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From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors:

As you can see we have moved ahead with the advertising in the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. If you know of someone who could take advantage of this way to reach customers, while helping us support the community, please let them know. We hope the addition of this revenue, along with the cost savings we achieved changing printers last month, will soon make the newsletter nearly self-sufficient. While on this topic, I've been asked why there can be days between when some neighbors receive their copy in the mail and when you get yours. The answer is somewhat complicated, but, it's basically the way bulk mail is processed at the post office.

I have spoken with management at Home Depot and hope any confusion on how and on which Tuesday you can take advantage of your membership discount has been cleared up. It should be the second Tuesday of the month, with the current *Wind-in-the-Willows* (addressed to you) along with proper identification. If you have any problems ask to please speak with a manager; they should be well acquainted with this process.

I hope you're planning on joining us at the upcoming "National Night Out" festivities. I'd like to note what a great job Gary has done of carrying on this neighborhood tradition in his first year as the chairperson. The complete details of this fun-filled August evening can be found inside this issue, along with a map of the parade route.

A final note, if you're interested in the Summer Boat Cruise, contact Bob or Ed soon, tickets are limited to the first two hundred. Details for this can also be found in this month's issue.

Sincerely,
Cam Hill

Bulletin Board

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, July 14 at 7:30

(PLEASE NOTE NEW DAY)

p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome

- **DEADLINE FOR THE AUGUST WITW IS JULY 8 2005**
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IN PART BECAUSE OF THE BOAT CRUISE, THERE WILL BE AN INFORMAL MEETING OF THE BOARD AND ANYONE ELSE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING ON JULY 14 @ 7:30 P.M., FIRE HALL

ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

As always, throughout the months of June, July, and August graduation notices will be published in the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. Please feel free to drop off an announcement and short personal message to honor your 2005 graduate. You may mention any honors received and future plans, if you wish. Deliver your typed or printed message to 221 N. Brier Rd., porch box. Submissions will be accepted immediately.

-Debby VonLangen, Editor, 691-6420



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: Honda Civic Coupe, 2002, standard, 5 speed, 38,500 mi., p/l, p/w, CD, cc, moon roof, keyless entry, excellent condition, \$13,000.00. 691-7492

Automobile: Pick up truck, 2002 Ford, F-150 XLT, auto, 2WD, V8, 4.6L, extended cab, 6 ft bed, all power, cruise, AM/FM/CD, 34K, two tone, 1 owner, well maintained, book value \$17,000+, asking \$15,000 or b/o. Must sell. Truck is equipped with a Tonneau cover. Also extra set of Cooper tires on rims comes with the truck. 863-8975 or 691-1178 eve.

Childrens' Outdoor: Sand 'n Sun 10 ft. easy set pool with filter pump, debris cover, maintenance supplies and instructional video, \$25.00. 564-3017

Electronics: (1) Microsoft Force-Feedback Steering Wheel/Pedal combo game controller. Uses gameport serial-type connection (not USB). All software and data included. Almost new, hardly used. \$35.00. (2) Microsoft Force – Feedback joystick game controller. Uses gameport serial-type connection (not USB). All software and data included. Almost new, hardly used. \$30.00. Dick @ 553-7600

Electronics: Sony Playstation, 2 controllers, 1 memory card, 11 games, mint condition, \$50.00 691-6198

Furniture: (1) White hide-a-bed, \$50.00 or b/o (2) Metal tube white bunk bed, \$50.00 or b/o. (3) Couch & love seat, green with multi-color loose back pillows, \$100.00 or b/o. 691-7651

Furniture: China cabinet, solid maple, 73”H x 46”W, light, glass shelf, 4 doors, excellent condition, \$500.00; chair, wood, black, open slat construction with a rattan seat, excellent condition, \$50.00. 691-6198

Health: Homedics massaging foot spa, brand new, never used, \$10.00. 691-9062

Hobbies: Aquarium, 110 gallon, black iron stand, cover w/ dual strip lights, bio-wheel filter, \$280.00. Dick @ 553-7600

Office: File cabinets: one heavy duty steel five drawer file cabinet \$40.00; one heavy duty steel two drawer file cabinet, \$20.00. Call Tony @ 691-9525

