

# Wind-in-the-Willows

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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

By the time you read this, most of you will have finished your summer vacations and will be planning for the return of your children to school. I hope that each one has had an opportunity to spend warm summer days and evenings with friends and family.

In review, August was a very busy month here in Willow Ridge. Movie Night in Willow Ridge August 2, had close to 200 participants (come rain or shine), with 94 children receiving glow necklaces as their prize for the evening. Our thanks to the scouts who took care of our hunger with food and drink. Then we quickly moved on to National Night Out August 6. There were more attractions than ever before and this event just keeps getting bigger and better. As a reminder, this is where a portion of your dues go, to fund these fine events.

I received word from the office of Bob Anderson that he would like to hold an electronics re-cycling event in our area. As you all know, we cannot put electronics at the curb for collection, so start saving these items.

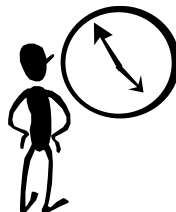
The association has been making very good use of E-wind and facebook for communication to our residents. Please consider registering for both of these to receive the latest information. Subscriptions almost doubled as a result of movie night.

**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 10 at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. This is the first one after the summer. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Rick VonLangen

## Willow Ridge Civic Association



It's almost time to renew your membership.

See details on page 4

Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Auxiliary  
PRESENTS... A

# “Shred It” Fundraiser

Saturday September 14, 2013

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**Saturday, September 21, 2013**

**Ellicott Creek Park**

**Niagara Falls Blvd @ N. Ellicott Creek Rd.**

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Conquer Chiari, known formally as the C&S Patient Education Foundation is a Pennsylvania 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to improving the experiences and outcomes of Chiari patients through education, awareness, and research.

**Coming to the October Issue of the  
*Wind-in-the-Willows*,  
2014 WRCA Membership Invoice**

The October issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* will include your 2014 WRCA Membership Invoice along with a form to update your information for the 2014 WRCA Directory. Please note that this is your opportunity to provide up-to-date information for the directory as well as to let us know if you wish to “Go Green” and receive all information – except the directory – via e-mail.

**Important information:**

- Please take the time to provide information regarding your household so that our database and directory will be up to date. You are our source for correct information.
- As in 2013, payments will be made by mailing your check and invoice to the Willow Ridge Civic Association or via PayPal.
- Dues will remain at \$15.00.
- The October *Wind-in-the-Willows* is sent to all households in Willow Ridge. Please encourage your neighbors to continue with/ or join WRCA and be active in our community!

Joining WRCA will ensure that the monthly *Wind-in-the-Willows* will be delivered to your home throughout 2014 and that **2014 WRCA Directory** will be delivered to you in March.

**Be in the  
loop**  
**Renew/Join  
the WRCA**

**To Submit Articles for the  
*Wind-in-the-Willows***

email: [wiweditor@gmail.com](mailto: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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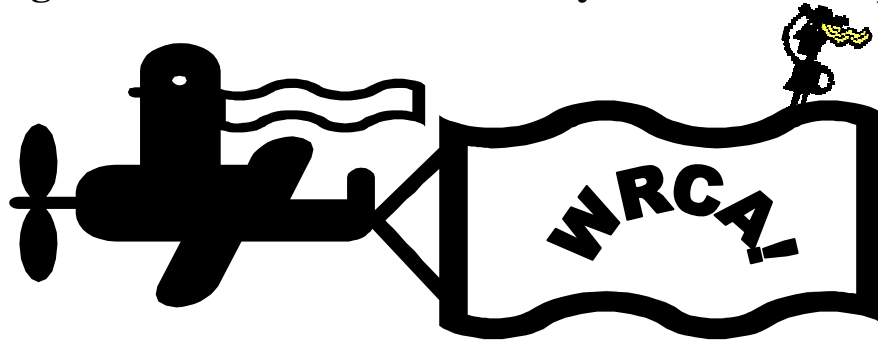
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**Hey Willow Ridge! It is almost time to renew your membership in the**



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

Dear Neighbor,

Our monthly newsletter, the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, which you are now holding, provides many details about the latest happenings in Willow Ridge and 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 to events, 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.

