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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, May 9 at

7:30 p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome

- **DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE WITW IS MAY 12**
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From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors:

Our annual membership drive is just about finished and I would like to thank the dedicated Head Reporters and Block Reps for all their hard work. Whatever success this organization has in our mission to improve property values and the quality of life within our little community; it all begins with them. In the event you missed your Block Rep, you can still receive uninterrupted privileges of membership by mailing the completed form at the bottom of this page.

As I mentioned in last month's note, we wanted to know of any potential rodent problems. I'm happy to report that there does not yet seem to be an issue, but please be vigilant.

Please check out the details for "Summer Boat Cruise" aboard the Miss Buffalo that can be found in this issue. It will be a fun opportunity to get together with your friends and neighbors over the summer. Remember to get your tickets early, as the boat has a limited capacity of 200. Plans are also underway for another memorable National Night Out that will be held Tuesday, August 1st. We'll see you there.

Cam Hill

Sorry if We Missed You.....

You may have missed your block rep during our regular membership drive. In order to continue the privileges of membership uninterrupted, renew your WRCA membership by filling out and mailing in this membership form along with a check for \$15.00 made out to **WRCA**. Upon receipt of your payment, your 2006 WRCA Directory will be delivered to you. 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 saving coupons, and services, not to mention phone numbers of the schools in the area. Need a babysitter? You'll 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. Monthly, you'll receive the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, a newsletter filled with relevant information about the latest happenings in Willow Ridge. 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-the-Willows* is its Classified section, in which you may advertise **free** of charge. Don't delay, join today.

Name _____

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Mail form and check to:

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

School News for May 2006

- 1 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, WR; PTO Mtg., 7pm, MS
- 2 Annual District Budget hearing, 7pm @ NVCC; BOE Meet the Candidates' Night after hearing @ NVCC; BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC; PTO Mtg. 7pm, WR
- 3 Kindergarten Registration and Orientation, 7pm, WR
- 4 Superintendent's Forum & Dinner, 6pm @ Classics V; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; Gr 4 NYS Science Performance Test 
- 6 SAT I & II, 7:45 am
- 8 Alumni Mtg 7:30pm @ NVCC; Elementary Gold Band, 7-8 Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7pm @ HS
- 9 BOE Mtg, 7pm @ NVCC; Grades 4 & 8 NYS Science Written Test.
- 10 WR Chorus & Elem. Gold Orchestra Concert, 7pm @ HS; Kindergarten Open House, 2:45pm, WR; Health & Wellness Committee Mtg, 3:30pm, DO
- 11 PTSA Mtg, @ HS Library 7pm; Gr 7 Band & GL Chorus Concert, 7:30pm @HS, GL/MS; Spring Plant Sale, 5/11-5/12, WR; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC 
- 16 Gr 6 Jazz Ensemble & HS Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30pm @ MS; 8th Gr Awards, 3:30pm MS; Annual District Budget Vote, Noon-9pm @ MS
- 17 Concert Orchestra & Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, HS; Retirement Reception, 4-6pm @ Classic V, DO; Dollars for Scholars Mtg., 8am, DO
- 18 Gr 6-8 Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, @ HS; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30—8:30pm @ NVCC
- 19 Junior Class Field Day/Picnic 
- 20 20Junior Prom, 7pm @ Connecticut St. Armory, HS
- 22 Kindergarten Screening, 5/22-5/24, WR
- 23 Elementary Blue Band & Blue Orchestra Concert, 7pm @ HS; Honors Program Banquet 6pm @ Banchetti's, HS 
- 24 Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble Concert, 7:30pm, HS 
- 25 Concert Chorale, Mixed Chorus, Chamber Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, HS; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC
- 26 Breakfast of Champions, 8am, MS
- 29 **NO SCHOOL K—12 - MEMORIAL DAY**
- 31 Grade 6 Band & Chorus Concert, 7:30pm @ HS; Fall Sports Physicals, HS/MS; Foreign Language Awards, 3pm @ NVCC; PTA Council Meeting, 7pm, HS; FBLA Banquet, 5:30pm @ Dandelions, HS 