Sports and Leisure: Sailboat, 11', complete with good sail, daggerboard, and rudder. Similar in size and style to a Sunfish, but not fiberglass. Ideal for Willow Ridge Lake or beach usage. Good condition. \$125.00. Ross men's 10 speed bicycle. Extras, new tires and tubes (27") excellent condition, \$40.00. Dick @ 553-7600

WANTED

Appliances: A used refrigerator wanted in good working condition, any size/color. 691-5727

Membership Corner

Thank you to Lisa Collins for her time as block rep on Kaymar and to Michelle Torillo on Amberwood! Lisa and Michelle, your time has been greatly appreciated. We would like to invite two of their neighbors to fill these block rep spots.

We look forward to welcoming Laurie and Brett Kennedy and their children, Morgan and Matthew to North Brier in the near future! Laurie has volunteered to take over for Pat Hayes as block rep for 5-66 North Brier when she moves to 84 North Brier this summer. Please join me in welcoming the Kennedy's and thanking Laurie for her participation in our Civic Association.

Current block rep positions available are for 88-112 Hubbardston, and 52-87 Dalewood, 300-411 Denrose (just the even #'s), as well as 45-80 Beaumont, S. Ellicott Creek and Kaymar. Remember that there are these opportunities available to engage in a service to our community!

I can personally attest to receiving many warm welcomes, and even being invited in to see that favorite 1870's house I have always admired. (Thanks, Patti!) Call today, or leave a message if you are interested in volunteering at 691-9527. Thanks!

Laura Lewis, Membership

OUR CIRCULATION LIST IS STILL BEING UPDATED FOR THIS YEAR. ANY LATE SNOW-BIRDS OR OVERDUE MEMBERSHIPS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR BLOCK REP ASAP TO CONTINUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP! THANKS!!

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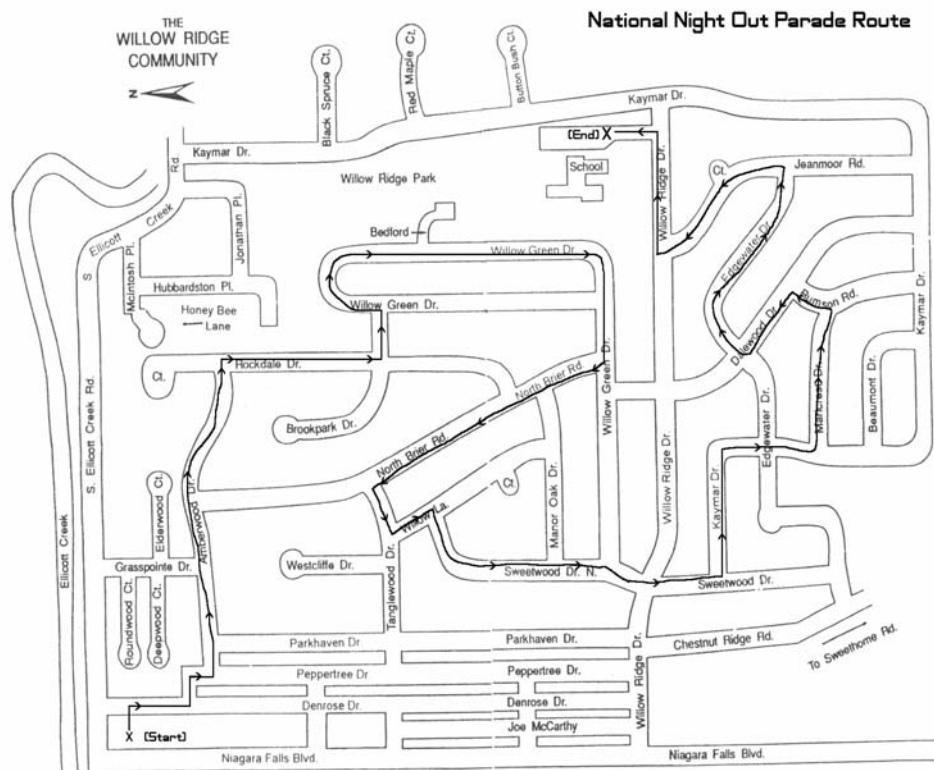
Bill and Karen Richardson
526 Kaymar Drive 691-0501

Call for our special Willow Ridge prices

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\$30.00 a month.

