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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- DEADLINE for the Nov. WITW is Oct. 11
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Here we are; October is just around the corner (we all remember the October surprise). However, here in Willow Ridge, October is a very special month whereby we kick off the annual membership drive. Over the past months I have tried to remind you of how the funds from this membership drive are put to good use. Every homeowner in Willow Ridge will be invited to join the Association. Our hope is that everyone will join as soon as possible. Then will can follow-up with those that might have been missed the first time. We all live busy lives, and sometimes we just forget.

And now for the fun events for this month. Have you ever put out a TV or computer with your trash and found it still there at the end of the day? Amherst does not pick up electronics... until now. Ed Goetz has been working with Bob Anderson to plan our first electronics recycling day. It will be Saturday 10/19 at the fire hall from 7 AM to 7 PM. *Please do not leave items early or come late.*

And for our children, another HUGE Halloween event is being planned. All Willow Ridge children, and children's children etc. are welcome to attend. Grandparents, this is your chance to be a hero, bring your grandchild. I'll see you Willow Ridge Elementary, October 26, 2013 from 10:00am until Noon.

Also in the middle of the month, October 12, is the Fire Hall Open House, which is guaranteed to be a hit with the kids. See all the details on page 8. Remember, WRCA info can be found on Facebook, E-Wind, *Wind-in-the-Willows* or simply call a board member.

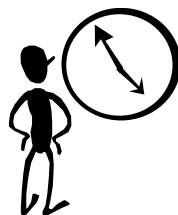
VOLUNTEERS: There are many areas for you to help (membership, board positions, Halloween Party). Consider if you can offer some of your time. Contact WRCA.PRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 8th 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 September 10, 2013

President Rick VonLangen called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Also present were Vice President James Cwierley, Treasurer Ed Goetz, and Secretary Dawn Cwierley. Board members present were Connie Holovics, Thomas Amodeo, and Bill VanSplunder. Community attendees included Lynn Getzin and John Radens.

Secretary Minutes: A motion was made by Ed Goetz to approve the secretary minutes from the June meeting. Jim Cwierley seconded and board approval followed.

Treasurer Report: Ed Goetz reported that the June account balance was \$5,632 and the July account balance was \$6,418. Connie Holovics made a motion to approve, seconded by Thomas Amodeo and board approval was granted.

Membership Report: Lynn Getzin reviewed the membership form and noted that it was necessary for all residents to send it back to ensure accuracy in the directory. Membership dues will be \$15 for everyone, whether paying online or via mail.

President's Report: Rick VonLangen discussed neighbor concern about Dalewood being extended. Rick looked into this and it is state regulation that the street must have an evacuation point for the neighborhood. Watch for more details. There was also a concern raised about a loose fox.

Old Business: Tom Amodeo discussed Movie Night which took place over the summer. More than 200 neighbors attended this first year event. A special thank you to everyone who helped to put this together, including our sponsors, Kara Buscaglia for Town Justice and Mark Manna for Town Supervisor, and the Town of Amherst. We hope this event will continue and grow in the coming year. Rick VonLangen noted that National Night Out was a great success. There remains open board positions. Please call Rick to discuss. Jim Cwierley and Rick will take on assembly of the directory next year and Mark Hamner has agreed to take on some of the directory sales.

New Business:

The Town of Amherst has reached out to WRCA about a potential electronics recycling event. Projected date is October 12. Watch the newsletter for more details. This may also be used as an opportunity to collect canned goods for a local food bank. Rick led a discussion regarding our potential Distinguished Speaker Events into the new year. Please send Rick your ideas. Wine tasting event will continue this year. Watch for details.

Committee Reports

Dawn Cwierley reported that we anticipate the Halloween Party to take place on October 26 at Willow Ridge Elementary School. Paper work has been filed and is awaiting approval from the school. Watch Facebook for details.

Community Open Forum:

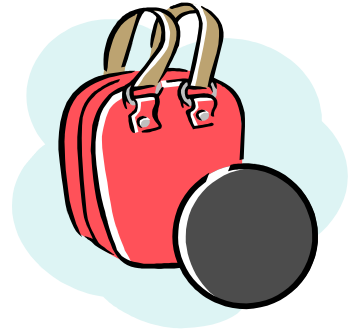
The board discussed a need to look further into how the town can address the recent accidents at Willow Ridge and Niagara Falls Boulevard. It was also discussed how we can better use the website and Facebook to highlight the upcoming anniversary.

Adjournment: With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded Tom Amodeo to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary Dawn M. Cwierley.

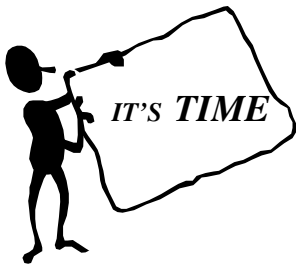
Ladies Bowling

The Parkview Ladies Bowling League has openings for bowlers. Ladies, would you enjoy a morning out socializing with neighbors and friends? Come alone or ask a friend to join you. We have single spots and room for a full team open. No prior bowling skills are necessary; we are not a sanctioned league.