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- I am a member with 11 years service on the various PTA, PTO, SIT, and other education oriented committees.
- I am a member of the Health and Wellness team.
- I am a member of the Code of Conduct revision team.
- I am a member of the Health and Safety Committee.
- I have given a part of approximately 32 days a year for 5 years to formal learning and support delivered by National, State, County , and local professionals.
- I have overseen 5 years of successful collective bargaining.
- I have overseen 5 years of passed budgets providing academic improvements and building renovations for our 5 school buildings.
- I am a part of UB's Honors Program and constantly working on improving mutual cooperation in grant and curricular development.
- **I am endorsed individually by School Board Members Michael Morrow, Dirk Rabenold, Heidi Dizer, Doug Galli, Carol Nowak and Karen Barton who collectively policy-govern the school district.**

I will help to maintain the operational continuity of board and community. Because I am semi- retired I have the time to work on parental and community cooperative activities. I need your vote to continue. Thank you for your support.

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WILLOW RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

On May 3, the Willow Ridge Garden Club will welcome friends and neighbors for their annual Friendship-Membership Tea at the United Church of Christ on Koenig and Parker Blvd., Tonawanda at 7:30 p.m. Dorothy Julius, Lancaster Garden Club Floral Designer, will demonstrate the techniques of miniature floral designing, including flower show design. Completed pieces will be available for purchase. Willow Ridge Club member Arlene Leising, will exhibit a creative underwater design. Mary Niedzialowski and Mira Knoble will exhibit a spring bulb bloom for horticulture. Guests are welcome.

Mira Knoble
Publicity Chairman
693-8666

WRCA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

The 2006 WRCA Community Garage Sale will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 18, 19, and 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. WRCA will provide advertising and signs at main entrances. Please provide your own signs directing customers to your sale, and please remove these signs after the sale. Maps of the community will be available at 68 Manor Oak starting May 15.

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WRCA Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were President Cam Hill, Vice President Jim Prentice, Treasurer Jack Baker, Secretary Neil Cuomo, and Board Members Ed Goetz, Clayton Cobb, Bill Pujolas, Pat Land, and Bob Foladare. Also present were Gary Roussie and Logan Rousie.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the March 12, 2006 WRCA board meeting, as published in the March 2006 edition of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* were reviewed. A motion was made by Bob Foladare, seconded by Ed Goetz to accept the minutes. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Baker gave the treasurer's report. He reported a checking account balance of \$7,604.00, and provided the board with a breakdown of deposits and withdrawals during the prior month. A motion was made by Neil Cuomo, seconded by Clayton Cobb to accept the treasurer's report, which was carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cam Hill advised that he has received sporadic reports of rodent sightings in the neighborhood. There does not appear to be a widespread problem at this time, but residents are urged to keep garbage in sealed containers to minimize the potential problem. Anyone who has any sightings should contact a board member. This potential problem will continue to be monitored by the board. Residents are also asked not to put bird food on the ground or feed the ducks, as this also attracts rodents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Report (Laura Lewis)

Jack Baker reported that he has been informed by Laura Lewis that there are approximately 800 paid members to date, which is down approximately 100 from last year. Cam intends to note in his newsletter that unpaid members should send in payment, as the next newsletter will be the last for unpaid members. He will also speak with Laura to formulate a plan for reaching out to unpaid members.

Garage Sale (Helene Motyka)

Scheduled for Thursday, May 18—Saturday, May 20, ads will be placed in the Buffalo News and the Amherst Bee.

Webmaster (Jack Baker)

Jack Baker reported that photos of the boat cruise, Snowflake Dinner Dance and holiday lighting winners are now up on the website and photos of the Easter party will soon be posted. The present site remains www.wrca.info.

Boat Cruise (Bob Foladare and Ed Goetz)

Bob and Ed reported a firm date of August 13, 2006 from 2—5 p.m. has been set for the annual boat cruise. A deposit was made to reserve the boat for that date. The price is expected to be \$25.00 per person for three hours (two hours last year) of beer, wine and other refreshments, and people are urged to block out this date and begin getting their groups together. Call Ed or Bob for reservations. Tickets are in the process of being printed.

National Night Out (Gary Roussie)

Gary reported that plans are in the works for this event scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2006. He will seek Home Depot to have a security display, and is working on obtaining at least one helicopter. He also advised that the scouts will be contacted to gauge interest in assisting.

