

# WIND-IN-THE-WILLOWS

News for and about Willow Ridge Civic Association Members

October 2015



**I'LL DO IT TOMORROW  
(THAT'S WHAT WE ALL SAY!!)**

**Renew your membership – or Join WRCA TODAY  
Then you can spend tomorrow relaxing!**

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**Wind-in-the-Willows** – Have all the information about happenings in Willow Ridge for adults and children as well as neighborhood news, and a free classified section. It is delivered to your home via mail and e-mail or e-mail only if you check “Going Green” on the membership form.

**2016 WRCA Directory** – The new directory will be delivered to your door in spring. Our community directory includes a neighborhood listing, coupons, listing of services and businesses, a listing of important phone numbers, a Babysitter Directory, and a detailed map of Willow Ridge.

**E-Wind** – All members who provide e-mail addresses receive notification of events happening in our community as well as the *Wind-in-the-Willows* via e-mail.

**WRCA app** - almost complete...watch for more information.

Your privacy is always important to us. We **will not** publish e-mail addresses, and continue our policy of not sharing our membership information with anyone.

Payment methods – Dues for 2016 are \$17.00

Invoice – enclosed in this *Wind-in-the-Willows* along with a return envelope

Payment via check to WRCA, PO Box 86, Amherst, NY 14226

PayPal payment – You can access PayPal, a secure on-line payment method, via the

WRCA website – [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info)

Reminder - The directory is only as good as the information you provide. **To that end, we have included a check box for those who have no change in 2015 information (please write names and address).** With over 1300 homes in Willow Ridge, we rely on each WRCA member to provide us with current information each year. It only takes a minute or two to make the directory a valuable resource for everyone.

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**Renew / Join for 2016 NOW –**

**BEFORE TOMORROW comes!**

**Then relax knowing you helped our goal to  
complete the membership drive by  
Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>!**

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**WRCA  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING  
Tuesday,  
October 13, 2015  
7:30 p.m.  
Ellicott Creek  
Fire Hall  
All Members  
Welcome**

***The Deadline for the  
November issue of the  
Wind-in-the-Willows is  
October 15.***

## Dear Neighbors,

For the past 51 years, the Willow Ridge Civic Association has always been there for you.

We've taken care of your social needs, putting on events for the family and adults alike. We help keep you informed on Willow Ridge news, with this monthly newsletter. When issues arise, we work with the appropriate authorities on your behalf to get things fixed. And we're always there to offer advice on a wide array of topics.

All of these things, the WRCA is happy and thrilled to do for its members. We're proud to carry on the unique tradition of our civic association, and hope to do so for many years into the future.

Now, we need you.

As your friends and neighbors have moved out of Willow Ridge, a new crop of neighbors has moved in. These people have heard very little about the WRCA, and all the great benefits it provides.

Sure, everyone gets a mailer in October, asking them to renew their membership. Put yourself in the shoes of a new Willow Ridger. How much can you really learn from some paragraphs on a postcard? Would it be enough to make YOU want to join, if you weren't a member?

We need you, WRCA members, to talk to your neighbors, and tell them how to join us. Tell them why you're a member, what it means to you, and why they should join. Show them a newsletter, or even your directory.

I wouldn't be involved with the Civic Association if it wasn't for my neighbor, Al Jones. When I moved here in 2008, he was one of the first people to greet me with a warm smile and a handshake. He gave me an old copy of the WRCA directory, and showed me a map of the neighborhood. Mr. Jones let us know about the Civic Association, and gave us a history of Willow Ridge. He was a founding member of the WRCA, and his house was the very first one built in the neighborhood.

It's no secret that our membership has been in rapid decline for the past several years. If we can't increase our members soon, the WRCA may have to start cutting back on the programs we provide for our neighbors. We really don't want to do that.

It can be very intimidating to introduce yourself to new neighbors; doubly so when you're trying to make a sales pitch. But that personal contact can be vital to rebuilding the membership rolls for our organization.

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## Willow Ridge Garden Club

The Willow Ridge Garden Club will meet October 7th, at 7:00pm. We meet at the Zion United Church of Christ, Koenig Circle and Parker Blvd., Tonawanda.

Dorothy Julius designer and owner of "Along Garden's Path", will demonstrate the basics of miniature designs. This will be a fun evening as we make our own miniature garden with Dorothy's expertise. Bring a container five inches in diameter for your miniature. Visitors are welcome to come and make a miniature garden.

### Garden Tip for October:

Autumn is the time to picture your spring garden. Plan for spring by planting daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, and crocus bulbs for beautiful color next spring. Now is the time to plant or place pots of mums through out your garden for fall colors.



*Information and tip from a representative of the Willow Ridge Garden Club.*

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

**Email:**  
**wiweditor@gmail.com; or**  
**place signed articles in**  
**porch box at**  
**221 North Brier Road.**

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

## Neighborhood News

### Welcome

Neighbors on Kaymar Drive would like to welcome Christopher and Daniella D'Amato and their children Josie, Gabbi, Isabella, Nathaniel and Christopher to their new home at 710. They moved from Kenmore in September. We wish you much happiness in your new home.

Willow Ridge would like to welcome Michael and Danielle Zanghi to 175 Parkhaven Drive, who have moved to our neighborhood from Kenmore. They have a son, Corwyn, who is a UB student. Michael is a barber at Joey's Barber Room and Danielle is a registered nurse at Buffalo General Hospital.

