

# Wind-in-the-Willows

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#### **WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

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

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope that as we press forward into 2013, that all your plans will keep you safe and happy throughout the year.

At our meeting in January, Superintendent of Schools Anthony Day and Willow Ridge Elementary Principal David Lovering came to discuss issues that affect all of us here in Willow Ridge. Mr. Day elaborated on how the district is positioned for the school budget for this year. Questions from the floor immediately turned to school safety and what the district currently has in place, as well as future safety improvements that will be completed. This meeting was well attended and very informative.

On behalf of our current board, I would like to thank Ed Goetz, Karen Tyno, and Debbie Goetz for their contributions to the community. Your efforts are appreciated. I would also like to welcome Tom Amodeo and look forward adding his talents to the board. As a special note, there is an open position for an additional board member. Please contact me at [WRCA.PRESIDENT@gmail.com](mailto:WRCA.PRESIDENT@gmail.com) if you are interested.

At the February 12 meeting, Town Supervisor Barry A. Weinstein has agreed to give, a brief presentation, followed by a question and answer period that will address the concerns of our residents. To allow Dr. Weinstein to prepare for your questions, please e-mail your concerns (to the above address) and they will be forwarded to the supervisor prior to the meeting.

Again, our next meeting is Tuesday, February 12 at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Rick VonLangen

#### **Guest speaker**

**Town Supervisor Barry A. Weinstein**

**WRCA Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday February 12, 2013 7:30pm**

**Ellicott Creek Fire Hall**

**All Members Welcome**



**Willow Ridge Garden Club**

**Installation Luncheon  
Saturday, February 2  
Noon**

**The Protocol Restaurant  
6766 Transit Road  
Williamsville, NY**

*A short meeting will follow.*

**Joan Robinson, Publicity Chairman,  
691-8397**

# Position Open

Interested in helping to make a difference in Willow Ridge? There is a Board Member position currently open. Please contact Rick VonLangen at [WRCA.PRESIDENT@gmail.com](mailto:WRCA.PRESIDENT@gmail.com) or any board member.

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You will enjoy the benefits of membership for 2013 – monthly *Wind-in-the-Willows* to keep you up to date on all the neighborhood news and activities as well as your 2013 Directory (to be delivered to your door by early March) and E-wind electronic notification of WRCA activities.

If you have a neighbor who hasn't joined or renew, please encourage them to send their \$15.00 membership dues to WRCA, PO Box 86, Amherst, NY 14226. For questions, please call Lynn Getzin at 691-0573.

*Wishing you a wonderful 2013!*

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### **Holiday Lighting Correction**

Last month we printed a list of holiday lighting contest winners and mistakenly reported as a winner 49 Manor Oak. The winning house number should have been 50 Manor Oak. We apologize for the mistake.

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the loop!



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## **WRCA Minutes January 9, 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 Mark Hammer, Connie Holovics, Tom Amodeo, and Carol Zaffram. Community attendees included Lynn Getzin, Membership Chair, Debby VonLangen, *Wind-in-the-Willows* editor, Michael Henel, Deanne Henel, Elizabeth Bechtel, Evan Wysacni, Andrew Neubert, Susan Neubert, Agnes Starr, Paul Bluestein, Matt Clemens, Kevin Schnirel, Barbara Stewart, David Stewart, Anthony Day, David Lovering, Sandy Radens and John Radens.

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

**Treasurer Report:** Ed Goetz reported that there is currently an account balance of \$12,192 in the bank. The amount of \$462 was allotted for newsletter printing, \$115 for its postage, and \$150 for the newsletter editor. Jim Cwierley made a motion to approve, seconded by Connie Holovics and board approval was granted.

**Membership Report:** Lynn Getzin reported that we currently have 534 paid members, which is 100 less than last year. A post card will be sent to all Willow Ridge residents to encourage their membership.

**President's Report:** Rick VonLangen reported that a list of volunteers had been distributed to the board members. At the next meeting, we will discuss how to best work with these individuals. A thank you was extended to those who participated in the holiday decorating contest.

**Old Business:** Jim Cwierley reported that responses to the event survey have slowed down. As a follow up to those responses, Tom Amodeo was following up on the idea of a family movie night. More details will be announced at a future meeting.

Ed Goetz reported that \$750 has come in from directory ads.

Rick will follow up with Home Depot regarding replacing the evergreen tree located at the entrance to Willow Ridge.

