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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors

I'm happy to report that our membership drive, which began October 1st for the upcoming year, is off to a very good start and the association continues to appreciate everyone's support. **Just a reminder, pay your dues by November 15th and receive a \$1.00 discount.**

At our Board Meeting in October a motion was made and accepted to provide current members with a survey for future events. Our goal is to gather information on the types of activities the community is interested in and to gauge the level of participation. The Board also agreed to implement a "Keynote Speaker Series" throughout the upcoming year where officials from the Town of Amherst, Police Department, School District etc. can provide information specific to Willow Ridge and neighboring communities; more details to follow.

In case you haven't noticed as you enter Willow Ridge, our sign has been refurbished. A special thanks goes out to Barry Moir for once again donating his time and efforts; thank you Barry! I would also like to thank Dawn Cwierley, Connie Holovics and their assistants for organizing the Annual WRCA Children's Halloween Party at the Elementary School, which is always well attended and fun for all.

Mark your calendars for our next and most popular event! The 4th Annual Wine Tasting at Classics V on Saturday January 26, 2013. A portion of the proceeds will be used for the WRCA Scholarship Fund and the balance to be determined by the Board at a later date. See upcoming newsletters for more information, or contact Jim Prentice @ 691-8915. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 13 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Sincerely,

Ed Goetz

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, November 13

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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Please take a moment today to send in your WRCA membership. See page 3.

Tis the Season of good deeds from Cub Scout Pack 173

HOLIDAY CARD DELIVERY

As a community service for Willow Ridge, Cub Scout Pack 173 will be delivering holiday cards throughout the community. Drop off your cards into the collection bin that will be located at **733 Edgewater Drive**. The bin will be available from Friday, November 25 up until 5 pm Thursday, December 8th. All cards will be delivered by Sunday, December 18th. Please make sure your cards are clearly labeled with the recipients name and street address. For the safety of our scouts, we will only deliver to residential homes within Willow Ridge. We regret that we cannot deliver to apartments, condos, the elder care facility or Ellicott Creek Drive North.



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CANS FOR CUBS 2012

Our annual pop can/bottle collection drive is on Saturday, January 7, 2012 from 10am—1pm. Money earned from the returns will be donated to a charitable organization to be determined at a later date. On Saturday, January 7, please leave your NY stamped returnable cans & bottles in a plastic bag on your front porch or driveway. Our scouts and their parents will be coming around to pick them up between the hours of 10am and 1pm. You can also deliver them to 27 Jonathan Place, or call 691-8713 to arrange a pickup. Only NY stamped returnable pop/beer cans & bottles will be accepted (no recyclables or wine/liquor bottles). Last year's drive enabled us to donate \$500 for a pathway brick in Roswell Park's Walk of Life & Garden of Hope. An additional \$200 was donated to the North Tonawanda Red Jackets (Don Miller Park).





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Join or Renew Now

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.

Shorten your “TO DO” list – join/renew now!

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

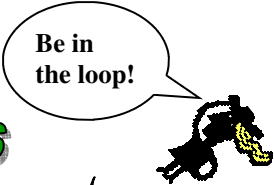
Willow Ridge Membership=

***Monthly Newsletter**

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***Breaking News**

***And Reminders via E-Wind**



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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.

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WRCA Minutes October 9, 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 Bill VanSplunder. Also present were advertising and sale representative, Cam Hill and *Wind-In-the-Willows* editor, Debby VonLangen. Community attendees included Tom Amodeo, Judi Moran, Jim Neubert, and Karen DeMeester.

Secretary Minutes: A motion was made by Jim Cwierley to approve the secretary minutes from the September meeting. Ed Goetz seconded and board approval followed.

Treasurer Report: Rick VonLangen reported that the bills had all come and were paid for National Night Out. In addition, he reported that the current account balance is \$8544. and that membership renewals were still coming in. Debbie Goetz made a motion to approve, seconded by Jim Cwierley and board approval was granted.

President's Report: Ed Goetz reported that a complaint had come in regarding the number of advertisement signage showing up in the neighborhood. Ed will further address this with Neil Cuomo and reach out to the town to review code enforcement.

Old Business: Ed Goetz reminded everyone that we are looking to fill board seats for the new year, starting in January 2013. Our bylaws require an executive committee of four people and six board members. Those interesting in serving should reach out to Cam Hill or Neil Cuomo.

