

# WIND-IN-THE-WILLOWS

News for and about Willow Ridge Civic Association Members

April 2016



## Willow Ridge Easter Party Memories!

It was chilly outside, but Easter fun warmed hearts and hands indoors at Willow Ridge School on March 27. Attending were 70 “non-bunnies” including more than 30 children.



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**The deadline is 15th day of the  
month previous to  
desired issue.**

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**WRCA  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING  
Tuesday,  
April 12, 2016  
7:30 p.m.  
Ellicott Creek  
Fire Hall  
All Members  
Welcome**

***The Deadline for the  
May issue of the  
Wind-in-the-Willows  
is April 15.***

## A Message from the President's Desk

Dear friends and neighbors,

"People forget how fast you did a job – but they remember how well you did it." An American businessman coined this gem several years ago, and it applies really well to an issue we're having in Willow Ridge.

For the past few years, we've been hearing grumbings about the WRCA directory. You've told us that we've been off the mark the past few years as far as our listings go. We've definitely sat up and took notice, and we're working hard to correct this issue. Starting in February, Jane Sieman and Connie Holovics have led an effort to correct listing errors in the directory. They've been working hard to reestablish contact with the block reps, a vital source in making sure our information is correct. Connie and Jane have also combed through real estate listings to ensure the most accurate book possible.

This is very hard and arduous work. I found that out first hand for the past two years, as Rick VonLangen and myself started the process of cleaning up listings in the directory. As you can imagine in a neighborhood as large as Willow Ridge, there are a lot of comings and goings to keep track of. My hat is off to Connie and Jane as they continue to update our directory. Their work will pay huge dividends for Willow Ridge going forward. We're thrilled that they are leading the charge, and I'm very happy that Jane stepped into a role she held so expertly for many years.

What does that mean for you? It means you can count on the directory being as up to date as is possible. The directory is a valuable tool that makes it very easy to get in touch with your neighbors. We are proud to provide this service as part of your WRCA membership.

This extra effort to provide a 'clean' directory does come at a cost, however. Extra time was needed to take on this task, and as a result, it will be coming out a little later than usual. Our current timeline has the directory coming out in early May.

This is a little later than you expect, and I am very sorry to inconvenience even one of my neighbors. Our thought was to take more time to get it right, rather than ship it out a week or two earlier. Thanks in advance for your understanding!

I also wanted to tell you about an exciting new project in the Town of Amherst that will have input from Willow Ridge. Imagine Amherst is a town-wide planning project to plot out how businesses and buildings will look in the future. It takes into account the diversity of town buildings and neighborhoods to make sure each area gets its appropriate look and feel.

The Town explicitly asked for input from Willow Ridge, and asked for a representative to serve on the committee. I happily accepted this role, and will be sharing with you the information we get, as well as collecting your feedback and bringing it back to the Town.

I invite you to check out information on the project at <http://imagineamherst.com/>. If you have any questions, please give me a shout. I'm happy to talk with you about it.

Jim Cwierley

## WRCA Board Meeting

March 8th, 2016

The March meeting of the WRCA was called to order at 7:35 pm. by Board Member Tom Amodeo. In attendance were Treasurer Donna Mosteller, Secretary Marijean Nichols and Board Members Connie Holovics, John Radens, Andy Annesi and Erich Krueger.

President Jim Cwierley was recently asked to be on the Town of Amherst Planning Board. Since Amherst's meeting was at the same date/time as the WRCA Board meeting, Tom assumed the President's duties for this meeting. The minutes from the January meeting were approved. There were no official February minutes as we did not have the necessary quorum needed to conduct any official business.

The new Treasurer, Donna Mosteller, will present the Treasurer's Report at the next meeting. Donna has been working with Tom Amodeo, previous treasurer, on a smooth transition and double-checking to be sure that all WRCA financial records are in order. Tom presented the January and February reports.

Treasurer' Report: Income for the month of January was \$119. Expenses were \$1073. The balance for the month of January was \$2500.

Income for the month of February was \$952. Expenses were \$74. The balance for the month of February was \$3378. The reports for January and February were approved.

Membership Report: Nine new members joined since January. Connie and Jane Sieman have been working to correct all the errors that have not been updated in the past several yearly directories. The new directory for 2016 should reflect the corrected information.

President's Report (presented by Tom in Jim's absence to attend the Town of Amherst's meeting): A motion to amend the WRCA constitution and by-laws to reduce the WRCA Board from ten members to nine members, was made and seconded at the January 2016 meeting. After much discussion, the motion was tabled to allow community comments before a vote can be taken, per the existing rules of order. The tabled motion was published in the February *WITW*. As there was no opposition from the community on the motion, the motion was reintroduced and a vote was taken and approved unanimously.

