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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

After what could be considered one of the coldest winters we have had in a long time, the residents of Willow Ridge were ready to party. This year marked the 50th anniversary of the Willow Ridge Civic Association and that was the feature event at the Snowflake Dinner Dance. Tables for ten were carefully arranged and the dance floor was visible to all. Special thanks go out to Carol Zaffram for planning and organizing the Snowflake Dance and Ben Procopio and his committee for gathering the interesting 50th Willow Ridge facts and pictures. This year a photo booth captured the smiles and at times the silliness of the evening.

At our March meeting, Town Supervisor Barry Weinstein addressed the residents and board members in attendance. All the e-mails submitted were forwarded to Dr. Weinstein and he discussed them at length. I have also received follow-up e-mails and distributed them to those that were affected. I am looking for suggestions if someone has an idea of who our next guest speaker should be at our association meeting.

And now for the fun events. The Easter Party planning for April 12, 2014 at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM is well under way. Come and see what new fun is planned for your children and grandchildren.

As in past years, the WRCA will support scholarships for our graduating students. All students, whose families are members of the civic association are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Movie night will be back this year also. Almost 200 residents were in attendance last year. Please feel free to send suggestions for the feature movie to be shown in August.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Rick VonLangen

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, April 8, 2014 7:30 p.m.
Ellicott Creek Fire Hall
All Members Welcome

• DEADLINE for the May WITW is April 11

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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

March 11, 2014

President Rick VonLangen called the meeting to order at 7:31pm. Also present were Vice President Jim Cwierley and Secretary Connie Holovics. Board Members present were Mark Hammer, Dawn Cwierley, Carol Zaffram and Marijean Nichols.

Community attendees included Sylvia Nealon, Janice DiBacco, Dave and Karen DeMeester, Debbie Goetz, Rose Fuller, Martha Rupp, Bill & Patty Lisk and Peter Nichols.

Secretary Minutes: A motion was made Mark Hammer to approve the minutes from the February minutes. Jim Cwierley seconded the motion and board approval followed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Amodeo was absent and the president gave the report. Income for the month was \$912.00 Expenses were \$1125.00 and the ending balance \$11,980.00. Jim Cwierley made a motion to approve, Connie seconded the motion and board approval followed.

Membership Report: Membership reminder letters were mailed. Connie will contact Lynn for a list of unpaid members, so block reps can make follow up calls.

President's Report: Rick reported that there were no emails from residents this month.

Old Business

Carol Zaffram reported plans were all set for the Snowflake Dance.

Advertising Chair Debbie Goetz reported no additional directory ads had come in. Some suggestions were made on some possible advertisers to contact.

New Business

President Rick VonLangen reported we would vote on a new board member next month if candidate is present.

Committee Reports

Easter Party: Junior Rec Chair Dawn Cwierley reported that April 12th is the date for the party. Still looking for a few more volunteers.

Guest Speaker Series

Guest Speaker for the meeting was Dr. Barry Weinstein, Amherst Town Supervisor. Dr. Weinstein's enlightening presentation included building projects and site plans that were presented to the Planning Board in the Sweet Home area (Sweet Home Rd, Chestnut Ridge & Peppertree Drive). Having researched various topics submitted to him via email from Willow Ridge residents, he was able to respond and make recommendations as to what we as residents could do to remedy problems in the area.

A question and answer period ensued which included a popular concerns of many area residents, to name a few, vacant foreclosure homes in the neighborhood, damaging pot holes, power outages, and the properties on the corner of Niagara Falls Blvd. and Willow Ridge.

A special thank you was given to Dr. Weinstein for his time and very informative presentation.

Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Connie Holovics to adjourn the meeting and Dawn Cwierley seconded the motion. Board approval followed.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 8th at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm. All Willow Ridge residents welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
by Connie Holovics, secretary.

Graduation approaches...

Celebrate your grad with an announcement,
Willow Ridge style!

With the coming of spring there is no denying it. Listening to T.V. morning talk shows, the conversation revolves around prom dress fashion. Girls are planning for prom; schools are preparing their final concert of the year. And yes, the specter of graduation is peering around the corner.



