

# Wind-In-the-Willows

## Willow Ridge Civic Association

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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Thursday, June 2 at 7:30**

**(PLEASE NOTE NEW DAY)**

**p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome**

- **DEADLINE FOR THE JULY WITW IS JUNE 10 2005**
- **2005 Graduates (page 2)**
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### From the Presidents Desk

#### Hello Neighbors:

As you look through this month's *Wind-in-the-Willows*, you will notice we have added a page to accommodate paid advertising. It was the board's hope that this new source of revenue will pay the cost of this monthly publication. Although there has been a lot of work to reduce costs, this one budget item currently consumes about 90% of the revenue generated from memberships. If you know of a business that might be interested in placing an ad, please let them know about this opportunity.

I would like to thank the board members who took the time to attend the informational meeting on the foundation problems in Amherst that was held May 9 at the high school. If you would like to know more about this meeting, please see Jack Baker's report in this issue.

Remember, if you're interested in the summer boat cruise, get your ticket early, as there is a limit of just two hundred. Plans are also being finalized on what promises to another great "National Night Out." A final note of congratulations to the Class of 2005. You make us all proud.

Sincerely,  
*Cam Hill*

### HEIDI'S DAY CELEBRATION—JUNE 11- AT THE FORMER DEXTER TERRACE SCHOOL

10:30 AM—25 MI BIKE RIDE, 11 AM-11 MI BIKE RIDE, 11:30 FAM-ILY BIKE RIDE; 1:00PM—FOOD AND ACTIVITES INCLUDING FACE PAINTING & HAT DECORATIONS. THEME BASKET RAFFLES. NO TICKET NEEDED, BRING YOUR FRIENDS. PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT HEIDI'S LEUKEMIA RESEARCH FUND.

Heidisday.com

### 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.



**At the**

- 1 Gr. 7&8 Boys Chor, Gr. 7 Girls Chor. Concert, 7:30pm, @ HS; Foreign Lang. Awards, 3pm, HS; Gr. 8 NYS Social Studies Assessment, 6/1-6/2
- 2 6th Gr. Awards, 3:30pm, MS; Junior Awards Ceremony, 3pm, HS; GAA Banquet @ Samuel's Grande Manor, 6pm, HS
- 3 Art Show, 4-6pm, MS
- 4 SAT I & II, 7:45am, HS; Art Show, 10am-noon, MS
- 6 Alumni Meeting, 7:30pm, HS; Boys Spring Sports Recognition, 6pm, HS
- 7 Gr.8 Girls Chorus in Sweet Harmony & Gr. 8 Band Concert, 7:30pm, @ HS; Baton Twirling Assembly, 8:45am, WR; PTA Meeting, 7pm, WR
- 8 Gr. 7 Band & District Soloists Concert, 7:30pm, HS
- 9 7th Gr. Awards, 3:30pm, MS; PTSA Meeting, 7pm, HS
- 10 8th Grade Party, MS; ESL Family Picnic @ Ellicott Creek Park; WR Gr. 5 Swim @ MS, 7-9pm
- 11 ACT, 7:45am, HS
- 13 PTA Installation Dinner, 6pm, MS
- 14 Flag & Field Day, WR; BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC; Grade 8 NYS Science Written Assessment
- 15 Bike Rodeo, 8:45am, WR; Dollars for Scholars Meeting, 8am, DO
- 16 Regents Exams, 6/16—6/23
- 21 BOE Meeting, 7pm, @ NVCC
- 22 Awards Assembly, WR; Final Attendance Day, K-5
- 23 End of Fourth Marking Period, MS/HS; Senior Awards Night, 7pm @ Classics V, HS
- 24 Commencement Ceremonies @ UB Ctr. For the Arts, 6pm, HS; Superintendent's Conference Day; Staff Development Day
- 27 Superintendent's Conference Day; Staff Development Day
- 28 Superintendent's Conference Day; Staff Development Day; Teacher's Last Day

*Information is taken from the Sweet Home District Calendar. Details subject to change. Refer also to handouts & mailings.*



### **FOR SALE**

**Antiques and Collectibles:** Avon steins, dog & horse design from the years 1979 and 1980. Great Father's Day gift. \$25.00 ea. 691-3599.

