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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Someone once told me, lead with the items everyone is interested in and they will probably read the whole article. Well, I hope that is true. At the regularly scheduled Civic Association meeting (which is held the second Tuesday of each month), the board approved the Willow Ridge Garage Sale to take place on June 28, 29, and 30. Please see below for all the pertinent information.

I would like to make an appeal. Please consider attending one of the Civic Association meetings. Last month several visitors presented topics of interest to all Willow Ridge residents, and we thank each of them for their time.

- Barb Nuchereno (Amherst Town Board) has been helpful in getting permits for the movie night.
- Ben Procopio presented some ideas for the 50th anniversary of the Civic Association.
- Lynn Mancuso discussed the "Free Library."
- Tom Johnston and company laid out the route for "The Ride for Roswell" which will run thru our neighborhood. They are still looking for volunteers.
- Several new residents stopped by to introduce themselves.

Last month, I also asked our web master (Jack Baker) to send out an E-Wind with the topics that are to be discussed at the next meeting. We will continue this practice. If you want to be added to the distribution, send the web master an e-mail.

VOLUNTEERS: There are many areas in which to help. Please consider offering some of your time. Contact me at WRCA.PRESIDENT@GMAIL.COM

In conclusion, here is a reminder of our summers events. June 28-30 Willow Ridge Garage Sale; July 19 Movie Night (with glow-in-the-dark gifts for the first 100 children in attendance); August 6 "National Night Out" with all the normal fun and then some. I urge you to take advantage of these time proven events!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 11 at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. This is the last one for the summer. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Rick VonLangen

Willow Ridge Community Garage Sale—June 28, 29, 30

Everything is in motion for this year's community garage sale. Ads will appear in the Buffalo News, Amherst Bee, and Facebook. Maps will be available in front of Convenient and Willow Ridge Elementary. If you wish to "put your sale on the map," (literally) please call Joe Battaglia at 564-0737 and leave a message with your address. If you will be posting signs, please take them down promptly after the sale. Good luck buyers and sellers!

Family Movie Night Under the Stars

Friday, July 19 at Bedford Park

Looking for an activity for the entire family to enjoy? Head to Bedford Park with your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks for a movie under the stars.

A free gift to the first 100 children under the age of 10.

Show time at dusk (approximately 8:30 - 9 p.m.)
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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 VonLangen at 691-6420 or WRCA.PRESIDENT@gmail.com or any board member. Why wait? The time is now.



WRCA Minutes

May 9, 2013

President Rick VonLangen called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Also present were Vice President James Cwierley, Treasurer Ed Goetz, and Secretary Dawn Cwierley. Board members present were Tom Amodeo, Mark Hammer, Connie Holovics, and Bill VanSplunder. Community attendees included Debby VonLangen, *Wind-in-the-Willows* editor; Ben Procopio, Joe Battaglia, Thomas Gugliuzza, Lynn Mancuso, Sandy Radens, John Radens, Barb Nuchereno (Amherst Town Board), and Thomas Johnston (Roswell).

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

Treasurer Report: Ed Goetz reported that there is currently an account balance of \$10,037 in the bank. The amount of \$468 was allotted for newsletter printing; \$115 for its postage. Jim Cwierley made a motion to approve, seconded by Connie Holovics and board approval was granted.

Membership Report: In the absence of Lynn Getzin, Ed Goetz reported that we currently have 615 paid members.

President's Report: Rick VonLangen reported he had received a letter from a neighbor regarding an abandoned property at 70 Rockdale Drive. He will forward this to the Town for review.

We welcomed Thomas Johnson from *The Ride For Roswell* who spoke about how a portion of the ride will travel along Denrose and Willow Ridge. Up to 4,000 bicyclists will travel through the neighborhood on June 22. The ride starts at 7 a.m. and runs till 1 p.m. Police and volunteers will be present to ensure a safe ride. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please call Thomas Johnston at 845-3945 or email him at thomas.johntson@roswellpark.org.

