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### A Message From the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The annual Willow Ridge Garage Sale was approved by those in attendance at the meeting for the weekend starting June 13<sup>th</sup>. Many different concerns for each of the possible dates were discussed, but the consensus fell on June 13. Thanks to E-Wind and Facebook, most of you have been aware of this for quite some time and have begun to make your plans. I would like to thank Joe, for taking time out of his busy schedule and volunteering to do the leg work for this year's sale once again.

Next Item. As you know, the Willow Ridge Civic Association is made up of volunteers. Each of the activities occurs because someone took time to help, and for this we also say thank you. Funding for the association comes from dues, fundraising events and advertising. This year, we were unable to host one of the fundraising events. In an effort to balance the budget, the July and August issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* will be combined into a single issue and be published July 21st. This will also benefit the parents who want to congratulate their children for their accomplishments by giving them some extra time to submit their articles (see below).

And now for the fun events. 1) The WRCA will be awarding scholarships for our graduating students. 2) Our annual Garage Sale June 13 & 14; 3) National Night Out August 5; 4) Movie Night August 8. There will be E-Winds and Facebook with more details. For movie night in particular, there is plenty of work left and we could use your help.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 10 (last one for the summer) at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Rick VonLangen

Note. I read every email you send and will try to help. Sometimes it is just not possible. [wrca.president@gmail.com](mailto:wrca.president@gmail.com)

### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, June 10, 2014 7:30 p.m.  
Ellicott Creek Fire Hall  
All Members Welcome

- DEADLINE for the July/August WITW is July 7
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Do you have a graduating senior, college or high school, in the family this year ?

Let Willow Ridge celebrate with you.  
See page 3 for details!



# WRCA Minutes

May 13, 2014

President Rick VonLangen called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Also present were Vice President James Cwierley, and Treasurer Tom Amodeo. Board members present were Mark Hammer, Dawn Cwierley, Marijean Nichols, Bill VanSplunder, Derrick Ong, and Carol Zaffram. Community attendees included Peter Nichols, Virginia Winter, Doris Mohr, and Tim Ng.

**Secretary Minutes:** A motion was made by Tom Amodeo to approve the secretary minutes from the April meeting. Jim Cwierley seconded and board approval followed.

**Treasurer Report:** Tom Amodeo reported that there is currently an account balance of \$10,089 in the bank as of April. Marijean Nichols made a motion to approve, seconded by Carol Zaffram and board approval was granted.

There were variance overages reported in several areas, followed by discussion of solutions. Jim Cwierley proposed the idea of combining summer newsletters. The committee agreed to have a June newsletter followed by a combined July/August newsletter. The planned mailing date would be July 21. A motion was made Tom Amodeo to approve the this proposal, seconded by Carol Zaffram, and board approval followed.

**Membership Report:** In Lynn Getzin's absence, Tom

Amodeo reported that we currently had a \$30 membership income.

**President's Report:** Rick VonLangen reported that there were no new volunteers, but we are always looking for new helpers. There were no recent resident emails.

**Old Business:** Virginia Winter from the Garden Club spoke about the club's history.

### New Business:

Tom Amodeo will be taking the lead on planning the 2014 movie night. We are planning to host the movie night on a Saturday in August. A committee will be formed and have an initial meeting in May.

Joe Battaglia will oversee the annual Garage Sale. It will take place June 13 & 14.

Rick VonLangen reported that Bob Foladare will be stepping down as scholarship coordinator. He also asked for a

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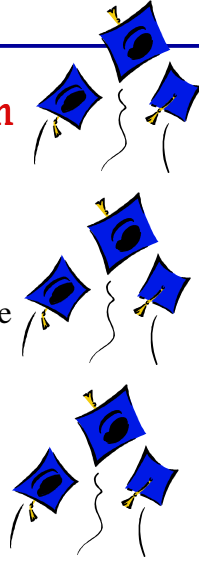
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## *Willow Ridge Salutes these Sweet Home High Graduates of the Class of 2014*

Congratulations to Mark Fuller from Westcliffe Drive. He will be attending Buffalo State College in the Fall, in the Criminal Justice Major. *Congratulations Mark, from your entire family, We are very proud of all your accomplishments and the wonderful person you are!*

Taylor Sutherland, 223 Kaymar, will be attending St Francis University in Pennsylvania in the fall where he will play NCAA Division 1 Men's Volleyball. He has been accepted into the Pre-Law/Finance program. *Congratulations, Taylor, we are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Cam & Tessa*

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



In the May and June issues, you have seen our column honoring the Willow Ridge graduates of 2014. There is still a chance to include your loved one in the July/August issue if you haven't already. 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. Please submit your ad by July 7. Printed/typed 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.



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volunteer to present the student scholarship this year. Mark Hammer volunteered.

There was also a discussion regarding the Willow Ridge Christmas Tree. Mark Hammer volunteered to make some calls to look into cost of and they type of tree needed.

