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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, March 14, at

7:30 p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome

- **DEADLINE FOR THE MAY WITW IS APRIL 14**
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From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors:

With spring now in sight it's time to start thinking about the good and, yes, the bad that can come with warmer weather. This year it seems we are facing a potential rat problem. It has already been reported that rats have been seen on garbage day moving from house to house looking for food. The key it seems, to stopping this problem, is to keep them from finding a food source in our neighborhood. The main source is garbage that is not stored properly in cans. Please try to do your part to keep this food from being obtained by rats. Please contact me or any one of the other board members if you have seen rodent activity recently. This will help us have a better understanding of the severity of this problem before the next board meeting, so we can develop an action plan. If you would like to be involved in this or any of the other discussions, join us next month.

Now just a few of the good things to keep in mind that will be going on in the upcoming months. The Easter party will take place on April 8 with a classic egg hunt. Then, come and join your neighbors at this year's National Night Out in August. Another August event planned is the Summer Boat Cruise, on the 13th. An extra hour will be added this year, making it three hours of good times. More details for all these events can always be found in each issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*.

Finally, join me in thanking Karen Galli and Pam McNess for the wonderful job they did in their first year as co-chairs of the Snow Flake Dinner Dance.

Cam Hill

WRCA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

As previously announced, 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. If you are opening for the sale, it is very important that you provide your own signs directing customers to your house. We expect to have community maps available again. There will be further details in the May issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*.

Helene Motyka, Chairperson

WRCA Garage Sale

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St. Christopher Parish, 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda, will be sponsoring a Lenten Fish or Shrimp Dinner for TAKE-OUT ONLY on April 7 and 14 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. The best and most convenient part is you just need to drive into the school parking lot and your fried fish or shrimp dinner will be delivered to your car! Cost is \$7, which includes fish or shrimp, french fries or potato salad, coleslaw and bread and butter. Proceeds to benefit: St. Christopher School Education Fund, CYO and Boy Scouts.

WILLOW RIDGE ANNUAL EASTER PARTY
SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH
10 A.M.—NOON
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School News for April 2006

1 Dollars for Scholars Craft Fair, 10am-4pm, MS
 3 PTO Meeting, 7pm, MS
 4 BOE Combined Study Session & Regular Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC; PTO Meeting, 7pm, WR
 5 Night of 1000 Stars, 7pm @ Audubon Library, WR
 6 PTSA Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library, HS
 7 Activity Night, 7pm, MS; End of Third Marking Period, HS/MS
 12 Health & Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, DO
 14 **SPRING RECESS; NO SCHOOL K-12, 4/14—4-21**
 24 **SCHOOL RESUMES**
 25 BOE Special Voting Meeting, 8am @ District Board Room
 26 Grade 8 NYS Science Performance Test
 27 5th Grade Parent Orientation, 7pm @ MS, WR/HH; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC
 28 Early Dismissal Grades K-5, Parent/Teacher Conferences

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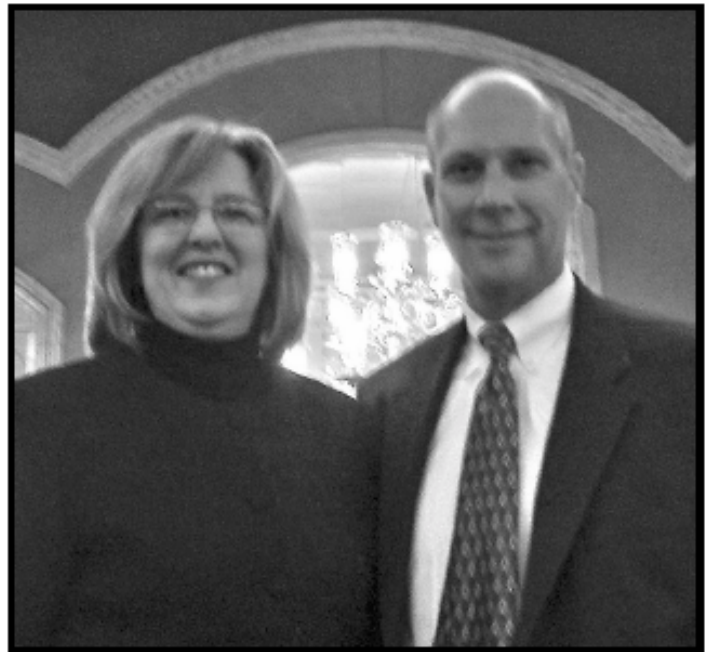
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WILLOW RIDGE GARDEN CLUB

