

# Wind-in-the-Willows

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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, December 11 7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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### From the President's Desk

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors

At November's meeting the Nominating Committee finalized both the Executive Committee and Board Member nominations and for the first time in many years, we have two well qualified individuals running for President (see below for the list of candidates). Voting for this important position will be held at December's meeting and I encourage anyone interested to attend.

Board Member Mark Hammer has scheduled a "round table" discussion with Superintendent of Schools Anthony Day and Willow Ridge Principal Dave Lovering. The tentative date is **Wednesday January 9, 2013** pending approval from the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall; check the bulletin board, E-wind, and facebook for updates.

Please check the newsletter for information on upcoming events and don't forget to fill out the Community Events Survey on our facebook page for the chance to win an Anderson's Gift Certificate. And if you haven't already sent in your membership dues, please do so at your earliest convenience.

On behalf of the entire WRCA Board, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

Our next meeting is Tuesday December 11 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Sincerely,

**Ed Goetz**

### 2013 WRCA Slate of Officers Nominated

President—Dawn Cwierley and Rick VonLangen

Vice President—Jim Cwierley

Treasurer—Ed Goetz

Secretary—Connie Holovics

Board Member—Tom Amodeo

Board Member—Mark Hammer

Board Member—Bill VanSplunder

Board Member—Carol Zaffram

(One more board position yet to be filled)

Residents are encouraged to come out and vote at the December meeting for one of the candidates for WRCA president. Those interested in the open board position may call Neil Cuomo at 691-3014.

# 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 23 up until 5 pm Thursday, December 13th. Weather permitting, all cards will be delivered Saturday, December 15th. 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.



## CANS FOR CUBS 2012

Cub Scout Pack 173 will be holding our annual pop can/bottle collection drive on Saturday, January 5, 2013 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 5, 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 to the Amherst Museum (Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village).



**Our apologies:** Please note that the above information was incorrect in last month's newsletter. The details are corrected in this month's articles. Thank you.



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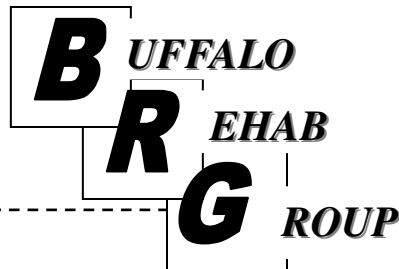
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## WRCA 2013 Membership Drive Is In Full Swing *Join or Renew Now – Deadline is December 31st*

Membership fees remain the same as 2012 -- \$15.00 if paid after November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Two payment methods:

Mail your check: Your invoice was sent with the October *Wind-in-the-Willows*. Please mail the invoice and your check to: WRCA, PO Box 86, Amherst, NY 14226. If you no longer have your invoice, please include name, address, phone number and e-mail address and children's names.

PayPal payment: You can access PayPal, a secure method to make your payment via the WRCA website - [www.wrca.info](http://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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Ho-Ho-Ho

Who would Know??



... the judges, that's who! They will be driving through the neighborhood on Friday, December 14 through Sunday, December 16 choosing the winners of this year's lighting contest! Ten \$25.00 gift cards remain up for grabs as we begin this year's challenge. Deck your house with holiday trimmings and dazzle the judges. Get creative in the holiday spirit with your neighbors and we will all watch as Willow Ridge into a fantasy land of lights and decoration. Who will win? Ho-ho-ho-who knows? Maybe it will be you!

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.

Go Bills!

## Willow Ridge Membership=

**\*Monthly Newsletter**

**\*Directory**

**\*Breaking News**

**\*And Reminders via**

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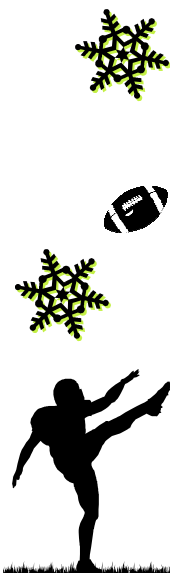
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## WRCA Minutes November 13, 2012

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 Debbie Goetz, Mark Hammer, Carol Zaffram, Jim Cwierley and Bill VanSplunder. Community attendees included Debby VonLangen, *Wind-in-the-Willows* editor and Cam Hill, advertising and sales.

**Secretary Minutes:** A motion was made by Carol Zaffram to approve the secretary minutes from the October meeting. Jim Cwierley seconded and board approval followed.

**Treasurer Report:** Rick VonLangen reported that the Halloween Party in October came in under budget as of this date. There is currently an account balance of \$10,724. It was agreed that the \$900 set aside for the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts would be divided appropriately. Debbie Goetz made a motion to approve, seconded by Jim Cwierley and board approval was granted.

**President's Report:** Ed Goetz reported that he had followed on up residents' complaints about advertising signage showing up on lawns. There seem to be few exceptions that to a very open law allowing for such signs.

**Old Business:** Jim Cwierley reported he had recently put a neighborhood event survey on Facebook and was already seeing positive responses.

Many individuals have shown an interest in more family events. Ed Goetz noted that Town of Amherst Supervisor Dr. Barry Weinstein has expressed an interest in coming to a meeting. Tony Day will also be scheduled. Watch the newsletter and Facebook for more details. Jim Cwierley also reminded the board that through the Community Emergency Response Team he has a direct line to the Town's Emergency Services Department.