**Open Forum:** Dawn Cwierley reported that neighbor had reached out to her about a Winterfest idea. We will look at this again in September/October.

Dawn Cwierley reminded the committee that this was her last meeting and there will be an open board position.

Tom Amodeo reported that he and Derrick Ong have been talking about a potential phone app that would allow residents quick access to information and be a go green solution. A proposal will be brought to the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made Tom Amodeo and seconded Mark Hammer to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 10, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome. Respectfully Submitted, Dawn M. Cwierley.

## Ride For Roswell Goes Through Willow Ridge Saturday, June 28



The Ride For Roswell is a year-round fundraising program for Roswell Park Cancer Institute that culminates in a celebratory cycling event every June. **This year, The Ride will again travel through Willow Ridge on Saturday, June 28, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

Bicyclists will travel on South Ellicott Creek Road, Denrose Drive and Willow Ridge Drive to the Amherst Bike Path bridge over Interstate 990 as they make their way to the UB North Campus. Come out and cheer on the riders as they make their way to the finish line!

Drivers and residents on these roads should take extra precautions and expect delays due to heavy bicycle traffic. The Ride For Roswell is working closely with the Amherst Police Department to conduct The Ride safely through all intersections, and to keep disruptions to a minimum.

If you'd like to sign up as a volunteer and guide riders through Willow Ridge, visit [RideForRoswell.org](http://RideForRoswell.org) or call 716-THE-RIDE to sign up today!

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## 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.



## Neighborhood News



### In Sympathy

Neighbors on Manor Oak Drive would like to express their belated, yet sincere condolences to Joanne Culkin and her family on the death of Jack in early December. Jack was a familiar face in the neighborhood, especially around election time when he could be seen canvassing the street with his trusty clipboard and occasional petition to be signed.

### Welcome

A belated welcome to John Flint who moved into 517 Kaymar Drive at the end of January 2014. John moved here from Omaha, Nebraska and is currently employed at 3M in Tonawanda. John, we wish you much happiness in your new home.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Gary and Paula McCarthy of Kaymar Drive on becoming first-time grandparents. Oliver Reid was born to their son, Michael and daughter-in-law, Ericka of North Tonawanda on November 27, 2013. Best wishes to all!!



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Thanks to our contributors this month, Dawn Cwierley of the WRCA Board of Directors and Virginia Winter of the Willow Ridge Garden Club.



From Snow to

## Allergy Season....

**T**emperatures are finally on the rise in Buffalo, which is quite different from the frigid weather this winter. The fluctuating mercury combined with piles of snow storm debris are making it hard to breathe for allergy sufferers.

In fact, Buffalo was recently ranked #26 on the 2014 Spring Allergy Capitals list from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. This is based to higher than average pollen counts, high use of allergy medications by local patients and too few allergy specialists in the metro area.

The location, climate, different types of trees, and industrial pollution alone make Buffalo a target for allergy victims, but the variety of weather and now debris on the ground is making it even worse.

The record setting snow fall on the east could also mean a late flowering season for trees. That means that once the temperatures do warm up, pollinating trees will be busy catching up, spewing higher than average amounts of sneezing and sniffles, inducing allergens into the spring air.

If you are not sure of what you are dealing with, it's probably a good idea to visit a doctor or pharmacist, who may go over your medical history.

Dawn Cwierley

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## Willow Ridge Garden Club- Get To Know Us



The Willow Ridge Garden Club was organized in 1966 by 25 women living in Willow Ridge headed by Barbara Joslin.

The meetings took place in homes, then in the Willow Ridge cafeteria.

Now, the club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm, at the United Church of Christ, Koenig and Parker.

The members of the garden club maintain the garden at the Willow Ridge sign at the entrance to our neighborhood. The club also dedicated a bench in memory of Jean Barron, and planted a dogwood in memory of Marie Lagona John. You may not be aware that two trees were purchased which now help beautify the Amherst Bike Path at Sweet Home and Dodge.

The Willow Ridge Garden Club raises funds by holding Spring flower sales and poinsettia-wreath sales. We also acknowledge the beautiful gardens in our neighborhood, providing encouragement by touring the gardens and giving certificates of excellence.

Members in the club are active in many areas, such as decorating T.R. site in Buffalo, in December, and the Erie County Fair Flower Exhibit. We are involved in the National Convention at Adams Mark for garden clubs in all states and in some foreign countries.

We extend garden therapy to folks at the Weinburg Campus and have donated to selected local projects.

Our membership has extended beyond the borders of Willow Ridge. People are taking notice. All of these things are accomplished because we are dedicated to our goals—encouraging interest, and education in all phases of gardening, better horticultural practices, civic beautification, conservation of natural resources and to arouse public interest in environmental concerns. Virginia Winter

### GARDEN CLUB MEETING

June 4, 7.00pm

Zion United Church of Christ

15 Koenig

Focus on hosting a Flower Show



Please note the July and August issues of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* will be combined this year.

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