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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to the new year 2014. In retrospect, 2013 has been quite an exciting year for our Civic Association and we hope to keep the events for 2014 both interesting and applicable for all age groups.

At the December meeting, a vote was taken to appoint the officers and board for next year (2014). Ed Goetz served his last term as treasurer, however, he also served in many capacities, including President. Ed, your dedication is appreciated and you will be missed. (I hope you will continue to attend some meetings from time to time). Newly elected member, Marijean Nichols, will join the board for the January meeting and is a welcomed participant. Within the body of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, you can find the details of the board composition, winners of the lighting contest and other interesting happenings in our neighborhood.

And now for the fun events. Sweet Home School Superintendent Anthony Day will be in attendance at the January meeting to give us an update. To allow sufficient time for the discussions, the regular meeting will be moved to Wednesday, January 15, at 7:00. Please also reserve the date for the Snowflake Dinner Dance, set for March 15, 2014 at which we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Civic Association.

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

VOLUNTEERS: There are many areas for you to help. Consider if you can offer some of your time. Contact WRCA.PRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM

Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Rick VonLangen

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

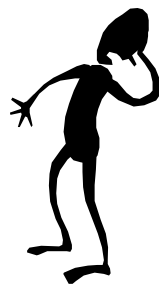
at a new date & time

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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Do you know someone who forgot to renew their membership?

See details on page 3

www.wrca.info

WRCA Minutes

December 10, 2013

President Rick VonLangen called the meeting to order at 7:36. Also present were Vice President Jim Cwierley and Treasurer Ed Goetz. Board Members present were Connie Holovics, Thomas Amodeo, Bill VanSplunder and Mark Hammer. Excused were Dawn Cwierley & Carol Zaffram. Community attendees included Lynn Getzin, Evelyn Hitchcock, Ryan O'Donnell, & Marijean Nichols.

Secretary Minutes: A motion was made Ed Goetz to approve the minutes. Jim Cwierley 2nd and board approval followed.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Goetz reported the November account balance was \$8209. A motion was made by Connie Holovics to approve the report and Tom Amodeo 2nd. Board approval followed.

Membership Report: Lynn Getzin reported our membership was 455 to date. A recommendation was made for Jack Baker to send an email reminder with a link to pay membership by PayPal or to print & mail in.

President's Report: Rick VonLangen reported he hadn't received any emails or calls this month.

Old Business: Rick discussed the speaker's series and noted that in the January meeting, we will host School Superintendent, Tony Day. Please note a new day & time was necessary to accommodate the superintendent's schedule. The next board meeting will be WEDNESDAY, January 15th at 7:00pm (not 7:30). Refreshments will be provided for attendees.

Rick also noted only one bid had come in for replacement of the pine tree at the entrance to the neighborhood. He also hasn't received any emails from residents regarding street lights that were in need of repair.

Snow Flake Dance: Carol Zaffram has requested old photos for a slide show for the dance. She has researched having a photo booth at the dance and wondered if there were funds available. The board discussed whether there were funds in the budget or whether there should be a price increase for the tickets. There will be more discussion next month.

Wine Tasting: No date has been set by Jim Prentice yet.

New Business: A slate of officers for 2014 was presented. President: Rick VonLangen; Vice President: Jim Cwierley; Treasurer: Tom Amodeo; Secretary: Connie Holovics. Board Members: Dawn Cwierley, Mark Hammer, Marijean Nichols, Bill VanSplunder, Carol Zaffram.

Ken Gold removed himself from the slate due to other commitments, so another board member is needed. Tom

Amodeo moved the slate of officers be accepted. Connie Holovics 2nd and board approval followed. Holiday Lighting contest judging moved to December 22. Email will be sent to report the change in the date and remind residents of the Ellicott Creek Fire Department food drive & Santa's ride through the neighborhood on the fire truck.

Community Open Forum: There was a question about the snow removal on the Willow Ridge/Chestnut Ridge sidewalks. Jim Cwierley will contact Lowe's and if no result, he will contact Amherst Board.

Tom Amodeo moved that an Edible Arrangement be purchased for long term & current board member Carol Zaffram in condolences. Bill VanSplunder 2nd & board approval followed.

Special thanks was given to Ed Goetz for his years of service on the WRCA board.

Adjournment: With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Jim Cwierley & 2nd by Ed Goetz to adjourn the meeting. Board approval followed.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 15 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:00pm. All Willow Ridge residents welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Holovics for Dawn Cwierley, Secretary.

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WRCA 2014 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Welcome to the WRCA!

If you are receiving the January 2014 Wind-in-the-Willows, you are a 2014 WRCA member. Our sincere “Thank You” to you! We appreciate your promptness!

