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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, June 12

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors

With summer right around the corner and the school year drawing to a close, please be aware of increased activity within the neighborhood, especially children playing. The June meeting of the WRCA is the last meeting before our summer recess. When we reconvene in September, our focus will be to identify new board members to fill vacancies beginning January 1, 2013. Anyone interested in becoming a member, please contact the Board for further information.

A special thanks to Joe Battaglia for once again coordinating our annual Garage Sale, I hope everyone that participated was successful! I would also like to congratulate all of our college graduates; best wishes on pursuing your dreams!

On a final note, Please mark your calendars for National Night Out, which is scheduled for Tuesday August 7; more details to follow in upcoming newsletters. Our next and final meeting before our summer recess is Tuesday June 12.

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 throughout June and July, but to insure the July edition, please submit by June 8. Submissions that do not make it into the July issue will appear in the August 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

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 Garden Club

Meeting: June, 6, 2012; 7pm at Zion United Church, 15 Koenig Circle. Program: Now we get our chance to play in cement. We will have the opportunity to see how to make hypertufas, stepping stones, leaves, and troughs. Our instructor will be Anne Brierley, and she will show us how to make these garden delights. Joan Robinson 691-8397



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
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Are you social, dynamic, motivated, and willing to work for some extra cash? How about a paid position in the WRCA??? An **Advertising Sales/Coordinator is Wanted** to handle ads for the *Wind-in-Willows* and Directory. Interested candidates may contact Ed Goetz (691-7079) or Cam Hill (906-1118).



The Swimkins Synchronized Swim Team would like to thank everyone who contributed to our recent can and bottle drive. It was a great success and we appreciate your help.

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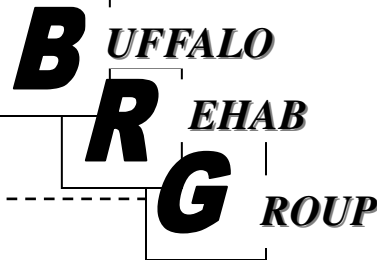
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WRCA Minutes May 8, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Ed Goetz. Also present were Karen Tyno, Vice President, and Rick VonLangen, Treasurer. Board members Bill VanSplunder, Carol Zaffram, Debbie Goetz, Connie Holovics and Mark Hammer. Also in attendance were Ben Procopio, Jim Neubert, Angela Sampman and Kathie Johnson.

Secretary Minutes: Minutes were approved and a motion was made by Karen Tyno to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Carol Zaffram seconded and board approval followed.

Treasurer Report: Rick VonLangen reported that three additional Civic Association members paid dues since the last meeting. Rick noted that the expenses for next month will be high due to several scheduled payouts. Bill VanSplunder made a motion to approve, seconded by Karen Tyno.

President's Report: President Ed Goetz presented to the board a request by the Willow Ridge Playground Committee asking the WRCA to sponsor a hole at their upcoming golf tournament at a fee of \$100. The board unanimously voted in favor of supporting this request.

Old Business:

Willow Ridge Community Garage Sale will be Fri., June 8th and Sat., June 9th. Joe Battaglia has agreed to chair this event. He will handle advertising, signage and maps.

Family Picnic – due to lack of support Neil Como does not wish to chair this event any longer. Since this event is without a chairperson, the board voted to cancel it for 2012. Picnic ideas were discussed to do this event in a different format next year.

Ball Diamonds – the ball diamond maintenance at Willow Ridge school is complete. Thank you to Pat Land who coordinated this event. Thank you to the Boy Scouts for their assistance, along with Jim Cewelry, Ed Goetz, Andrew Goetz & Karen Tyno. Pat offered to coordinate this event next year as long as we can get more volunteers to help. It was suggested that we contact the high school to see if there are student needing community service hours that can help out.

New Business: Budget- Fiscal year ends June 30. President Ed Goetz presented a projected budget. Board will take a vote at the June meeting.

Fall Festival: Mark Hammer is working with a new

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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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President Willow Ridge Playground Committee

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restaurant on Niagara Falls Blvd. about putting an event together at their venue. It was also suggested that we look into Average Joe's, rent a shelter at Ellicott Creek Park, or look into renting the firehall across from Lebro's. Mark will look into all these suggestions.

Advertising Sales: Cam Hill is no longer able to volunteer his time at this position. We will advertise for an individual to do the sales position for the *Wind-in-the-Willows* and the Directory as well as the directory assembly. Welcome Committee: Debbie Goetz and Karen Tyno will now supply a directory and welcome letter to new residents. They would also like to have some type of gift to give to new families. They went to three homes to find out that these residents had already joined the association!