**New Business:** The Nominating Committee of Cam Hill and Neil Como announced their slate of officers for the 2013 executive board including Connie Holovics for Secretary, Jim Cwierley for Vice President and Ed Goetz for Treasurer. Both Dawn Cwierley and Rick VonLangen were nominated for President and an election will be held at the December 11 meeting to decide who will hold the position. Residents are encouraged some to come out and vote.

Remaining board members are Mark Hammer, Bill VanSplunder, and Carol Zaffram. The board is pleased to welcome Tom Amodeo for 2013. It was suggested that one more board position be filled.

**Committee Reports:** The annual Children's Halloween Party was held on October 27 with more than 75 attendees. Photos from the event were posted on Facebook. Neil Cuomo will set the date for the Christmas lighting contest shortly. The Annual Wine Tasting event will be on January 13. Please watch for more details.

**Adjournment:** With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Debbie Goetz and seconded Jim Cwierley to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 11, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted, Secretary, Dawn M. Cwierley.



FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS...

We would like to extend our warmest thoughts and best wishes to all our neighbors, for a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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## Neighborhood News



### Sympathy

Neighbors and friends of Bill Hanna of Willow Green Drive wish to convey their deepest sympathy to his wife Colleen, his daughters Lori Coons and Julie Zgoda and their families. Bill passed away suddenly on November 9, 2012. He was a past president of the Willow Ridge Civic Association. Bill will be deeply missed by all who know him.

### Get Well

Friends and neighbors on Rockdale Drive wish Lesley Longley a speedy recovery after her recent knee surgery. Hopefully, she'll be back in tip-top shape ready for those twin grandchildren due in May!

We send Nancy Fleischauer of Rockdale Drive our best wishes after her recent surgery and wish her the very best.

### Farewell

We wish Pam and Eric Laubenstein of Rockdale Drive much happiness in their new home in Buffalo.

## Congratulations

Rockdale residents are thrilled to congratulate Debbie and Chuck Malarkey on the birth of their granddaughter born to Lauren and Chris Hemling on September 21, 2012. Harper Malarkey Hemling arrived early and weighed 4 lbs. 12oz. and was 18 in. long. She has made remarkable progress and is now over 8 lbs at 6 1/2 weeks of age. We wish the new family much joy and happiness with Harper!

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

# WELCOME

**Got Questions? Guest speakers to attend WRCA meeting.** Coming to a future WRCA Board meeting: Superintendent of Schools Anthony Day and Willow Ridge Principal Dave Lovering. The tentative date is **Wednesday January 9, 2013.** Watch for updates via the bulletin board at Convenient, E-wind, and facebook.



## Annual Santa Run and Food Drive Saturday, December 22, 2012 beginning at 4pm

It is time once again for our annual Santa run and food drive. Each year your kind and generous donations allow us to provide needed food supplies for our local food pantries. Last year you out did yourselves in giving over 2000 lbs. of food.

Starting at 4pm firefighters with Santa Claus will be coming around the community to greet the children and collect your donations. If you are not going to be home, please leave your donation in a well lighted location so firefighters can see it. As always if you wish you can drop off your donation to the fire station at 45 South Ellicott Creek Rd. beginning at 4:30pm.

Thank you again for your support with this important project and from all the members of the Ellicott Creek volunteer fire company, we wish you a happy, safe and healthy holiday season.

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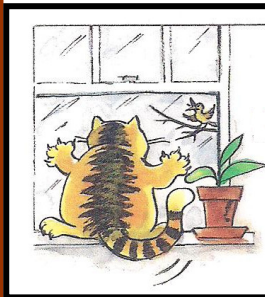
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From the  
WRCA  
Board




Willow Ridge Garden Club  
The next meeting is December 8

Business: a short general business meeting will be conducted to include any additional nominations from the floor followed by the election of the slate of officers for the 2013-2014 calendar year.

Program: "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." Christmas Luncheon at Noon at the Buffalo Yacht Club, foot of Porter Avenue, Buffalo. If you care to participate in this year's gift exchange, bring a homemade gift or one purchased at a craft show. Joan Robinson, 691-8397

**Poinsettia Sale Reminder:**

If you purchased poinsettias, please pick up plants on day of delivery, Friday, Dec. 7 at 4280-F Chestnut Ridge Rd. If you are unable to pick up your order by 3pm, please make arrangements for someone else to do so. Thank you again for your support!



## December 2012

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### Willow Ridge Evenings to Remember

***Willow Ridge Civic Association***

*Presents a fundraiser*

***Wine Tasting Night***

*Hosted by Butler's Wine and Spirits*

**Saturday January 26, 2013**

**7pm-10pm - At Classics V**

\$25 per person – includes wine tasting and appetizers

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***Willow Ridge Civic Association***

*A classic tradition returns*

***Snowflake Dinner Dance***

**Saturday, March 2, 2013**

**Classics V**

It is still only \$70/couple for a delightful evening of dinner and dancing. The holidays are a perfect time to begin plans with friends and neighbors to gather near once more well after Christmas. (An "IOU a Snowflake Dinner Dance ticket" would make a nice stocking stuffer, yes?)

Tables accommodate 10 for all your friends, but if you have a smaller group, there will be room for the friends you haven't met yet.

Details are in the works, so watch this space for updates. In the fickle month of March, whether we're celebrating the end of the flakes or still dealing with them, this event will warm your spirit!