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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- DEADLINE for the August WITW is July 12
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Summer. Let me repeat that . . .summer. Friends and neighbors are sharing conversation over the fence and in the front yards, fire pits are glowing, where stories are told and good times are had by all.

The festivities began in the month of June with the awards ceremony and the graduation of 279 students from Sweet Home High. Congratulations go out to all our students for the accomplishments they have made during their time in Sweet Home schools! I would like to name the recipients of the Willow Ridge Civic Association Award. They are: Nicholas Cuomo, Jill Daddario, Lisa Gagnon, and Carter Mann. Congratulations!

Summer continues with the *first ever* Movie Night in Willow Ridge on July 19 (with glow-in-the-dark gifts for the first 100 children in attendance). The amount of work being accomplished to make this event a success is overwhelming. Donations have been secured to cover a large portion of the event. Now all we need is *you* to make the night complete.

Please plan on adding National Night Out to your list of "must do's" for August 6. Please turn to page 2 for all the details.

VOLUNTEERS: There are many areas for you to help. Consider, if you can, to offer some of your time. Contact me at WRCA.PRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM and let's talk.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. This is the first one after the summer and I hope to see you there! In the interim, please, e-mail me with your concerns.

Sincerely, Rick VonLangen

Family Movie Night

Friday, July 19

Bedford Park

Bring your cozy blankets, comfy chairs, and yummy snacks. Relax and enjoy a movie under the stars.

Show time—DUSK!! (8:30ish)

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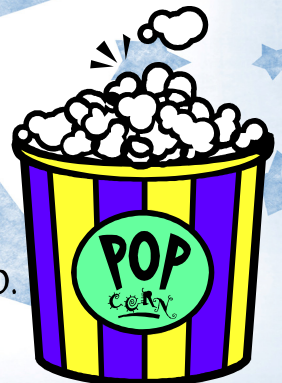
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Refreshments available.

Free gifts to the first 100 children under 10.

See back page for more information.

No pets or alcohol please.



National Night Out in Willow Ridge

Easily one of the most popular events of the year!
Get there early and get in on all the action!!

August 6, 2013
Willow Ridge School

Health/Safety

Fun

Food

You won't want to miss this! **Bike parade** starts at the fire hall at 6pm, snakes through the neighborhood and ends at Willow Ridge School. (See diagram below.) At the school you and the kids will be treated to a fun-fest of major proportions! Chaired once again by John Miller, this year's event will be even bigger and better!

- self-defense demos
- car seat check
- health screenings
- neighborhood watch info
- healthy eating info booth

- Pony rides
- Petting Zoo
- Bounce House
- DJ & Games

- Free Anderson Sundaes
- Hot Dog Sale
- Bake Sale

WRCA Info Booth

There's More!

