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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, October 9

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors

October is a very important month for the WRCA; it's when we kick-off our annual membership drive, which is the life-blood of the organization. Every homeowner will receive a copy of the newsletter along with an invoice for joining the Association. As always, our goal is to keep residents informed of the programs/activities being offered, work towards resolving homeowner complaints, and more important, what's going on in our neighborhood. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

In addition to our membership drive, October is also the month for canvassing new board members. I'm happy to report that the majority of the existing Board is returning, but we do have openings for two (2) new members. The sole purpose of the Civic Association is for the mutual benefit of all residents in Willow Ridge. This is one of the largest and longest chartered organizations in Erie County and its survival is contingent on a viable and functioning Board. That's why donating a small amount of your time benefits everyone in the community. If you need more information, contact any board member. Please, help out by getting involved!

Our next event is the Children's Halloween Party on Saturday October 27 @ Willow Ridge Elementary. See the newsletter for more information.

Our next meeting is Tuesday October 9 @ 7:30 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Sincerely,

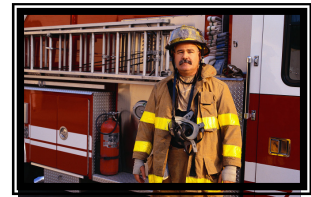
Ed Goetz



OCTOBER IS
WRCA
MEMBERSHIP
RENEWAL TIME!
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ELLICOTT CREEK FIRE COMPANY

**Annual Open House
Saturday, October 13, 2012
1pm—4pm**



Meet and greet with *real firefighters* * See *real fire trucks* in action * Walk through a *real smoke house* * Dive team and firefighting demonstrations * Law enforcement K-9 demonstrations * *UNYTS* blood drive Noon—4pm * Chicken BBQ sale

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Who will win the *Christmas Lighting Contest* this year? Find out in January! Winners and Honorable Mentions will be listed in the January 2013 *Wind-in-the-Willows!*

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- ◆ Weddings ◆ Showers ◆ Anniversaries ◆ Seminars
- ◆ Business Meetings ◆ Luncheons ◆ Dinner Dances
- ◆ Funeral Brunches ◆ Cocktail Parties

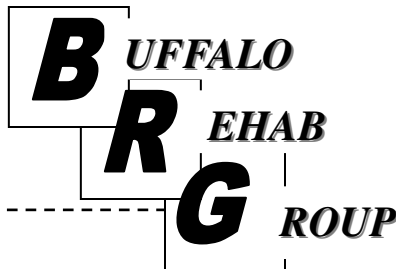
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Join WRCA or Renew your Membership NOW WRCA 2013 Membership Drive Begins October 1st

Membership fees remain the same as 2012 - \$14.00 if sent by November 15th and \$15.00 if sent after November 15th.

The 2013 Membership Drive provide two methods to join WRCA or renew your membership – an invoice system or on-line via PayPal. Payment deadline is December 31st.

Invoice: Your invoice is in this *Wind-in-the-Willows* along with an addressed return envelope.

PayPal payment: You can access PayPal, a secure method to make your payment via the WRCA website - www.wrca.info.

Join or Renew to ensure:

Wind-in-the-Willows will be delivered to your home monthly. Our monthly newsletter – provides many details about the latest happenings in Willow Ridge and the upcoming free events for the children. It also contains neighborhood news, our own free “Classified” section, and notices of special activities. If you prefer to receive WITW via e-mail only, please check “*Going Green*” on the invoice information.

2013 WRCA Directory will be delivered to your home in March 2013. Our community directory – includes a neighborhood listing, money saving coupons, services and businesses in our community. In addition there are important phone numbers. You will also find a babysitter listing, a detailed map of our community, a guide to our annual events, and more!

E-WIND – if you provide your e-mail address on the invoice information, you will receive *Wind-in-the-Willows* electronically as well as a hard copy. You can choose the electronic only option by checking the “*Going Green*” option. You will also receive e-mail notification of events within our community.