Open Forum: Kathie Johnson & Angela Sampman introduce themselves to the board as part of the CERT TEAM. They came to speak about the program they just completed and suggested that the CERT program have a better location for their table at National Night Out. They also recommended that all the individuals that completed the CERT Program be recognized in the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. There was inquiry about the building vacated by Walmart as to future use of the building. It was also noted that the grass that Benchmark is responsible to maintain was overgrown. Carol Zaffram volunteered to contact Benchmark regarding this matter. An inquiry as to who is responsible to maintain the wooded property behind Anderson's

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was made. This is owned by the Town of Amherst. Ed Goetz will contact Bob Anderson of the highway department to see if this can be addressed. Easter party pictures in this month's *WITW* were enjoyed by everyone. Connie Holovic will get them to the webmaster so they may be viewed on the website.

Adjournment: With no further items for discussion, Mark Hammer made a motion to adjourn/seconded by Karen Tyno at 8:23 pm. The next meeting is Tues., June 12, at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall; 7:30 pm. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome. Respectfully Submitted, Debbie Goetz for Sec. Dawn M. Cwierley

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Pool: Intex 18ft. X 4 ft., includes 2 cartridges never been opened, 2 salt generators, 1 never been used; ladder, solar cover, regular cover, tarp, filter, pool toys, \$100.00. Sharon or Dan @ 564-2773



Neighborhood News



Welcome

Belated welcome to... Brian & Beth Rieman at 86 Brookpark. Brian and Beth moved to Willow Ridge in December...and to Bill & Sue VanSplunder at 246 Willow Green. Bill & Sue moved from Florida to Willow Ridge in December. They attended the January Willow Ridge Civic Association board meeting, and Bill was kind enough to volunteer as a board member.

Sweetwood Drive neighbors wish to welcome Chris and Erin Michaels to the Willow Ridge community. Chris and Erin have moved into # 43 and can be reached at 228-9286. Chris works for First Niagara and Erin for Ingram Micro. Besides the usual business of unpacking and getting settled in their new home, they are also making plans for one of the bedrooms to be a baby's room as Erin is expecting their first child in October. Congratulations and again welcome!

Need to welcome a new neighbor to Willow Ridge? Contact Debbie Goetz, 691-7079 OR Karen Tyno, 691-4461 for a welcome letter & directory.



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June 2012

Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of 2012!

U.S. Customs & Border Protection Academy and D'Youville College Graduates

We are fortunate to have two graduations in this most busy month of May. On the 16th, Ian graduated from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Academy in Brunswick, GA. He will be completing his training and working at one of the Canadian border crossings. Rachel completed her studies at D'Youville College and received her Master's Degree in dietetics on the 19th. She will take her state boards later this year to complete her R.D. (Registered Dietitian) *We are very proud of you both, love Mom, Dad and Justin.* Scott and Pam McNess; 62 Manor Oak Dr

University of Buffalo Graduate

Jennifer Pettapiece, 20 Westcliffe Dr., BA in Psychology. *We are so proud of you. You set your goals high and worked hard to accomplish them. We wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors. Love Dad, Mom, Christy, and Amy*

Canisius College and Nardin Academy Graduates

Congratulations to Sara Zapalowski of Sweetwood Dr.N, on her graduation from Nardin Academy. Sara will be attending Canisius College for Special Education in the fall. Congratulations also are in order for her brother, Eric Zapalowski, on his graduation from Canisius College with a Bachelor's in Biology and on his acceptance to D'Youville College's School of Pharmacy. *I am so proud of both of you and all that you have accomplished! Love always, Mom*

Sweet Home High School Graduate

Patrick Griffin, 86 Dalewood. *Patrick, we are all so proud of you and all your accomplishments over the years. You have become a wonderful young man. It's time to begin a new chapter in your life. We know you will embrace the challenge and face it head on with your great work ethic and sense of humor. The sky's the limit! Good luck at Brockport, we can't wait to cheer you on at their roller hockey games. We will miss you at home!!! Love, Mom, Dad and Katie.*

Sweet Home High School Graduate

Stephanie Izard of 432 Willow Green Drive, will be attending Cornell University where she will study Biochemistry and run track. *Stephanie, we are extremely proud of your hard work and we wish you tremendous success in the future. Love, Mom, Dad and Melanie.*

Sweet Home High School Graduate

Katherine Betz, 35 Willow Lane, plans to pursue a degree in Biology at the University at Buffalo. *Katie, you've made us very proud - Mom and Dad*

Sweet Home High School Graduate

Congratulations to Zachary Skinner on his June Graduation from Sweet Home High School. *We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. You have such a positive attitude and never let life get you down. We love you very much! Love, Mom, Ron*