Fire Truck



Helicopter



Balloon Artist



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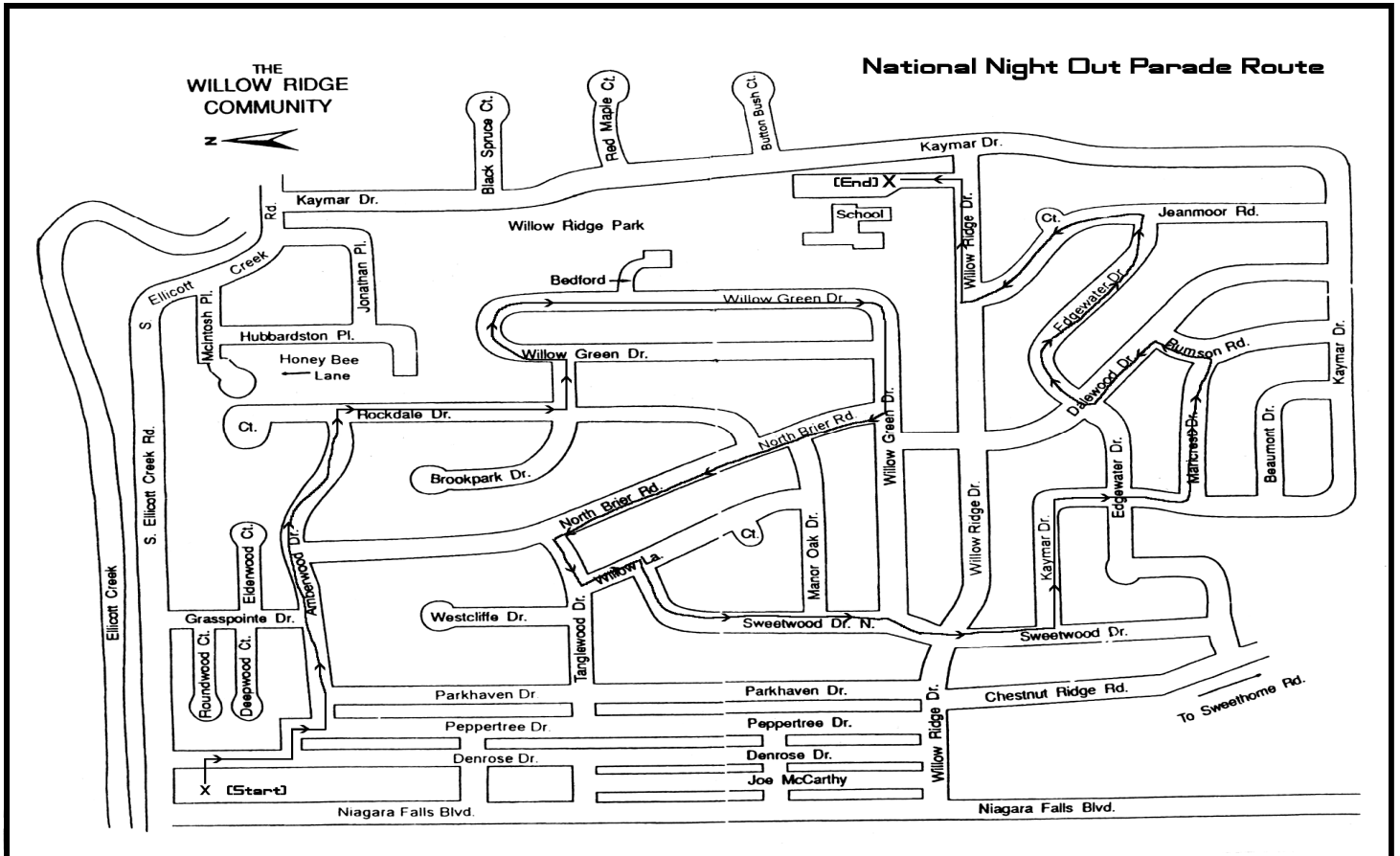


Bike Decorating Target Bike Raffle



K-9

Parade Route



WRCA Minutes

June 11, 2013

President Rick VonLangen called the meeting to order at 7:36 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 Bill VanSplunder. Community attendees included Lynn Getzen, Chuck Booker, Dave and Karen DeMeester, Kathleen Pielho, Kara Buscaglia and Barb Nucheren. There were others, but they did not sign in.

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

Treasurer Report: Ed Goetz, Treasurer, reported that there is currently an account balance of \$6,497 in the bank. The amount spent on the Easter Party was \$247, coming in under budget. Mark Hammer made a motion to approve, seconded by Jim Cwierley and board approval was granted.

Membership Report: In May, there was \$30 of membership income. It was decided that membership dues will be \$15 for everyone, whether paying online or via mail.

President's Report: Rick VonLangen discussed five property complaints received, including rental property on Kaymar, Denrose & Draden, request to cut down dead trees, and lawn mowing on Chestnut Ridge. Barb Nucheren, from the Amherst Town Board, noted that she would take the concerns about the distressed homes to correct task force.

Attendees were also reminded about the Ride for Roswell taking place on June 22.

Concern was raised about the Willow Ridge sign light being out again. Jim Cwierley will follow up on this.

