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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, December 12 at

7:30 p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome

- **DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY WITW IS DEC. 10**
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From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors: Are you ready for the holidays? More specifically, are you ready with your outside decorations for the annual decorating contest sponsored by the Association? The winners not only receive a \$10.00 gift card, but bragging rights that are priceless. Have you stocked up on a few extra can goods to donate to the annual Ellicott Creek Fire Departments drive to help feed those in need? Have you dropped off your Christmas Cards for your neighbors to the Scouts for delivery around the neighborhood? These are a few of the traditions in Willow Ridge that make it special.

I would like to issue a warning to all residents to make sure your car doors are locked and valuables removed. It has been reported that several cars have been broken into late at night over the last few weeks.

My final comment is word of thanks to all those that made my two years as president, so enjoyable.

To all, on behalf of myself and the entire board, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and our wish for you and yours to have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Cam Hill

ANNUAL WILLOW RIDGE CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY

Our Willow Ridge Cub Scout Pack 173 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 105 Sweetwood North Drive until 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 14, 2006. Our Cub Scouts will deliver all cards from December 17, 2006 through December 20, 2006.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW! Early bird WRCA Membership Renewal Offer Expires 12/31/06. You may renew your WRCA membership now for a rate of \$12 (a savings of \$3.00) if you send you check to the association treasurer by December 31, 2006. Complete the membership form and mail it with your \$12 check made out to the WRCA. Your block rep will be informed of your payment and your 2007 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. 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 savings coupons, and services, not to mention phone numbers of schools in the area. Need a babysitter? You will 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 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-Willows* is its "Classified" section, in which you may advertise free of charge. So many great reasons to be member of the WRCA! Renewing now greatly helps out our hard working neighborhood block reps. Thank you. !

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WRCA Treasurer
 P.O. Box 86
 Amherst, NY 14226

WRCA Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. In attendance were President Cam Hill, Vice President Jim Prentice, Secretary Neil Cuomo, and Board Members Ed Goetz, Pat Land, Bill Pujolas, and Bob Folandare. Also present were Joe Battaglia, John Radens, Ben Procopio and Jill Hagen.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Bob Folandare, seconded by Ed Goetz to approve the minutes, which was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ed Goetz, presenting for Jack Baker reported a checking account balance of \$8,473. He provided the Board with a breakdown of deposits and withdrawals during the prior month, and reported the budget appeared on track. A motion was made by Bob Folandare, seconded by Pat Land to accept the Treasurer's report, which was carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Cam Hill reported that he received a letter from Amherst Town Council Member Dan Ward concerning a resolution he submitted to limit terms of representatives on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Webmaster (Jack Baker)

The present site remains www.wrca.info. There is also an email address for the WRCA "WillowRidgeCA@MSN.com." Links are being established for those advertisers in the monthly newsletter, and plans are in place to allow for links to government sites, as well as our scout troops and the garden club.

Holiday Lighting (Neil Cuomo)

A committee is being formed for the annual lighting contest. Judging will be the weekend of December 15-17. Gift certificates will be awarded to winners.

Scouts

Ed Goetz advised that the payments budgeted for support of the neighborhood boy scouts, girl scouts and cub scout troops have been disbursed.

Nominating (Neil Cuomo)

Neil Cuomo, as nominating chairman, submitted the slate of

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Save the Date!!!

Willow Ridge Snowflake Dinner Dance

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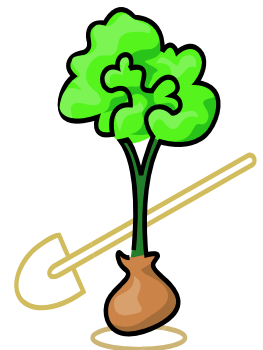
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Neighbors in Apple Ridge would like to thank David Wachala of 112 Hubbardston, for having a great haunted house for all of Willow Ridge to enjoy for the past 8 years. The haunted house was open every Halloween night free of charge and gave “trick or treaters” something fun and scary to look forward to every year. Unfortunately this year was the last year for the haunted house. David married Melissa Herman on a cruise ship in St. Thomas on November 29 and they will be living in Cheektowaga. Congratulations on your marriage and thanks for many years of fun! David is the son of John and Marikay Wachala.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Walter and Patricia Krawczyk of Beaumont Drive on the birth of their first grandchild. Alexander Adam Schmidt was born on October 20, 2006. He weighed 8.9 lbs. And was 21” long. His proud parents are Melissa and Adam Schmidt of Kenmore. Melissa is on leave from the Tonawanda School System where she is a teacher and is also the girl’s varsity volleyball coach. Adam is a project controls analyst for Praxair.

