

# Wind-in-the-Willows

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### From the President's Desk

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors

At February's meeting, a representative from Modern Recycling discussed the new recycling program for the Town of Amherst, which went into affect January 3rd. In addition, new recycling totes will be delivered to town residents sometime in April. For additional information or questions, contact Robert Anderson @ [716-631-7264](tel:716-631-7264).

I'm happy to report very good news on two fronts; our membership drive for 2012 is up 4% over last year and we're already in the process of discussing ways to further increase membership for 2013; once again, "thank you for your ongoing support"! Second, Jim Prentice informed the Board that the profit from the Wine Tasting was \$1,800 which will be donated to the Willow Ridge Playground Fund and WRCA Scholarship Fund.

Jim Cwierley informed the Board that 13 Willow Ridge residents are attending CERT Training (Community Emergency Response Team) meaning our neighborhood will be well represented in the event of an emergency. A special "thank you" to those donating their time to make our neighborhood a safer place to live!

**As Easter approaches our next scheduled event is the Children's Easter Party. For information, signs will be located throughout the neighborhood and check the posting on the Bulletin Board outside of the Convenient Store.**

Sincerely,

**Ed Goetz**



#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, March 13

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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#### WRCA Membership Drive 2012

Many thanks to all Willow Ridge neighbors who joined the Civic Association for 2012! The information you provided about your family ensures that the 2012 Directory will be up to date.

If you have a neighbor who would like to join WRCA, please ask them to contact me either via e-mail at [wrcalg@gmail.com](mailto:wrcalg@gmail.com) or via telephone at 691-0573. Lynn Getzin Membership/Circulation Chair

## Neighborhood News

### *Congratulations*

Congratulations to Mr. Chuck Booker from 468 Willow Green Dr., who became the subject of an article written by Bill Hilts, Jr. of *Niagara Outdoors* for the Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 issue. Mr. Hilts recognizes Chuck's success earning 50 record catches, with seven new line class records for the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame.



*Willow Ridge Garden Club  
Transitional Meeting  
March 7, 2012  
155 Autumnview Dr.  
Williamsville, NY  
7:30 PM*

Club members will meet at the home of Kathy Massing to set up next year's club calendar. Club records will be transferred to new officers and chairpersons will be appointed. The vice president will set the theme for the year as well as the ideas for guest speakers, workshops, field trips, and these topics will be discussed.

Congratulations to all new officers.



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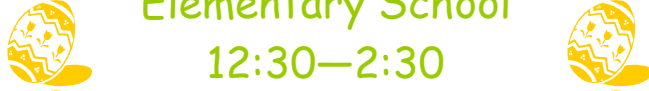
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March 31



at Willow Ridge



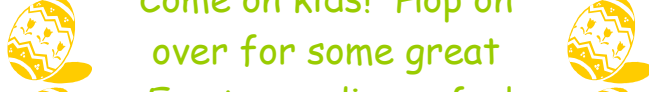
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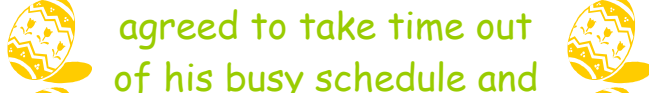
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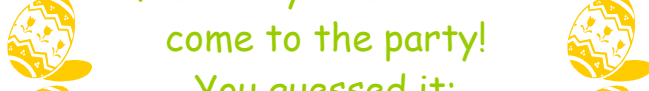
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**WRCA Minutes February 14, 2012**  
 President Ed Goetz called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Also present were Vice President Karen Tyno, Treasurer Rick VonLangen, and Secretary Dawn Cwierley. Board members present were Debbie Goetz, Mark Hammer, Carol Zaffram, Connie Holovics and James VanSplunder. Community attendees included Jim Neubert, Ben Riocopio, Heidimarie Kunz, Cheryl Pauly, and Barbara R. Gilday.

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

**Treasurer Report:** Rick VonLangen reported that the Wine Tasting in January made a profit. The last bill for the Halloween party just arrived and was paid. There is currently an account balance of \$12,962. Debbie Goetz made a motion to approve, seconded by Jim Cwierley and board approval was granted.

**President's Report:** Ed Goetz reported that there had been some complaints regarding the wait at the Willow Ridge/Niagara Falls Boulevard traffic signal he has written a letter regarding this problem to the town and will report back to the committee of any response and or changes.

**Old Business:** Jim Cwierley reported that a total of 50 people, 13 of which are Willow Ridge residents, have signed up for the Community Emergency Response Team training. Once classes are complete, the subject of expanding the CERT team's responsibilities to include crime watch will be discussed.

**New Business:** Katy Duggan-Haas from Modern Corporation presented details regarding changes to recycling and garbage disposal. Goal of changes are to increase recycling, reduce waste, reduce costs, and maintain compliance with all applicable laws. Starting in

April, all Willow Ridge homes will receive a 65-gallon wheeled cart for single stream recycling, which will allow for more items to be recycled. See the flyer sent to homes for details specifics. Watch for details for Reward for Recycling Program to encourage more recycling. The collection schedule has changed and there is no collection in federal holidays.

Ed Goetz reported on the printing and delivery of the Willow Ridge directories. The Boy Scouts will deliver directories in March. Ed noted that there continues to be a problem with keeping the directory updated. While the goal is to include everyone in the neighborhood. many neighbors have not updated their information causing inaccurate information in the directory. Neighbors are urged to help the committee to ensure accuracy. It was decided that a special committee will be assembled to review the directory information in detail for next year's edition.

**Committee Reports:** The annual Wine Tasting event held on January 28 made \$1,829. Monies will be allocated to the playground fund (\$600) and scholarship fund (\$1,200). The Snowflake Dinner Dance will take place at Classics V on March 3. Mark Hammer also mentioned an interest in creating a German Fest in October.

**Open Forum:** Community members questioned Wal-Mart's responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the neighboring Chestnut Ridge property. They continue to be responsible for their half and Home Depot for the other side.

**Adjournment:** With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Mark Hammer and seconded Jim Cwierley to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 13, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.  
 Respectfully Submitted,  
 Secretary, Dawn M. Cwierley.

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Alyssum, Blue		
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<b>Subtotal</b>			

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