A neighbor had concern regarding chickens being raised at 119 Willow Green Drive. Much time was spent discussing the pros and cons of the chicken issue. A proposal was made by Tom Amodeo to share this information via E-Wind and Facebook as a means for the neighborhood to express their opinions on this subject. Motion was seconded by Mark Hammer and approved. Dawn Cwierley will post this. A special hearing is scheduled to be held on June 18 at Town of Amherst Town Court to address this further.

Rick also noted that he had heard from John Miller regarding National Night Out. The event is expected to have the same level of support and activities.

Old Business: Tom Amodeo reported on the status of the Movie Night scheduled for July 19. Planning is moving along. The town is anticipated to provide refuse service and may be able to help with bathrooms. They will reach out to Modern Disposal for assistance. Tom is looking at the power

situation. Rick reported that the insurance was approved and would get that to the town. Jim Cwierley and Tom Amodeo will also look into the potential for food trucks at the event.

Rick reminded attendees that there are still open positions on the board and that there is a need for a commission paid sales representative to sell advertising for the directory and *Wind-in-the-Willows*.

Rick also reminded everyone that the Garage Sale is scheduled for June 28 - 30.

The free library idea that was brought to the board previously by Lynn Mancuso, who was not at the meeting, was discussed and several issues raised. Tom Amodeo moved that we vote whether or not to pursue this discussion further and was seconded by Jim Cwierley. A vote was held and it was decided to not pursue this project any further.


New Business:

Ed Goetz, treasurer, led discussions regarding the proposed 2013-2014 budget. Some revisions were made, including altering membership goals and reducing printing costs. A motion was made by Tom Amodeo

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to accept these changes and seconded by Mark Hammer. It was also discussed that to meet membership goals, the block representatives must be more involved. A further discussion will follow on that subject.

Community Open Forum:

Karen DeMeester questioned about cleanup of the vacant lot in Willow Ridge, next to the convenience store. She asked that the scouts consider this as a project. However, concern was raised about sending the scouts into the woods. Barb Nuchereneno will follow up with the town.

Kara Buscaglia, who is running for Town of Amherst Town Justice, addressed the attendees and spoke about her qualifications.

Adjournment: With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Connie Holovics and seconded by Jim Cwierley to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 10, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted, Secretary, Dawn M. Cwierley.

**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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LOCKS, DOORS, WINDOWS

- * Install good dead bolt locks in your doors, *and use them*. About 50% of burglars enter homes through unlocked doors and windows. Avoid door locks that can be unlocked by breaking glass or door panels to reach inside.
- * Secure sliding glass doors with commercial locks and sturdy wooden dowel in the track, or a nail inserted through a hole drilled in the sliding glass door frame projecting into the fixed frame.
- * Lock double hung windows by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in each top corner of the inside sash and part way through the outside sash.
- * Keep valuables in a secure place in your home, preferably in a locked security safe.

OUTSIDE

- * Trim shrubbery that hides doors and windows, and cut back tree limbs that could help a burglar reach a second story window.
- * Make sure porches, entrances and yards are well lit.
- * Report broken street lights to the utility company.
- * Do not hide house keys in mailboxes or under doormats. Instead, give a duplicate key to a trusted friend or neighbor.
- * Change locks as soon as you move into a new home. Before you move into an apartment, make sure the landlord changes the locks from the previous tenant.

WHILE AWAY

- * Leave lights and a radio on to give your home an occupied look. Use timing devices to turn lights and radios on and off a varying times. Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- * If going away for longer than a few days, arrange to have someone pick up your mail and newspapers. Have regularly scheduled deliveries stopped or sent elsewhere.

- * Don't announce plans for a party or vacation prior to leaving.
- * Use unpredictable hiding places for valuables, like among cleaning supplies under your sink or beneath logs in a wood box. Keep valuable, but rarely used items in a safe deposit box.
- * One of the best ways to prevent crime is to get to know your neighbors, and watch each other's homes. Exchange work and vacation schedules with a neighbor you trust so you can keep an eye on each other's homes.
- * *Most important of all...* be sure to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood to the police immediately. Make sure you stay on the line to give the operator all the details, including license plate numbers and vehicle identification, if possible.