**Appliances:** Whirlpool Fridge, bisque, 18.0 cu.ft., good condition, \$25.00; Roper washer, white, good condition, \$25.00. 564-2773

**Clothing:** Women's leather coats, 1 black, size small; 1 tan, size medium. Excellent condition, \$50.00 each or b/o. 691-5407

**Clothing:** Beautiful, sizes 2,3,4 petites. Name brand labels (The Limited, The Gap, Lord & Taylor, Steel, Lauren and more). Suits, slacks, skirts, silk blouses, sweaters priced from \$1—\$5. 691-3599

**Exercise Equipment:** Treadmill, Proform Crosswalk 325X, heart rate, time, pulse, distance, power incline, folds up, barely used, \$270.00. 691-4599

**Furniture:** Twin box spring and mattress, brass headboard and bed frame. Excellent condition, \$100.00 or b/o. 691-5407

**Furniture:** Oak, 2 piece dresser set, like new, \$275.00. 691-4599

**Home:** 25 Black Spruce Ct. in Lakeview Estates, 2 story Victorian, 3200 sq. ft., built 1989 on the lake, 4 bedroom, alarm, a/c, deck, dock, pool, no brokers please, \$350,000.00. 691-8317.

**Home and Garden:** Sheet rock, 2 pieces; pegboard, 2 pieces, both 4'x8'; Styrofoam, 2 pieces, 2'x8'; one pallet. Make an offer. 691-7084

**Household:** Quilt, hand stitched, twin size, beautiful design on pure white background, in perfect condition, \$50.00. Older footstool with green and white tapestry, \$25.00. 691-3599.

**Sports and Leisure:** Boys 20" Next bike, maroon, \$15.00, good condition. 564-2773

**Sports and Leisure:** Electric scooter, GT210, very good condition, paid \$250.00, will sell for \$95.00. Pat @ 564-2407

### **FOR RENT**

**Garage:** Single car garage (available this summer). Car or boat only, garage door opener included. Deposit required. Very secure, on private property. Can be rented year round. \$95.00/month. 691-7084

### **WANTED**

**Tutoring Available:** Reading specialist available for tutoring your child in reading and writing, kindergarten—grade 5. Susan @ 691-5546

**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.**



## Notes from the Army Corps of Engineering Meeting on Sinking Foundations in Amherst

Monday, May 9, 2005, Sweet Home High School

The representative of the ACE made an hour long, greatly detailed, well illustrated Power Point presentation of the research conducted over the past two years on the sinking and cracking foundation problem in Amherst. I was not able to understand much of the report, however, the summary and conclusions and the question/answer session were quite informative.

### **Summary**

- Though data is muddled, 96% of homes in Amherst are stable. However, the problems experienced by “only” 4% of our neighbors are extensive and this 4% number exceeds that of other communities nationwide built on similar soil experiencing similar problems.
- We have an expansive soil problem. Our soil expands and contracts with hydration fluctuations. Differentiated moisture content causes said expansion and contraction.
- We experience both settling and side pressure problems. Settling is caused by uneven moisture content under the basement floor and under the wall footers. Side pressure problems are caused by the moisture content of the back fill along basement walls.
- Construction quality problems were discovered but were not prevalent. Individual contractors or builders could not be associated with problems. Most sub-contract with foundation specialists with this data not available. Technology of the times was consistent.
- In retrospect, clay should not have been used for back-fill.
- Problems are tracked by repair permits. The average age of homes requesting repair permits is 34-41 years with a range of 3-60. Conclusion – no one is safe.
- Trees and shrubs close to the foundation draw water and therefore cause moisture differences.
- Downspout problems can cause moisture differences.