We respect your privacy. We will not be publishing e-mail addresses, and will continue our policy of not sharing our membership information with anyone.

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Tote Storage

Many people are unaware that the Town of Amherst requires that garbage and recycling totes be stored inside the garage or behind the house. Let's do our part to keep our neighborhood picture perfect! Thank you, Willow Ridge!



Willow Ridge Membership=

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***Breaking News**

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WRCA MINUTES September 12, 2012

President Ed Goetz called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Also present were Vice President Karen Tyno, Treasurer Rick VonLangen. Board members present were Jim Cwierley, Debbie Goetz, Bill VanS-plunder, Carol Zaffram and Connie Holovics. Also in attendance were Lynn Getzin, Membership Chair and Tom Amodeo.

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

Treasurer Report: Rick VonLangen reported that there is currently \$10,515.22 in the bank. Bills for editor, printing, and National Night Out have all been paid. Jim Cwierley made a motion to approve, seconded by Karen Tyno and board approval was granted.

President's Report: Ed Goetz had nothing to report.

Old Business: National Night out was attended by over 286 individuals. John Miller and Bob Sieman did a great job coordinating the event. It was discussed how well the event is attended and enjoyed by all.

President Ed Goetz discussed that many of the board members terms are up in December and asked if they would be returning. Six will be returning, three will not, one member was not present, and there was one new volunteer. Carol Zaffram offered to reach out to the Willow Ridge PTA and the Boy Scouts to explain the association and the need for volunteers. It was also requested that Ed Goetz discuss the Association in his monthly letter.

Membership: Lynn Getzin asked for board approval of the membership invoice. Board approval was granted. All households in the neighborhood will be sent a *Wind-in-the-Willows* and an invoice for the month of October. The board also discussed printing email addresses in the directory. It was voted unanimously not to print them.

The Junior Recreation Committee noted that the Children's Halloween Party will be Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 12:30 to 2:30 at Willow Ridge Elementary.

Jim Cwierley reported that the CERT team is formally under way creating their disaster response plan. Jim also mentioned that there will be information forthcoming regarding a neighborhood watch program.

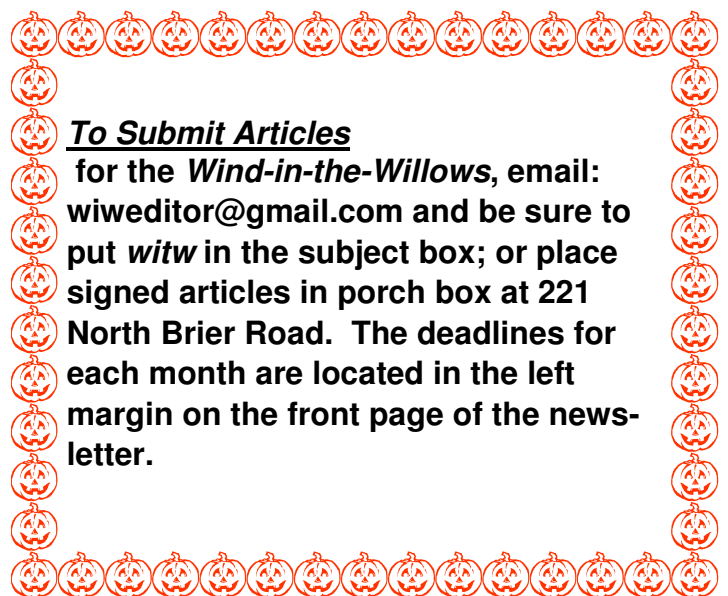
Open Forum: Discussion was continued about the role of the block reps. The committee put together in June will continue to update this program.

New events within the association were discussed at length. Currently, no new events are planned. It was suggested working with Average Joe's for a pay one price Octoberfest as the Town of Amherst has not been able to give a firm response about using Bedford Park for this event. Several ideas were mentioned for the future events and various board members are willing to look into these ideas. It was also discussed that the board put a survey together asking the community what type of events they would like to see.