Our league bowls on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 am at the Tonawanda Bowling Center on Youngs Street in the City of Tonawanda. The league does not operate on school holidays, or during Christmas break, and we finish the bowling season in March before Spring break.

To join or just get additional information, please call or email Connie Holovics at 553-7433 cholovics@RealtyUSA.com or Donna Rogemoser at 695-6974 or drrogy9@verizon.net



WRCA 2014 Membership Drive Begins October 1st Renew your membership – or Join WRCA—today. Annual dues are \$15.00.

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.

Renew / Join NOW

Help us complete the membership drive by December 31st!

Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday, here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

All Dressed Up:

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame.
- Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and Trick-or-Treat bags for greater visibility.
- Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives. Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes.
- Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.

Home Safe Home:

- To keep homes safe for visiting trick-or-treaters, parents should remove from the porch and front yard anything a child could trip over.
- Parents should replace burned-out bulbs, and wet leaves or snow should be swept from sidewalks and steps.
- Restrain pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

On the Trick-Or-Treat Trail:

- A parent or responsible adult should always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Remind Trick-or-Treaters:
 - Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.
 - Carry a cell phone for quick communication.
 - Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.
 - If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.
- Never cut across yards or use alleys.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out driveways.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing Trick-or-Treaters. If one car stops, it doesn't mean others will!
- Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

Healthy Halloween:

- A good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating will discourage youngsters from filling up on Halloween treats.
- Wait until children are home to sort and check treats. A responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped or suspicious items.

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.



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Children's Halloween Party

Saturday, October 26
from 10 a.m. - noon
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Games, crafts, food & fun!

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Board Position Open

Do you have ideas on how to make a difference in Willow Ridge? Here is your opportunity! There is a Board Member position currently open. Please contact Rick VonLan-gen at 691-6420 or WRCA.PRESIDENT@gmail.com or any board member.

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Neighborhood News



Sympathy

Friends & neighbors on Denrose and Peppertree want to extend heartfelt sympathy to Sue Neubert and her son AJ on the sudden death of their husband and father, Jim. He will be greatly missed by so many.

Welcome

Neighbors on Willow Ridge Drive welcome Aman & Leila Said to 368 Willow Ridge Drive, who came to us from Alberta Drive. They are parents of 2 daughters and 2 sons; the youngest attends Sweet Home High School.

Interested in joining Cub Scouts?

Are you in grades 1 through 5? Join us for our next meeting;



Contact Wayne Schultz 691-8713 or Tracy Conhiser-Uy 691-6780 for dates and times.

WRCA WEB PAGE

Check us out on the Web at www.wrca.info

Willow Ridge Civic Association on Facebook

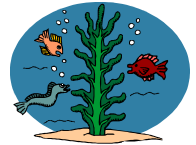
Check us out and join our growing list of fans to keep up on news and with your neighbors!

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 Sale

Hobby: 120 gallon fish tank with pump and accessories, \$200. or b/o. Please leave message at 716/830-6420.



Household: Twelve (12') foot wooden step ladder, used twice, like new - \$50. 691-4637

Household: Cane rocking chair \$15; Kitchen table - wood \$75; Dresser with mirror and matching nightstand with drawers - best offer 691-8048

Household: Area rug, 7.8' x 5.4' blues with beige, like new condition, \$50.00 564-8884

Instruments: Upright Baldwin piano \$150; saxophone-need new pads \$75. 691-8048

Wanted

Child Care: Experienced childcare needed for 10 months old. Your house or mine. Call Amanda 430-5400

Run Your Ad For Free: Why not take advantage of this *free* Classified section. WRCA members can advertise items in the *Wind-in-the-Willows* for See above for details.



Do you have concerns or questions about our community?

Do you have a great idea?

Meet with us...

**WRCA Membership Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 7:30pm
Ellicott Creek Fire Hall
Community Open Forum**

Willow Ridge Garden Club

Next club meeting featuring:

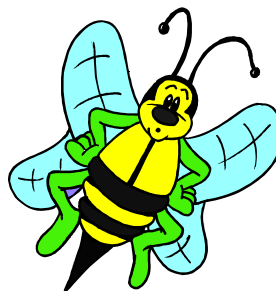
The importance of insects in our environment

October 2, 2013 7:00

Zion United Church of Christ at the corner of Parker and Koenig Rds.

Presented by Gerri Hens of Hens Honeybee Farm

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Mission Statement

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.

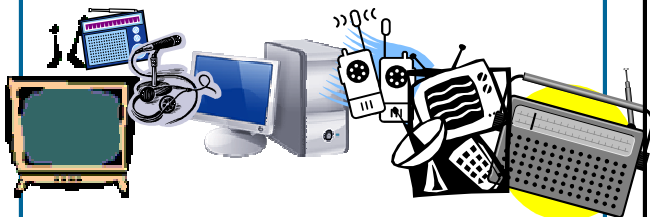
October 2013

Electronic Recycling Comes to Willow Ridge

Saturday October 19
7am—7pm

At Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

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