If you know neighbors or friends who have not renewed or joined, please share the following information with them and urge them to join as soon as possible. Our directory will go to press shortly in order meet the early March deadline.

Renewal information:

Annual dues are \$15.00 and payment methods are:

Invoice – printed in this *Wind-in-the-Willows* in October, November and December to be mailed with your 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

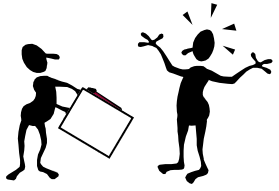
Important note – The directory is only as good as the information you provide. To that end, we ask you to fill out the form completely. **The directory will contain only the information you provide on the form;** for example, if you do not provide both adult names, only the name provided will be in the directory. 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.

As you know, membership benefits include:

Wind-in-the-Willows –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. Fore-mail only if you check “*Going Green*” on the form.

2014 WRCA Directory –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 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.



Know a neighbor that hasn't joined yet? A handy membership form is provided on page 7. Please feel free to provide your neighbor with a form.

Willow Ridge 2013 Holiday Lighting Contest Winners



The selection committee once again traversed our neighborhood and saw some spectacular displays, that “light up” Willow Ridge. We appreciate all the hard work involved, especially in light of our early snowstorm, flooding, power outage, and ice storm, all before the official start of winter! House numbers are sometimes tough to see, so we apologize for any discrepancies or omissions. Congratulations to everyone! The neighborhood looked great. I hope everyone enjoyed the displays as much as we did. Our “Clark Griswold” award goes to the Winkle family at 43 Manor Oak, a perennial winner. Check it out. Congratulations to the following 25 winners of \$10 Gift Certificates at Willow Ridge Convenient.

Neil Cuomo.

The 25 winners:

164 AMBERWOOD DRIVE
 18 BLACK SPRUCE COURT
 1100 CHESTNUT RIDGE
 104 DALEWOOD DRIVE
 123 DALEWOOD DRIVE
 276 DENROSE DRIVE
 22 JEANMOOR ROAD
 25 KAYMAR
 669 KAYMAR
 694 KAYMAR
 701 KAYMAR
 43 MANOR OAK
 55 MARICREST
 72 NORTH BRIER
 216 NORTH BRIER
 237 NORTH BRIER
 47 ROUNDWOOD CT
 145 S. ELLICOTT CREEK
 98 SWEETWOOD DRIVE NORTH
 28 WESTCLIFFE DRIVE
 11 WILLOWLANE COURT
 101 WILLOW LANE
 102 WILLOW LANE
 395 WILLOW RIDGE DRIVE
 403 WILLOW RIDGE DRIVE

HONORABLE MENTION:

Amberwood: 20,51,123 Black Spruce: 1,34,41 Brookpark: 37,86
 Button Bush: 3,11,1 Chestnut Ridge: 1060 Dalewood: 13,104 Den-
 rose: 251,289,320 Edgewater: 733 Elderwood: 12,44 Grasspointe:
 47,79,87 Honey Bee Lane: 19,24,25 Hubbardston: 15,106,111 Jean-
 moor: 23,110 Jonathan: 10,57

Kaymar: 50,96,360,501,565,574,582,598,622,653,654,686,734
 Manor Oak: 37,85 Maricrest: 13,49,59
 North Brier: 75,114,120,184,192,240,

Parkhaven: 206,215 Peppertree: 276,280 Rockdale
 Ct: 217,281, Rockdale: 23,50,73,81,93,201
 Rumson: 69, S Ellicott Creek: 609,619,627
 Sweetwood: 20,62,67,68,73,104 Sweetwood North:
 4,28,66,72,80,105

Tanglewood: 42 Westcliffe: 35,44 Willow Green
 6,36,42,54,142,221,233,270,281,287,353,
 366,429,450,456

Willow Lane Court: 9,
 Willow Ridge: 204,295,396,402,408

Please note new time and date for
 WRCA Membership meeting in January.
 The meeting will be held on Wednesday,
 January 15 at 7:30pm. School Superin-
 tendent Anthony Day will be our guest
 speaker. Refreshments will be available.

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Winter Driving Tips

Like it or not, winter has officially come to Western New York. When you are on the road, play it safe by following these tips.

Create a winter emergency kit to keep in the care in the event of bad weather, at home, or on the road. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says your kit should include:

- Warm blankets.
- Non-perishable food and water.
- Cat litter or sand for traction on ice.
- A tire pump, flares and a set of jumper cables.
- Maps and a compass.
- A battery-powered radio and flashlight, along with extra batteries.
- A first-aid kit.