Here in this newsletter, as we have done every year, we would like to honor the 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 starting now for publication in the May issue, but to insure the June edition, please submit by May 16. Submissions that do not make it into the May or June issue will appear in the July edition. 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. Please keep in mind that although there are no restrictions on announcement length editing may become necessary.

Yes, the long cold winter is coming to an end, and from some, so is school. Celebrate Willow Ridge!
Debby VonLangen, Editor

**Do you have concerns
or questions
about our community?
Do you have a great
idea? How can we
make Willow Ridge
even better?
Meet with us...**

**WRCA Membership
Meeting
Tuesday, April 8,
7:30pm
Ellicott Creek Fire Hall
Community
Open Forum**

TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN
REALTYUSA
AND
1ST PRIORITY
Celebration of Success

**CONNIE HOLOVICS
PLATINUM
AWARD
WINNER!**

The Best of the Best, RealtyUSA is proud to award the
PLATINUM AWARD to Connie Holoivics for 2013



Special thanks to my WR clients who helped make 2013 my best year ever. You gave me 12 sales in the neighborhood, as well as referrals outside of WR, which me a Top 10 RealtyUSA agent in Buffalo. I truly do appreciate when you call!

Connie with President/CEO Merele Whitehead & her manager Miriam Treger

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A Snowflake Thank You

Outside, March 15, the day of the Snowflake Dinner Dance, winter's icy breath prevailed. Inside Classics V, however the warm about cozy room was hopping with about 100 celebrating attendees. The food and service were outstanding as we have come to expect at Classics and after the very satisfying meal, the music and the room filled with energy and feet began to dance. A photo booth was set up and people took on their "inner" personalities with goofy costumes and disappeared inside the photo booth for a memory of the evening that will bring a smile for a long time to come. The evening's theme was the 50th Anniversary of the WRCA. A slide show and literature took us back to what our neighborhood was years ago. Did you know we had horses? Current President



Rick VonLangen gave a short speech honoring the past presidents who were in attendance and thanked them and all who had a part in the building of the Association we have today.

Throughout the evening, old neighbors join with brand new ones, and it was so good to catch up after being chased indoors by our rough winter.

The 40% increased attendance this year shows that many felt the same way. A downpour of thanks to the labors of Carol Zaffram, Ben Procopio, and their teams for a superb and memorable evening!

Let's do it again next year, Carol! And Ben, you can start thinking about the 60th WRCA Anniversary!!

Boy Scout Troop 173



Pre-Sales Include



delivery within Willow Ridge area

CHIAVETTA'S SPRING BARBECUE

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

1PM—6PM (or until sold out)

PARKING LOT NEXT TO CONVENIENT,
WILLOW RIDGE, AMHERST

\$9.50/Dinner

Includes Roll and Salads

(Pre-sale tickets available to April 16)

Call Karyn at 545-6931 for more information.

Thanks for your support!



Look for additional information and an order form delivered with your Willow Ridge directory!

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.

For Hire:

Lawn Service: college student looking to earn extra money will cut your lawn, trim and clean up the grass clippings. Call 691-3006 if you are interested. Just ask for Scott.



WRCA Easter Party

April 12

Willow Ridge

Elementary School

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Games

Candy

crafts

Kids, you are invited! You will be so egg-cited
to see none other than the

EASTER BUNNY!

FUN



Gotta get to the
party !!!!

To Submit Articles for the

Wind-in-the-Willows

Email: wiweditor@gmail.com and be sure to put *witw* in the subject box;

Or place signed articles in porch box at 221 North Brier Road.

The deadlines for each month are located in the left margin on the front page of the newsletter.

Graduation Announcements * Neighborhood News * Classified * Events



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In celebration of the Willow Ridge Civic Association's



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Requirements are as follows:

1. You must be a first time advertiser in the *Wind-In-The-Willows*.
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 @ 903-1926 OR dmom87@yahoo.com

Mission Statement

Willow Ridge Civic Association

The 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.

**April
2014**

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