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A Message From the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors

By the time you read this message, October will be here. For the most part, vacations are over and our children are back to learning in earnest. For the residents of Willow Ridge, October is the beginning of our annual membership drive. The *Wind-in-the-Willows* will be distributed to over 1300 homes in our area. We invite each homeowner to join the Association. This year, the membership will be \$17.00. For a complete copy of the annual budget, please come to a regular board meeting or contact our treasurer.

For sure, you remember Movie Night, National Night Out, \$1000 in scholarships, sponsoring scouts (girls and boys), Snowflake Dinner Dance, Halloween and Easter Parties to name a few. Surely you can see the funds from membership drive are put to good use. Our hope is that everyone will join as soon as possible. Then will can follow-up with those that might have been missed the first time. We all live busy lives, but I hope you can appreciate the value in becoming a member. More information on membership can be found on page 7.

And now for all the fun events for this month! First, on October 4th, the Fire Hall will have an Open House. Come and share this event with our volunteers at the Fire House. It is always a fascinating time for children and adults alike. Then, Oktoberfest returns to Willow Ridge on October 17th. Special arrangements are being made for this event at the Fire Hall – food and drink will be served by the Grapevine. It's a time to enjoy and celebrate the young fall season with friends. Next, again for our children, another HUGE Halloween event is being planned. All Willow Ridge children and children's children etc. are welcome to attend. Grandparents, this is your chance to be a hero, bring your grandchild! I'll see you at Willow Ridge Elementary, October 25, 2014 from 10:30 until 12:30.

We are in the process of scheduling next years Distinguished Speakers. If you have a suggestion, please contact my E-mail address.

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

VOLUNTEERS: There are many areas for you to help (membership, board positions, advertising director, Halloween Party). Consider if you can offer some of your time. Contact WRCA.PRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 14th at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Rick VonLangen

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 7:30 p.m.
Ellicott Creek Fire Hall
All Members Welcome

- DEADLINE for the November WITW is Oct 10
- Oktoberfest Info: Pg. 2
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Friday, October 17
 8:00pm - 12:00am
 Ellicott Creek Fire Co.
 45 S Ellicott Creek Rd,
 Buffalo, New York 14228



Only \$20/each for wine, beer and snacks!
 Karaoke will be available for the adventurous.
 For tickets or more info call Carol Zaffram 913-4980
 or Mark Hammer 861-9182! Great event to spend
 with neighbors and friends! Please do not bring
 anything in. **Website** – visit www.wrca.info

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.

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Boy Scout Troop 173 Pancake Breakfast October 18th, 2014 8AM - 10 AM Zebb's on Niagara Falls Blvd

Take your loved ones to breakfast this Sweetest Day - October 18th and help support Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173. Our local Boy Scout troop is raising funds to offset the cost of the 2015 Philmount trip. This is a high adventure camp in New Mexico.



Tickets for breakfast are \$6.00 each for all ages. Pre-orders are being taken for mixed flower bouquets for \$10.00 each or a single wrapped rose for \$5.00 each.

Please contact Jennifer Poydock at [716-691-4420](tel:716-691-4420) or [716-418-3659](tel:716-418-3659) or poydockgj@msn.com for tickets and bouquet orders.

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- 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.
- 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.

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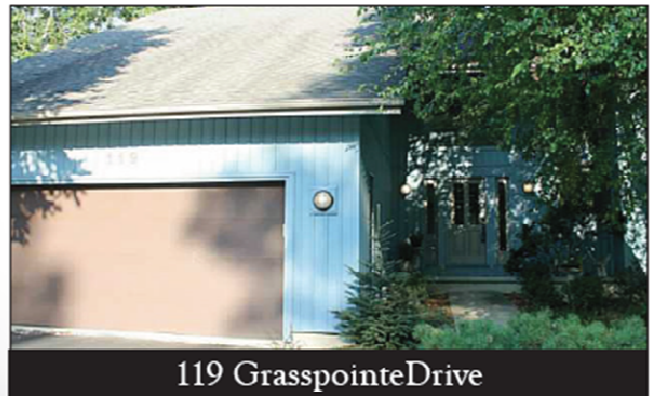


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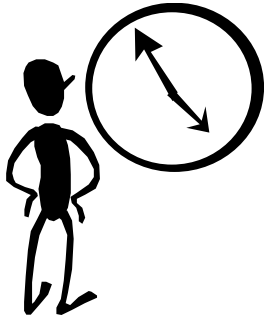
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IT'S TIME

Willow Ridge Civic Association 2015 Membership Drive
Renew your membership – or become a new member—today.
Please fill out the enclosed form and return or see payment options below. Annual dues are \$17.00.

Q: Why become a Member of the Willow Ridge Civic Association?

A: Why not? For \$17.00 you will have helped to make possible the adult events and family activities of the neighborhood in which you live, for the entire year! And you will be in the loop! How? We will put in your hands the:

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

and the:

2014 WRCA Directory, which will be delivered to your door in March. Our community directory includes a neighborhood listing, coupons, listing of services and businesses, a listing of important phone numbers, a Baby-sitter Directory, and a detailed map of Willow Ridge.

And that’s not all, there’s

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.

And the brand new

WRCA app – coming in 2015 – see the exciting details on page 6.

Important note: 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.



New for 2015:

Less work for you, faster for us. For your convenience, after you print your names and addresses, we have added a line for you to check if all information is correct in the 2014 directory. NOTE: Please remember to list names and street address as your check does not remain with the invoice.

See the article below regarding the request for interests/occupation. This information will be a part of the WRCA app and WILL NOT appear in the directory.

