

WIND IN THE WILLOWS

News for Willow Ridge Civic Association Members

January 2017



Message from the President

Happy New Year!

I would first start off thanking our previous president, Jim Cwierley, for his leadership and dedication to our association. We have a great team of volunteers on the board who only want the best for our neighborhood.

A little bit about me ... I have lived in Willow Ridge now for a little over 12 years. I moved here with my wife Jacquie and her two sons, and my mother in law from the Town of Tonawanda. I work for a local plastics recycler/broker as a sales representative and logistics plus maintaining their website.

Some of you know me for DJ'ing at the Elementary School for their Harvest Dances and doing the music for the Snowflake Dance. My past includes leadership of a union, warehouse management and inventory control.

My goal for Willow Ridge Civic Association is to get the membership back up to where it was when I moved into this neighborhood. We are moving towards that goal as Connie Hlovics and Jane Sieman reestablishment of the block reps and supply them with welcome kits for new residents.

Your membership dues help the WRCA board and the volunteers who coordinate great kids' Halloween and Easter parties. They also support John Miller and his fantastic work with our National Night Out, probably one of the best community events in this area!

Of course, many of use also look forward to the Snowflake Dance, which to me is the cherry on top of the sundae for adult activities! Thank you Carol Zaffram for your work to keep going.

This year the board and I are hosting a second wine tasting event with DB liquors to raise in support of these great activities.

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WRCA Membership Meeting

Stop out to meet your new board at our next WRCA membership meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

WRCA meets monthly at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Remember, the deadline to submit materials for the next newsletter is January 8.

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Share your stories!

Do you know of a new neighbor or maybe a long time friend leaving Willow Ridge?

Have you or your child made a significant achievement lately? We want to know about letters of intent, National Honor Society honorees, special certifications, Girl Scout Gold Awards, Boy Scout Eagle Scouts, and much more! Send your news and photos to 136 Dalewood Drive or email it to WITW@WRCA.US.

Neighbor to Neighbor Tips

Homeowner's Insurance

By Peter Nichols

While recently attending a law seminar covering insurance issues, treated diseased trees under a homeowner's policy were discussed.

Some diseased trees may present a hazard that could result in injury or property damage.

Many homeowners are having the diseased trees treated or removed as a precaution. These preventative measures may be covered under a homeowner's insurance policy and homeowners may seek recovery of these costs.

Check with your insurance company to find out what is covered under your individual homeowners policy.

Lighting Contest Winners

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2016 lighting contest. While the winners were listed on the front page of the December edition, many people said they didn't see them.

Below is a list of the winners. A member of the Willow Ridge Civic Association board will contact you with details about prizes.

145 S. Ellicott Creek Road

43 Manor Oak Drive
(Griswold Award winner)

85 Manor Oak Drive
233 Willow Green Drive

80 Sweetwood Drive N

101 Willow Lane

694 Kaymar Drive
68 Westcliffe Drive

10 Jonathan Place
7 Maricrest Drive



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Children Encouraged to Help Design Cover for Directory

The Willow Ridge Civic Association is bringing back the popular ***Design a Cover Contest*** for the Willow Ridge Directory.

WRCA will be holding the design contest for the cover of the 2017 Willow Ridge Directory for all Willow Ridge Civic Association members up to and including the age of 15. All entries must be hand drawn – (not a computer image) on paper the size of the directory (vertical 8.5" x horizontal 5") to avoid distortion when producing actual cover.

Participants are asked to submit their drawings (without their names) along with the completed entry form in this issue. All drawings must contain at least one willow tree and be in color.

Three winners will be chosen and their drawings published in the March issue of the Wind In The Willows. The cover winner will be chosen from those three winners. This winner will have their drawing published in full color on the cover of the 2017 directory along with their name inside the directory.

The first place winner will receive a \$25 Walmart gift card and second and third place winners will win a \$10 Walmart gift card with honorable mention in the directory. Winning entries will be based on originality, creativity, and community spirit.

The entry form with rules, judging information, submission information and deadline date is in this issue of the Wind In The Willows.

Enjoy, have fun and good luck!

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price for your home.

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Save the Date!

Snowflake Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Classics V

\$80 per couple

***includes dinner, open bar
and music/dancing***

Call 913-4980 for more information.



WRCA MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

The January meeting of the WRCA was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by President Erich Krueger.