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Neighborhood News



Welcome

A very warm welcome to Esther Yoon, MD and Lawrence Sann, MD who now reside at 65 Rockdale Drive. Esther is originally from Vancouver, BC and is beginning her first year of residency at New York Westchester Medical Center in pathology. Lawrence grew up in Queens, NY and is in his second year of a surgical residency at the University of Buffalo. Best wishes to the lovely couple who met in medical school and were married on May 4, 2013 at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. We wish you much happiness in your marriage and careers!

A belated welcome to Ryan Collins of 47 Rumson Rd. Ryan comes to us from Wheatfield. We wish you happiness in your new home.

Friends and neighbors in Willow Ridge are delighted to welcome new residents to 378 Willow Green Drive. Mohammed and Shaleema Bhamji moved here over the winter from their former home in West Amherst and are very happy to be in our wonderful community. Mohammed works for Verizon and is also a busy volunteer fireman with our Ellicott Creek Fire Department. His wife Shaleema works for Independent Health. Welcome, Mohammed and Shaleema, and we wish you much happiness in your new home.

Congratulations

Nicholas DiPasquale, of Kaymar Drive, received his Eagle Scout at his Court of Honor on June 1, 2013. Nicholas is a member of Troop 431 sponsored by St. Leo the Great Church. Nicholas' Eagle project was to refurbish the church pews at St. Leo's by removing the old stain and finish from the tops of the pews, clean the pews, and then stain and finish them. Congratulations Nicholas!

Barbara and Donald Sykes of 66 Sweetwood Dr. N. want to joyfully announce the marriage of their daughter Kristina Elizabeth to William Rank of Olean, NY on May 11, 2013. The newly weds will take a delayed honeymoon in Europe in the first part of July, and will reside in Amherst NY. Congratulations and all the best!

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Household: Simmons Beauty Rest, pillow top mattress and box spring, like new, used in guest room, excellent condition, \$125.00, 564-8884

Household: Beige ceramic 2 piece birdbath, \$5; folding card table, 30" x 30," \$30. 691-8682

Outdoor/Leisure: 1962 Apache Eagle tent trailer, sleeps 4 on two 4x6' beds; 5'6" x 7' folded down; 13'6" x 7' open; wt. 444 lbs; storage cabinet; canopy; road cover; newer canvas. Good condition. \$350.00. Leo or Janet @ 691-9096

**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 Salutes the Class of 2013

Daemen College Graduate

Congratulations to Alyssa Koons, daughter of Ron and JoAnn Koons, on receiving her dual degrees Bachelor of Science/ Master of Science in Physician Assistant studies. Alyssa graduated Summa Cum Laude from Daemen College on May 18th, in the top 7 of her class. Alyssa is pursuing her career practicing medicine as a Physician Assistant in Emergency Medicine. *Congratulations Alyssa we are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments, we wish you much success. We love you!! Dad, Mom & Christopher.*

Sweet Home High School Graduates

Congratulations to Jill Daddario, daughter of Paul and Patty of 3 Amberwood Drive, on her graduation from Sweet Home High School. Jill will be attending SUNY Brockport in the fall on a full tuition academic scholarship and in the honors program. She will be majoring in International Business and minoring in Spanish, with a goal of studying abroad. Jill will continue her 12 gymnastics career at the collegiate level on the Brockport Golden Eagles Gymnastics team. *Jill, we know you will love college as much as you have loved every phase of your life. Thank you for making our life so enjoyable. You made parenting easy! Move forward with pride, confidence and enthusiasm. Lots of Love, your #1 fans, Mom, Dad, Matthew and Mitchell*

A.J. Neubert will attend Hilbert College, to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice. He was a member of the Varsity Golf team freshman through Senior year at Sweet Home and also played on the JV Hockey team. He is employed as a technology intern at KOM Automation. We wish him much success ! Jim & Sue Neubert, Peppertree Dr.



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 VonLangen at 691-6420 or WRCA.PRESIDENT@gmail.com or any board member. Why wait? The time is now.



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Family Movie Night
Under the Stars

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Show time at dusk (approximately 8:30 - 9 p.m.)
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