or business. 25 cent gumballs roll down spiral inside yellow machine. Clear globe on top. Almost five feet tall. Good condition. 691-7084

FOR RENT

Garage: Single car garage, deposit required. Very secure, on private property. Can be rented year-round. \$95.00/month. 691-7084

Home: (Fall—June 2006) Totally furnished home (dishes, pots, pans) full size dishwasher, refrigerator, stove. Beautiful, private, cozy house on spacious treed lot on Ellicott Creek. One large bedroom plus study for \$625. Includes water, garbage pick up and plowing service. No pets or smoking. Deposit, first and last month's rent required. 691-7084.

WANTED

Appliance: Used refrigerator in good working condition. 691-5727.

ATTENTION: ANY WILLOW RIDGE RESIDENT WHO IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ELLICOTT CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. MAY CONTACT THE FIRE CHIEF AT 691-7439 EXT. 230.

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WILLOW RIDGE SALUTES THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2005

Graduate of Loyola College in Baltimore

Jennifer Ehman, daughter of Dale and Judy Ehman of Willow Lane, graduated summa cum laude from Loyola College in Baltimore this May with a degree in finance. Jen will now be attending UB Law School in pursuit of a career in corporate law. Jen, we are so proud of you and all of your hard work! Congratulations. Love Mom, Dad and Michael.

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School News for October 2005

- Alumni Meeting, 7:30pm @ NVCC; PTO Meeting, 7pm, Middle School
- Book Fair, 10/4-10/6, MS; Winter Sports Physicals, MS/HS; Scholarship Workshop, 2:45pm, High School
- 6 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ Rm 215, High School; Open House, 7pm, Middle School; PTSA Meeting, 7pm, @ HS Library
- 7 Emergency Evacuation Drills/Early Dismissal
- 8 SAT I & II, 7:45am, High School
- 10 Columbus Day No School K—12
- Winter Sports Physicals, MS/HS, BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC, PTO Meeting, 7pm, Willow Ridge; BOE Service Employees Open Forum, 5pm, location TBA
- Health & Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:30pm, District Office
- Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC
- 14 Family Dance, 7-9pm, Willow Ridge; Picture Day, Willow Ridge
- 15 PSAT/PLAN, 7:45am, High School
- BOE Meeting, 7pm, @ NVCC
- Dollars/Scholars Meeting, 8am, District Office; Foreign Language Honor Society Inductions, 6:30 pm
- Picture Make-up Day, High School, NHS Blood Drive, High School; International Night, High School; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30 pm @ NVCC
- 21 Staff Development Day No School K—12
- 22 ACT, 7:45am, High School; PTA Council Craft Fair, 10 am—4 pm
- NHS Information Night, 7 pm @ HS Auditorium
- 25 BOE/Business Open Forum @ 7 pm, District Office; WNY College Fair, 8am, High School
- District Health & Safety Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ Service Ctr.; Picture Retake Day, Middle School
- Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; FBLA Induction Ceremonies, 6pm, High School; Superin tendents Luncheon, Noon, Middle School

Activity Night, 7pm, Middle School; Breakfast with the Principal, 8am, Middle School

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WRCA Meeting Minutes September 6, 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 Clayton Cobb, Bill Pujolas and Bob Foladare. Also present were Lee Baker and Ben Proco-

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Baker gave the treasurer's report. He reported a checking account balance of \$9,095.00, 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 spoken with Mr. David Lovering, the new principal at Willow Ridge Elementary, who requested the opportunity to submit relevant material for inclusion in the Wind-in-the-Willows (WITW) from time to time. The request was received favorable by the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National Night Out (Gary Roussie)

There was a nice showing of residents at the event, despite some dicey weather. The board extended their sincere thanks to Gary Roussie for his time and efforts in continuing to make this event a success. Special thanks also to Willow Ridge resident Rick Wirth aka "Doc Rock," who routinely donates his sound system services for Willow Ridge events.

Boat Cruise (Bob Foladare)

Bob Foladare reported that the event was fairly well attended, despite an early bout with bad weather, and a good time was had by all. The board welcomed a repeat performance next year, which should be bigger and better. Also, the cruise itself may be longer next year.

Junior Recreation (Jennifer Hubert)

The kids' Halloween Party will be held at Willow Ridge Elementary. Details will be contained in the October edition of the WITW.

Webmaster (Jack Baker)

Jack Baker reported that our server may soon become unavailable, and proposed that EJAP Web Design be retained to host and maintain our website at an annual cost not to exceed \$150.00. The motion was seconded by Bob the Red Cross. The board agreed to contribute approxidress will be included in future newsletters.