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 4 to find out more information. Why not be one of the first to renew? It's so easy!

***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](mailto:WRCA.PRESIDENT@gmail.com) or any board member.

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# Neighborhood News



## Sympathy

Neighbors and friends wish to express their deepest sympathy to Shirley Anger on the recent death of her husband, Claude, on August 8th. They are original residents, having moved to Willow Ridge Drive in 1961. Their children Robby, Randy, Judy, Linda, and Gail and their families are in our thoughts and prayers at this time as well. Their daughter, Judy Russell, still lives in Willow Ridge on Edgewater. We will miss Claude's summer projects that always kept their home looking so beautiful.

## Welcome and Congratulations

Mike and Rosemarie Laible of 366 Willow Green Drive now have an even dozen grandchildren with the birth on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 pounds, 2 ounces, of Grace Anne Laible. Grace Anne's parents are their son and wife, Brian and Jennifer Laible, who just one year earlier moved into 25 Black Spruce. Brian is managing partner and co-founder of Landmark Wealth Management and Jen is project manager at the Pharmaceutical Company, Celgene, in Grand Island. A very belated Willow Ridge Welcome to new parents Brian and Jen and congratulations to all the Laibles!

Neighbors on Willow Lane would like to welcome Michael and Alison Odojewski and their children, Molly, 6; and Lucas, 4. They had just a short move from Edgewater Dr. and are very glad to have found their new home in the Willow Ridge community.

## WRCA WEB PAGE

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

*Willow Ridge Civic Association on Facebook*

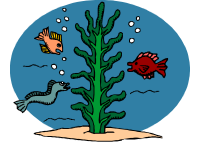
Check us out and join our growing list of fans to keep up on news and with your neighbors!

## 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](mailto: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 and Misc: Baldwin upright piano, \$150. You move; Men's Schwinn Sierra bicycle excellent shape, \$110; Swix Ski walking poles 5'9" - 6'3". Brand new! \$30; Cane rocking chair \$12; Black and Decker Lawn Edger \$20; Scott's lawn spreader \$20, Aladdin Rainbow Reader for Visually Impaired, \$225. Call 691-8048

### Wanted

Cleaning: Looking for a mature, responsible and conscientious woman to clean my house every other week. Please call 691-5336.



**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

The Willow Ridge Garden Club will meet on Sept.4 at 7pm at the Zion church on Parker and Koenig. Fresh arrangements using fall flowers and one or more named herbs will be presented by Arlene Leising. Members will share photographs of their experience growing "Plant Of The Year". Club members who had an entry at the Erie County Fair will bring them (or a photo) to share with club members. Visitors are welcome!



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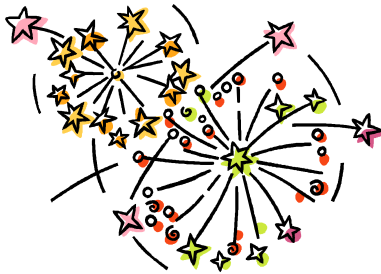
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## Mission Statement

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.

**September  
2013**



## **50th Anniversary of the WRCA**

You are reading this article correctly. Yes, in 2014 the WRCA is going to be fifty years old. Founded in 1964 to fight unfair zoning ordinances, we are the oldest home owners association in Amherst and in Western New York.

Myself and John Radens have been appointed by Pres. Rick VonLangen and the WRCA Board to chair an upcoming anniversary celebration. At this time we are requesting from past presidents to submit a list of accomplishments from their respective term of office. We are also requesting from all members to submit any photos, memorabilia, etc. to the address listed below.

Early next year we will be publishing a special edition of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* to commemorate the anniversary.

More to come.

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