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From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors:

The block reps breakfast was held on February 11. This signals the start of the annual membership drive and all indications are...we're off to a great start. It was well organized and informative. I also had an opportunity to look over the 2006 Willow Ridge Directory that was handed out to the reps for delivery and it looks great. If you haven't used the mail-in form, your block rep will stop by to complete the sign-up and give you the new directory. If you took advantage of the mail-in form, your rep will be by to drop off your directory shortly.

You may still have time (depending when this note reaches you) to make your reservations for the Snowflake Dinner Dance on March 11. This year coordinators Pam McNess and Karen Galli have been working hard to insure it will be a great time for all. If you miss it, don't miss the boat again this summer! A date for the Summer Boat Cruise on the Niagara River aboard the Miss Buffalo should be confirmed by next month's newsletter. It was the opinion of many who attended last year's cruise that two hours wasn't quite long enough, so the committee reports they'll book three hours this year. It should be on a Sunday early in August. Please make plans to attend this event or any of the other activities throughout the coming year. You will be very glad you did.

I close reminding you that although the weather thus far has been pretty tame by our standards, to keep walkways free of ice and snow. It is also very important in the event of any major snowfall to keep those fire hydrants accessible.

Sincerely,

Cam Hill

Bulletin Board

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, March 14, at
7:30 p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome

- **DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL WITW IS MARCH 10**
- **Classified (page 2)**
- **Easter Party (page 2)**
- **Minutes (page 4)**
- **Snowflake Dinner Dance (page 6)**

New features @ www.wrca.info

Visit the Willow Ridge Civic Association web page to discover a new and exciting format. The page lists the names of your officers and committee chairs as well as announcements of upcoming events. Regular visitors to the page know that the *Wind-in-the-Willows* is available there also. We encourage you to **register your email address** with us to receive up to the minute announcements as well as e-copies of the *WITW*. We are looking for historical photographs of our neighborhood. Scan and email them to us for posting on the web page. Other appropriate contributions will be accepted.



Classified Advertisements

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WILLOW RIDGE ANNUAL EASTER PARTY!

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

10 A.M.—NOON

WILLOW RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m. (Weather Permitting)

Color Eggs!

Visit with the Easter Bunny!

Face Painting, Crafts, Games!

ALL ACTIVITIES FREE!

NEW NEIGHBORS ESPECIALLY WELCOME!

Questions??? Talents to Volunteer? Please contact Jennifer Hubert (Junior Recreation) @ 691-4239

WILLOW RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

The date and location for the Willow Ridge Garden Club Installation Dinner has been changed to Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at Daffodils Restaurant, 930 Maple Rd., Williamsville, at 6:00 p.m. Installation of 2006—2007 officers will follow the dinner.

Mira Knoble, Publicity Chairman, 693-8666

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School News for March 2006



- 3 Elementary All County Music Festival and All County High School Jazz Festival, 3/3—3/4
- 6 Boys & Girls Winter Sports Recognition Night, 6 pm, HS; Foreign Language Week, 3/6—3/10, MS; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; Alumni Mtg., 7:30pm @ NVCC, HS; PTO Mtg, 7pm, MS; NYS Gr. 3-5 Math Assessments, 3/6—3/10
- 7 PTO Meeting, 7 pm, WR
- 8 Health & Wellness Committee Mtg, 3:30pm, DO; Spring Portrait Day, MS
- 9 BOE/Parent Open /Forum, 7pm @ NVCC
- 10 Musical, 3/10 & 3/11, 7:30pm, HS
- 12 Musical, 2pm, HS
- 13 NYS Gr. 6-8 Math Assessments, 3/13—3/16
- 14 BOE Study Session, 7pm, @ NVCC
- 15 District Health & Safety Committee Mtg., 6pm, DO
- 16 Junior Fashion Show, 7pm, HS; PTSA Mtg. 7pm, HS Library
- 17 **SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY—NO SCHOOL GR K—12**; All County Music Festival @ Will. South, 3/17—3/18, MS
- 21 BOE Mtg. 7pm @ NVCC
- 22 National College Fair @ Bflo Convention Ctr., 9 am, HS
- 23 Career Fair @ Millennium Hotel, 7pm, HS; Gr.3 Recruitment Concert, 9:30am, HS
- 24 All County Music Festival @ UB, 3/24—3/25, HS
- 27 PTA Council Mtg., 7pm, HS

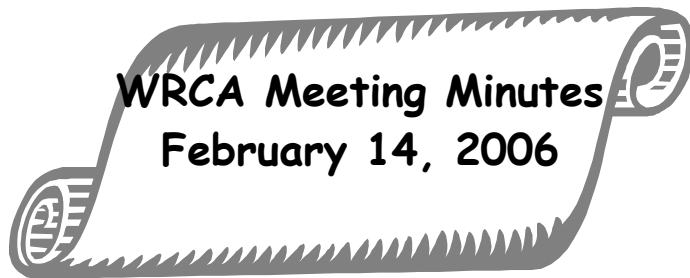
- 29 Choral Spectrum Concert, 7pm @ HS
- 31 Breakfast with the Principal, 8am, MS