Jack and Lee Baker have recently returned from Cambridge England where they welcomed their third grandchild, Martha Anne Price, who was born October 30 weighing 8 1/2 pounds. The proud parents are their daughter, Amy, and David Price. Maybe when they visit here this summer we’ll know if she’ll have blonde curls and blue-eyes like her brothers, Elijah, 6, and Gabriel, 3 but at the moment she’s a dark-haired English/American beauty!

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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 15, 2006. 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 2007, please complete the contract on the next page and drop it off to me along with your ad at 80 Sweetwood Drive North. I will be accepting ads til December 31, 2006.

Thank you, Jane Sieman, Directory Editor.
Telephone: 564-0913

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Discount: paid in advance by November 15, 2006	-10%	
	Total Enclosed	

(Deadline December 31, 2006-- all payments due by December 31, 2006)

Make checks payable to **Willow Ridge Civic Association** and mail to:

Jane Sieman
Directory Editor
80 Sweetwood Drive North
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WRCA Meeting Minutes (cont.)

officers for the 2007 Board as follows: President, James Prentice, Vice President, Robert Folandare, Secretary, Clayton Cobb, Treasurer, Ed Goetz, Board Members, Joe Battaglia, John Radens and Jill Hagen (2 year terms), Cam Hill (1 year past president). Nominations were opened from the floor. There were none. Neil Cuomo made a motion to close nomination, seconded by Pat Land. It was carried. The incoming board members in attendance, Joe Battaglia, John Radens and Jill Hagen were introduced and welcomed by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning the status of the planned construction of dormitory style apartments on Chestnut Ridge. An appeal has been filed to a court ruling issued October 11, 2006 in Supreme Court denying a motion for an Injunction to halt further construction until the matter is resolved.

Bob Folandare reported that he advised Sweet Home High School that we are again giving two \$500.00 David Lambe Memorial Scholarships to deserving students who live within Willow Ridge, one male and one female. Dollars for Scholars will notice the requirements for seniors.

NEW BUSINESS

Cam Hill discussed the desire to restructure fees for newsletter ads to streamline the process and award those who run ads long term, as they are easier to maintain, set up, etc. The Board directed Cam to report at the December meeting with his recommendations for fee structure.

ADJOURN

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Bob Folandare, seconded by Ed Goetz to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., which was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Cuomo

Secretary



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Halloween Party 2006

Our annual children's party was held on Saturday, October 28 at Willow Ridge Elementary. It was attended by about 45 children and their parents. This group enjoyed many fun activities such as: face painting, crafts, games and even a new magic show. Our magician for this event was our very own Jacquelyn Stoebe, of Girl Scout Troop #709, who did an amazing job! Many thanks to this great group of girls: Julianne and Emma Burke, Nylah Robertson, Lisa Gagnon, Megan and Leah Harris, Alex and Emma Hubert, Jenna Guadagna, Angela Pandolfi, Allie Gaulin, Star Payne, and Rachel Weissenburg, and their leader Jane Guadagna, who helped make the day enjoyable for all. We would also like to thank the many parents who also assisted with party preparations, Pam and Mike Pandolfi Sam Guadagna, Karen and John Burke, and John Hubert. A special thanks to Jacob and Joe Pandolfi, who also worked tirelessly!

We enjoyed seeing all the fantastic costumes on display! I never realized that we had so many creative folks living in our neighborhood. We are always looking for new ideas for our Willow Ridge children's parties, which are sponsored by our neighborhood Civic Association. Please call me if you would like to help or have special talents to share.

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DECEMBER 2006



- 1 Drama Production, 7:30pm, HS; Book Fair, WR
- 2 SAT I & II, 7:45am, HS; Drama Production, 7:30pm, HS
- 3 Drama Production, 2pm, HS
- 4 For Parent/Teacher Conference, K-5 please check school mailing for instructions; PTO Meeting, 7pm, MS
- 5 PTO Meeting., 7pm, WR
- 6 Gr. 6 Band & Grade 6 Chorus Concert, 7pm @ HS
- 7 For Parent/Teacher Conference, 6-8 please check school mailing for instructions; MM Chorus, GL Chorus & Elementary Gold Orchestra Concert, 7pm
- 8 For Parent/Teacher Conference, 6-12 please check school mailing.
- 9 ACT, 7:45am, HS
- 11 For Parent/Teacher Conference, 9-12 please check school mailing for instructions; 8th Grade Declamation Contest.
- 12 BOE /Administrator Open Forum, 5pm @ HS Library; BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC; 7th Grade Declamation Contest; Gingerbread Shop, 12/12-12/15, WR
- 13 District Health & Safety Committee Meeting, 6pm @DO; Health & Well. Comm. Mtg, 3:30pm; Concert Chorale, Chamber Orchestra & Buffalo Choral Arts Society Concert, 7:30pm; 6th Grade Declamation Contest
- 14 WR Chorus & Elementary Gold Band Concert, 7pm @ HS
- 19 BOE Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC; PTSA Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library
- 20 Dollars for Scholars Meeting, 8am, DO
- 25 WINTER RECESS K—12 12/25—1/1



Attention: "School News" is taken from the Sweet Home District Calendar. Events Subject to change. Please refer also to school notices and mailings. Changes are possible after this printing due to the October storm especially with regard to NO SCHOOL days.