On March 8, at Daffodils Restaurant on Maple Rd., the installation of the 2006-2007 officers of the Willow Ridge Garden Club took place. Eighth District Director, Babbidean Huber, was the installing officer. The officers are: President Doris Mohr, Vice President Arlene Leising, Recording Secretary Virginia Winter, Corresponding Secretary Joan Robinson, Treasurer Helene Motyka.

The Willow Ridge Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on April 5 at the home of President Doris Mohr for transfer of duties and records to the newly elected club officers and committee chairs. The 2006-2007 club program will be planned.

Mira Knoble
 Publicity Chairman
 693-8666

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Thanks to all of our block reps and head reporters for all of your hard work during our March Membership Drive! These folks deserve a heartfelt thanks for reaching out to neighbors across our community. Their work helps us to sustain our Willow Ridge Civic Association. Thanks again! Are you thinking of volunteering? Current block rep positions available are: 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! An apology to Jane Guadagna, I mistakenly spelled her name as June! Thanks to Jane (not June) for assuming block rep duties for Willow Green!

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WRCA Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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, Pat Land, and Bob Folandare. Also present were Ben Procopio and Jim McCormick.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the February 14, 2006 WRCA board meeting, as published in the March 2006 edition of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* were reviewed. A motion was made by Cam Hill, seconded by Pat Land to accept the minutes. Motion was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jack Baker gave the treasurer's report. He reported a checking account balance of \$7,663.00, and provided the board with a breakdown of deposits and withdrawals during the prior month. A motion was made by Bob Folandare, seconded by Cam Hill to accept the treasurer's report, which was carried.

Ben Procopio reported that he had audited the books, as is customary. He provided a letter to the board, addressed to Cam Hill, reporting that the financial records of the WRCA are in satisfactory condition, and that receipts and checks were matched against the bank statements for proper posting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cam Hill advised that he had spoken with Helene Motyka and that the dates for the annual neighborhood garage sale would be May 18, 19 & 20. Further details will follow and Helene will arrange for proper publication in the Buffalo News and Amherst Bee.

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.

Webmaster (Jack Baker)

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

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. Bob and Ed will likely give out the awards.

Boat Cruise (Bob Folandare 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.

ADJOURN

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Bob Folandare, seconded by Ed Goetz to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., which was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Cuomo, Secretary

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**WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY
GARAGE SALE 2006
May 18, 19, and 20.**

AMHERST MUSEUM

Amherst Museum to Host Annual Maple Festival and Pancake Brunch April 8, 2006, 9:30 a.m.—2 p.m. The Museum will celebrate the beginning of its spring season with the annual Maple Festival. For the first time in 2006, visitors can tour the historic buildings costumed interpreters will share the experience of 19th century life in WNY. A hearty breakfast and basket auction will benefit Lions Club Charities. Visitors will learn about maple sugaring processes and history from Nature Ed-Ventures, and will be able to purchase real maple products from Merle Maple and honey from Hens Honey Bee Farm. School age children will enjoy creating crafts with a maple theme. Pre-sale admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children. Admission includes Pancake breakfast, festival activities, and all open museum exhibits including the new *Bodice to Bed: The Fabric of Clothing and Quilts* exhibit. Call 689-1440 for tickets and information. **Amherst Museum to host Williamsville Central School District Art Show—March 21—April 20, 2006.** Each year, Amherst Museum presents student exhibitions from Williamsville Central School District. It will open with a parent's reception March 21 and 22, 7 pm—9 pm and continue through April 20. 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.)