Hey Willow Ridge! It's... NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 2, 2005

The Willow Ridge Civic Association will again sponsor National Night Out activities on Tuesday, August 2. The event begins with a bicycle parade through the Willow Ridge Community that forms at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 6 p.m. (Please see route map below). Children are encouraged to decorate their bikes. Activities, games, and prizes for the children will begin at the Willow Ridge School at 7 p.m. where there will be a bounce house and entertainment, including Glenn Coulton and Doc Rock. There will be police demonstrations, and the U.S. border patrol are invited. The Girl Scouts will be selling their hot dogs to keep you well fed. Please join your neighbors once again for this wonderful and worthwhile mid-summer event. National Night Out is a national program for the safety and crime awareness designed to bring neighborhoods together to promote crime prevention and home security. Anyone wishing to help or with questions, please call Gary Roussi, 691-0218



Thank You, Willow Ridge

Dear Willow Ridge Residents,

I would like to thank the scout leaders of Troop #173, fellow scouts, family, friends, Willow Ridge neighbors and especially the volunteers for all your **help, donations and encouraging words** as we painted addresses on the curbs on June 11, 2005 for my Eagle Scout project. As you may remember, it was extremely hot that day, so the neighbors that offered us beverages or a dip in their pool really meant a lot! I met some of the greatest people that day and enjoyed hearing the stories of people in your families who achieved or were close to achieving the Eagle Scout rank. I feel very proud to be a part of this wonderful neighborhood. Thank you so much again for everything and may God bless you all.

Brandon Vizzi
Troop #173

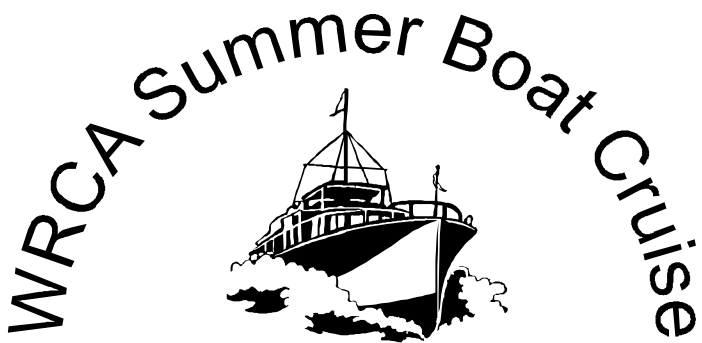
The Winter Family would like to thank all our friends, neighbors, and co-workers who made contributions to "Great Strides," a walk to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Willow Lane residents, Garden Club members, the P.E.O. Sisterhood, and U.S. Customs Poker Club have again helped to fund research in this cause.

The Board of Trustees of the Carquest Charitable Foundations approved the "Dollars for Doers" application, made by Frank, in the amount of \$1,000.00! The check was presented to a C.F. representative at a special ceremony at the Carquest store (Millersport). What a way to start our drive! Our granddaughter, Victoria, has a brighter future thanks to all of you!

Frank and Virginia Winter

**Any further contributions may be sent to:
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, WNY Chapter
4976 Transit Rd., Depew, NY 14043**

