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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

For those of you who are counting, there is only 2 months left in 2013. We can take a moment to pause and consider what have we each done to make our Willow Ridge a better place to live. And for each one who contributed their efforts, we owe you our thanks.

I am pleased to announce several new volunteers have offered their help for various events, including help for the Halloween Party and, a new board member.

The first Willow Ridge re-cycling event was a huge success. On one of my trips to the ever growing pile of TV's, computers and etc, I met Bob Anderson stacking the electronics into the truck to make room for more. Our thanks go out to Bob for setting up this event. I would also like to thank Lisa from Dr. Weinstein's office for attending the last board meeting and the fine follow-up with the needs of the Willow Ridge area.

And now for the fun events. On November 12, 2013, Town of Amherst Police Chief John Askey will attend the board meeting. There will be a presentation followed by a brief question and answer period. Our annual Wine Tasting event is planned for the end of January. A major portion of the proceeds of this occasion is used to fund the scholarships presented to worthy students from the Willow Ridge community.

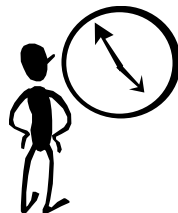
Remember, WRCA info can be found on Facebook, E-Wind, *Wind-in-the-Willows* or by simply calling a board member.

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

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 12th at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Rick VonLangen

Willow Ridge Civic Association



It's time to renew your membership.

See details on page 3

WRCA Minutes

October 8, 2013

President Rick VonLangen called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Also present were Vice President James Cwierley, Treasurer Ed Goetz, and Secretary Dawn Cwierley. Board members present were Mark Hammer, Connie Holovics, Thomas Amodeo, and Carol Zaffrom. Community attendees included Lynn Getzin, John Radens, Lisa Kistner (from Supervisor Weinstein's office), Dave DeMeester, and Ben Procopio.

Secretary Minutes: A motion was made by Jim Cwierley to approve the secretary minutes from the September meeting. Carol Zaffram seconded and board approval followed.

Treasurer Report: Ed Goetz, Treasurer, reported that the August account balance was \$7,366 and the September account balance was \$5,903. Connie Holovics made a motion to approve, seconded by Thomas Amodeo and board approval was granted.

Membership Report: Lynn Getzin and Ed Goetz reported that we had received \$57 in membership so far. Campaign started on October 1. It was noted that the mail house inadvertently did not include the pre-addressed envelope. The mail house will cover the cost for a new mailing that will come out next month.

President's Report: Rick VonLangen discussed neighbor concern about parties in the neighborhood. Neighbors are advised to contact the police should they have concerns about sound ordinance or rowdy behavior.

Old Business: Ed Goetz reported that the electronic recycling event is planned for October 19 at the firehouse. The board discussed plans for a speaker series next year. Potential speakers are Sweet Home Superintendent Tony Day, the Amherst Town Supervisor, and the Chief of Police. Dawn Cwierley discussed the upcoming Children's Halloween Party set for October 26. Needed are 8 – 10 volunteers to help with set up, assist children with crafts and games, and distribute snacks.

New Business:

Ben Procopio discussed plan for the 50th Anniversary of WRCA. Carol Zaffram will work closely with Ben and his committee on incorporating anniversary into the dinner dance which potentially will take place the second Saturday in March. Lisa Kistner from the Town offered to check with the town historian any photos or special activities that are on record for the neighborhood.

The Board reviewed the status of current directors and noted that we are still in need of a new board member and a treasurer for 2014.

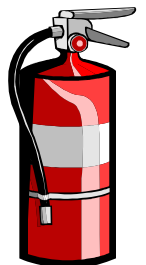
Adjournment: With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Dawn Cwierley and seconded Jim Cwierley to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome. Respectfully Submitted, Secretary, Dawn M. Cwierley.

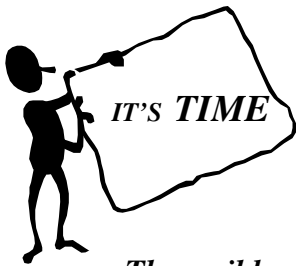
From the Ellicott Creek Volunteer
Fire Company Fire Chief

TIPS TO PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES

- 1) **STOVE TOP COOKING.** Don't leave the kitchen while cooking on a stove top. Most kitchen fires start when people leave food cooking unattended.
- 2) **BROILERS.** Also stay in the kitchen when you are broiling food in the oven.
- 3) **TIMERS.** Use a timer to remind you when food is done cooking. It's easy to get distracted.
- 4) **POTS AND PANS.** Turn the handles of pots and pans on the stove inward to avoid accidents.
- 5) **COOKING OIL.** Don't allow cooking oil to overheat. Cooking oil that is smoking is about to start on fire.
- 6) **COMBUSTIBLES.** Keep dish towels, grocery shopping lists, plastic bags and appliance cords away from burners. Move anything that can catch fire away from the stove.
- 7) **CLOTHING.** Long sleeves, ties, scarves, large fitting shirts, bathrobes, and aprons can catch fire from hot burners.
- 8) **KIDS AND PETS.** Designate a kid-free zone of at least 3 feet around the stove. Keep pets off cooking surfaces.