### **Recommendations**

- Check foundations twice a year.
- Stabilize soil moisture around and under foundation. No specific instructions as to how or how much.
- Check the Town of Amherst web page for the complete list of ACE recommendations.
- New foundation building codes are in effect but may not be thorough.

Report by Jack Baker

**Your ad could be here...  
reaching over 900 neighbors  
a month.**

**Your ad here for just  
\$30.00 a month.**

**NOTICE: HOME DEPOT IS OFFERING ITS  
10% DISCOUNT TO WILLOW RIDGERS ON  
THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THAT MONTH'S  
WIND-IN-THE-WILLOWS AND PROPER ID. IT IS  
HOPED THAT THIS WILL ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM  
OF SOME NOT RECEIVING THEIR NEWSLETTER  
IN TIME FOR THE DISCOUNT.**

**Amherst Baptist Church PRESENTS  
"WE LOVE WILLOW RIDGE" DAY**

**JUNE 18**

**10:00am—4 PM**

**COME AND GET YOUR FREE CAR WASH  
COME AND GET A FREE HOT DOG LUNCH  
WITH DESSERT AND COFFEE; COLD  
DRINKS AND CHIPS WHILE SUPPLIES  
LAST.**

**REMINDER**

Vacation bible school July 25-29, 9 am—noon.

**LOOK AHEAD**

**COMMUNITY WIDE SUPER SATURDAY EVENT!**

**SATURDAY, JULY 30**

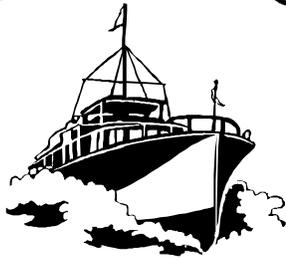
**EVERYTHING'S FREE**

**BOUNCE HOUSES—WATER GAMES—FOOD—MUSIC  
ANIMAL SHOW—JUGGLER SHOW—ACTION  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY! COME ON OUT! WE'D  
LOVE TO SEE YOU AT 100 WILLOW RIDGE DRIVE!**

**This quarter page could  
cost you as little as  
\$40.50**

**Summer Fun ..... Tell a friend**

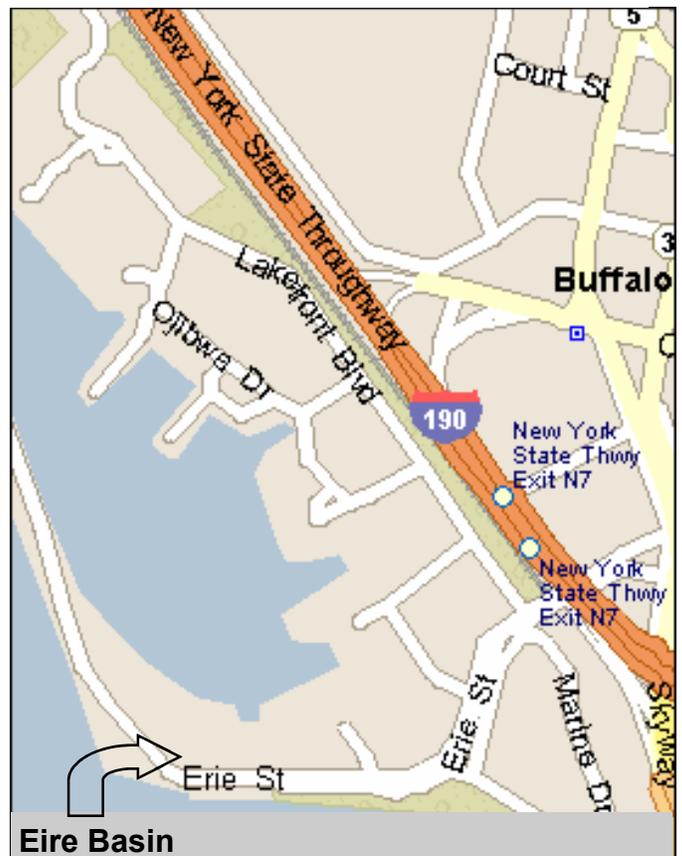
**WRCA Summer Boat Cruise**



**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



**Eire Basin**

**Wind-In-The-Willows**

**Your ad here for just  
\$50.00 a month.**

## *Wind-in-the Willows Advertising Rates*

<b>Whole Page</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Half Page</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>
<b>Quarter Page</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Eighth Page</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

