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From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors:

It's another year and the civic association will be getting down to business with a couple of new faces. They are Pat Land and Karen Decker. Congratulations! I'm looking forward to working with you in 2006. I'm also very pleased that so many of the current board members have been able to commit for another year of service to the community. I would like to thank departing Board Member Jane Sieman, who has played a major role on the board for many years and will continue to oversee the directory. I would also like to thank Andy Adams for his service over the past year. Andy and his family recently moved to North Ellicott Creek Road, just outside the boundaries of this association. This raises another question. We have been asked to change our by-laws to include North Ellicott. If you have an opinion on this subject please let any of the board members know.

Remember to mark your calendar for March 11 for the Snowflake Dinner Dance. Pam McNess and Karen Galli are planning a great event, guaranteed to take the chill out of the coldest winter night.

Just a quick note to graduating seniors from Sweet Home High School (and their parents,) please check your Dollars for Scholars into package. It will contain important information on qualifications and how to apply for the scholarship offering from the WRCA. There will be two available, one for a girl and one for a boy. Both will be in the amount of \$500.00. Good luck.

Sincerely,

Cam Hill

WRCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

You may renew your WRCA membership by filling out and mailing in this membership form along with a check for \$15.00 made out to **WRCA**. Your block rep will be informed of your payment and your 2006 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 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.

Bulletin Board

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING <u>Tuesday</u>, January 9, at 7:30 p.m. Fire Hall *All Welcome*

- DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRU-ARY WITW IS JANUARY 13
- Classified (page 2)
- Snowflake Dinner Dance (page 2)
- Minutes (page 4)

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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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SNOWFLAKE DJNNER DANCE

Mark your calendars for yet another fabulous evening at Classics for the Willow Ridge Civic Association's Annual Snowflake Dinner Dance to be held on MARCH 11. Times, dinner selections and reservation details will be in the February issue. Please watch for that issue and respond accordingly.

At this time we would like to put out a request for two people to come forward who would like to help us out in two very important facets of the dance: 1) Table favors; 2) Door Prizes.

With these areas covered, we would be able to concentrate on the reservations and the table placements. Please call Pam at 691-5621 if you would like to help out with either of the above jobs.

Thanks,

Pam McNess and Karen Galli

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FROM OUR WILLOW RIDGE HOME TO YOURS ...



We would like to extend our warmest thoughts and best wishes to all our neighbors, for a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!





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School News for January 2006







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GRADES K-12. WINTER RECESS

- 3 SCHOOL RESUMES, PTO Meeting, 7 pm WR
- 4 Financial Aid Night, 7 pm, HS
- 7 Elementary All County Music Auditions @ Depew
- 9 PTO Meeting, 7 pm, MS; NYS Grade 3-5 ELA Assess ment, 1/9—1/13
- BOE Study Session, 7 pm @ NVCC; PTO Candy Sale Kickoff, WR
- Health & Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, DO
- 12 PTSA Meeting, 7 pm, HS Library
- 14 Middle School All-County Music Auditions @ Orchard Park.

16 NO SCHOOL GRADES K-12, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

- 17 BOE Meeting, 7 pm @ NVCC, NYS Grade 6-8 ELA As sessment, 1/17—1/20
- District Health & Safety Committee Meeting, 6 pm @ DO
- 19 HS Pops Concert, 7:30 pm
- 21 Senior High All County Music Auditions @ Alden.
- Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30 pm @ NVCC.
- 24 Regents Exams, 1/24—1/27
- Skating Party @ Rainbow Rink 6:30—8:30 pm, WR
- 27 End of Second Marking Period, MS/HS; Joe Schifflet Wrestling Tourney, 1/27—1/28
- 29 District Music Festival

Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30 pm @ NVCC; PTA Council Meeting, 7 pm, HS

NOTE: ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE—PLEASE ALSO REFER TO SCHOOL MAILINGS

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The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Cam Hill, president; Neil N. Cuomo, secretary; Jim Prentice, vice president; and Board Members Bill Pujolas, Ed Goetz, Clayton Cobb, and Bob Foladare. Also present were Pat Land, Karen Decker, Tom Halter, Deborah Bucki, John Romeo and Robe Bertone from Home Depot, and John Safford from Walmart, and their attorney, Vincent Hanley.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the November 8, 2005 WRCA board meeting, as published in the December 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

Cam Hill gave the treasurer's report for Jack Baker. He reported a checking account balance of \$9,690.00, and projected a surplus for the fiscal year. He provided the board with a breakdown of deposits and withdrawals during the prior month. A motion was made by Neil Cuomo, seconded by Ed Goetz to accept the treasurer's report, which was carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cam Hill reported that he had received an email from Frank Fedele expressing concern with cars speeding down Kaymar. Cam will look into this matter, and again urges residents to use caution when driving in the neighborhood.