Membership Report (Laura Lewis)

No report at this time, but discussion occurred concerning extending the "early bird" discount, allowing dues for 2006 paid before January 1, 2006 to be in the amount of \$12.00, with the normal dues of \$15.00 to be collected thereafter. The newsletter invoice system will also continue to ease the block rep burden. Motion made by Cam Hill, seconded by Clayton Cobb, and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter Ads—Cam Hill addressed the layout, volume and content of the ads now included in the Wind-in-the-Willows. There has been some concern of the "clutter effect," as well as the inclusion of political ads. With respect to the volume of ads, Cam acknowledged a relative lack of

news content during the summer months, and as such, utilized the extra space for ads. Next month should return to normal. The presence of ads has resulted in additional pages of the newsletter, but no reduction in news content.

There was also significant discussion concerning the inclusion of political ads in the newsletter. There was concern that by allowing such ads, we were seen to be endorsing particular candidates, which is not the case. The board agreed that any further political ads would include the banner "Paid Political Advertising."

Meeting Date—Cam Hill advised that meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning with the October board meeting, which will be held on October 11. The later meeting date will require faster completion of the board minutes, president's letter, and other submissions to enable the following month's letter to be typed, printed and distributed close to the first of each month. The benefit will be that people will have additional time to review the newsletter before the meeting date.

Sidewalk Extension Grant—Late last year, the Town had requested a "wish list" of potential capital improvement projects that might benefit our neighborhood. After board discussion, request for the Bedford Park sidewalk to be extended and the tennis court parking lot to be resurfaced were submitted, as well as a request for an upgrade to the playground equipment. At our next meeting, residents of Kaymar came to voice their concerns with extending the walk, at which time a letter was sent to the Town rescinding the sidewalk request and instead requesting improved drainage. The Town has now notified us that they have obtained federal funds to extend the walk, and they are currently preparing the engineering plans. This matter will be discussed further at the October board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Cam Hill suggested that we sponsor a scholarship to a deserving high school student who resides 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.

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COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

Debbie Coniglio organized a Hurricane Relief donation drive throughout the neighborhood that raised almost \$1,500.00 for Foladare and carried. Any changes to our website ad- mately \$80.00 from our checking account to bring the total to an even \$1,500.00. Special thanks to Debbie and everyone who made donations and assisted in the effort.

Bob Foladare advised that he is again running the Parkview basketball league for kids ages 8 to 14, broken up by ages with games on Wednesday or Thursday nights at the Dexter school. The cost is \$25.00 per participant, payable in cash. Details will be included in the WITW. Call Bob at 691-7272 for more information.

ADJOURN

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Bob Foladare, seconded by Clayton Cobb to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., which was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Guomo

Secretary

GARDEN CLUB

On October 5, the Willow Ridge Garden Club will be making Hypretufa Troughs for container gardens under the direction of club member Shirley Magee. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in Zion Church of Christ, 15 Koenig Cir., Tonawanda. Guests welcome!

Mira Knoble,

Publicity Chairman, 691-8666

We may have to start a garden walk in Willow Ridge. Every year more beautiful gardens are discovered in our neighborhood. I found Carolyn McLean working in her garden and was graciously invited to tour her and her neighbor's garden as well. Karen Kazial also takes great pride in her plantings on Jeanmoor.

The husband of Lynda Durham on Willow Lane Court, talked of their garden which has grown more beautiful over the years. Janet Melchioris on Westcliffe, has battled nature, mainly deer, to develop her garden into a prize winning display of gardening excellence.

If you would like to nominate someone for a Garden Club Award, please contact Virginia Winter, Civil Beautification Chairman at 691-7704.

Committees and Acti	ivity Chairpersons				
Summer Boat Cruise	E d Goetz	691-7079	Octoberfest	Tom Halter	691-5318
Directory	Jane Sieman	564-0913	Publicity	Debbie Haendiges	691-5902
Garage Sale	Helene Motyka	691-8682	School Brd Liaison	Mike Morrow	691-8031
Garden Club	Virginia Winter	691-7704	Boy Scouts	Bob Sieman	564-0913
Historian	Bob Lannen	691-5270		Scott McNess	691-5621
Holiday Lighting	Neil Cuomo	691-3014	Cub Scouts	Steve Skinner	833-5938
Junior Recreation	Jennifer Hubert	691-4239		Doug Collins	691-9932
Ladies Bowling	Connie Holovics	691-9569	Girl Scouts	Karen Lambe	691-4817
Membership	Laura Lewis	691-9527	Sunshine	Lee Baker	691-5972
National Night Out	Gary Roussie	Unlisted	Webmaster	Jack Baker	691-5972

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Sympathy

Neighbors on North Brier Road wish to extend their deepest sympathies to the Lambito family on the recent loss of their son, brother, and uncle, Lenny Zambito II. Lenny was also part of the Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company family where he served as lieutenant. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Lenny was a great neighbor and will be missed very much. It is with great sorrow, that we report on the passing of former Kaymar resident, Dr. Rakesh Bidani; who died unexpectedly on June 21, 2005. He is survived by his wife, Ila Kumar, and daughter, Shruti. The family recently had relocated to Williams-ville in July 2004. He will be sadly missed by many.