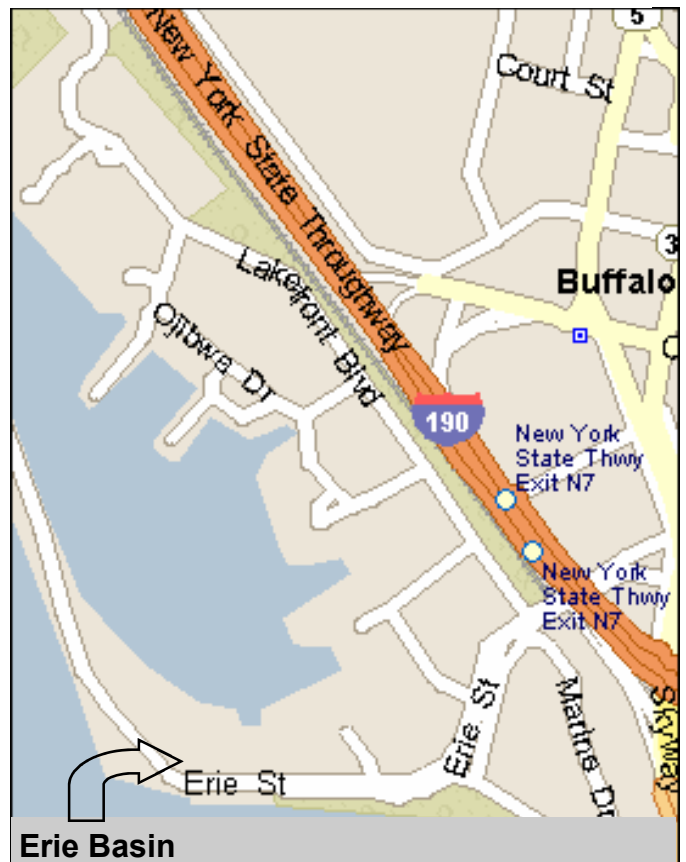
Summer Fun Tell a friend



Sunday, August 14, 2005

\$20.00 per person

- Boat Departs @ 3:00pm Boarding begins @2:30pm
- Two hour Cruise aboard the *Miss Buffalo*.
- Enjoy **free** Beer, Wine and Pop aboard the ship.
- Snacks provided before departure at the Eire Basin starting at 1:30pm
- For **Tickets** contact Bob Foladare @ 691-7272 or Ed Goetz @ 691-7079



Erie Basin

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Sympathy

Friends and neighbors on Willow Green Drive wish to extend their condolences to Rick and Lynn Wirth on the recent passing of Rick's mother, Emma. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Friends and neighbors on Willow Green Drive extend their heartfelt sympathies to Brenda Howze of Willow Green and Lucy Inez Gooden of Westcliffe Drive and their families on the recent loss of their dear sister and daughter, Carol Hamilton. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Deepest sympathy to the Cross family of Brookpark Dr. on the passing of Dan's father in March and Donna's mother in June.

Get Well

Wishing Bob Huber a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Temesgen Haile and Aster Mekonnen of Edgewater Drive on the birth of their daughter Bethel, who arrived on April 6, 2005 at Millard Fillmore Suburban. She was 7 lbs. and 21 inches long. Best wishes to all of you.

Rob and Ann Thomann of 121 Rockdale Drive happily announce the marriage of their son, Wayde Robert to Vicki Lynn Rutledge. The wedding took place on Friday, May 13 in Rochester Hills, Michigan, where the happy couple reside with their two dogs and a cat.

Paul and Dianne Kehr of Dalewood Drive are pleased to announce the impending wedding of their daughter, Amber to Kevin Glossmen. The couple will reside in Charlotte, North Carolina after their August ceremony at Banchettis Grove in Amherst.

Pam and Eric Laubenstein are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Matthew, to Kara Joy Smith of Chicago, Il. Matthew and Kara are students at Princeton University where they are both studying for their Masters of Divinity. A May 2006 wedding is planned.

Congratulations to Scott and Jennifer Pfalzer of North Brier on the birth of their third child born June 2. Marissa Renee weighed in at 7 lbs., 3 oz. joining her big brother Matthew, 7; and big sister Megan, 5. Here proud grandparents, Tony and Joyce Corigliano also live on North Brier. She also has several third and fourth cousins in the neighborhood along with great Aunt and Uncle, Diane and Rick Denesha on Willow Green. Her great-great Aunt and Uncle, Rose and Jim Corigliano live right behind her on Willow Lane.

Belated congratulations again to Tony and Joyce Corigliano of North Brier on the March 17 arrival of another granddaughter Alyson Marie weighing in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. She's the beautiful daughter of Doug and Stacey Washburn.