There were twenty homes that were judged to be winners in the Holiday lighting contest. Only five of these residences were members of the WRCA, membership in the association is required to be considered to win. These five winning homes will be announced in the *WITW* and each winner will receive a \$10 gift certificate donated by Valu Home Center. The five remaining donated gift cards will be saved for future use.

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WRCA info can be found on Facebook, E-Wind, *Wind-in-the-Willows* or simply call a board member.

Won't you consider becoming a voice and lending a hand to the WRCA? Please come with your ideas to our next board meeting, April 12, at the Fire Hall.



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## Neighborhood News

### In Sympathy

Neighbors on Willow Green Dr. sadly send their condolences to Barry Cohan (72 Willow Green) after the death of his wife Phyllis this past December. She had had a stroke earlier in the year. Phyllis served the Willow Ridge community as a block rep for many years and was frequently seen exercising, walking briskly through the neighborhood. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Also on a sad note the mother of Evelyn Gagnon (48 Willow Green) passed away peacefully at home in her sleep in early February. Elisabeth lived out of town but at 87 was still able to travel and visit family a couple of times a year. She enjoyed gardening, walking, crocheting and loved being with family, especially her 3 great grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by her family and all her knew her.

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## Town Of Amherst Board Meetings

### April, 2016

Apr. 4, Town Board Work Session, 4:00pm  
Apr. 4, Amherst Veterans Committee, 5:30pm  
Apr. 4, Town Board Meeting, 7:00pm  
Apr. 5, Glen Park Joint Board, 7:00pm  
Apr. 6, Amherst Conservation Advisory Council Meeting, 6:30pm  
Apr. 6, Traffic-Safety Board, 7:00pm  
Apr. 7, Energy Conservation Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, 7:00pm  
Apr. 12, Recreation Commission, 5:00pm  
Apr. 12, Historic Preservation Commission, 7:15pm  
Apr. 13, Youth Board, 7:00pm  
Apr. 14, Minority/Woman Owned Business in Amherst, 1:00pm  
Apr. 18, Town Board Work Session, 4:00pm  
Apr. 19, Zoning Board of Appeals  
Apr. 19, Amherst Committee on Disabilities, 7:00pm

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#### Members:

Barry A. Weinstein, Supervisor  
Steven D. Sanders, Deputy Supervisor  
Ramona D. Popowich, Councilmember  
**Deborah Bruch Bucki, Councilmember**  
Francina Spoth, Councilmember

## Sweet Home Central School District Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District meets for a study session on the second Tuesday of every month (except July and August) and meets for a voting meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. All regular meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Norman C. Vergils Community Center, 1901 Sweet Home Road, Amherst.

All voting meetings also air on Time Warner Public Access Channel 22. The voting meetings air on Mondays from 8-10pm and on Wednesdays from 2:30-4:30pm.

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The Town of Amherst will be providing the movie for our annual summer movie night, saving the WRCA money that can be put to our expenses. We will start looking at the budget to plan for the next fiscal year as our limited funds have necessitated that we drastically cutback on many of the events we provide for the community.

**New Business:** The annual Willow Ridge Garage Sale will be held this year on June 4th, 5th and 6th, 2016.

**Old Business:** The Children's Easter Event to be held on March 19th still needs volunteers to help. The new website address is WRCA.info or [WRCA.US](http://WRCA.US) and members are now using the website. Jane will have the information for our advertisers to put on the app. Tickets are still available for the annual Snowflake Dinner Dance to be held on March 12th at Classics.

Before the meeting ended, Jim Cwierley came from the Amherst Planning Board meeting and updated us on some issues that concern our community. An area of concern is the many strip malls along Niagara Falls Blvd., and the empty storefronts along this area.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm. The next meeting of the WRCA will be held on Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall starting at 7:30 pm. All members of the Willow Ridge Civic Association are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marijean Nichols

## Willow Ridge Garden Club

On April 6th, at 7pm, Christine Hartmann a National Garden Club Judge will guide us through the process of staging a small standard flower show. She will explain the rules, the procedure of conditioning material to show its best features and placement in the show. This will prepare our members for our "CELEBRATION" Flower Show on Saturday May 7th, from 1:00pm, to 4:00pm. Both events will be at the Zion United Church of Christ, Parker & Koenig Roads, Tonawanda. All are welcome to visit our club to learn more about flower presentation and or to visit the "CELEBRATION" Flower Show.

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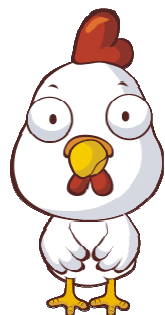
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