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

Wind-in-the Willows Advertising Rates

Whole Page	\$150.00
Half Page	\$90.00
Quarter Page	\$50.00
Eighth Page	\$30.00

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



WRCA Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. In attendance were Cam Hill, president; Jim Prentice, vice president, Jack Baker, treasurer, Neil Cuomo, secretary, and Board Members Ed Goetz, Clayton Cobb, Bill Pujolas, Karen Decker, and Bob Folandare. Pat Land was excused. Also present was Lee Baker.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the January 10, 2006 WRCA board meeting, as published in the February 2006 edition of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* were reviewed. A motion was made by Bob Folandare, 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 \$11,722.00, and provided the board with a breakdown of deposits and withdrawals during the prior month. A motion was made by Neil Cuomo, seconded by Ed Goetz to accept the treasurer's report, which was carried.

Jack also reported that upon receipt of the next bank statement, Ben Procopio will audit the books, as is customary. The board also approved distributions to Latko Printing of \$3,208.13 for publication of the directories, and to Dollars for Scholars for \$1,000.00 to fund our two newly formed \$500.00 scholarships.

A special thank you was extended to Barry Moir for his assistance in collecting of checks for directory ads and dues while Jack was away.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cam Hill advised that he had contacted Willow Ridge Elementary School to inquire as to whether they would be interested in having an art contest for design of a new directory cover. He also asked for their feedback on perhaps having monthly contributions to our newsletter by a school "correspondent."

Cam also reported receiving notice from the Sweet Home School District of a redistricting plan for the elementary schools. There will be informative sessions scheduled periodically. Board member Karen Decker volunteered to act as our representative to monitor their discussions and future plans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Report (Laura Lewis)

The block rep breakfast was held on February 11, 2006. The directories were available for block reps at that time, and are presently being distributed. As part of our annual membership drive, all residents of Willow Ridge received a newsletter in February.

Webmaster (Jack Baker)

Jack Baker reported that photos of the boat cruise and holiday lighting winners are now up on the website and links are planned. Discussion was held concerning possible advertising on the site, perhaps links to websites for directory or newsletter advertisers, as an added incentive to them. Future details will follow. Suggestions are welcome. Jack also reported that the website will have registration feature for members who want to provide their e-mail address and have the newsletter emailed to them. The present site remains www.wrca.info.

Holiday Lighting (Neil Cuomo)

The winners were posted in the January *Wind-in-the-Willows*. The certificates were obtained, and are the process of being distributed to the winners. Twenty-five winners will receive \$10.00 Home Depot gift certificates.

Directory (Jane Sieman)

Jane reported that ad revenues for the directory are comparable to last year, and in line with our budget projections.

Scholarship Committee (Bob Folandare, Ed Goetz)

Bob and Ed reported that the 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 the students with the criteria.

Boat Cruise (Bob Folandare and Ed Goetz)

Bob and Ed reported a new tentative date of August 13, 2006 from 2 to 5 pm for the annual boat cruise. The date will be confirmed and details will follow.

ADJOURN

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Clayton Cobb, seconded by Bob Folandare to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., which was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Cuomo, Secretary

WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE 2006

The Willow Ridge Community Garage Sale will be
May 18, 19, and 20. Further details to follow.

Helene Motyka, Garage Sale Chairperson, 691-8682

AMHERST MUSEUM

Amherst Women's Interclub Council to sponsor Annual Women's History Month Luncheon—March

25,2006 The Women's Interclub Council represents the members of many of the women's organizations in the Amherst area. This luncheon gives Amherst the opportunity to honor women and organizations that have made significant contributions to Amherst and their community, and raises money through ticket sales and a basket auction to support the Amherst Museum through the adoption of the Sweet Home School. Susan Grelick will be honored for her outstanding work as a community volunteer and the Amherst Symphony will be honored for its service to the community and culture of Amherst. Tickets are \$25/person, and reservations can be made by calling Sarah M. Anderson at 631-3373. It will be held in the Main Room of the Amherst Museum. The basket auction will begin at 11 a.m., and lunch will be served at 12:30, followed by presentation of awards and a special program. **Amherst Museum to host NYSATA Art Show—March 4—14, 2006.** Each year, Amherst Museum presents student exhibitions from Williamsville Central School District and the NYS Art Teacher's Association. In 2006 the Museum will host the first exhibit from the Maplemere School (Sweet Home School District.) The NYSATA (New York State Art Teachers) exhibit will open with a parent's reception March 4, 1 pm—4 pm and continue through March 14. The show will be open to the public during regular Museum hours. (Tuesday—Friday, 9:30 am — 4:30 pm during the winter. Admission is: Adults \$4; Children \$1; Museum Members FREE. 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst.)

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Sympathy

Neighbors on Edgewater would like to extend a very belated condolence to the families of two neighbors who passed away last spring. Karol Tomaszewski and Nancy Gyssels were long time Edgewater residents who will be sadly missed.

