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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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### A Note From The President

It's that time of year again. Time to venture into your basement, garage or closet and get rid of your unwanted clutter. Even better, you can turn it into cash! The Willow Ridge annual garage sale is coming next month, bringing hundreds of bargain hunters into the neighborhood. It's your best chance to get rid of those dusty golf clubs, yard furniture or old wardrobe. The event will run the weekend of June 13 to June 15, says Joe Battaglia, the event's organizer. To get your home listed, contact Battaglia at 564-0737 and leave a message containing your address. That information will get your house listed on the map of Willow Ridge garage sales.

Neighborhood news? Deals from your favorite shops? There's an app for that. Coming soon in your phone's app store, the WRCA is proud to join the digital age and offer our own app. The app was developed by students from the University at Buffalo, who generously donated their time to get this project off the ground. Special thanks go out to Jiangchuan He, Aniket Mayakal, Libing Wu, Elie Onokoko, and Nse Obot who worked to create the apps for Apple, Android and Windows phones. We also would like to thank board member Derrick Ong for spearheading this project. His efforts were instrumental in working with the university, gathering requirements, and getting the apps ready for download.

I'd also like to congratulate Derrick for another accomplishment: marrying the love of his life, Jody Faith Wong. My wife, Dawn and daughter Jessica had the honor of watching Derrick and Jody tie the knot in a ceremony at the Buffalo History Museum. They exchanged vows in the cherry blossom garden. On behalf our neighborhood, congratulations to both of you. You are a happy and loving couple, and we wish you the best.

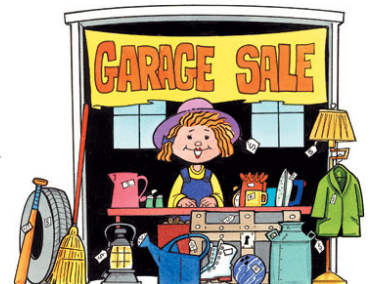
In a piece of sad news, we're all very sorry to be losing Derrick from the WRCA board. He and Jody will be moving back to their native Singapore at the end of the month. Derrick's talents will be sorely missed. He has organized student groups to help at children's events, been a big help with movie night, and lent his time and business acumen on a variety of projects. He is leaving very big shoes to fill. He will be missed by all.

Jim Cwierley

## Willow Ridge Neighborhood Garage Sale

June 13, 14, 15

Contact Joe Battaglia, 564-0737, and  
leave a message containing  
your address to have your sale  
listed on a map.



# WRCA MINUTES

April 14, 2015

The meeting was opened at 7:35 p.m. by President Jim Cwierley. In attendance were Vice President Mark Hammer, Secretary Marijean Nichols, Treasurer Tom Amodeo and Board Members Andy Annesi, Erich Krueger, Derrick Ong, Rick VonLangen and John Radens. Debby VonLangen, editor of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, also attended. The minutes from the March meeting, as published in this month's *WITW*, were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income for the month of March was \$2160. The expenses for the month totaled \$798. The balance was \$6556. The report was approved.

**President's Report:** Membership has exceeded 500 families this year. The updated directory is at the printer and should be out by the end of the month. We will review the annual budget at the next meeting. We would like to have a speaker series of interest to Willow Ridge residents starting in the fall. The October-fest/Race night annual event, an enjoyable fund-raiser for the association, may return with a new format and was tabled until the next meeting. There was a discussion about updating the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. Jim would like us to update the front page with a new logo and a (much shorter) Secretary's minutes. Neighbor news is most important and there are other features we could add such as news from the town supervisor's office, the police blotter, constructive comments from our Facebook page and more articles that would give the newsletter more structure. The editor was very helpful in explaining that we need more articles contributed every month and the difficulty of putting together the newsletter each month when there few submissions. After this lengthy dialogue, it was decided that we will try a new format starting with the June newsletter.

**Old Business:** 48 families enjoyed this year's Easter party. Thank you to those who volunteered to help with this event. The Willow Ridge app is ready. Derrick Ong and the interns who worked on the development of the app gave a presentation to those in attendance (see below).

**New Business:** The application procedure for eligible Sweet Home High School seniors to be considered for a WRCA scholarship is under review at this time. Also, we received a suggestion to initiate a WRCA neighbor of the month program to thank those unsung heroes who are always helping out without expecting recognition.

The union representing those workers who run the summer movie will be generously funding the event this year. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

A huge thank you to all the interns who worked on the Willow Ridge app and to Derrick Ong for printing all their names for me to get them correct this month: Aniket Mayakel, Nse Obot, Libing Wu, Elie Omokoko, Jody Faith Wong and Jingyiping (Eve) Zhang.

Respectfully submitted, Marijean Nichols



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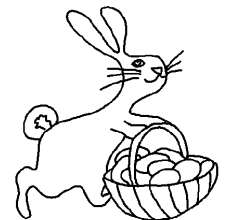
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# WRCA Easter Party Draws A Crowd

Despite a soggy day, more than 90 residents came out to enjoy the annual Children's Easter Party on April 4.

Children enjoyed making chicks out of paper plates, coloring pages, and satchels at the craft table. The bounce house remained a favorite way to burn off treats, too. However, the big hit in 2015 was the indoor egg hunt that featured a maze and special giveaways.

Thank you to all of our Willow Ridge Civic Association members; your dues make this party possible.



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Tutor: Reading and writing tutor available for students K—2nd grade. Call Susan @ 691-5546.