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Cuomo, Secretary

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May 18, 19, and 20.**



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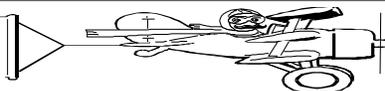


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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Sympathy

Neighbors on Edgewater extend a belated condolence to the Maier family of 711 Edgewater, on the death of Peter's father Carlton on January 30. Our thoughts are with Peter, Kathy, Ashley and Peter.

Welcome

Neighbors on N. Brier Road would like to welcome Mike Cleveland and Tammy Warner, who moved here from Endicott, N.Y. They have four children: Jessica, 24; Rick, 21; Sheena, 19; and Ellis, 5. We wish them much happiness in our community.

Neighbors on Elderwood wish a warm welcome to Kristen and Randy Galus, who have moved here from Tonawanda with their daughters, Alexandra and Emma. We wish you happiness in your new home.

Apple Ridge neighbors belatedly welcome David and Susan Lacki, who took up residence at 15 Hubbardston Place early last summer. David is director of tourism at Buffalo-Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau and Susan is a medical biller at DENT/Academic Medicine. They can be reached at 691-5358. We wish you much happiness in your home!

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Poydock family, of 733 Edgewater on the birth of Rachel Nicole. Rachel was born Thursday, March 23 at 9:09 a.m. Neighbors would like to wish the proud parents, Jennifer and Gerry, along with sons, Zachary and Ryan, many happy days ahead with their new bundle of joy!

Congratulations to Amanda Kelly of Kaymar Drive who has been named to the President's List for the fall semester at SONY Geneseo. Amanda graduated from Sweet Home High School on 2004, and plans to graduate from Geneseo in 2008. Amanda is majoring in math and adolescent education. Best wishes for a bright future!

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.

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Furniture: Antique china cabinet and buffet (circa 1930's), beautiful carved legs and accents. China cabinet is 39" W and 61" H. Buffet is 65" W and 36" H. Very good condition, \$550.00 564-0502

Furniture: Couch, blue, 3 seater, pillowback with cloth arms and wood trim on sides, \$150.00. 691-7084

House: 84 Willow Green Drive, split level, 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, family room, living room, finished basement, tile floors, brick front kitchen 2003 w/cntr island, large eating area, windows 2003, newer carpeting, furnace 2005, large yard w/pool. Concrete patio, 2 car garage w/newer opener, front yard, newly landscaped, new shutters, newer doors, siding, hot water tank, 1700 sq. foot, asking price, 180,000 870-8176 or 870-8174.

House: Beautiful four bedroom Colonial on Maricrest Drive in Willow Ridge will go up for sale soon. Moving late summer. Inform your family, friends and co-workers before it goes on the market. No agents. 691-5111

Household: Jade plant, stands 55" H, 54" W in ceramic pot. Needs sunny location, 150.00 or b/o. 691-9062

Instrument: Guitar, new Fender Strat with Texas special pickups and a Segmor Duncan and a Hot Rod Deluxe amp. 870-8176

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Sports/Leisure: Jet Skis, 2 jet skis on double trailer. 1998 Kawasaki STX900, 3 passenger w/matching fitted cover, power trim, electronic dash, reverse: 1996 Polaris SL700 700 cc Twin, 2 passenger power trim: 2000 LoadRite trailer, galvanized frame, 2 place, bearing buddies, lockable storage bin, gas rack, full size spare. \$5000.00 for everything. 691-5785

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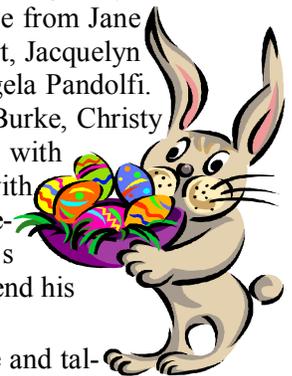
Easter Party Report

Our annual Easter party was held on April 8. We are pleased to report that it was well attended by about 90 children and their parents. We were very fortunate that the weather cooperated, and we enjoyed an outdoor egg hunt in the long awaited sunshine! As usual, our most honored guest, the Easter Bunny himself, arrived to visit with all of his friends in Willow Ridge. For those of you who have had the privilege of meeting him personally, you may recognize him as being the very same bunny who has attended our party for the last 29 years! How lucky we are that he continues to make time for us during his busiest season.