Congratulations

Tom and Mary Ann Reif of Black Spruce Ct. are proud to announce the marriage of their son, David, to Rhea Vogtli of North Collins. The wedding took place on October 1. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Thomas Moir was joined in marriage to Diane Marusewski on July 30, 2005 in Rushford, N.Y. A celebration followed in the Classics V Banquet Center. Tom, son of Barry and Kay Moir of Rockdale Dr., is a science teacher in the Buffalo Public Schools and Diane works in accounting. We wish Tom and Diane much happiness in their new life and home!

Cheryl Gozdecki and Gregory Nowakowski were united in marriage on July 23, 2005 at St. Christopher Church. A reception followed in Banchetti's Banquet Facility. Cheryl, daughter of Sonja and Ron Gozdecki of Rockdale Dr. teaches prekindergarten and is also a figure skating instructor. Cheryl and Greg will make their home in Cheektowaga, N.Y. Congratulations and much happiness in your married life!

ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2005 Natalie Gaulin (age 5) was so moved by the horrific scenes of the hurricane that she asked her mother, Terry Gaulin, if she could sell her toys and send the money to the victims. Terry quickly took action and organized a toy/bake sale at their home on Sweetwood Drive North. After contacting several of her neighbors, the sale was held on September 3. Yes, one day later! We would like to thank everyone who supported our children in their efforts. The children were able to raise over **\$400**! This is truly a testament of what a child can inspire as well as what an incredibly supportive community in which we live.

Thank you everyone!

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Greetings from Willow Ridge Elementary School!

As the "new" principal of Willow Ridge Elementary, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Willow Ridge community. I am not a stranger to this area as I grew up on Dexter Terrace in Tonawanda. I vividly recall riding my bike through the streets of Willow Ridge, on some adventure with my school friends.

After spending my entire professional career in Orchard Park, I have returned to my "roots" to serve the students of Willow Ridge Elementary School.

Recently, while entering the building, the cornerstone that reads "1966" caught my eye. I entered the school, sat down, and began counting backward. I determined that this could be our 40th anniversary! After a few phone calls, I received confirmation that the school opened in 1966-67, confirming my "suspicions" that this indeed was the 40th anniversary of our opening.

To celebrate, we will have special events throughout the school year. These events will provide a wonderful context for the students to learn about "history" - that it doesn't always have to be about far off places and ancient times. It will also help to build pride in what this has stood for in its 40 years—excellence in education.

We would like to include you in the celebration since you have been an integral part of the success of this school.

One way you could help is if you would lend us any memorabilia about Willow Ridge Elementary School that you may have tucked away somewhere. Photos, artifacts, and yearbooks—whatever you have—we'll gladly use! Items you donate may be used for displays or as primary documents in the classroom to help our students learn how to learn about the past.

I will use this column in the upcoming months to keep you aware of our plans. Hopefully, you might be able to attend an event or two!

Thanks to Cam Hill (who was the one who confirmed that the building opened in 1966-67) for allowing me the opportunity to use this space to keep you informed about our school.

Thank you for supporting our students.

Sincerely,

Dave Lovering

Principal

Willow Ridge Elementary School

Parkview Basketball for Boys & Girls from age 8 to 14

Wednesdays 6-8:30PM 11 to 14 play

Thursdays 6-8:30PM 8 to 10 play

Starts November 1st end April 1st

Every child will receive a jersey, trophy,& pizza party

If Interested contact Bob Foladare @ 691-7272

Early Bird.... Offer Expires December 31, 2005 WRCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

You may renew your WRCA membership now for a rate of \$12 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 deposited **within one week** of receipt.

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KISSING BRIDGE

Kissing Bridge Ski Area is proud to present the following ski/snowboard packages to the members of Willow Ridge Civic Association and their families and/or friends. The following prices will be good through Friday October 15, 2005. Prices will significantly increase after this date.

SEASON PASSES Adult Season Pass (Age 18+) Cost \$275.00

Young Adult Season Pass (Age 14-17) Cost

Junior Season Pass (age 7-13) Cost \$180.00 Tot Season Pass (Age 6 & Under) Cost \$70.00 Tot is FREE with a Paid Adult Pass Ten Packs

> 10 Pack Cost \$170.00 (14 years of age & older)

Junior 10 Pack \$125.00 (7-13 Years of age)

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Right Night (Saturday - Thursday) Cost \$105.00 (9 Years & up only and comes with 8 Lessons) Right Night (Friday) Cost \$125.00 (9 Years & up only and comes with 8 Lessons) **6X KB Cruiser**

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SNOWFLAKE DINNER DANCE

Mark your calendars! The Snowflake Dinner Dance will once again be held in March this year. Please save the date of **Saturday**, **March 11**, **2006**. Come and join in the annual fun with your Willow Ridge friends and neighbors.

Pam McNess and Karen Galli

Join Us for the annual Children's

Games!

face Painting!

Halloween Party

Pumpkin Painting!

Refreshments!

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Questions? Contact Jennifer

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