### **New Business:**

Special guests Anthony Day, Superintendent of Sweet Home Schools and David Lovering, Principal of Willow Ridge Elementary, joined us for a timely and interesting presentation addressing school safety/violence, budget, teacher evaluations, and technology.

Subject of safety was of most intrigue since the Connecticut shootings. Mr. Day reviewed the school's drill procedures, discussed relationship with Town of Amherst Police Department, and addressed parents' questions about safety protocol at the schools. Mr. Lovering discussed students' reactions to the shootings and the way in which the school dealt with it.

Rick VonLangen reported that there is still an open board position available. Residents are encouraged to reach out to him to discuss their interest. The February 12 meeting will include Barry Weinstein, MD, Town of Amherst Supervisor. Please come prepared with questions to address with him.

**Committee Reports:** The Annual Wine Tasting event, hosted by Butler's Wine and Spirits at Classics V, will be on January 26. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund. The Snowflake Dinner Dance is on March 2.

**Open Forum:** Vacant and foreclosed properties were discussed. Neighbors are encouraged to reach out to the town regarding these properties to ensure reports are filed.

There was also a discussion about block representative recruitment of members and why it was abandoned. The block rep system is being reevaluated.

**Adjournment:** With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Connie Holovics and seconded by Jim Cwierley to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 12, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Secretary Dawn M. Cwierley

# Neighborhood News



Dear Willow Ridge Neighbors,

It is the start of a new year and here we are, sharing another winter in our neighborhood. Yes, seasons come and go and though we are, at this writing, in the icy grip of winter, soon enough the neighborhood will come alive with joggers, dog walkers, the crack of hockey sticks smacking the pavement, and trucks laden with top soil hailing the beginning of another spring.

In the passage of time, isn't it nice to have each other, whether it is to share experiences, or have a connection through a mere glance and nod. As neighbors, we are not alone. This was made abundantly clear by the countless acts of kindness we were givers, and receivers of, during the weeks following the October surprise storm. We are grounded by the comfort of belonging to our street, our neighborhood, and each other!

You've seen, in this space, the welcome news of a marriage, or a brand new baby. Through the seasons we've shared the news of the graduation of the kid down the street, and marveled at how that same kid used to come around selling popcorn every year. Other times, we've heaved a collective sigh at the report of a loss, a death. We've used this space to bid a family uprooted from Willow Ridge, but not from our hearts, a fond farewell. Those messages, in the "Neighborhood News" are an outward display of our appreciation for and awareness of one another, our cohesion as Willow Ridgers, and the unique—ness that we long-timers have always enjoyed in this neighborhood.

In this spirit I urge you, who have lived in Willow Ridge for dozens of years to contribute to this space. To those who are still setting up house and familiarizing yourself with the WRCA and the monthly newsletter, I wish to invite you to share your new-baby, wedding, or congratulatory news in this space.

Are you leaving Willow Ridge? Contact your block rep so we may give you a proper farewell. Have you just moved in? Contact your block rep, and Debbie Goetz, 691-7079 for a directory and a welcome letter.

Do you have a story about a neighbor that goes above and beyond and perhaps wish to thank them? Do you have great pictures of a neighborhood event such as a block party? Please get permission of anyone in the picture first (parents must give permission for a child) and send me a picture to print. For you, what makes this place a great place to live/raise a family?

*Neighborhood News* has been called the favorite section of the newsletter. It's about the heart of Willow Ridge—you, our great neighbors. It has never been easier to send along your notices with a tool like email. Send articles to:

wiweditor@gmail.com. If you are a walker, drop your article off at 221 N. Brier Rd. and put it in the box provided on the porch. Please leave name and contact information.

*Neighborhood News*; "write" here, right now, in every season! Keep it going, Willow Ridge!

Debby VonLangen, Editor

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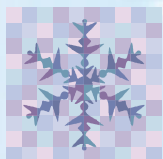
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# Willow Ridge Annual Snowflake Dinner Dance

*March 2 from 7 p.m. - midnight  
Classics V, The Terrace Room*



Join friends and neighbors for  
an evening of food, fun & drinks.

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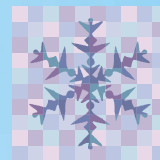
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# February 2013

## Opportunity Knocks



Willow Ridge WRCA Members, what are your concerns about Amherst?  
You are invited to a special meeting of the WRCA with

**Town Supervisor Barry A. Weinstein**  
**Tuesday February 12, 2013 7:30pm**  
**Ellicott Creek Fire Hall**  
**All Members Welcome**

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