Cam also received a letter from long time Willow Ridge resident Debbie Adams, who recently moved to N. Ellicott Creek, requesting an expansion of WRCA membership to that street. Anyone with any comments should contact any of the board members.

Neil Cuomo received a notice from the Town of Amherst that improvements are planned for the water system on Willow Ridge extending from Niagara Falls Boulevard to Kaymar, which will include 5,650 linear feet of new 8" ductile iron pipe. No commencement date has been announced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Report (Laura Lewis)

Laura reported 273 early bird renewals of membership for 2006. The monthly newsletter will continue to include a payment coupon for rates on dues for 2006, of which members are urged to take advantage. This will lessen the burden on block reps. She also reported that the block rep breakfast would be held on February 11, 2006.

Webmaster (Jack Baker)

Cam Hill reported that progress is being made in updating the website to make it more user friendly. Photos are now up on the website and links are planned. Future details will follow. The present site remains www.wrca.info. Kirk Miller has donated the host site at no cost to the association, for which he was publicly thanked by the board.

Holiday Lighting (Neil Cuomo)

Neil Cuomo reported that the holiday lighting committee will be judging displays in the neighborhood the weekend of December 16-18. Members are asked to have their lighting displays on from 6:30—9:00 pm those evenings. Twenty-five winners will receive a \$10.00 Home Depot gift certificate.

Oktoberfest (Tom Halter)

Tom announced that the Oktoberfest event will be held on October 28, 2006 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Directory (Jane Sieman)

Jane advised Cam Hill that she has received over 20 renewal ads to date for the directory. Anyone seeking to place an ad in the directory should contact Jane at 564-0913.

Scholarship Committee (Bob Foladare, Ed Goetz)
Bob and Ed reported that two scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each, are to be given to students who have resided in Willow Ridge, and have at least a 90 GPA. Dollars for Scholars will select the winners, one male and one female. The school will provide students with the criteria. As a tribute to David Lambe, WRCA vice president at the time of his untimely death, one of the scholarships will be designated as the David Lambe Memorial Scholarship for this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Sidewalk Extension Grant—The sidewalk extension in Bedford Park has been completed by the town, which may have added to the existing drainage problem in Bedford Park. Neil Cuomo reported that he had spoken with Richard Leimbach from the town engineering department who advised that the drainage concerns will be rectified as weather permits.

Garden Center Waiver Extension—Representatives

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AMHERST MUSEUM

Amherst Museum is seeking motorcycles for an upcoming exhibit, *Looking for Adventure: 20th c. Motorcycles*. They are seeking loans of vintage and modern motorcycles, riding gear, photographs and ephemera for this new exhibit scheduled to run June 6, 2006, to August 14, 2006. Included in the search is Indian, Harley Davidson, Norton, BSA, Honda, Yamaha, BMW, Ducati and specialized bikes from all decades. **The museum will need the bikes for three months starting in mid-May through the middle of August**. The museum is also on the lookout for leather and modern material jackets, pants, boots, gloves and helmets of all styles, decades and colors for both men and women; as well as accounts from WNY individuals and groups who have documented their unique motorcycle journeys in WNY or throughout the U.S. to use in the exhibitions. The museum will copy photos and return all originals. Motorcycles do not need to work but must have a good overall appearance. Owners of loan items must contact the museum by **January 10, 2006**, for their object to be included in the exhibit. To lend any of the above items, please call Jessica Johnson, Exhibit Collections Curator of Amherst Museum at 689-1440, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Farewell

Friends and neighbors on North Brier Road extend a fond farewell to Dick and Holly Piehler, long time residents of Willow Ridge. The Piehlers will be making their home in Bonita Springs, Florida. The Civic Association also extends a sincere thanks to Holly, who served the association on the Blood Drives and also served as the North Brier block representative. We wish them much success and happiness in their new home.

Neighbors on Rockdale Drive said farewell in December to Rudy, Kim, and Alyssa Alloy who have moved to Clarence. Best wishes in hour new home!

Welcome

Neighbors on North Brier Road extend a warm welcome to Timothy and Theresa Frawley and their three children, Benjamin, 6; Megan, 4, and Carolyn, 2; who now reside at 89 North Brier Road. The Frawleys moved to Willow Ridge from Tonawanda. Timothy is employed at the M&T Bank, and his wife, Theresa, is a devoted homemaker. We wish them much joy and happiness as they live in Willow Ridge.

