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### **WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2014 7:30 p.m.**  
**Ellicott Creek Fire Hall**

#### **All Members Welcome**

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## **A Message From the President**

*Dear Friends and Neighbors*

It seems like only a few months ago that we were all planning our summer vacations while waiting for school to end. Now, most summer vacations are over and the return of our children to school is imminent. I hope that each one has had an opportunity to spend warm summer days and evenings with friends and family. In retrospect, August is always a very active month here in Willow Ridge. National night out attracted a large number of residents at the Willow Ridge Elementary School, and the many planned events kept us all very interested. Congratulations to the winners of the bike decorating contest. We will be posting some pictures of the event shortly. Then just a couple of short days later, Movie night, featuring the Lego Movie, was held in Bedford Park. This year, the attendance increased to over 200 residents. Our thanks go out the supervisor of the Town of Amherst for financial support, and the many local businesses who donated prizes for the raffles. Please remember that a portion of your dues fund both of these fine events.

This year we have many important decisions to make. There are committees being formed to determine future events to be held in the Willow Ridge area. In addition, several key functions within the board will be opening up as a result of relocation of some of our residents. All decisions are brought to a vote in the regular monthly meeting. Please plan on attending and let your voice be heard. The current budget will be discussed and a final decision on what the membership dues will be for this year.

The association has been making very good use of E-wind and Facebook for communication to our residents. Please consider registering for both of these to receive the latest information. Stay tuned, we have commissioned an APP to be developed just for Willow Ridge and are excited for the rollout.

**VOLUNTEERS:** There are many areas for you to help. Consider if you can offer some of your time. Contact [WRCA.PRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WRCA.PRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM)  
Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. This is the first one after the summer break. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,  
*Rick VonLangen*

Check us out on the Web at [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info)



## WRCA Membership Drive

Watch for the October *Wind-in-the-Willows* for your membership invoice. Membership dues for 2015 will be \$17 per household and entitles your household to:

*Wind-in-the-Willows* sent to your home via mail or e-mail – your preference that will give you up-to-date information on happenings in the neighborhood, event news, and articles of interest to all as well as free classified ads!

E-wind to update you on neighborhood news and activities!

WRCA Directory distributed in early Spring including listing of households in the neighborhood and advertisements for neighborhood businesses.

Help us move the drive along by responding as soon as you receive your invoice.




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# Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of the Class of 2014



## SWEET HOME HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Congratulations to Rachele Keller, of 103 Grasspointe Dr. who graduated from Sweet Home High. She will be attending the University of Buffalo to study Pharmacy in September 2014. *Rachele, Congratulations for a job well done. You have exceeded our expectations in so many ways. Your dedication to School, especially advanced classes, and working part time, seemed like minor challenges for you. We couldn't be any prouder of what you have accomplished in such a short time. We are looking forward to see what the future holds for you. Love always, Dad, Mom, Dan, Chris and Dublin*

### Willow Ridge Garden Club

The next meeting of the Willow Ridge Garden Club scheduled for September 3, will be focused on horticulture exhibits. Members are requested to bring their home-grown flowers, fruits and vegetables to the Church starting at 6:00 pm. The business meeting will start at 7:00 followed by the awarding of ribbons.



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# September 20th, 2014



Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting 300,000 people in the US. The Conquer Chiari Walk Across America is a series of local awareness and fundraising walks held across the country on the same day. Join us on this special day and help the thousands of families struggling with this terrible disease.

All proceeds will be used to fund Chiari research, education and awareness programs.

**Participation is free.**

T-shirt and food ticket will be provided for pre-registered walkers with a minimum donation of \$25 (deadline is 8/15).



