

# Wind-in-the-Willows

## Willow Ridge Civic Association

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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday, October 10 at**

**7:30 p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome**

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### From the Presidents Desk

#### Hello Neighbors:

As autumn turns to winter its 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 limits encourage 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 October meeting. Volunteering is one of the few things in life that you often find you get more out of than you put in.

If you've been reading my monthly letter you are aware that members of the Civic Association have attended many a late night session at Town Hall in a effort to minimize the impact of the proposed dormitory housing on Chestnut Ridge. I would like to give a special thanks to all the neighbors and board members for joining me and adding their voices at many of these public hearings. Unfortunately, these boards are made up of people who feel the impact on an area is unimportant when compared to the impact on the entire town. I feel the only way this will ever change is by continued pressure on the town board to appoint people to these boards, that put resident concerns over that of developers. Remember come November 7 your vote will count.

Please check the details in this issue for the many activities going on this fall October Fest, Sweet Home Football Tailgate and The Kids Halloween Party, are just some of the things we have to look forward to. Hope to see you there.

*Cam Hill*

### MEMBERSHIP CORNER

I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME IN WELCOMING Kerri Jasen as our new Membership Coordinator! Kerri and I are making plans to meet as she takes over this important position...well in advance of Membership time.

Thank you to all of you for all of your hard efforts. Our neighborhood is lucky to have you! I've enjoyed this position and hope to continue to help out as needed. A special thanks to Kathy Huber and Charlene Vitale who work so hard to make our February Block Rep Breakfast a great kick off to our annual membership. It has been a pleasure to see close-up all the dedication that goes into volunteering for our Willow Ridge community.

Thanks again! Laura Lewis



## WILLOW RIDGE OCTOBERFEST

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## WRCA Meeting Minutes September 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. In attendance were President Cam Hill, Vice President Jim Prentice, Treasurer Jack Baker, Secretary Neil Cuomo, and Board Members Ed Goetz, Pat Land, Clayton Cobb, Bill Pujolas, and Bob Foladare. Also present were Ben Procopio, Lee Baker, Kerri Jasen, Louise Bieron, Pat Wyse, Jan Stevens, Tom Brylinski, Jon Radens, and Gary Rousie.

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES**

There were no minutes from the informal August meeting to review.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jack Baker reported a checking account balance of \$9,671. He provided the Board with a breakdown of deposits and withdrawals during the prior three months, and reported the budget appeared on track. A motion was made by Cam Hill, seconded by Bill Pujolas to accept the treasurer's report, which was carried.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

Cam Hill reported that a resolution sponsored by Dan Ward and passed by the town board declared, Friday, July 7, 2006 "Willow Ridge Day."

A letter was received from Patricia Bowman of the Willow Ridge Garden Club, asking the Board to consider having a

"Garden Judging Contest" in the neighborhood, similar to the light judging. After some discussion, the matter was tabled to be considered next month as a new item for the 2007 budget.

A town board letter was received advising of a 7-0 vote by the Board on a resolution to keep the paper street at the end of Joseph McCarthy Drive as a paper street, and further advising of the Board's opposition to the area being utilized by ABC Rental as had been requested.

A letter was received from Council Member Shelly Schratz advising of the formation of a town residents group named the "Association of Amherst Taxpayers," with the first meeting to be held on September 27, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at town hall. She requested a representative from our group. Cam Hill will attend and is seeking interested Board members or other parties who would be willing to act as our representative.

Cam Hill also reported receiving notification of meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals on September 19, Amherst Quality of Life Group on September 20, and the Town Planning Board on September 21. Arrangements were made for Board members to be present at these meetings to monitor the status of the proposed construction on Chestnut Ridge.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
**Scholarship (Bob Foladare)**

Bob requested continuation of the WRCA scholarships of \$500.00 each, which will be matched by the schools the re-

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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.

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If anyone is interested in placing an ad in our Willow Ridge Directory for the year 2007, please complete the contract on the this 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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**Currently—Weaver’s Guild of Buffalo Exhibit** — Until October 15 members of the Weavers’ Guild of Buffalo will exhibit their work called “The Artistry of Fiber,” featuring examples of weaving, spinning, felting, and dying. Membership information for the Weavers’ Guild will be available at the exhibit.

**October 4, 7 p.m.—1776 Remix Lecture: Colonial Revivals 1876 & 1976**—Jessica Johnson, Exhibit Collection Curator will explore Americans’ view of the Revolutionary period during the Centennial and Bicentennial periods as reflected in colonial revival furnishings. \$3 (Museum members- free) For more information contact Betty Lerner @ 689-1440.



## Sympathy

Friends and neighbors extend a belated sympathy to the family of Jane Kerr who passed away on April 17. Jane lived on Edgewater and was one of the original Willow Ridge residents. She will be missed by all her children and grandchildren, as well by all who knew her.