Amherst Museum

Amherst Museum features two new exhibits to spice up the summer. The first is, "God Bless This House," a unique exhibit of 19th century Victorian religious prints and other objects which will run from June 23 through September 18. Middle class Victorians sought to demonstrate their religious beliefs with easily accessible, inexpensive reminders of their faith. Thanks to the improved printing process known as lithography, religious prints were available for purchase through the mail and in shops. Prints could also be clipped from popular magazines of the day. The exhibit of 130 items includes examples from Catholic, Protestant, Eastern Orthodox and Jewish faiths, all from the period 1850-1900. Images of the saints, Madonna and Child, local prints, and examples from Currier & Ives are displayed. Entrance to the exhibit is included with regular museum admission.

The second exhibit features a trip back in time to the 1920's to Reikart Barbershop, bringing to life the world of barber Frank Reikart for visitors. Call him Jack-of-all-Trades or a Renaissance Man, or just plain eclectic—barbering was only one of Reikart's many occupations. The exhibit features barbershop artifacts, Reikart's creatively designed musical instruments, photos from his Vaudeville career with his wife and pet monkey, and memorabilia of his photography studio and ice cream parlor. Reikart operated all of these enterprises from the small Swormville building, relocated to the museum grounds and fully restored. The barbershop is one of twelve restored historic buildings from the 19th century Amherst. Museum hours are Tuesday—Friday, 9:30a.m. — 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 12:30—4:30 p.m. Admission is \$5/adults; \$1.50/children 5-18, free for ages 4 & under, \$12. for families of up to four people. Museum members are admitted free. Amherst Museum is located at 3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Amherst. For more information call 689-1440 or log onto www.amherstmuseum.org

WILLOW RIDGE SALUTES THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2005

Graduates of Syracuse University and Sweet Home High

Congratulations to Kevin Ptak and Scott Ptak. Kevin graduated with his Masters degree in public relation from Syracuse U in May. He was awarded the William Doescher Outstanding Public Relations Masters Degree student for outstanding academic performance and exceptional promise in the field of public relations. Scott graduated from Sweet Home with honors and was recognized for his achievements in Business First. He will be off to study international affairs. *May life be kind to both of you and bring you home often. You are both more than I could have ever imagined you would be. With much Love, now and always.*

Graduates of University at Buffalo and Sweet Home High

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jacobson of 138 Rockdale Drive are the proud parents of 3 graduates. Son, Steven, graduated in May from SUNY College at Buffalo with a B.A. in communications. Steve is currently employed a Entercom Communications as a producer and weekend anchor on WBEN radio. Daughters, Jessica and Marissa, will graduate on June 24 from Sweet Home High School. Both girls will attend SUNY Fredonia in the fall. Marissa will be majoring in secondary education, while Jessica will pursue a degree in social work. We are so proud of your accomplishments, and know that you will succeed in whatever you do!! Mom, Dad and Jenn

Graduates of the University at Buffalo

Congratulations to Molly McCausland who graduated summa cum laude from the UB with a degree in music performance—percussion. Molly will attend SUNY Fredonia in the fall where she will pursue a degree in music education. *Molly we are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. Love, Mom & Dad*

David M. Swiatek, 42 Willow Green Drive has received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering from the University of Buffalo. David is a member of Chi Epsilon (Civil Engineering Honor Society). He is currently employed by the Army Corp of Engineers. David has been awarded a full scholarship by the University at Buffalo to attend graduate school in the civil engineering program. *Congratulations, David, on all your success!! We are very proud of you! Love, Mom, Melissa and Kimme*

Graduate of Daemen College

Crystal L. Garvin RN, BSN, daughter of Patrick and Mary Ann Garvin of North Brier Road graduated from Daemen in January 2005 magna cum laude. Crystal received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and was inducted in Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society—Pi Zeta Chapter. *Crystal, we are so proud of you. Follow your dreams and may God bless you all of the way. With all our love always, Mom and Dad*

Graduates of Sweet Home High

To our Southern Belle, Victoria Boorman: Congratulations on a job well done in high school. We know you will do just as well if not better at the College of Charleston. We hope your dream of South Africa comes true next year. We will miss you very much. Good luck and may God keep you safe. Love, Mom, Dad, Ricky & Rajah