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Sympathy

Neighbors on Edgewater would like to express our deepest sympathy to a long time neighbor and beloved friend, Mr. Robert Hughson of 705 Edgewater, who passed away Friday, February 24. Bob and his wife Joan, along with their children Doug, Robert Jr., and Gordon, have resided in the Willow Ridge community since 1961. Their home was one of the first built on Edgewater. They have watched this neighborhood grow and develop and always supported the WRCA. Bob was known around the neighborhood as a friendly, kind man, who always showed he cared by his interest in others. For years he would walk his dog Tippy and chat with neighbors along the way. He will be missed so much! Our heart goes out to his wife Joan, his sons, daughter-in-law and four grandchildren.

Friends and neighbors send their sincere condolences to Mike, Peggy, Heather and Mike Pudlewski of Rockdale Drive on the recent death of Peggy's father. Our thoughts are with you.

Neighbors on Edgewater send condolences to the Frascatore family of 879 Edgewater, on the loss of Kathleen's brother, Michael Molnar. Her brother passes away this past month in a tragic accident and we all wish Kathleen, Carmine, Maria and Anthony peace and strength in dealing with this difficult loss.

Welcome

Neighbors on Kaymar would like to welcome the Koester family, formerly of Elderwood Court to 733 Kaymar. Jim and Linda have five children: Ryan, 17; Jesse, 14; Chris, 13; Connor, 9; and Katelyn, 9. They can be reached at 691-1160. We wish you many wonderful years in your new home.

Welcome to Greg and Imelda Petrina and their children, Brandy and Michael. We wish you much joy and happiness in Willow Ridge! (Since Greg's father is the family's new neighbor on Kaymar, I trust they have already received a warm welcome!)

A warm Willow Ridge welcome goes out to the Herbert family, who to 13 Dalewood Drive. Shannon is a network distributor, and Jaime is a clinical social worker. Also with the welcome, also comes congratulations on their new daughter, Riley, who was born on December 23, 2005. The Herberts can be reached at 691-7133.

Willow Green neighbors are pleased to welcome Margaret Polino to number 378. Marge, as she prefers to be called, is very happy in her new home and has already met several nearby neighbors. Her children, Beth and Zack, are both living in Maryland, and she works fulltime as a system analyst at M&T Bank. However, we expect once the weather gets warmer, we will see Marge more often walking with Susie Q, her beautiful, sleek greyhound dog. A WARM Willow Ridge welcome to Marge and Susie Q!

Neighbors on Rockdale Drive extend a warm welcome to Bill Schiferle and Cheri Petrus who make their new home at 193 Rockdale Drive along with daughters Kayla and Jenna Petrus. Bill works in his family owned business, Capital Fence. Cheri is employed as a human resources consultant. Please add their address and phone number (691-6009) to the Willow Ridge directory.

Congratulations

Tony and Barb Sartori of Grasspointe Drive became grandparents on December 7, 2005 when their daughter, Tami presented them with a beautiful little girl, Caybrie Cienna McCorkle, who weighed in at 7 lb. 15 oz. The proud parents, Tami and Cyle McCorkle, live in Crestline, California. Congratulations to the happy family!

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.

FOR SALE

Baby: Sturdy, wooden changing table and large, navy Eddie Bauer diaper bag. Make offer, 564-2866

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Furniture: Nightstand: solid wood, painted glossy black, one large drawer, top and bottom shelf, very sturdy, \$10.00. 691-7084

Furniture: Woodworking machinery, tools and more: 10" circular saw, 14" and 10" board saw, 6" jointer, 16" scroll saw, 1" belt sander, 4" belt sander, Delta and Craftsman. Prices negotiable. Must see. 691-6819

Household: Luggage: 4 piece American Tourister—1 large, 1 hanging, 1 makeup, 1 small; tan, very good condition, \$50.00 or b/o. 691-9212

Household: Floor lamp: gold metal with swing arm and beige shade, \$10.00. 691-7084

Novelty: Commercial bubble gum machine for recreation room or business. Twenty-five cent gumballs roll down spiral inside yellow machine. Clear globe on top. Lifetime guarantee on Beaver coin mechanism. Almost 5 feet tall. Good condition, \$225.00. 691-7084

Outdoor/Leisure: Boat and trailer—16' Bass Tracker aluminum boat. New tires on trailer, no motor, \$600.00. 691-2444.