Dave DeMeester
Fire Chief





WRCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES...
Renew your membership – or Join WRCA—today.
Annual dues are \$15.00.

The mail house apologizes for neglecting to put envelopes in the October Wind-in-the-Willows and has included a second invoice and envelopes with this issue.

Payment methods

Invoice – is enclosed in this *Wind-in-the-Willows* along with a return envelope

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.

Joining or renewing provides

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.

2014 WRCA Directory 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 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.

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.

With this second opportunity to have everything you need at hand,

Renew / Join

*Our goal— to complete
the membership drive by
December 31st!*

NOW



CANS FOR CUBS 2014
Saturday, January 4
10am—1pm

Cub Scout Pack 173 will be holding our annual pop can/ bottle collection drive on Saturday, January 4, 2014 from 10am—1pm. Money earned from the returns will be donated to a charitable organization to be determined at a later date. On Saturday, January 4, please leave your NY stamped returnable cans & bottles in a plastic bag on your front porch or driveway. Our scouts and their parents will be coming around to pick them up between the hours of 10am and 1pm. You can also deliver them to 27 Jonathan Place, or call 691-8713 to arrange a pickup. Only NY stamped returnable pop/beer cans & bottles will be accepted (no recyclables or wine/liquor bottles). Last year's drive enabled us to make a donation to the Ronald McDonald House of Western New York.



As a community service for Willow Ridge, Cub Scout Pack 173 will be delivering holiday cards throughout the community. Drop off your cards into the collection bin that will be located at **330 Willow Green Drive**. The bin will be available from Friday, November 29 up until 5 pm Thursday, December 12th. Weather permitting, all cards will be delivered Saturday, December 14th. Please make sure your cards are clearly labeled with the recipients name and street address. For the safety of our scouts, we will only deliver to residential homes within Willow Ridge. We regret that we cannot deliver to apartments, condos, the elder care facility or Ellicott Creek Drive North.

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.

Who will win the Christmas Lighting Contest this year? Will it be you? Find out in January! Winners and Honorable Mentions will be listed in the January 2013 issue.

Don't get all tied up in holiday preparations and forget to renew your WRCA membership. Renew today and check it off your list! See page 3 for details!



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Neighborhood News



Sympathy

Friends and neighbors on Maricrest Drive were sad to learn that our dear neighbor and resident of Willow Ridge for over 50 years, Gus Gianiodis passed away on October 14th. Gus was one of the original board members of WRCA and helped to make this community what it is today. Gus and Barb were one of the first couples to move into the neighborhood, they resided in the neighborhood since the day after their marriage fifty years ago. Our heartfelt sympathy to Barb and her wonderful family. Gus will be missed by all.

Farewell

Neighbors on Willow Green said farewell to long time residents John and Christine Fiebelkorn at 53 Willow Green Dr. John and Christine raised their children Jay and Jessica here in Willow Ridge and most recently were frequently seen outside with their young grandson Andrew. Their friendly smiles and waves to neighbors will be missed. Best wishes for many happy years in your new home in Clarence!

Also recently moving out of Willow Ridge is Brandi Page of 47 Willow Green Drive. Brandi says she sadly leaves Willow Ridge after 11 years but is moving for a very happy reason. Brandi married Gene Biddeman of West Seneca this past April and they moved into their new home in West Seneca in September. Congratulations on your marriage and wishing you the very best and many happy years together in your new home.

Welcome

A big welcome to Cassandra and Peter Schwab who recently moved into 53 Willow Green Drive from Capen Blvd. in the town. Pete is a medical Equipment Sales Representative at Stryker and Cassie just started a new job as a Design Consultant with Ethan Allen. Cassie can be reached at (716) 982-3984 and Pete can be reached at (716) 870-6874. Again, welcome to Willow Ridge and enjoy your new home!

Welcome Again!