## Neighborhood News

### Congratulations



Congratulations go out to Kara Marciano and Brad Curran who were united in marriage in Pittsburgh on February 21, 2015. Kara is the daughter of John and Kay Marciano, of Westcliffe Drive. The reception was held at the beautiful Carnegie Museum of Natural History. The couple celebrated their honeymoon in St. Lucia and will be residing in Pittsburgh. Neighbors and friends of the Marciano family wish to extend their warmest wishes to the newlyweds, Kara and Brad, for a lifetime of joy and happiness together.



**Lifeguards Needed:** Ransom Oaks Community is currently accepting applications for Lifeguard positions. All applicants must be certified and over the age of 16. To complete the application go to <http://www.Ransomoaks.com>. Click on **About/Opening**s. Please contact Tom or Kathy Halter at 716-691-7352 if you have any questions.

## There's a Willow Ridge App For That...!

Derrick Ong and the interns from the University at Buffalo give a demonstration of the new Willow Ridge Civic Association app at a board meeting in April. The app will be available in your phone's app store in May, and will require a registration to access all the features.

More information will be available soon on the app. Keep your eyes peeled on the *Wind-in-the-Willows* and our Facebook page for more information.

From left to right: Libing Wu (intern), Eve Zhang (intern), and board members Derrick Ong, Andy Annesi, Tom Amodeo, Marijean Nichols, and Jim Cwierley watch a presentation on the WRCA app.



## Graduation? Celebrate your grad with an announcement, Willow Ridge style!

We would like once again to honor high school and college graduates in Willow Ridge. Moms and dads, let us all celebrate your grad with you via an announcement in the *Wind-in-the-Willows*! Submit your graduate's name, address, and graduating school (college or high school). Include any accomplishments and/or goals he/she might have. To make the announcement extra special, be sure to include a signed "one-liner;" a personal message to your graduate. Graduation information can be sent now for publication in the June edition. Submissions that do not make it into the June issue will appear in the July/August edition. Printed announcements, on a full size sheet of paper, may be placed in the box on the porch at 221 North Brier, or better yet, email me at [wiweditor@gmail.com](mailto:wiweditor@gmail.com). Please keep in mind that although there are no restrictions on announcement length editing may become necessary. Yes, the long cold winter is history and for some, so is school. Celebrate Willow Ridge! Debby VonLangen, Editor

### To Submit Articles for the *Wind-in-the-Willows*

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Wait until the last full moon in May to plant your vegetables and annuals. When planting tomatoes, remove the lower leaves and put that part of the stem under ground so that more roots will grow from the nodes.



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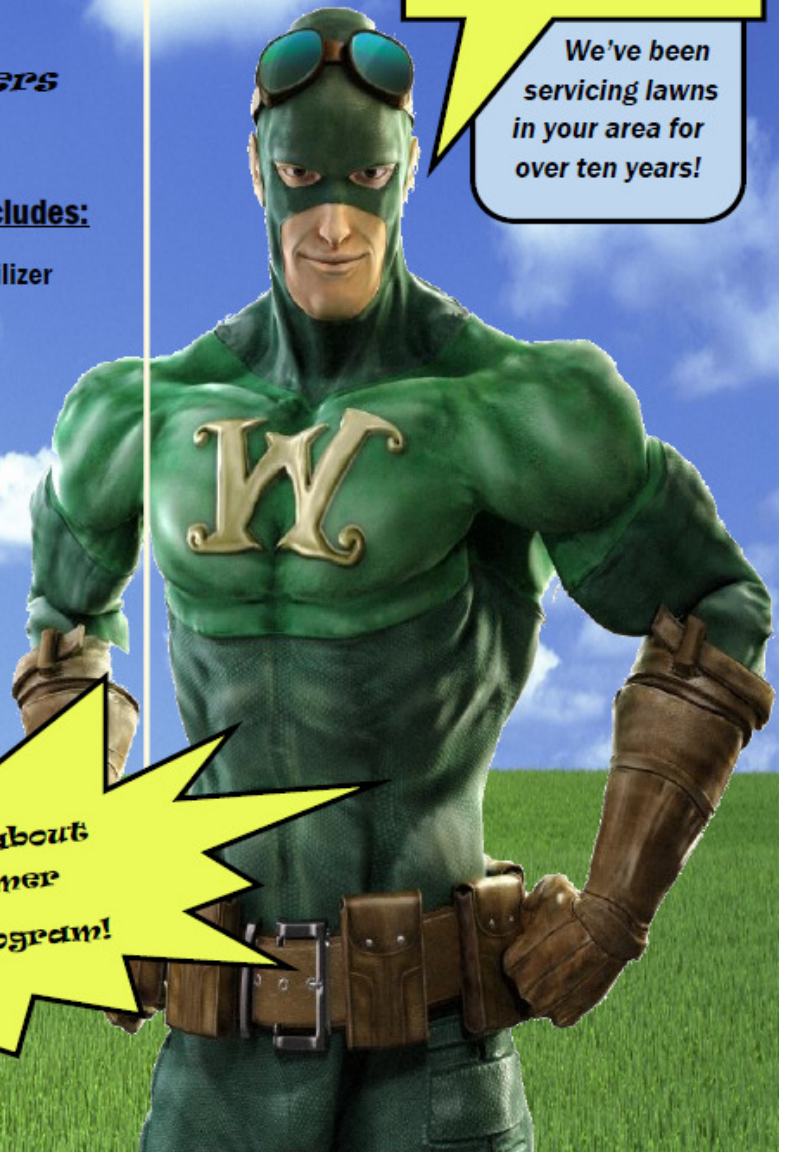
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