Friends and neighbors of Willow Green Drive extend our condolences to Michael and Janet Spence and their family on the recent loss of Michael's father, Michael A Spence, who is remembered as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend. We know his legacy will live on in all of your lives and hearts forever.

Welcome

Neighbors on Parkhaven welcome David and Kelley Panaro, and their children Nicole, Jennifer, and Matthew to 66 Parkhaven. The Panaro's moved from Fairgreen in another part of Amherst, and came to Willow Ridge to remain in the Sweet Home School district. David is a manager for American Eagle Airlines, and Kelley described herself as Mom, nurse and auditor. Certainly a busy lady! Their phone number is 691-4909.

A warm Willow Ridge welcome to the Grogan family of 510 Kaymar who moved here from Parkview. Steve is a letter carrier and Sharon works for Aspire. They have a son, Brian, age 15, and a daughter, Amy, age 12. They can be

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Thanks to Kathy Huber and Charlene Vitale all of the special touches that made the block rep breakfast so enjoyable! If you couldn't make it this year, you were missed and we hope you will join us next year! There were lots of new faces and an opportunity to welcome all of our newest block reps. Among them was our newest recruit, Karen Kazial. Karen is taking over for Carolyn McClean and will be the head reporter for all of our neighbors on Rumson, Jeanmoor and Beaumont. **THANK YOU KAREN, AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR BLOCK REPS.** We do wish Carolyn well and are most grateful for her years of service!

Also, we would like to welcome June Guadagna who is taking her husband Sam's place as block rep on Willow Green. Thank you, Sam, and thank you, June. We on Willow Green appreciate your efforts!

Are you thinking about volunteering? Current block rep positions available are for:

61-102 Willow Lane

88-112 Hubbardston

300-411 Denrose

45-80 Beaumont

S. Ellicott Creek and Kaymar

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.

Snowflake Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 11, 2006

Classics V Banquet Center

Niagara Falls Boulevard

6:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Open Bar and Hors d'oeuvres

7:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Sit down dinner, entrée choices:

N.Y. Strip Steak

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Swordfish Mediterranean

Pasta Primavera

**Dinner includes: wine soup, chef salad, green beans almondine, duchess potatoes,
rolls & butter, dessert, coffee/tea**

11:30 p.m.: coffee and Danish

9:30—12:30 Open Bar

8:30—1:00 a.m. Music by Futuristic Sound Productions

*****DOOR PRIZES*****

\$56.00 per couple

Tickets Now On Sale!!

We would like to have a table decorating contest this year (OPTIONAL). If your table would like to participate, please do. We will have a special prize set aside just for that table winner!

At this time we would like to start taking phone reservations. You can call me, Pam McNess, 691-5621 as soon as the table captains have their tables set up. Please write your dinner selections on your checks. This annual event usually brings out about 300 neighbors and friends. What a wonderful night of good food, good music and good friends. The tables hold 10-12 people. If you have a smaller group, please don't hesitate to call me. We can just add your group to a smaller group and create another table. Karen Galli and I are looking forward to our first year running this event. We have been working hard with Lisa May from Classics V to provide you with a wonderful evening. Many people have asked why we are now having this dance in March. The reason is that the school district now has the winter break in February, and many families choose to travel during this break. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Pam McNess at the above number or Karen Galli at 564-1723.

We can't wait to see all of you at Classics V on March 11.

Pam McNess and Karen Galli

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THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THAT MONTH'S
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AND PROPER ID. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL
ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM
OF SOME NOT RECEIVING THEIR NEWSLETTER IN
TIME FOR THE DISCOUNT.**

Committees and Activity Chairpersons

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March 2006

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION:

The Willow Ridge Directory for the year 2006 is done!!!

The directory 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. There is also a public service directory located in the front of the directory.

If anyone has a change over the coming year, such as a birth of a child, please do not hesitate to contact your block rep or myself at 564-0913. I like to keep all this information as current as possible throughout the year.

I wish to THANK all the advertisers for supporting our Association. A great many of them generously contributed coupons in a special tear out section of the directory.

Next year, I am working on something exciting for the cover of the 2007 directory. Hopefully, details will be worked out and announced by the October issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*.

I hope the directory will continue to be a useful reference book and that the contents are as accurate as possible. Sincerely, Jane Sieman, Editor, 2006 Willow Ridge Directory

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Many thanks to two people who have graciously agreed to help the WRCA by being block representatives for their neighborhood. Lynn Griffin of Dalewood will take over the 52-87 Dalewood section, and Kathleen Frascatore of Edgewater will take over the 826-879 Edgewater section. Kathleen is replacing long time block rep Suzy Miller and Lynn is replacing long time block rep Debbie Adams. Your help is much appreciated! Also, thanks again to Suzy and Debbie for lending a hand all these years!

SUNSHINE

Just a reminder to the WRCA membership that we like to send a friendly card, when appropriate, to members who serve our association in a voluntary position. I am not always aware of illness or deaths in the families of these members so I am asking that you please call or email me if such a gesture from the Board is in order. Thank you very much for this assistance. Lee Baker, Sunshine Chairperson, 691-5972, bakerl@buffalo.edu