## BUFFALO, NY

Dedicated to the memory of Matt Comerford

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Niagara Falls Blvd @ N. Ellicott Creek Rd

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**pre-register: [www.conquerchiari.org](http://www.conquerchiari.org)**

## Neighborhood News



### In Sympathy

Two families on Manor Oak were saddened by loss this summer; the Vara's at 13 Manor Oak lost Russ's dad, and the Matyjasik's at 61 Manor Oak, lost Theresa's mom, Rose Corigliano. Rose was also a neighbor to us as she lived right on Willow Lane. Our thoughts are with Russ and Mary and Theresa and Jim and their families at this sad time.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

**T**he Hauenstein Family would like to thank you for allowing us to be your family “Willow Ridge Convenient Store” for over 40 years. We have sold our business to a young, energetic new owner. My dad and I opened as “Convenient Food Mart” in 1972. You were there when Wendy (resident) and I got married during the “Blizzard of 77”, every year you help us celebrate that anniversary. The parking lot hosted many Girl Scout hot dog sales and Boy Scout chicken dinner sales. You were there to bless Dave Tirado (our manager and friend) at his fund raiser; he has been disabled for almost 3 years. We have watched your families grow and will miss the many friends that thought of our store as an extension of their home. It has been a memorable time for our family. It is now time for me to retire and start swinging the golf clubs again, like I did for many years with the Willow Ridge Golf League. We pray you will continue to find “Willow Ridge Convenient” your place to meet your needs. We also pray for the new owners and that they will be able to bless the community in the future years. We still live nearby (North Greenacres) and Wendy will stay at “fit for HER Life.” God bless you and we know we will be seeing you again.

Thank you,  
Jack & Wendy Hauenstein  
Sherrie, Phillip, Erich



## Wind-in-the-Willows and the WRCA Directory— Member Perks

Dear Neighbor,

My, what a summer we have had, highlighted by two recent events which everyone enjoyed. Namely, National Night Out, and Movie Night. The weather, it seemed, always seemed to be a tease; a mystery of sorts. Rain would be predicted, and just not happen. Or, rain would fall out of a sunny sky. It just so happened that after a dicey start weather-wise, National Night Out turned out just fine, as usual. The evening's activity provided something for all ages. Then, on the weekend, Movie Night was attended by some 200, what fun! These are the kinds of events your membership dollar helps to create. With your membership, there are even more perks. Our monthly newsletter, the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, which you are now holding, provides many details about the latest happenings in Willow Ridge and more upcoming free events for the children. In next month's issue, for example, there will be details about the children's Halloween Party. In addition keeping informed of neighborhood activities, you will learn who had a baby, or got married, etc. in the Neighborhood News section. You will admire perhaps your own ad, along with those of your neighbors in our own *free* “Classified” section, and field the calls and emails in response to your *free* ad.

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## 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) and include your address and phone number. *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

Ladies 16" Hybrid bike. Trek Multitrak 7200, like new, \$250. Includes helmet (never worn), light, bell, comfort gel seat, and manual. 691-9526

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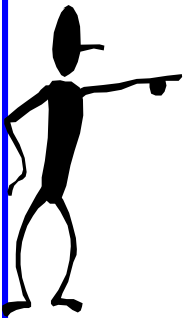
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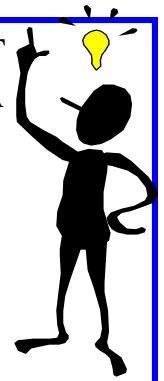
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Need to talk to a neighbor? Want to find information about a business in the area? Need a coupon? How about a babysitter? Your **WRCA Directory** includes a neighborhood listing, money saving coupons, services and businesses in our community, in addition to important phone numbers, such as listings for area schools and the Town of Amherst. You will also find a babysitter listing, a detailed map of our community, a guide to our annual events, and more!

These handy publications are just two of the perks you will get from your membership in the WRCA. It just so happens, it is almost time to renew! Check out page 2 for a short message from our Membership Chairperson, Lynn Getzin. Why not be one of the first to renew? It's so easy! Thank you for your support!

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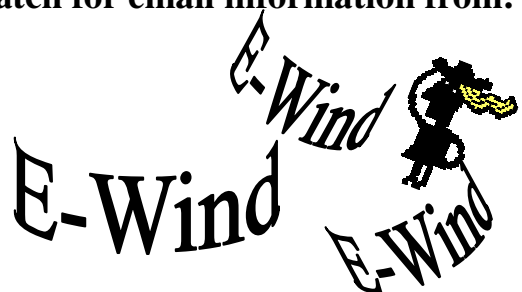
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