There was also discussion about the need for the lawn to be moved near the corner of Willow Ridge and Sweetwood, at the Willow Ridge sign. Jim Cwierley will reach out to the Town.

Old Business: Tom Amodeo reported details about the planned movie night on July 19. Tom is working on sponsorship and has been having some discussion regarding insurance.

Rick reminded attendees that there are still board, sales, and directory positions available.

Joe Battaglia reported that the Willow Ridge Garage Sale will take place June 28, 29 & 30. Please call Joe at 564-0737 and leave a message if you would like to have your home added to the map.

Lynn Mancuso discussed her idea for a free library near Willow Ridge Drive. She has made a request for funds to support this project. While the committee is interested, Lynn was asked to bring back more details before a decision is made.

New Business:

Special guests Barb Nuchereno who is running for Town Justice joined us. She is looking for opportunities to reach out to our community and will look into several items that were discussed, including needs the upcoming movie night.


Committee Reports: Ben Procopio discussed the 50th Anniversary of Willow Ridge. The planning committee would like to keep it a simple event. Rather, they would like to see it combined with an ongoing theme throughout the year.

The committee plans to discuss the budget at the next meeting.

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Open Forum: A question was asked about whether or not the Boy Scouts will be cleaning up Willow Ridge this year. Rick will follow up on this. Dawn shared thank you cards from the Girl Scouts for this year's donation.

Rick reminded the committee that each member of the board is expected to submit a newsletter story this year.

Jack Baker noted that we need to request a new ever-green tree. Rick will follow up with Home Depot.

Tom Gugliuzzo and an interested new resident in the neighborhood joined us to observe the WRCA in action.

Adjournment: With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made, Connie Holovics seconded and Jim Cwierley moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 11, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary, Dawn M. Cwierley.

The Ride for Roswell Comes Through Willow Ridge!

The Ride For Roswell is an annual cycling event that brings thousands of Western New Yorkers together to support Roswell Park at its largest fundraiser. This year, *The Ride For Roswell* will come through Willow Ridge on **Saturday, June 22**, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Bicyclists will travel on South Ellicott Creek Road, Denrose Drive and Willow Ridge Drive to the Amherst Bike Path bridge over Interstate 990 as they make their way to the UB North Campus. Come out and cheer on the riders as they make their way to the finish line!

Drivers and residents on these roads should take extra precautions and expect delays due to heavy bicycle traffic. *The Ride For Roswell* is working closely with the Amherst Police Department to conduct *The Ride* safely through all intersections, and to keep disruptions to a minimum.

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Bits & Bytes

by: Tom Amodeo



So, you're getting back from your son's or daughter's graduation and you look at your phone, digital camera or video camera to find tons of pictures and videos. A job well done. You captured everything. So, where do you store these cherished moments? On your computer? On a flash drive? Maybe, you have an external hard drive just for this reason. If you don't have a backup solution, you are in the majority. This is becoming a growing problem. Technology made it easier to snap 500 pictures, but didn't give us an easy technology to safely store all of it. My advice to you is, invest in a Polaroid camera!!! Just kidding. Although, there is some truth to the simplicity of that camera. No filters or re-do's, just that moment. But I digress.

With all this data, how do you store this data securely and save on cost? Well, there are many options out there. Companies like Carbonite, who offers real time syncing of whatever data you want at a low cost, is an option. However, you get what you pay for and these companies tend to take forever transferring the data from your PC. Plus, how do you trust someone to store your personal information without ever having met them. The same goes for iCloud, SkyDrive and others. We store very sensitive data in the Courts and a lot of money is spent to prevent any data loss. We have a zero tolerance for missing data. However, you don't need this type of security or fail safe to protect your data. Here are some quick tips to get your data securely and inexpensively stored.