A very belated welcome to James and Meghan Schaller at 15 Beaumont, who moved here a couple of years ago. They moved from Tonawanda and both grew up in Kenmore. James is Realtor with RealtyUSA and is anxious to get involved in the community. Meghan teaches baking and pastries at Erie I BOCES. This June they welcomed their son, Jackson who we hope to see dressed up at the Willow Ridge Halloween party this month. Meghan also manages to find time to make wedding cakes. They can be reached at 716-574-1667.

### Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Heather Pudlewski and Scott Marciano who were united in marriage at St. Louis Church on May 9, 2015. Scott is the son of John and Kay Marciano, of Westcliffe Drive. Heather is the daughter of Peggy and Mike Pudlewski of Rockdale Drive. The reception was held at Kloc's Grove. The couple celebrated their honeymoon in Granada and will be residing in Buffalo. The neighbors and friends of both the Marciano's and the Pudlewski's are thrilled, and wish Heather and Scott, a lifetime of happiness together.

### *In Appreciation*

The family of Fred and Helene Motyka of 68 Manor Oak would like all their neighbors and friends in Willow Ridge to know that they greatly appreciated the many years they spent in their home since August, 1967. They have many fond memories and hope the newcomers will be able to experience the same sense of community.

**Thanks to our contributor this month, Dawn Cwierley for Halloween Tips on Pages 6 & 7.**

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, October 13, at the Fire Hall.

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If you're pressed for time (and who isn't these days?) but will want to make sure the new neighbor hears about us, we have another way you can help out. Listed in this newsletter is a phone number for Connie Holovics, who does a fine job heading up our block rep committee. Connie and the block reps specialize in welcoming new neighbors, and (hopefully) getting them to join the association.

Once again, THANK YOU for letting us serve you. We truly enjoy providing a wide array of services to you. Won't you please take a moment to help us continue that service?

Your neighbor,  
Jim Cwierley

### Willow Ridge Civic Association Mission Statement

**T**he Willow Ridge Civic Association is organized for the mutual civic benefit of all living in the Willow Ridge Subdivision. Through its membership and organization, the Association promotes neighborliness through group activities and social events designed to foster community spirit. In addition the Association is dedicated to the preservation of property values through awareness of the local environment and by working closely with various Town of Amherst agencies.

### Correction

Our apologies to our friends at Just Pizza. In the new directory on page 13, their name was accidentally left out of the list of advertisers who were offering coupons. You will find their ad and coupons can be found on page 93 of the directory.

Just Pizza is located at 2319 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY.



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## Town Of Amherst Board Meetings

October, 2015

- Oct 1, Energy Conservation Citizens Advisory Committee, 7:00 PM
- Oct 13, Town Board - Budget Meeting, 3:00 PM
- Oct 15, Planning Board, 6:30 PM
- Oct 19, Town Board - Work Session, 3:00 PM

November, 2015

- Nov 2, Town Board
- Nov 4, Conservation Advisory Council Traffic Safety Board
- Nov 5, Energy Conservation Citizens Advisory Committee
- Nov 9, Amherst Veterans Committee Government Study Committee
- Nov 10, Recreation Commission
- Glen Park Joint Board
- Nov 11, Youth Board
- Nov 12, Citizens' Financial Advisory Committee Minority/Women Owned Business in Amherst
- Nov 16, Town Board
- Nov 17, Zoning Board of Appeals Historic Preservation Commission
- Nov 18, Recycling and Waste Committee
- Nov 19, Planning Board
- Nov 24, Amherst Committee on Disabilities

Meeting Location:

Amherst Municipal Building  
5583 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221  
To verify, please call (716) 631-7013.

Members:

Barry A. Weinstein, Chairperson  
Mark A. Manna, Member  
Guy R. Marlette, Member  
Ramona D. Popowich, Member  
Steven D. Sanders, Member

## Sweet Home School District Board Meetings

The Board of Education of the Sweet Home Central School District meets for a study session on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (except July & 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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## Classifieds

**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), include your address/ phone #. **Classified** is not to be used for business purposes. Deliver to 221 N. Brier and place in porch box, or email to [wiweditor@gmail.com](mailto:wiweditor@gmail.com).

### For Sale

**Crib**, 3 piece natural wood set in excellent condition. Made in Italy, it has storage drawer and changes to toddler daybed; changing table; dresser. Paid \$900 for crib alone. Asking \$750 for entire 3-piece set. 691-3541

**Piano with bench**, unknown model. Length 57" by 23.5" width. Free to good home. Call Sue at 691-0218, please leave message if during the day.

**Chair**, Living room chair by Broyhill purchased Raymore & Flannigan, hardly used. Original price \$750.00 will sell for \$175.00 absolute perfect condition Colors go with everything . 716- 523-1837



### Found

**Purse** found on Willow Ridge Park. Call to identify. 691-5453

## Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday, here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

### All Dressed Up:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.

### Home Safe Home:

- To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, parents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over.
- Parents should replace burned-out bulbs, and wet leaves or snow should be swept from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

### On the Trick-Or-Treat Trail:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home. *Continued on page 7.*

- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Remind Trick-or-Treaters:
- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
- Carry a cell phone for quick communication.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. If one car stops, it doesn't mean others will!
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.



### Healthy Halloween:

- A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.
- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. A responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items. Dawn Cwierley



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Amherst, NY 14228

**MORE INFO??**  
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**Children's Halloween Party**

**Saturday, October 24**

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