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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, April 10

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors

Kristin Cioppa President of the Willow Ridge Playground Committee, informed the Board at March's meeting that installation of the "new" playground will begin later this spring. The Committee will be soliciting volunteers once a date is determined. Congratulations to all those involved over the past several years for your hard work and dedication in achieving this goal!

Back in February, a letter was sent to the Town of Amherst requesting further evaluation of the traffic light at the intersection of Willow Ridge and Niagara Falls Blvd; the issue is the timing of the signal during morning rush hour. On March 7th, the Town Board reviewed our request and determined that a similar request was made in April of 2008. The NYS DOT has been asked to review the intersection. I will keep everyone informed of their decision.

We recently received several complaints about speeding in the neighborhood. The best course of action is to notify the Amherst Police and provide a license plate number if possible. The board also approved four (4) scholarships for graduating seniors who are Willow Ridge residents; Good luck.

In closing, a special thank you to Connie Holovics and Dawn Cwierley for organizing the annual Children's Easter Party and to the Boy Scouts for delivering the 2012 WRCA Directory. Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

Ed Goetz



GRADUATION APPROACHES

It is hard to believe it, but another school year inches closer to the end, and we want to be one of the first to congratulate our 2012 graduates in the May, June and July issues of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. After all, they are our own Willow Ridgers and we are duly proud of them. In order to accomplish this we are again asking that you submit your graduate's name, address, and graduating school (college or high school). Include any accomplishments and/or goals he/she might have. To make the announcement extra special, be sure to include a signed "one-liner;" a personal message to your graduate. Graduation information can be sent starting now, but to insure the June edition, please submit by May 18. Submissions that do not make it into the June issue will appear in the July edition. Printed/typed announcements, on a full size sheet of paper, may be placed in the box on the porch at 221 North Brier, or better yet, email me at wiweditor@gmail.com. Please keep in mind that although there are no restrictions on announcement length editing may become necessary. Come on, proud moms and dads, let us all celebrate your graduate together! Debbie VonLangen, Editor

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Snowflake Thank You's

March delivered on its reputation, coming in like a lion on March 3. In spite of gusty winds sans snowflakes, a fantastic time was experienced by all who "blew in" on March 3 for a superb evening out at this year's Snowflake Dinner Dance. A special *Thank You* to Erich Krueger for getting the dance floor hopping with his wonderful music collection, and to Jolene Panzarella of Sweet Favorites, for the beautiful centerpieces and the yummy favors. Also a very special *Thanks* to Kim Shabazz for coordinating 4 tables!! I am hoping everyone that came had a great time! I know I did as my feet still hurt from dancing. If you missed it, don't worry, next year will be even better! See you then!

Carol



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WRCA Minutes March 13, 2012

President Ed Goetz called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Also present were Vice President Karen Tyno, Treasurer Rick VonLangen, and Secretary Dawn Cwierley. Board members present were Jim Cwierley, Debbie Goetz, Connie Holovics and Bill VanSplunder. Also in attendance was Lynn Getzin, membership chair.

Secretary Minutes: Minutes were approved with one change, noting that Bill VanSplunder's name was incorrectly listed as James VanSplunder. A motion was made by Rick VonLangen to approve the secretary minutes from the February meeting. Connie Holovics seconded and board approval followed.

Treasurer Report: Rick VonLangen reported that there is currently an account balance of \$12,405. Jim Cwierley made a motion to approve, seconded by Connie Holovics and board approval was granted.

President's Report: Ed Goetz gave details of Amherst Board meeting that addressed the wait at the Willow Ridge/Niagara Falls Boulevard traffic signal. It was noted that this is Department of Transportation issue, which they will evaluate and address. No changes will be made to the light at this time. It was also reported that Ed had received a thank you note from the Girl Scouts regarding the Civic Association's recent donation.

Old Business: Ed Goetz reported that he spoke with Bob Foadare regarding the WRCA Scholarships. The board discussed details about the scholarship fund and how monies will be distributed. This year \$2,000 is available. The board decided that the monies would be distributed between four students, two females and two males.

Mark Hammer, Sweet Home Schools liaison was absent and unable to report on budget.

New Business: Kristen Cioppa, president of the WRCA Playground Committee, spoke regarding the status of the playground. To date, \$7,000 has been raised and some grants received to help with costs. The committee is targeting May for installation, for which volunteers will be needed. The committee will be selling Anderson coupon books and

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Auntie Annie's pretzel dough. The committee is also holding a Golf Tournament on June 3. For details about the golf tournament, contact Dave Lovering at 250-1575 or Matt Clemens at 783-1451. For more details about the playground committee, please contact Kristen at 691-7407.

Committee Reports: The Snow Flake Dinner Dance was successful and all had a good time.

Dawn Cwierley and Connie Holovics reported that the Easter Party is planned Saturday, March 31.

Open Forum: Jim Cwierley noted that the last Community Response Team class and graduation date is on March 31. He will provide the WRCA committee a list of names for thank you notes to be sent. There is hope that this will eventually create an opportunity to create a crime watch. Jim also asked that all CERT members be given a membership directory in case of emergencies.

Lynn Getzin asked that we remind residents of Willow Ridge to abide by the posted speed limit.

It was also noted that monies have been set aside for annual baseball diamond project.

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Adjournment: With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Jim Cwierley and seconded Debbie Goetz to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 10, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m.

All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn M. Cwierley
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Neighborhood News



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Congratulations

Sweet Home High School senior, Stephanie Izard, is a champion! The daughter of Bruce and Denise Izard of 432 Willow Green Drive, Stephanie won the girls high jump at the New York State Indoor Track and Field Championships held at Cornell University. She was the only girls high jumper to clear 5'6" and just missed

clearing 5'8". She also received a 6th place medal in the meet with a long jump of 17' 7 3/4". Congratulations, Stephanie, and good luck in future jumps!

Janelle and Jeff Ventura along with "big brother" Jayden of Willow Ridge are excited to announce the newest addition to their family – daughter Rafaela Christine. Rafi was born on March 8 and weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. Congratulations to the happy family!

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