Unless you are technically inclined, I would stay away from trying to create an array of hard drives and have them mirror each other. There are some great products out there for this called NAS devices. (Network-attached Storage). These products give you the illusion of an external hard drive and you can drag all of your data to this drive from

your computer. What's happening behind the scenes, without any intervention, is a backup process. Most of these devices have "mirroring" capabilities. This means that whatever you copy to it, another drive is copying all the same information as well. If one drive happens to fail, the other drive will have all the data. Data would have been lost without this system. Want some tech terms for a dinner party? This is called a RAID 1 solution. These devices can range from \$199 to \$2000 for the consumer line. However, you will find most around the \$300-\$500 range.

Ok, you don't want to spend that kind of money. I get it. The cost of produce has gotten ridiculous. The goal is to keep data on at least two separate hard drives. So, if you already have your computer and then purchase an external hard drive, you are doing the same thing as the above listed solution except you have to copy everything manually. You will copy once to the main hard drive and then again to the external. If you are savvy you can set up a scheduled task on your PC to automate this copy process. A free tool is called robocopy. Google It. If this all sounds like too much work, just know that recovering lost data on failed disks is possible, but can be very expensive. This can easily be prevented by having two locations to store your data. Or keep it simple and buy a disposable camera. That's the advice my father would give you.

If you have any questions, comments or would like a topic written about, please e-mail me at: witwbitsandbytes@gmail.com June's Tech Tip:

Want to see what Microsoft, Google or any other website looked like in 1998 or any year for that matter? Go to <http://www.archive.org> and click on the "Wayback Machine" Just enter in the dot com address you would like to see.



Willow Ridge Garden Club

Willow Ridge Garden Club members will meet on June 5th at 7pm at the Zion Church on Parker Boulevard & Koenig Circle, Tonawanda.

Chris Hartmann, East Aurora Garden Club Horticultural Specialist, will highlight Annuals and Perennials that will re-seed themselves. Volunteers in the Garden! Our Spring Fling will be reviewed & memorial bench dedication announced. Guests Welcome!



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"... Bruce & I have moved from Willow Ridge...After 40 yrs there we decided that it was time to down size and moved into a Patio Home... Thanks for all the Assoc. did during the years we were there. All 5 of our children went to and enjoyed all of the many parties you had for them. We will miss all of you and will stop by from time to time to visit. Thank you Mary Munger."

Friend and neighbors will miss Mary and Bruce Munger on Manor Oak Drive but are happy to know their wonderful "retirement move" will allow them continued years of pleasure in their new home. Best Wishes from Willow Ridge!

Congratulations

Longtime residents, Gus and Barbara Gianiodis of 26 Maricrest Drive, have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Gus is a retired Treasury agent in Buffalo and Barbara a retired elementary teacher from the Maryvale School District. They will later this summer enjoy a family trip with their four children and ten grandchildren. Congratulations and many good wishes, Gus and Barbara, from all your neighbors and friends!

Belated congratulations to Irwin and Linh Tran at 54 Willow Green Dr. on the birth of their second child Isabella, a new baby sister for Ryan. They welcomed Isabella into the world on September 27, 2012 and she weighed in at 6 lbs 1 oz. Although arriving about 5 weeks early she and mom are doing very well. Again congratulations and best wishes to all!

More baby news! The old wives' tale claiming "New house, new baby," has proven so true on Kaymar Drive. Our new neighbors at the corner of Sweetwood and Kaymar, Christopher and Erin Michaels, welcomed their twin sons, Justin and Joshua, on September 24, 2012. The happy parents are looking forward to joining the WRCA and meeting other young families in the neighborhood.

Likewise, at 31 Kaymar, Chris and Kara McGinley, are also getting accustomed to being parents. Ava, their precious daughter, was born on March 27, 2013. What joy seeing young parents (and proud grandparents) walking their babies throughout Willow Ridge. All the neighbors welcome these new families and hope you enjoy our close knit community.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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Tutor: Special Education teacher with 15 years' experience available for summer tutoring of students grades K-3 at her home (Kaymar Drive). Flexible times, \$25/hr. Call or email Amy @ 691-0635, amy-cfeldmann@gmail.com.