Announcing the graduation of Kaeli Bateman, 67 Westcliffe. Kaeli will attend SUNY Binghamton in the fall. *Congratulations Kaeli, from Dad and Joanne*

Congratulations to Ian McNess on your Sweet Home Class of 2005 graduation. *We are very proud of you. Best of luck in pursuing your education and career goals at N.C.C.C. in Criminal Justice. Love, Mom, Dad, Rachel and Justin*

Committees and Activity 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



WRCA Meeting Minutes

june 2, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. In attendance were Cam Hill, president; Jim Prentice, vice president; Neil Cuomo, secretary; Jack Baker, treasurer, and Board Members Clayton Cobb, Bill Pujolas, Bob Foladare, and Ed Goetz. Jane Sieman and Andy Adams were excused. Also present were Lee Baker, Laura Lewis, Gary Roussie and Bob Witulski.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the May 5, 2005 meeting as published in the June *Wind-in-the-Willows* were read by Neil Cuomo and reviewed. A correction was made pertaining to the National Nite Out that will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, not August 4, as published. No other additions, deletions or corrections were offered. A motion was made by Bob Foladare, seconded by Ed Goetz to accept the minutes as written. It was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Baker reported a checking account balance of \$7,777.00. He provided the board with a breakdown of deposits and withdrawals during the prior month. He reported that \$54.00 was paid out to renew the WRCA PO Box for another year. He also paid \$70.00 to reimburse Carl Smith for the purchase of a new flag for our entrance. A motion was made by Cam Hill, seconded by Bob Foladare to accept the treasurer's report. It was carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cam Hill reported that the new newsletter format was completed, the letter is in the hands of our new printer and will be mailed out shortly. The *Wind-in-the-Willows* ad fee schedule was reviewed. The board as a whole was pleased with the new format/layout. Cam will work with Clayton Cobb on lining up ad patrons. Anyone interested should call either of them.

In part because of the new boat cruise, Cam reported that an informal meeting of the board and anyone else will be held on July 14 at 7:30 p.m. There is normally no meeting after June until September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership (Laura Lewis)

Laura Lewis submitted a report advising that two block reps had resigned and their positions need to be filled. Anyone interested in becoming a block rep should contact her. One block rep still needs to sub-

mit their report. We now have 908 paid members and we are expecting approximately 15 more, an increase of approximately 75 from last year. She expressed her satisfaction at the reception she has received throughout the neighborhood.

National Night Out (Gary Roussie)

Gary reported that it will be held on **August 2, 2005**. Plans are being finalized for the traditional parade, a bounce house, entertainment, including Glenn Coulton and Doc Rock, who routinely donates his services for Willow Ridge events. There will also be some police demonstrations.

Boat Cruise (Ed Goetz, Bob Foladare)

Bob reported that the event will be held on August 14, 2005 from 3-5 pm on the Miss Buffalo. Final plans are being made for a pre-launch "tailgate party" at the launch. Capacity will be limited to 200. Cost for individuals is \$20.00. Our "break even" number is approximately 76 people. This is expected to sell out and reservations should be made by calling Ed Goetz or Bob Foladare. Tickets have been distributed to captains.

Sunshine (Lee Baker)

Lee reported that Willow Ridge resident Bob Sieman's father passed away. Bob's wife, Jane, is on the board. The board collectively expressed their condolences to Bob, Jane and their family.

OLD BUSINESS

Jack Baker attended an informational meeting at the High School and published in the June newsletter the findings of the Army Corps of Engineers concerning the "sinking foundations" problem.

COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

Bob Witulski introduced himself as a new permanent resident in Willow Ridge, where he has owned property for some time. The board welcomed him to the neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Cuomo, Secretary

WILLOW RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

The Willow Ridge Garden Club will meet at 10:00 a.m. on July 6, 2005 in the Willow Ridge School parking lot to car pool to Beaver Meadow pavilion in Java, N.Y. An expert naturalist will present a nature program, followed by a potluck lunch at the Woodworth cottage. For information, please call, Doris at 691-6539 or Shirley at 691-8385.

Mira Knoble
Publicity Chairman
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