Neighbors on Willow Lane Court would like to welcome new residents Aarin Dovey and Joseph Pellitieri. They moved into 52 Willow Lane in October with their little pug, "Lulu." Aarin is a teacher for the City of Buffalo and Joe is a sales associate for Buffalo Engine Components. They can be reached at 480-1689 (Aarin) or 308-0571 (Joe.)

Congratulations

On Sunday, October 9, 2005, Fred D. Archer III, MD, son of Fred and Janet Archer, was married to Melissa Spikes of Amherst. Fred and Melissa are both employed at Women and Children's Hospital. Fred is a Clinical Research Fellow and a clinician at Town Gardens Pediatrics in Buffalo and Melissa is a surgical nurse. The Hearthstone Manor, in Depew, provided an elegant setting for the delightful wedding reception. Several Willow Ridge residents were among the guests present: Dick and Holly Piehler, Don and Linda Rhodes and Henry Self. Former Willow Ridge residents attending were Ernest and Carolyn Grosser and Ed and Sue Nickson. The newlyweds will reside on Berryman Drive in Snyder, NY. The Archers welcome Melissa and her lovely daughters, Samantha and Alexis to their family.

Neighbors on Parkhaven Drive would like to welcome two new babies: Ethan Andrew Kapuszcak was born on April 26,d weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz. He is the son of Josh and Sue Kapuszcak and has a big brother, Jared, 3 1/2. Cassidy Kelly was born on October 7 weighing 2 lbs., 15 oz. Her proud parents are Michael and Lisa Kelly. Cassidy arrived a bit early but is doing fine!

Amy E. Gerbec and Carl C. Koppmann were united in marriage on July 23, 2005 in Christ the King Chapel at Canisius College. Amy is the daughter of Thomas and Linda Gerbec of Parkhaven Drive and Carl is the son of Paul and Peggy Koppmann of Grand Island. Amy is Senior National Digital Imaging Product Trainer for Sony Electronics and Carl is a secondary education technology teacher in Grand Island Central School District. The couple is residing

2005 Holiday Lighting Contest

Congratulations to all of the winners of the lighting contest. Everyone listed below should be very proud of their efforts to beautify our neighborhood. The winners will recieve \$10 Home Depot Gift Certificates. See some of the neighborhood at our website www.wrca.info

Winners:

- 1. 51 Amberwood Drive
- 2. 107 Amberwood Drive
- 3. 20 Beaumont Drive
- 4. 1100 Chestnut Ridge Road
- 5. 43 Deepwood Court
- 6. 281 Denrose Drive
- 7. 320 Denrose Drive
- 8. 89 Kaymar Dríve
- 9. 492 Kaymar Drive
- 10. 614 Kaymar Drive
- 11. 13 Maricrest Drive
- 12. 213 North Brier Road
- 13 216 North Brie Road

- 14. 237 North Brier Road
- 15. 73 Rockdale Drive
- 16. 105 Rockdale Drive
- 17. 47 Roundwood Court
- 18. 69 Rumson Road Drive
- 19. 627 S. Ellicott Creek
- 20. 28 Westcliffe Drive
- 21. 142 Willow Green Drive
- 22. 216 Willow Green Drive
- 23. 450 Willow Green Drive
- 24. 11 Willow Lane Court
- 25. 322 Willow Ridge Drive



Honorable Mention:

Amberwood - 19,28,163, Beaumont - 20,77, Black Spruce Ct. - 9,18,26,41,49, Brookpark - 37,45, Button Bush - 3,11,19,27, Chestnut Ridge - 1030, Dalewood - 105,135, Deepwood - 3, Denrose - 269,275,300,327,384, Edgewater - 723,733,760,821, Elderwood - 4, Grasspointe - 47,55, Hubbardston - 87, Jeanmoor - 17,40,115,152,153, Jonathan - 10,45,57, Kaymar - 60,78,143,378,384,501,542,565,582,622,630,637,662,694,709,734,741, ManorOak - 34,85, Maricrest - 31,37,49,55, North Brier - 5,11,66,84,96,114,152,200,240, Parkhaven - 36,47,175,207,214,246, Peppertree - 266,270,290, Red Maple - 4,36,37,44, Rockdale Dr. - 23,50,93,113,121,129,193,201,209, S. Ellicott Creek - 145,327, Sweetwood - 8,20,44, Sweetwood North - 28,52,59,66,72,85,104,105,110, Westcliffe - 12,19,20,27,35,36,44,51,68,75, Willow Green - 30,41,42,48,71,90,161,210,221,222,246,270,366,403,417,423,456,468, Willow Lane Ct. - 9,28, Willow Lane - 66, Willow Ridge - 210,218,396,402,408

Tyler's Team Tribute

September 27, 2005 marked one year since Tyler, the grandson of Willow Ridge residents Bob and Joan Robinson passed. Tyler is fondly remembered and the Robinson family is grateful for all blessings bestowed on them. To carry on Tyler's legacy a fundraiser will be held in honor of all children. Our children are the job of today and the hope for tomorrow. All money raised will be donated; half to St. Christopher Education Fund to help needy students go to school. The other half will be donated to the Women and Children's Hospital Pastoral Care and Social Work Dept. These two hospital departments offer support to patients and their families.