Tom Amodeo offered to help with social media for the association.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jim Cwierley and seconded by Carol Zaffram to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Goetz
For Secretary Dawn M. Cwierley.



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 news-
letter.

**Neighborhood
News**



Welcome

Neighbors on Brookpark would like to extend a hearty welcome to Eric Sonnenberger and Jessica Mayer who have moved into #110. May you have many happy years here in Willow Ridge!

Congratulations

Sylvia and Jim Nealon of Brookpark Dr. welcome their first grandchild to the family. Eamon McSherry Nealon was born on September 4 at 8lb, 4 oz to proud parents, Sean and Lauren Nealon. The happy family resides in Redlands, California.

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

THANK YOU

A big thank you for Dave Tirado, Jack and Wendy Hauenstein for making the fundraiser in August a success! We want to thank Classics Family RV Rental, the many local businesses, the many friends, customers, co-workers, bakers, the many that made baskets, and the neighbors in this community for their generosity. Dave was blessed beyond belief. Thank you for being wonderful neighbors and caring so.



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At the Ellicott Creek Fire Department

Wanted: Board Members

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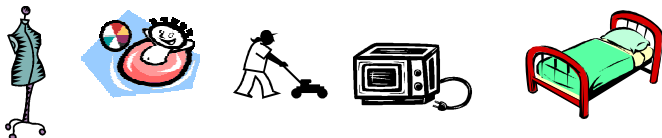
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Household: Lighted evergreen style garlands, 24' long, \$20. ea. Or 2/\$35. 691-9197

Household: China cabinet, walnut-mahogany, 75" H x 58" L x 16" W, excellent condition, \$100. * Wine rack, standing burnt wrought iron, holds 20 bottles, strong and in excellent condition, \$25. * King-size bedspread, powder blue, new, unused and lovely, \$25. 691-3599

Instrument: Piano, KRAKAUER, smaller upright, excellent condition, bench, pad, cassette teaching course, some music. \$300 691-8538,

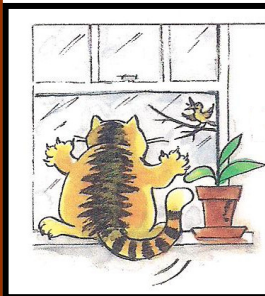
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The Swimkins swim club would like to thank everyone in Willow Ridge that donated to their recent can/bottle drive. The club raised \$720 that will be sent to the Johnson family that lost their home and daughter due to a propane explosion in July. We also received cash donations. We all know that Willow Ridge neighbors are the best and now the Johnson family knows that too. Our club was touched with the kindness and support shown for this worthy cause. I also want to apologize to any house that we may have missed., we tried our best to find every bag. The weather made it a little challenging that day.

October 2012

Keep the Kids Safe!

Local school kids are back to school. The WRCA reminds drivers to be extra vigilant and drive smart in residential areas and school zones. A few reminders to help keep your kids safe while walking and biking to and school. Please ask them to:

- Always cross the street with an adult until age 10
- Cross the street at corners using traffic signals & crosswalks
- Look left, right and left again prior to crossing
- Wear bright or reflective clothing to increase visibility
- Always walk, never run when crossing streets
- Walk on sidewalks or paths
- Walk facing traffic or as far away from the road as possible if there are no sidewalks
- Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars
- Reduce distractions – Stay Alert! – Don't text or keep headphones on while walking
- If riding a bike, scooter or skateboard, ALWAYS wear the appropriate helmet – walk, don't ride across the street and use hand signals

For parents and drivers:

- Slow down & be alert in residential areas and school zones
- Reduce distractions inside your car
- Be sure all the riders in your vehicle are properly restrained, everyone should have their own seat belt
- Remember, children under 13 are safer in the back seat, and it's the law.



Kids, join us for some

G-G-Ghostly fun!!

Children's Halloween Party

Saturday, October 27, 2012

12:30 to 2:30

Willow Ridge Elementary.

