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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, May 8

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors

Over the next several months, the Town of Amherst Traffic Safety Board will be evaluating the traffic lights on Niagara Falls Blvd between Sheridan Dr and Tonawanda Creek Rd. This is in response to a letter the Board sent back in February regarding the light at Willow Ridge. As information becomes available, I will keep everyone updated.

Connie Holovics and Dawn Cwierley reported that the annual Children's Easter Party was well attended and a good time was had by all, including the Easter bunny, who took time from his busy schedule to attend. The Civic Association's next event is the Willow Ridge Garage Sale scheduled for Friday, June 8th and Saturday June 9th. For additional information, please contact event chair Joe Battaglia @ 564-0737.

The 2012 - 2013 budget vote for the Sweet Home School District is scheduled for Tuesday May 15 at the Norman C. Vergils Community Center at the high school. Attached is the website for information; <http://district.shs.k12.ny.us/1213Budget>.

In closing, I would like to personally thank Neil Cuomo for his efforts over the past several years in organizing the Willow Ridge Family Picnic at Bedford Park. Unfortunately, Neil will not be able to chair this year's event and the Board is hoping that someone else will volunteer to help. I would also like to thank Pat Land for helping to maintaining the ball diamonds at the elementary school.

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! Debby VonLangen, Editor



Willow Ridge Garden Club



General business meeting will be held at Menne's Nursery at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2012. Program: Menne's Nursery staff will have a class on spring clean up for our gardens. There will be refreshments and opportunities to shop. Joan Robinson 691-



Are you ready? 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!

Willow Ridge Playground Committee 3rd Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Sunday June 3, 2012 1 PM
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Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of 2012!

SUNY Geneseo Graduate

Congratulations to Michael A. Vizzi of Kaymar Drive on his May graduation from SUNY Geneseo. Michael has accepted a Teaching position in Chicago, Illinois with Teach for America. *We are so proud of all you have accomplished and wish you the best in this next journey of your life. You are a true inspiration and blessing to your family and friends and we will miss you!!! We love you and pray for God's continued blessing in your life.*

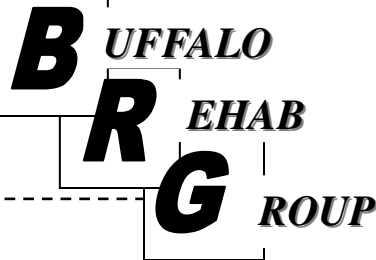
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WRCA Minutes April 10, 2012

President Ed Goetz called the meeting to order at 7:34 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, Bill VanSplunder, Mark Hammer and Carol Zaffram. Also in attendance were Cam Hill, advertising chair, Charlotte VanSplunder, James Newbert, and Jeff Carlino.

Secretary Minutes: Minutes were approved and a motion was made by Jim Cwierley to approve the secretary minutes from the March meeting. Karen Tyno seconded and board approval followed.

Treasurer Report: Rick VonLangen reported that there were two additional Civic Association members paid dues since the last meeting. It was noted that the cost to print the directory was reduced this year because it had fewer pages. Costs of Dinner Dance and Easter Party were discussed. More details will be reported when final receipts are submitted. Karen Tyno made a motion to approve, seconded by Mark Hammer and board approval was granted.

President's Report: Ed Goetz shared that the Town of Amherst Highway Department is implementing a new traffic flow program that will affect Willow Ridge and South Ellicott Streets. It will take several months to implement. No additional correspondences were received this month.

New Business: Ed Goetz noted that discussions of the 2012-2013 budget should begin shortly. An email has been sent to Joe Battaglia regarding further discussion about the neighborhood garage sale. Ed has also reached out to Neil Cuomo regarding the Family Picnic. Attendance has decreased in recent years, putting the event in jeopardy. Several ideas were discussed to help reinvigorate the event. Pat Land will continue to help with the annual maintenance of the baseball diamond but will need volunteers. Mark Hammer inquired if it was possible to purchase a pitcher's mound. *(Continued on page 6)*

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Great News from the Willow Ridge Playground Committee!!!

We will be installing the new playground on Friday June 8th, and Saturday June 9th. We can use **a lot** of help. If you wish to volunteer to help us, or make a tax deductible financial donation please contact Kristin Cioppa @ 691-7407. You do not need construction experience to help and no children are allowed on the site under the age of 17. We are looking for a few gentlemen who do have construction experience. We could use 5 construction workers each day. We also need 15 volunteers the first day and 20 volunteers the next day. If you wish to donate a food item or beverage for these days please contact Sue Yencer @ 870- 1695, this could be a 2 liter of pop, a case of water, a bag of chips or a dish to pass. We will also need



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Committee Reports: Dawn Cwierley and Connie Holovics reported that 51 adults and 51 children attended the Easter Party on March 31. All seemed to enjoy themselves. Ideas were discussed for next year.

Open Forum: Jim Cwierley noted that eight Willow Ridge residents completed Community Emergency Response Team training. Sue Van Splunder (AKA Charlotte) was at the meeting and recognized. Additional training will be made available and details will be shared.

It was noted that future meetings should be used to discuss National Night Out, October Fest and the role of block representatives.

Mark Hammer reported that the Sweet Home School budget vote is coming up in May.

Sue Van Splunder reported that she is listed under two addresses in the 2012 directory and volunteered to assist with proofing the 2013 directory.

Adjournment: With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Debbie Goetz and seconded Jim Cwierley to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 8, at the Elliott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary, Dawn M. Cwierley

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Denrose	raised ranch	3BR, 2ba	1760 SqFt	\$136.5K
Kaymar	colonial	4BR, 2.5ba	2400 SqFt	\$197.5K
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Rockdale	colonial	1.5ba	1818 SqFt	\$187K
Sweetwood N	split	3BR, 1.5ba	1718 SqFt	\$169K
Willow Green	colonial	4BR, 1.5ba	2034 SqFt	\$172K
Willow Green	ranch	3BR, 1ba	1250 SqFt	\$149.9K
Willow Green	ranch	3BR, 1.5ba	1744 SqFt	\$160K
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Neighborhood News



Congratulations

Rick and Debby VonLangen of 221 North Brier Road happily announce the birth of grandchild #5 (and grand daughter #4). Chloe Mae Krystek was born March 29, 2012, tipping the scale at 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20.75" long. Chloe is the third daughter of Audrey and John Krystek, and joins her loving, big sisters, Brianna and Olivia who are quite willing to give her plenty of attention and advice.



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WRCA Easter Party Memories!