The fundraiser will take place on Sunday, January 15 at St. Christopher Parish in the school from 1:00—4:00 p.m. The donation will be \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 for a family of 4 or more. The fundraiser will include food, beverages, a Chinese auction, raffle items, activities for kids and music. We hope to see you there as we strive to make a difference in the lives of children.

Thank you,

Nicole Therof

WRCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL cont.

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

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WRCA Meeting Minutes cont.

from Home Depot and Walmart were present seeking a two year extension of the waiver to the deed restrictions that allows for garden centers to be set up from April 15 to August 15 at their respective stores for 2006 and 2007 measuring 40' x 120.' The board expressed concern about the sporadic snow removal on sidewalks on Willow Ridge and Chestnut Ridge and also the lack of upkeep of the berm. The board was assured that those concerns would be adequately addressed. Upon motion of Neil Cuomo, seconded by Cam Hill, the board approved the two year waiver.

Election of Officers—President Cam Hill presented the slate of officers for the board, which included two new members: Karen Decker and Pat Land, who were present to accept the nominations. No further nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made by Cam Hill, seconded by Bob Foladare to close nominations. Carried. Secretary Neil Cuomo was directed to cast a vote for the slate of officers. Both Karen and Pat were welcomed to the board for 2006.

COMMUNITY OPEN FORUM

Newly elected town board member, Deborah Bucki, introduced herself and expressed her intention to be active and helpful in the protection of homeowners in Amherst. The board congratulated her and wished her well in her upcoming term of office.

ADJOURN

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Bill Pujolas, seconded by Bob Foladare to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., which was carried. Respectfully submitted,

Neil Cuomo, Secretary

ATTENTION: ANY WILLOW RIDGE RESIDENT WHO IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ELLICOTT CREEK VOUN TEER FIRE CO. MAYCONTACT THE FIRE CHIEF AT 691-7439 EXT. 230.



Committees and Activity Chairpersons

			Octoberfest	Tom Halter	691-5318
Couples Bowling			Publicity	Debbie Haendiges	691-5902
Boat Cruise	Ed Goetz	691-7079	Scholarships	Bob Foladare	691-7272
Directory	Jane Sieman	564-0913	School Brd Liaison	Mike Morrow	691-8031
Garage Sale	Helene Motyka	691-8682	Boy Scouts	Bob Sieman	564-0913
Garden Club	Virginia Winter	691-7704		Scott McNess	691-5621
Historian	Bob Lannen	691-5270	Cub Scouts	Steve Skinner	833-5938
Holiday Lighting	Neil Cuomo	691-3014		Doug Collins	691-9932
Junior Recreation	Jennifer Hubert	691-4239	Girl Scouts	Karen Lambe	691-4817
Ladies Bowling	Connie Holovics	691-9569	Sunshine	Lee Baker	691-5972
Membership	Laura Lewis	691-9527	Webmaster	Jack Baker	691-5972
National Night Out	Gary Roussie	Unlisted	Project Leader	Neil Cuomo	691-3014

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome to Renee Williams, taking over as Block Rep for her husband Al Williams. Al, we appreciate all of your efforts through the years and look forward to meeting Renee.

Dear Block Reps and Head Reporters,
OUR BLOCK REP BREAKFAST IS SET TO TAKE PLACE on Saturday, FEBRUARY 11th.

Please mark you calendars now, and look for invitations to come in the mail in January. Thinking about joining us? Sign on now so you too can join us in time for this year's membership drive! Current Block Rep positions available are for:

- ✓ 61-102 Willow Lane
- ✓ 88-112 Hubbardston
- ✓ 52-87 Dalewood
- ✓ 300-411 Denrose (just the even #'s)
- ✓ 45-80 Beaumont
- ✓ S. Ellicott Creek and 215-241 Kaymar specifically
- ✓ and Kaymar in general
- ✓ WE NEED 1 NEW HEAD REPORTER FOR Rumson, Jeanmoor, and Beaumont!

Give Laura Lewis a call today at 691-9527. Do you have friends or neighbors who could help out? You might ask them if they have considered taking on this important role!