When the weather does turn severe, it can be both frightening and dangerous for drivers. Be cautious while driving in adverse weather. AAA recommends the following winter driving tips also.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Applying the gas slowly to accelerate is the best method for regaining traction and avoiding skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry. And take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads. Accelerating, stopping, turning – nothing happens as quickly as on dry pavement. Give yourself time to maneuver by driving slowly.

The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.

Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, the best way to stop is threshold breaking. Keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.

Don't stop if you can avoid it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. If you can slow down enough to keep rolling until a traffic light changes, do it.


Don't power up hills. Applying extra gas on snow-covered roads just starts your wheels spinning. Try to get a little inertia going before you reach the hill and let that inertia carry you to the top. As you reach the crest of the hill, reduce your speed and proceed down hill as slowly as possible.

Don't stop going up a hill. There's nothing worse than trying to get moving up a hill on an icy road. Get some inertia going on a flat roadway before you take on the hill.

Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't. Even if you can drive well in the snow, not everyone else can. Don't tempt fate: If you don't have somewhere you have to be, watch the snow from indoors.

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For Sale

Collectibles: 300+ record albums 60s and 70s pop, classical, Latin, and vocals like Andy Williams. 691-8048

House for sale: 9 Black Spruce Ct., overlooks Lakeview Estates, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Please call 472-7000 or email jrobrien9@roadrunner.com for information.

Household: Ethan Allen Coffee Table, 49"W X 18-1/2"H x31"D Mission style, autumn cherry wood, vertical slat side details, fixed bottom shelf. \$250.00; 691-5336

Household: bedroom suite - full bed, dresser and night stand. \$175; Three wheel scooter, \$150; Butcher block, \$80 691-8048

Household: Two (2) new energy star certified vinyl double hung windows (38 X 64). \$100.00 each; Vintage 1970's chair and ottoman- molded rosewood plywood shells with black leather cushions, original finish. \$400 691-4310

Wanted

Beads for jewelry-making: I am running a jewelry club for Riverside High School students and we are in desperate need of jewelry-making materials. If you have any beads or old necklaces that can be re-strung, please consider donating to us. I have a bead/jewelry donation box in front of my house at 240 N. Brier Road or call 691-6561 and I will pick up. Thanks!!

Old magazines: If you have any old magazines please consider donating them to my classroom. They will be used for student projects. 691-6561

Did you forget???



Hurry! Renew your WRCA membership today!

Thanks to our contributor
this month:

Board Member Dawn Cwierley



From the WRCA Board

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.

Remembering 1964



Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment in South Africa.

Our President was Lyndon B. Johnson.

President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy issues the Warren Report concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

Academy Award, Best Picture was *Tom Jones*, Tony Richardson, producer (United Artists-Lopert Pictures).

The Record of the Year was "The Days of Wine and Roses," Henry Mancini

The Album of the Year was *The Barbra Streisand Album*.

Miss America: Donna Axum (AR)

What was going on in Willow Ridge in 1964? Our 50th Anniversary Committee is working hard to bring us back to that year. Plan on attending the **Snowflake Dinner Dance on March 15th** and be prepared for an evening of delightful nostalgia. Do you have any pictures or insight? Please contact Carol Zaffram 913-4980 or email her at inknmore06@gmail.com

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2014 Membership Invoice

DUES

DUES FOR 2014 ARE \$15.00 AND INCLUDE:

- *Wind-in-the-Willows* newsletter for 2014—by U.S. Mail and/or email
- E-Wind—email notification of events in our community
- 2014 WRCA Directory—to be delivered to your door in March 2014

PAYMENT:

Mail your check payable to:
WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 86, Amherst, NY 14226

Thank you

Note: You can also pay via PayPal at wrca.info

Please submit your membership for 2014 by December 31, 2013 (Please submit as soon as possible for uninterrupted service!)

Please provide the following information to update WRCA membership file. Please PRINT clearly

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

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TELEPHONE(S) _____

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_____ GOING GREEN—I wish to receive the *Wind-in the-Willows* via email only.

Children's Names _____

_____ Please contact me. I wish to volunteer to assist with WRCA activities such as Junior Recreation, Snowflake Dinner Dance, National Night Out.

Comments:

January 2014

Willow Ridge Evenings to Remember.....

Wanted: Photos!

Snowflake Dinner Dance
Celebrating the

50th Anniversary of the WRCA!!!

Save the date.....March 15, 2014.

The committee is working hard to put together
A wonderful stroll down memory lane!

Vote for meal choices!

Call Carol, 913-4980 or email inknmore06@gmail.com