Payment methods

Invoice – is enclosed in this *Wind-in-the-Willows* along with a return envelope for your completed invoice and check payable to Willow Ridge Civic Association.

PayPal payment – You can access PayPal via the WRCA website – www.wrca.info
PayPal is a secure on-line payment method.



Important note - The directory is only as good as the information you provide. **The directory will contain only the information you provide on the form;** for example, if you do not provide both adult names, only the name provided will be in the directory. Remember, if all the family information is correct, you only need to complete adult names and street address and check the “No change” line. 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 all of us.

Current Members Please Renew, Not Yet A Member? Join NOW!
Help us complete the membership drive by December 31st

Classified

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 wiveditor@gmail.com.

For Sale

Children's Furniture: Little Tikes square pink and white table with 2 drawers and 2 pink chairs. \$25 Contact Debbie @ 691-9585.

Firewood - Aged, 3 1/2' X 5 1/2', cut in approximately 12 inch pieces; \$35.00; 863-7301

Household & Landscape : Unilock Patio Bricks - for approximately 123 sq. ft. area; \$200.00. Rosemont Glass Door Fireplace screen - overall dimensions 31" X 37 1/2". Fits fireplace openings: Width 30" - 37", Height 25 1/2" - 31" - \$45.00. 863-7401

Instrument: Hallet Davis & Co. Baby Grand Piano, \$1500.00. 691-8796



Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Department **Annual Fire Prevention Open House**

Saturday October 4, 2014

1pm till 4pm



This Year's Open House includes:

- *Meet and Greet with real firefighters*
- *Prize Drawings*
- Scavenger Hunt*
- *Try on real Fire Fighter Gear*
- *Walk through a real smoke house*
- *Fire Prevention Materials*
- *Dive team and Firefighting Demonstrations*
- *Amherst Police*
- * Child ID Kits*
- *Goodie Bags*
- *Twin City Ambulance*

and once again this year...

Win a Ride to School on a Fire Truck

Attend our open house and enter your name to **win!!!!**

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Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Co Ladies Auxiliary

Spaghetti Dinner!

Sunday, October 26, 2014
4pm—7pm



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\$9. presale or \$10. at the door
Take Out Available for \$8.
Children under 5 are FREE
Children 6—10 are \$5.
For tickets, call 691-8256

Beer, wine and specialty drinks available for purchase

WRCA "APP" AVAILABLE SOON

Dear neighbors,

We are designing a new mobile application for the Willow Ridge Civic Association and everyone can be a part of it! As part of the integration of the technology to make life even better for our residents, we are looking to gather additional (optional) information in the submission for membership renewal. When renewing / signing up for the WRCA membership, you will be asked to provide:

- A valid email address to be used for the mobile application login name
- Your occupation
- Any special interests or expertise (Examples: providing Mathematics tuition for high-school students, babysitting, gardening, computer tech support, etc) that you or your family members might be interested to provide
- Interest in subscription to the E-directory

Your email address will be used to log into the WRCA mobile application and access the E-directory that we are looking to implement. The E-directory will function as much as your physical copies of the Willow Ridge directories that you have on hand currently, with many added features! By providing your additional information when you renew/ sign up for membership, the data you provided will be automatically included into the E-directory.

Advantages of using the E-directory include: Easy search function and filter (according to jobs, services required, expertise required), advertising opportunities in the mobile application. The search function allows easy access to any specific service or job that you might require/ provide, with a search right at your thumbs, you will be able to find the nearest help, get notifications about residents who might require a specific service that you can help with, and expand your business or make some income at the same time!

Halloween Safety Tips continued from page 2

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.

Thank you to
Dawn Cwierley
For this timely
contribution!



Our large neighborhood has various people from all fields and occupations, at the same time; everyone will require help or services at one point of time. Can you imagine how easy it will be to reach out through the use of the E-directory! Do note that this function is strictly applicable only to residents who live in the Willow Ridge neighborhood, and have subscription to the E-directory; information is not made public for all. There will be more developments of the mobile application to come soon. Stay tuned!

Regards,
Derrick Ong

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Cub Scout Pack 173 is chartered through the Willow Ridge Civic Association, and is open to boys in grades 1 through 5. Please join us for our next meeting- contact Wayne Schultz, 691-8713 or Tracy Conhiser-Uy, 860-3921 for dates and times.





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2. We require you purchase two months of advertising in the remaining 2014 calendar.
3. Ad copy to be provided by advertiser.
4. One time only offer.

RATES MAY BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE www.wrca.info

PLEASE CONTACT: Debbie Goetz @ 903-9126 OR dmom87@yahoo.com

Neighborhood News



Please take a few moments to renew, or become a new member of the Willow Ridge Civic Association. Thank you for your support!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Maureen and Mike Barth of Westcliffe Drive on becoming first-time grandparents. Robert ("Bert") Walter was born to daughter and son-in-law Amy and Scott Nash of Tonawanda on May 4, 2014. Best wishes on the beautiful new addition to your lovely family!

The Laible's (Brian, Jen and big sister Grace) on Black Spruce welcomed a new addition to our family! Jack Ryan Laible was born on September 15, 2014 at 11:27 am. He weighed 7 lb 5 oz and was 20 in long. We're doing well and can't wait for our neighbors to meet him! Grandparents Mike and Rosemarie Laible live on Willow Green. *All your friends and neighbors on Black Spruce want to wish the entire family a heart felt congratulations!*

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Children's Halloween Party

Saturday, October 25

**from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at Willow Ridge Elementary School**

Games, crafts, food & fun!



*Made possible by
Willow Ridge Civic Association
membership dues. Are you a member?
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