## Welcome

Neighbors on Amberwood Drive welcome Jeffrey and Rhonda Mariacher and their 2 1/2 year old son, Nicholas to 67 Amberwood. The family has moved from the Town of Tonawanda. Jeff is a construction laborer and Rhonda is a medical billing specialist. Rhonda has expressed confidence at their decision to buy a home in this area due to the many activities of this close community.

The neighbors on Edgewater would like to welcome Jason Siuta and Roberta Abt, and 11 month old Jadyn to 755 Edgewater. Jason is a welder for the Boiler Makers Union and Roberta works in the administration office at Mount View Health

A neighborly welcome to Christine and Scott Nicholson to 598 Kaymar Drive. Scott, in medical sales, and Christine, a cardiac ultrasound technician enjoy sports and martial arts. Enjoy the neighborhood!

Neighbors on North Brier Road would like to welcome Tom and Tracey Harding to 245 North Brier. We would also like to congratulate them on the birth of their first child, a beautiful son they named Colin. We wish you much love and happiness in your new home!

Welcome to the neighborhood to new neighbors Rick and Joyce Wraight and to their children, 13 year old Abby and 11 year old Jacob. Formerly from N. Tonawanda, they now reside at 22 Sweetwood Dr, Rick is a machinist for American Axle and Joyce is a customer service and sales rep for Citizens Bank. The family enjoys gardening, sports, and boating.

## Congratulations

Lesley Radens and Seth Poiley were united in marriage on Friday, September 8, in St. Christopher Catholic Church. The ceremony was presided over by Monsignor Francis Weldgen and Rabbi Gerald Kaplan. The bride and groom danced under a canopy of stars at their reception, which was given in Kloc's Blossom Grove. Lesley is the daughter of John and Sandra Radens of Kaymar Drive, and Seth's parents are Dr. Jeffrey and Shelby Poiley of Longwood, Florida. The newly married couple will be at home in New York City, where the bride is a retail development coordinator for BeautyBank Inc., a division of Estee Lauder, and the groom is a 3-D animator for Big Star NYC. Lesley is a graduate of Sweet Home High School, and Seth, a graduate of Lake Brantley High School and Full Sail, both in Orlando.

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### FOR SALE

**Appliance:** Whirlpool dryer, Supreme, 3 cycle, 4 temperatures, \$75.00. 691-1310

**Appliance:** Hotpoint Refrigerator, almond, excellent condition, \$150.00. 691-4201

**Appliance:** Microwave Oven, Quasar, 1.0 cubic ft., excellent condition, \$20.00. 691-6198

**Baby:** Furniture etc: Attention "new" grandparents. Crib mattress, high chair, play pen, stroller, crib bumpers, all in great condition! 16" x 42" dressing table pad-brand new. Lots of other baby stuff. Make offers! 691-4413

**Clothing:** Boys clothing: Abercrombie pants, tee-shirts, shorts, sweatshirts (size 14, size 14 slim, size 12) Like new. Hardly worn. Make offer. 691-1310

**Electronics:** Yamaha keyboard with stand, \$65.00. \* 2—8" and 1—15" sub-wolfer car stereo. Both MTX's with 4 channel 340 watt amp, \$400.00. Mary @ 691-6393

**Electronics:** TV—RCA 32" Colortrak Plus with picture in picture. Has cherry outer cabinet. Very good condition, no problems, \$275.00 or b/o. Pat @ 564-2407

**Firewood:** \$50.00 per face cord. Matt @ 691-1268

**Furniture:** Student desk, 4 drawer,

\$70.00. Mary @ 691-6393

**Furniture:** Hutch, solid maple, colonial, 73"H x 46" W, light, glass shelf, 4 doors, 2 drawers, excellent condition, \$300.00. 691-6198

**Household:** Soup tureen, 8 cup, white with ladle, cover and base plate, \$10.00. \* Gatco, solid brass 12" round serving tray, \$10.00. 691-6198

**Household:** Singer portable sewing machine, \$35.00. Mary @ 691-6393

**Household:** Sterling silverware—37 pieces of Reed & Barton service for 6 plus. Never used. Beautiful pattern. \$200.00. \* Books—1 reader owner in perfect and enjoyable condition, \$2.00 each, a great addition to one's library. 691-3599