Tutor: Reading Specialist available for reading/writing instruction, grades K-5. Susan 691-5546.

Congratulations continued. . .

Matthew Daddario, a 2011 graduate of Sweet Home High School, has been awarded the Daemen College men's soccer team's scholar athlete award. Matt, the son of Paul and Patty Daddario of 3 Amberwood Drive, has completed 2 years at Daemen and been the starting goalie for the team since his freshman year. In his first year, Matt was in the top 10 of his class, academically. Congratulations to Matt for his academic and athletic successes at Daemen College.

Directory Correction

Please note: Charlene Vitale was omitted from the 2013 directory as the block rep for 83-139 Brookpark Dr. Charlene's can be reached at 691-2256.



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.

Willow Ridge Salutes the Class of 2013

University of Georgia Law Graduate

Congratulations to Richard Boorman, Jr. son of Richard Sr. and Patricia Boorman of Brookpark Drive on receiving his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Georgia Law School on May 18, 2013. Richard graduated magna cum laude from the University of Buffalo in 2010 with his bachelor's degree in history. He plans to pursue his career practicing law in Georgia. *Way to go Rick! We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Love Mom, Dad and Victoria*

Sweet Home High School Graduates

Orvis Collins of 146 N.Brier Road is graduating from Sweet Home High School and is furthering his education this fall at Houghton College. Orvis has been accepted into the Greatbatch School of Music to study composition and into the Honors Program at Houghton. Orvis has been an active member of the Jazz Band and Concert Choral for each of his 4 years at Sweet Home High School and has participated in each school musical since 5th grade. *We are very proud of you Orvis and wish you much success in your future at Houghton. Love, Mom, Dad, Owen and Olivia*

Tim, Jane and Kelly Wilson would like to send congratulations to Julia Wilson as a member of the 2013 class at Sweet Home High School. Julia has been very active in various clubs throughout her 4 years. She has maintained high honors each quarter and is a member of both the national honor society and Spanish honor society. She also has continued as a member of the "Swimkins" synchronized swim team. Julia has been accepted to and will attend Lemoyne College in Syracuse. *We are so proud of all your accomplishments and we love you!!!*

Michael and Evelyn Gagnon proudly announce the upcoming graduation of their daughter, Lisa, from Sweet Home High School on June 21st 2013. Lisa will be attending the University of Buffalo's Honors College in September and plans on majoring in English Literature and minoring in music. *Lisa we are so proud of all your hard work and achievements but more importantly of the wonderful young woman you have become. We are looking forward to seeing your future unfold as you continue to learn and follow God's path for your life. We love you! Mom, Dad and Stephen*

Congratulations to Jacquelyn Stoebe of Manor Oak Drive. She is graduating from Sweet Home High School with honors and was selected for Business First's 2013 All-Western New York Academic Team. Jacquelyn will be attending UB Honors College in the fall. *Jacquelyn, we are so proud of you and look forward to the next chapter in your life's story! Love, Dad and Mom*

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pane are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Starr from Sweet Home High School. Starr is a proud member of the National Honor Society while also participating in field hockey, bowling and dance. Starr will be attending Canisius College this fall with a major in accounting. *We are so proud of all of your accomplishments!! You amaze us with your ability to juggle school, activities and friends while staying as one of the top of your class. We love you! Mom, Dad & Michayla*

St. Leo the Great (8th grade graduate)

Congratulations to Carly Hardick of 141 Dalewood Drive who enjoyed an array of activities and achievements including National Junior Honor Society, honor roll, swim team, basketball, softball, volleyball, and track! *Congratulations on graduating 8th grade! We are so proud of all your accomplishments! We know you will do great in high school! Love, Mom, Dad, Poppy, Aly, Erin, Bailey, and Leo.*



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