Dawn Cwierley and Connie Holovics reported that plans are underway for Children's Halloween Party. Promotion has already started online, via posters, and neighborhood signage. Dawn reinforced that the Junior Recreation Committee currently consists of only she and Connie and additional volunteers are necessary to ensure the future of these events. Please reach out to either of them.

A question was raised by community members regarding action take regarding vacant homes in the area. Neighbors are advised to raise concerns relative to these homes to the town and police.

New Business: Ed Goetz noted that the Executive Committee positions will be rolling over this year and others should contact him if interested in the positions.

Cam Hill is currently our advertising and sales representative. Karen Tyno will be taking over this position. Ed Goetz will continue to do the directory.

Jim Cwierley discussed a need to keep community members engaged in the Willow Ridge Community. He will be

creating a survey to address various questions with the neighborhood using various methods. All participants will be entered into a drawing for a gift card from a location to be announced. Jim also discussed planning a schedule of speakers for meetings in the future. The board was in favor.

Committee Reports: The annual Wine Tasting event will be held on January 26 and the Snow Flake Dinner Dance will be held on March 2.

Adjournment: With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made Jim Cwierley and seconded Debbie Goetz to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 13, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted, Secretary, Dawn M. Cwierley.



Willow Ridge Garden Club

The next meeting is November 7 at 7pm

Business: to include the presentation of the slate of officers for next year.

Program: our vice president, Dianne Sipple, who has an extensive background in flower arranging and decoration, will lead us into a craft night which promises to be fun and rewarding.

Joan Robinson, 691-8397



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Neighborhood News



Sympathy

The family of Marcy Bryndle of Willow Green Dr. sadly announce her passing on September 11, 2012. Marcy and her husband Ron had been married for 50 years. They have been Willow Ridge residents since building their first home here in 1965. Marcy has served as block rep, WRCA directory editor, ladies bowling team member and was a Sweet Home school bus driver for 16 years. Many will also remember her love & healing care of so many animals and wildlife over the years. Her daughter Kris and son David are also raising their families in WR. Marcy enjoyed attending many community events with her 5 grandchildren & 3 great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and neighbors.

Farewell

Friends from Rockdale Drive and the Willow Ridge community wish Paul and Gussie Stefano much happiness in their new home in Williamsville, NY. We miss you but hopefully we will see you when you visit your son and family on North Brier Road.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Lesley and Glen Longley and family who recently moved to 99 Rockdale Dr. from Waverly, New York. They are originally from Johannesburg, South Africa and have lived stateside for 14 years with their four children. Glen is employed by International Equipment Solutions and Lesley is a homemaker and has done afterschool care. Michele and her husband live in Kenmore and will become first time parents of twins in May. Hayley, who will get married in May, lives in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Robert recently graduated from Stony Brook University with a degree in journalism and Michael is a junior at UB majoring in political science and urban planning. This delightful family who can be reached at 691-4928.

Congratulations

Friends on Sweetwood Drive are thrilled 2 times over for Chris and Erin Michaels. They are the proud parents of twin boys born on September 24th. Justin arrived at 6lb 9oz and thirty-one minutes later Joshua made his entrance weighing 6lb 8oz. We're sure they will enjoy many happy years in the Willow Ridge neighborhood.

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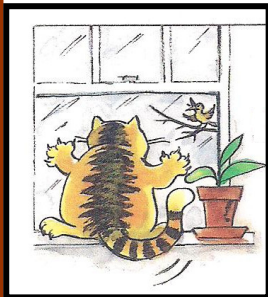


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As the weather starts to get cooler, we will start to see evidence of wildlife coming closer to our homes in search of food. If unwanted critters find your property tasty, chances are good that they will start visiting more often. Your first step should be to eliminate what is tempting them.

- Be sure your trash is always covered.
- Never leave unprotected animal food outside at night.
- Remove any fruits, nuts, or berries that have fallen to the ground.

While the above food sources are the most common culprits that attract animals, there are more. If any of these exist on your property, do your best to minimize or eliminate them.

- Compost heaps containing bones, fruit rinds and egg shells.
- Large numbers of ground dwelling insects under dead leaves and foliage.
- Easily accessible water sources.
- Bird feeder spills.

Always be cautious when around wildlife - they could have rabies. If you see an animal acting strangely, disoriented, foaming at the mouth or overly aggressive - get away from it and call animal control. Dawn Cwierley



November 2012

Willow Ridge Evenings to Remember

Advance Notice—Save the dates!

4th Annual Wine Tasting

Saturday January 26, 2013 at
Classics.



Snowflake Dinner Dance

Saturday March 2, 2013

Details to follow.