In attendance were President Erich Krueger, Vice-President Thomas Amodeo, Treasurer Donna Mosteller, Secretary Jane Sieman, and Board Member Connie Holovics. Also in attendance was Cassie Schwab. Excused were Board Members John Radens, Andy Annesi and Marijean Nichols.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion was made to approve the December meeting minutes by Donna Mosteller and seconded by Connie Holovics.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Mosteller submitted a treasurer's report. Income for the month of December was \$6,321. Expenses for the month of December was \$1,791. The balance for the end of December was \$5,914. Insurance payments for the month of January, April and July of 2017 were discussed. Motion made to accept by Connie and seconded by Thomas Amodeo.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Discussed letter received from the Town of Amherst, regarding the development and building of Apartments from 190-212 Edgewater. This is a paper street behind Anderson's - north east corner of Joe McCarthy and Roger Chaffee. This will be discussed at a Amherst Planning Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 19, 2017.

President Erich Krueger will be attending and representing Willow Ridge. Residents are encouraged to attend as well. Name of the proposed street was also discussed due to the duplicate name of an existing street in Willow Ridge.

OLD BUSINESS

Banking issues have all been resolved and all

documents/accounts were updated with current President and Treasurer's information.

Holiday Lighting Contest - Judging was done on the weekend of Dec 16-18. Winners were be listed in the December Wind In The Willows. Winners will be contacted and prizes distributed by the end of January.

Membership Drive/Directory - Jane Sieman reported. Membership drive is doing well. Another Wind in the Willows and invoice will be in the January issue of the Wind in the Willows.

Working with Block Rep Coordinator Connie Holovics to finalize Block Rep assignments. Block Reps will be contacting and following up with their neighbors to join WRCA for 2017. Directory - We have received 24 advertisers to date including nine new advertisers. We are accepting advertisers until February 20, 2017. Directory cover contest is being brought back after 6 years. Form and rules will be in the January issue of the WITW. Directory will be ready and delivered to all members on April 1, 2017 by Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173.

Wine Tasting - Event will be held Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Classics V. The cost is \$25/\$40 a couple. Tickets have been distributed and residents can purchase them by contacting any Willow Ridge Board Member or by visiting DB Liquors on Niagara Falls Blvd. Classics will be contacted to inquire about including our event on their sign. Erich Krueger is the contact for this event.

Snowflake Dinner Dance - Event will be held March 4th, 2017 at Classics, the cost is \$40/\$80 a couple. Carol Zaffram is the contact for this event. Details will follow soon.

Respectively submitted by Jane Sieman.



WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2017 Membership Invoice

-DUES-

DUES FOR 2017 ARE \$17.00. Please renew/join by December 31, 2016.

PAYMENT METHODS:

-- Mail your check payable to: WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 86
Amherst, NY 14226

Due to outdated information on file, please fill out the form below with all current information for the 2017 Willow Ridge Civic Association Directory. Thank you

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

Phone Number _____

Children's Names _____

Babysitter Directory Listing:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Telephone: _____

Please provide email address used for distribution of E-Wind and newsletter only.

Email address will NOT be published in WRCA Directory.

E-mail Address(es) _____

The following information is for the WRCA app:

Occupation: _____

Interest/talents you wish to share _____

2017 WILLOW RIDGE DIRECTORY COVER CONTEST

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____

AGE: _____

RULES:

All Willow Ridge Civic Association members up to and including the age of 15 are eligible.

All entries must have this form enclosed with the drawing – DO NOT STAPLE.... NO NAMES ON DRAWING PLEASE.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING on drawing. (this includes the year or WRCA Directory.) Only drawings without writing will be accepted.

Drawing must be hand drawn – (not a computer image) and in color.

Drawing must be on paper the size of the directory (vertical 8.5” x horizontal 5”) to avoid distortion when producing actual cover. (NO NAMES ON DRAWING PLEASE)

All drawings MUST contain at least one (1) willow tree to represent Willow Ridge.

JUDGING/WINNERS

Winning entries will be judged on originality, creativity and community spirit.

When entries are received, the entry form and drawing will receive corresponding numbers for judging purposes only.

There will be three winners (first place, second place and third place). These winners will be published in the March issue of the WITW.

A winner from those 3 winners will be chosen for the 2017 WRCA Community Directory. This winner will receive a \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift card and their drawing in full color on the directory cover for 2017. Second and Third place winners will receive a \$10.00 Wal-Mart gift card. All three winners will receive a complimentary directory with their name listed in the directory.

Judging will be done by people associated with our community.

SUBMISSION / DEADLINE

Entry forms and drawings can be dropped off in the box in front of 80 Sweetwood North Drive. Any questions, please call Jane Sieman at 870-3412 or email jsie44@yahoo.com

Deadline for submission is February 20, 2017. HAVE FUN & GOOD LUCK!