Outdoor/Leisure: FREE POOL EQUIPMENT—Thermal blanket, 16'x24', good condition; Handicap inclined stairs that attach to deck, for easy entry to and exit from water in approximately 4' deep above ground pool. 691-9562

FOR RENT

Single car garage, 21' long, deposit required, very secure on private property. Can be rented year round, \$95.00/month. 691-7084

LOST AND FOUND

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Type	Colors	# of Baskets	Cost
Ivy Geraniums	Cherry Red		
Ivy Geraniums	Global Orchid		
Ivy Geranium	Pink		
RoseBud Impatiens	Rose Bi-Color		
New Guinea Impatiens	Deep Salmon		
New Guinea Impatiens	Lavender Glow		
Million Bells	Trailing Blue		
Million Bells	Magenta		
Fuchia Dollar Princess	Upright Red		

Color	# of Pots	# of Dozs	Cost
Red			
Coral			
Pink			
Violet			
Deep Rose			
White			

Subtotal _____

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Spikes		
Vinca Vine		

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ORDER TOTAL: \$ _____

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Impatiens	# of Packs	# of Flats	Cost
White			
Accent Mixed			
Red			
Deep Pink			
Blue Pearl			

Flats (12 Packs) \$13.00 Subtotal _____

Type	# of Packs	# of Flats	Cost
Petunia Double Rose			
Alyssum Carpet of Snow			
Alyssum Midnight			
Coleus Wizard Mix			
Lobelia Blue Moon			
Lobelia Paper Moon			

Subtotal _____

**Last day to order SATURDAY, APRIL 22. Order pick up Friday, May 12 after 10 am at 58 Willow Lane.
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Committees and Activity Chairpersons

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

**April
2006**

Snowflake Dinner Dance Wrap Up

Thanks to Lisa and Dan May of Classics V for excellent food and service at our annual dinner dance that was held on March 11. We would like to thank a few people for their help in planning this event: Julie Engl, who hand-printed the table name cards; Fran Schaefer, who created and printed and dance tickets; and Carm Sieckmann, who solicited door prizes for the dance. Thanks to all the area businesses that donated a door prize.

There were still many partygoers in attendance past midnight to see the Butler table win the first annual table decorating contest in grand fashion. "Mr. Jack" even graced the dance floor; a little stiff, but spiritedly and festively attired. Thanks once again to all the table captains.

We have booked Classics V for the first Saturday in March, 2007. Watch for details in the January and February 2007 issues of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*!

Sincerely, Pam McNess and Karen Galli

AMHERST MUSEUM Continued...

Outdoor tour season begins April 1 at Amherst Museum. Hours are from 9:30a.m.– 4:30p.m. Tuesday—Friday. From April 1 through late October, it will also be open Saturday and Sunday, 12:30—4:30 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and municipal holidays. The museum features 12 historic buildings, available for viewing through a combination of guided and self-guided tours. It also offers exhibits on local history, agriculture, costumes, antique radios and decorative arts and an Erie Canal exhibit. Spring and summer rates are \$5/adults; \$1.50/children 5-12 and free for children under 5. Family rate (up to two adults and four children or grandchildren) is \$12. Museum members are admitted free. **Spring Antique Radio Meet on April 22, 9 a.m.—Noon.** Radio enthusiasts will find antique radios, ham radio equipment and related items at indoor tables and an outdoor flea market. Admission to the meet is free. Call 668-2943 or 741-3082 for information or vendor registration. The museum is located at 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, corner of New Road in Amherst. Call 689-1440 or information or log onto www.amherstmuseum.org.