**Pets:** Dog Kennel/Travel Crate—Large, 36"L x 24" W x 26" H. Heavy duty plastic, \$30.00. 691-5799

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- 2 Alumni Mtg. 7:30 pm, @ NVCC
- 3 Winter Sports Physicals, HS/MS; PTO Mtg. 7pm, WR4 District Health/Safety Committee Mtg, 6pm @ DO  
Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ Amherst Youth Bd; College & Scholarship Info Night, 7pm HS Ring Orders, 5:30-7:30pm, HS; Book Fair, 10/4-10/6, MS
- 5 Common Sense Parenting for Toddlers/Preschoolers, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; Open House, 7pm, MS
- 6 Emergency Evacuation Drills/Early Dismissal
- 9 Columbus Day—NO SCHOOL
- 10 BOE/Service Emp. Open Forum, 5pm! HS Library;  
BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC; Winter Sports Physicals HS/MS
- 11 Health/Wellness Committee Mtg, 3:30pm; FSC Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ Amherst Youth Board
- 12 Common Sense Parenting for Toddlers/Preschoolers, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC
- 13 Homecoming Weekend, HS; Family Dance, 7-9pm, WR; Picture Day, WR
- 14 Homecoming Weekend Dance, 8pm, HS; SAT I&II, 7:45am, HS
- 16 PTO Mtg, 7PM, MS
- 17 BOE Mtg., 7pm @ NVCC  
Dollars/Scholars Mtg., 8am, DO; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ Amherst Youth Board; Foreign Language Honor Society Inductions, 7pm, HS
- 19 Common Sense Parenting for Toddlers & Preschoolers, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; Picture Make-up, HS
- 20 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO SCHOOL
- 21 PSAT/PLAN, 7:45am, HS; PTSA Craft Show, 10am-4pm, HS
- 24 WNY College Fair, 8:15am, HS; PTSA Mtg., 7pm @ HS Library
- 25 Common Sense Parenting 6:30-8:30pm @ Amherst Youth Board; Community Inf. Vaccine Clinic, 2-6pm @ NVCC; FBLA Inductions, 6pm, HS; Picture Retake Day, MS; Town Hall Meeting on underage drinking/marijuana use, 7pm, MS.
- 26 Common Sense Parenting for Toddlers/Preschoolers, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; Choral Spectrum Concert, 7pm, HS
- 27 Variety Show, 7:30pm, HS; Activity Night, 7-9pm MS
- 28 ACT, 7:45am, HS

Attention: "School News" is taken from the Sweet Home District Calendar. Events Subject to change. Please refer also to school notices and mailings.





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## WRCA Meeting Minutes (cont.)

ipients are to attend. The school needed to be notified of our intent in order to include the scholarships in their list given to students.

A motion was made by Ed Goetz, seconded by Pat Land to continue the scholarships, which was carried.

### **Webmaster (Jack Baker)**

Jack reported that residents can now register their email address on the website. The present site remains [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info). This will enable more timely notice to members of upcoming meetings which may be of interest to them. There is also an email address for the WRCA: "[WillowRidgeCA@MSN.com](mailto:WillowRidgeCA@MSN.com)." Links are being established for those advertisers in the monthly newsletter.

### **Boat Cruise (Bob Foladare and Ed Goetz)**

Due to many conflicting events and lack of sufficient advance reservations, the boat cruise was cancelled. We were able to get back the deposit for the *Miss Buffalo*.

### **Directory (Jane Sieman)**

Jane requested the Board to set the fee schedule for directory ads. After some discussion, a motion was made by Neil Cuomo, seconded by Clayton Cobb to keep the prices at the existing levels, which was carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion was held concerning the planned construction of dormitory style apartments on Chestnut Ridge. Representatives from the Chestnut Ridge Condo Association and other interested parties spoke regarding the fact that despite attendance

and objection before the Zoning Board of Appeals, the necessary variances were granted by the ZBA. The WRCA Board had authorized a \$2,000.00 contribution to a fund created by Louise Bieron of the Chestnut Ridge Condo Association to retain the services of an environmental attorney to seek to overturn the approval. The matter will continue to be monitored by the Board.

### **MEMBERSHIP COODINATOR**

In response to a WRCA notice in the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, Kerri Jasen of North Brier appeared to offer her services with respect to coordinating the block reps and maintaining the database for WRCA members. Upon motion by Neil Cuomo, seconded by Ed Goetz, the Board approved her hiring in that capacity. The Board welcomed her, and thanked her for taking on this important position.

### **ADJOURN**

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Bob Foladare, seconded by Pat Land to adjourn at 8:55 p.m., which was carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neil Cuomo

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## October 2006

### ***FOOTBALL SEASON HAS ARRIVED!***

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DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2006

TIME: NOON: HOT DOG ROAST\*

2:00 pm: GAME BEGINS

Girl Scout Troop will be selling hot dogs and drinks.

FREE Tickets are available by phoning Jennifer Hubert @ 691-4239, prior to game date.

Tickets will also be on sale at the gate, on the day of the game. (\$1.00 adults, and .50 kids.)

\*Hot Dog roast will be held in the parking lot of the Bedford Park playground; located on Willow Green Dr., near tennis courts.

Join your neighbors for this exciting game!



### **HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Saturday, October 28

10 a.m.—Noon

① Willow Ridge Elementary

Our annual children's party will be spook-tacular! Games, prizes, pumpkins, refreshments! Wear your costume...if you dare! New neighbors welcome! All activities are free! Questions? Call Jennifer Hubert at 691-4239

### **KISSING BRIDGE OFFERS REDUCED RATES FOR WILLOW RIDGERS**

WRCA and KISSING BRIDGE "team up" once again to offer Willow Ridge neighbors and their friends, pre-season reduced skiing and snowboarding packages. For more information, go to the WRCA website at [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info) and click on the Kissing Bridge Logo, or contact Patty Daddario at 691-5354.