**10% discount with a 12 month commitment. WRCA members can save an additional 10%. For more information contact Cam Hill @ 481-4310**

**Your ad here for just  
\$30.00 a month.**

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

### **Sympathy**

Friends and neighbors on Willow Green Drive offer our sincere condolences to Sam and Jane Guadagna for the recent passing of Sam's mother, Gloria Guadagna. Our heartfelt sympathies are with you.

Neighbors on Denrose Drive extend their deepest sympathy to Marie and Matthew Cieluszk on the death of their husband and father, Alan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

### **Welcome**

Belated welcome to Bill and Kelly Glassner, who moved to 378 Denrose Drive. Bill works in the computer department at Fed Ex and Kelly is the account coordinator for People Inc. Bill Jr. was born September 23 and will be a great playmate for Andrew Jay across the street. Bill Jr.'s great aunt is Carol Quigley, who lives on Amberwood Drive.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations and best wishes to Marlene Tomaselli and Joe Giglia of Jonathan Place who were married on Monday, May 9, in Bermuda. Your friends in Appleridge are very happy for you!

Edgewater Drive neighbors would like to welcome the newest member to the Irwin family. His name is Brady and he was born on March 8, weighing in at 6 lbs., 12 oz. Congratulations Irwin family!!

Congratulations to Jason and Julie Bezinque at 393 Denrose Drive on the birth of their first child born March 1 at 9:32 am. Andrew Jay weighed in at 7lb, 11oz, and was 19 inches long. Proud grandparents, Lil and Ron Bezinque, live at 248 Denrose Drive.

Rick and Debby VonLangen of 221 North Brier Rd wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, April Noel, to Larry Alan Burns. The happy couple exchanged vows on that snowy Sunday, April 24, at the New Apostolic Church, where the atmosphere was warm and sunny. The bride is a physical therapist with Baker Victory Services, and the groom works for M&T Bank as a product consultant. The couple honeymooned in Disney World and Siesta Key, Florida and reside in Williamsville.

## EAGLE SCOUT SEEKS DONATIONS/VOLUNTEERS

As you may recall from our May issue, our WRCA President Cam Hill recognized Brandon Vizzi for the great job he is doing on his Eagle Scout project. Brandon is heading up the team that is painting house numbers on the curbs throughout Willow Ridge. He is nearing completion, but before proceeding, he needs donations, supplies, and/or volunteers. If interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Brandon at 691-5503 ASAP, as he must have the project completed by the end of June.



**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY**

## WILLOW RIDGE SALUTES THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2005

### *Christian Central Academy Graduate*

Congratulations to Brandon A. Vizzi on your high school graduation from Christian Central Academy. *We are so proud of all your life's achievements from the leadership positions you held in school, to your musical talent, scouting and youth group involvement. You are a true inspiration and blessing to your family and friends. You will do awesome in college as you pursue your business and ministry degrees. Continue to soar and always remember to leave your footprints in the sand and know that Jesus is walking with you. We love you and thank God daily for the privilege for being your family. Love, Dad, Mom, and Michael.*

### *Niagara University*

Congratulations to Melisa Holovics of 231 Denrose Drive for graduating Magna Cum Laude from Niagara University. She is a member of Psi Chi (National Psychology Honor Society), Kappa Mu Epsilon (National Math Honor Society), and Delta Epsilon Sigma (National Scholastic Honor Society). She has also been treasurer of her class the last 3 years. *Melisa, we are so proud of you. You worked so hard and it really paid off! Love you bunches, Mom & Dad.*

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# WRCA Meeting Minutes

MAY 5, 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, Andy Adams, Bill Pujolas, Bob Foladare, and Ed Goetz. Jane Sieman was excused. Also present were Lee Baker, Mike Gagnon, Larry Scaglione, Dick Saunders, and Gary Roussie.

## SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the April 7, 2005 meeting as published in the May *Wind-in-the-Willows* were reviewed. No 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 \$8,007.00. He provided the board with a breakdown of deposits and withdrawals during the prior month. He projected a year end balance of \$3,000 in reserves. A motion was made by Neil Cuomo, seconded by Bob Foladare to accept the treasurer's report. It was carried.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cam Hill reported that a resident had contacted him concerning the drainage in Bedford Park. He had also received a complaint from a resident concerning MJ Peterson's poor maintenance of their vacant lots and rental units within Willow Ridge. Attempts will be made to contact representatives of MJ Peterson to address those concerns.

## 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 submit their report. We now have 895 paid members and we are expecting to pass 900 paid members. Significant discussion was held concerning how to improve the registration and collection procedures. Suggestions included maintaining the PO Box for direct payment; possible enacting an invoice system; continued early bird discount; all of which will be further examined in the coming months.

### Website (Jack Baker)

Jack Baker reported that the *Wind-in-the-Willows* is posted on our website at [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info). Two new tabs have been added showing our "mission statement" and the map of Willow Ridge. Also, the site should soon

have photos of some of our functions.

### Garage Sale (Helene Motyka)

The annual neighborhood garage sale will be on May 19-21. Helene Motyka will place ads in the Buffalo News and Amherst Bee. Andy Adams made up signs to be posted at entrances to Willow Ridge. Maps will be run off and be available for distribution to patrons.

### National Night Out (Gary Roussie)

Gary reported that it will be held on August 4, 2005. Plans are being finalized for the traditional parade, a bounce house, entertainment, perhaps a clown or two, and 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. There will be a cookout preceding the ride at the launch. Capacity will be limited to 200. Cost for individuals is \$20.00. Our "break eve" 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.

## OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning the potential for advertising in the monthly newsletter as a way to ease the printing/ distribution costs. Cam Hill presented a mock newsletter containing space for ads. Upon motion by Bob Foladare, seconded by Andy Adams, the board authorized him to change the newsletter to an 8 page setup, and enact cost savings pursuant to a quote sheet he presented.

Jack Baker made a motion to establish a policy for advertising in the monthly newsletter, seconded by Jim Prentice, and carried unanimously. Cam Hill will work closely with Clayton Cobb to determine format, price structure, type of advertisers targeted, etc. Further discussion will be held next month to finalize plans.

## COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

Mike Gagnon, Dick Saunders and Larry Scaglione appeared as representatives of the Amherst Baptist Church on Willow Ridge. As the only church in the community, they laid out their plans for community involvement, and expressed their desire to "join forces" with the association for the betterment of our community. All parties agreed to keep the lines of communication open and seek ways to better utilize our respective resources.

## ADJOURNMENT

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Bob Foladare, seconded by Andy Adams adjourn at 9:00 p.m. which was carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neil Cuomo, Secretary



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

**June  
2005**

**Amherst Museum Summer Activity**

**“A Taste of Blacksmithing” July 23-24; July 30-31; and August 6; 8:30am—4:30pm each day**

This is a five day, hands-on course for beginning blacksmiths. Open to all men and women age 18 and over. Taught by members of the Niagara Region of the New York State Designer Blacksmiths and the Artists Blacksmith Assoc. of America. Learn the art, craft and history of blacksmithing, basic skills including forge welding and tool making. Go home with projects and tools you have made. Class size limited to 8 students. Each student will have use of a single anvil and work two to a forge. Cost is \$350. and includes use of tools and materials during the week, plus the course book, *A Blacksmithing Primer*, which students may keep. Course participants will be admitted free to the museum’s Blacksmith Hammer-In, Sunday, August 7. Students must register by July 1. Call the Amherst Museum @ 689-1440 for brochure.

**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