I especially enjoyed meeting the many new neighbors, who took the time to drop by to introduce themselves. Our neighborhood events provide Willow Ridge the unique opportunity to gather and socialize quite regularly!

Our guests were treated to games, crafts, and face-painting through the wonderful assistance from Jane Guadagna's Girl Scout Troop #709, including: Jenna Guadagna, Julianne Burke, Alex Hubert, Jacquelyn Stoebe, Emma Weber, Nylah Roberson, Megan Harris, Leah Harris, Hannah Kuntz, and Angela Pandolfi. Even the moms pitched in, with a special thank you to Pam Pandolfi, Colleen Harris, Karen Burke, Christy Stoebe, and Tess Weber. The Collins family contributed the fantastic homemade play dough, with Sue Collins, Michael Collins, Stephanie Collins, and Christopher Collins also assisting with party happenings. Even siblings from Troop #709 were recruited to lend a hand...a very special thanks to Jacob and Joseph Pandolfi, Emma Burke and Emma Hubert. Sam Guadagna's carpentry talents helped us create the new egg-toss game, and Mike Pandolfi was on hand to lend his help when needed.

I appreciate the efforts of so many special neighbors that I can truly call friends. Your time and talents made this day enjoyable for all. Enjoy this great weather! Jennifer Hubert, Junior Recreation



Amherst Museum

3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd. (corner of New Road)
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Admission: \$5.00 Adults, \$1.50 Children, Members, FREE

Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 12:30—4:30 p.m.

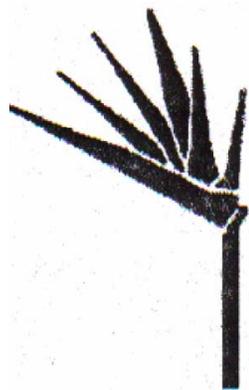
Bodice to Bed: The Fabric of Clothing and Quilts Exhibit is now open. In this new exhibit, quilts are paired with clothing containing similar fabrics illustrating the re-use of cloth. Quilts showcase the fabric of every day life. Utility quilts were created from fabric scraps and remnants. Out of style and worn clothing often found new life recycled into a quilt. As fashion in clothing changed, so did fashion in quilts. This new exhibit showcases the transition of fabric from clothing to quilts. The exhibit will remain open until December 31, 2006, and will be open to the public during regular museum hours.

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

This year's membership drive is complete! THANKS to all of our block reps and head reporters! We will try to more loudly broadcast the benefit of neighbors prepaying for membership. This really saves a lot of hard work on the block rep's part!

Let's use the rest of the year to welcome any new residents coming into our community! Currently, we need volunteers for the following sections:

61-102 Willow Lane
88-112 Hubbardston
300-411 Denrose
45-80 Beaumont
95- 165 Jeanmoor
S. Ellicott Creek and Kaymar

Thanks to Doris Pepi, head reporter on Willow Ridge Drive, who has been covering an enormous area. We have broken her section down for the future, so that a head reporter position is now available for Sweetwood Drive.

Do you have friends or neighbors who could help out? Your might ask them if they have considered taking on this important role! It involves doing updates each October and helping with membership each March. Some people are leaving their street to go farther and farther away because we have vacant block rep positions. We need to give some of our block reps' a break! Give Laura Lewis a call today at 691-9527!

CONGRATULATIONS 2006 GRADUATES!



It is once again time to recognize our Willow Ridge students who have reached a milestone in their life by graduating from college or high school. We do this by way of a personal listing in the *Wind-in-the-Willows!* If you have a graduate in the family, please print or type pertinent information (name, street, high school or college) along with, if you wish, any achievements and future plans of your graduate.



Please feel free to include a "one liner," a personal message of affection to your loved one. Graduates will be listed in the June issue, as well as in the July and August issues. For a guaranteed spot in the June issue, please have your printed or typed information in by **May 12. Deliver to 221 North Brier Road, porch box. Information also may be emailed to me at wiweditor@aol.com. Please include "WITW" in the subject box.**

Debby VonLangen, Editor