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.

Willow Ridge Garden Club

December 6 will find the Willow Ridge Garden Club celebrating their holiday party at the Holiday Inn on Niagara Falls Blvd. at 6:00 p.m. Members will exchange uniquely wrapped gifts. A monetary donation will be given to a local charity.

Mira Knoble,
Publicity Chairman
693-8666

For those who ordered plants, please remember to pick them up on Friday December 8, 2006 @ 4280-F Chestnut Ridge Rd., Amherst.

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December 1-31: Mitten Tree—Donate new hats, gloves scarves and mittens. In return, you will receive a complementary admission to visit the museum. All contributions will go to the children at Buffalo School #45. Also collecting books for the library at School #45. Books suitable for children at grades K-8, or cash contributions can be left at the mitten tree. Staff will deliver all contributions to the school after December 31, 2006.

December 9, 1 pm—6 pm: Family Christmas Event—Music of the season, refreshments, and make-it and take-it crafts for children. Visit with Santa and shop in secret at special children's store where all gifts are under \$3. Tours offered between 3 pm—6 pm by costumed interpreters explaining the customs and history of the holiday at each stop. (Hint: excellent photo opportunity. High resolution photos from previous years available.) Admission: \$6/Adults, \$5/Children, \$5/Museum Members; Horse Drawn wagon rides/\$2. Pre-sale tickets encouraged.

Willow Ridge Garden Club 2006 Poinsettia Sale

	Red	White	Pink	Marble	Total Units	Total Cost
4.5" @ \$4.00						\$
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Design a Cover Contest for the 2007 WRCA Community Directory

Something new and exciting for the 2007 WRCA Community Directory. WRCA will be holding a contest for all Willow Ridge members between the ages of 9-15. All entries must be hand drawn (not computer image) on paper the size of the directory (vertical 8.5" x horizontal 5") to avoid distortion when producing actual cover. No names on the drawings please. All drawings must contain at least one willow tree and the words "2007 WRCA Community Directory."

Judging will be done in three age categories: 9-10, 11-12, and 13-15. There will be a winner in each age category with a prize of a \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift card, whose names will be published in the March issue of the *WITW*. The cover winner will be chosen from those three, and will have his/her drawing published in full color on the cover of the 2007 directory along with their name inside in the directory. He/she will also receive a \$50.00 Wal-Mart card. Winning entries will be based on originality, creativity, and community spirit.

Entry form with rules, judging information, submission information and deadline date below. Have fun and good luck!

Rules:

- *All Willow Ridge Civic Association members between the **ages of 9-15** are eligible.
- *All entries must have this form enclosed with the drawing—**DO NOT STAPLE.....NO NAMES ON DRAWING**
- *Must be hand-drawn. (Not computer image)
- *Drawing must be on paper the size of the directory (vertical 8.5" x horizontal 5") to avoid distortion when producing actual cover. Again, **NO NAMES ON DRAWINGS PLEASE.**
- *All drawings **MUST** contain at least one (1) willow tree to represent Willow Ridge and the words "2007 WRCA Community Directory."

Judging/Winners

- *Winning entries will be judged on originality, creativity and community spirit.
- *Entry forms and drawings will receive corresponding numbers for judging purposes only.
- *There will be three age categories as follows: 9-10, 11-12, and 13-15. One winner in each age category will receive a \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift card. These winners will be published in the March issue of the *WITW*.
- *From those three winners, one will be chosen for the 2007 WRCA Community Directory. This winner will receive a \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift card, and his/her drawing in will be in full color on the directory cover for 2007, and will be included by name in the directory.
- *Judging will be done by three people associated with our community (yet to be determined.)

Submission deadline: December 15, 2006 Entry forms and drawings can be dropped off in the box in front of 80 SweetwoodNorth Drive.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ **AGE** _____

ANNUAL CANS FOR CUBS BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE

(January date tba)

Cub Scout Pack 173 will be conducting their fourth annual CANS for CUBS Bottle and Can drive this January. Date has yet to be determined. After the holidays consider donating your empty recyclable bottles and cans. This is one of the Boys' successful community projects and fund-raising activities.