Suzanne (Sue) and Donald (Jeff) Yencer and their two children, Tiana (9) and Jordan (4) apparently do not want to live anywhere else except in our Willow Ridge Community. Sue's maiden name is Locke, she lived on Maricrest Drive, and when she met and married Jeff after college they moved right back and bought a home on Maricrest, across the street from the house where she grew up! After 10 years they outgrew that house and with their two children recently moved to 375 Willow Green Drive. Jeff works at Wendel Architects & Engineers and Sue works in sales for her family's business in Buffalo, PEL Industrial Supply Inc. Their phone number is still the same, 691-9975. A Willow Green Welcome to the Yencer family from all your neighbors.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Debbie Swiatek of 42 Willow Green Dr. on becoming a grandmother for the second time. Annabel Grace Swiatek was born on September 7th 2013 weighing in at 8 lbs 7 oz. Proud parents are David and Kim Swiatek and big brother Sebastian. Best wishes to all!

Pam and Scott McNess of Manor Oak Drive would like to announce the birth of their 1st grandchild to Ian and Stacy. Finn Evan McNess born September 26th at 7 lbs. 5 ozs. Our whole family is enjoying every minute with him.

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As the weather starts to get cooler, we will start to see evidence of wildlife coming closer to our homes in search of food. If unwanted critters find your property tasty, chances are good that they will start visiting more often. Your first step should be to eliminate what is tempting them.

- Be sure your trash is always covered.
- Never leave unprotected animal food outside at night.
- Remove any fruits, nuts, or berries that have fallen to the ground. While the above food sources are the most common culprits that attract animals, there are more. If any of these exist on your property, do your best to minimize or eliminate them.
- Compost heaps containing bones, fruit rinds and egg shells.
- Large numbers of ground dwelling insects under dead leaves and foliage.
- Easily accessible water sources.
- Bird feeder spills.

Always be cautious when around wildlife - they could have rabies. If you see an animal acting strangely, disoriented, foaming at the mouth or overly aggressive - get away from it and call animal control.



Dawn Cwierley

Many thanks to our
contributors this month:

Dave DeMeester, Ellicott
Creek Volunteer Fire Chief
And
Dawn Cwierley,
WRCA Secretary



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 wiveditor@gmail.com.

For Sale

Exercise: Pro-Form Crosswalk -395 CW Treadmill- space saving and incline features with attached walking poles. Measures: time/distance/calories/fat calories and speed. excellent condition \$100. 691-6633

Furniture: Curio cabinet: lighted, two tier, wooden, 6' tall cabinet w/glass shelves, excellent condition, \$150. 691-5787

Household: Launtop generators - LT950DC / fuel mixed gasoline/ 4 lit capacity with manual. Have 2 (two) for sale. \$50 each; Also, oven—Cooks "the ultimate oven" (portable). Uses convection cooking process. Great for camping or extra oven for RV's or backyard use. Accessories included: breadpan and kneader; rotisserie with skewers; pizza pan and rack; steak basket and rotating cooking pan. Manual included. Like new/spotless. \$75. 691-6633

Household: Queen Mattress/Box Spring- excellent condition, 5 yrs old barely used as it was in a spare bedroom. \$200 (with metal frame \$225); 2 new energy star certified vinyl double hung windows, 36 x 63...\$120 each, 691-4310

Household: Regal bread machine, great condition, \$50; Kids sno-cone maker, \$10; kettle popcorn maker, \$10; air popcorn maker, \$10; bundt cake pan, \$5; Krups coffee maker, \$10; Insanity workout CDS, set of 13, \$50. 691-3928

For Rent

Condo: The native Sun Resort in Lauderdale by the Sea, Florida. One bedroom, two baths, sleeps up to six, full kitchen, patio, maid service. On the beach, heated pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, gas grills, laundry, singles tennis court, putting green, shuffleboard on site. April 12 -19 and April 19—26, 2014. Will rent one week or two. \$1000 per week. To view property visit www.nativesunresort.com. For questions or to rent call 691-9197



Willow Ridge Garden Club

The Willow Ridge Garden Club will meet at the Zion church on Koenig Circle and Parker Blvd. at 7pm. on November 6. The business meeting will include nominations of club officers for 2014-2015. Patty Moran, public information officer at the WNY Children's Psychiatric Center, will provide information regarding children in the center who need to be remembered at Christmas. Thanksgiving table arrangements using pumpkins, gourds or cornucopias will be presented by Barbara Dow, Lorraine Fontana & Claudia Reeves. Erin Heaney will speak to us about local environmental health & justice issues. Guests welcome!



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Peter & Cassie Schwab



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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.

November 2013

