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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors

I hope everyone had a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season, and best wishes for the new year.

At our meeting in December, Superintendent of Schools Anthony Day discussed the upcoming budget gap due in part to a decline in state aid and increased taxes. A task force has been charged with making recommendations aimed at increasing revenue; no decisions will be made until February. Mr. Day's presentation was very informative and it gave those who attended an opportunity to address their concerns.

The WRCA is in need of your help! We currently have an opening for one Board Member and a Junior Recreation Director. Anyone interested in becoming more involved in the neighborhood, please contact any Board Member.

On a final note, a special thanks goes out to Bob Foladare, Patty Daddario, John Valkowich, and Pat Land for their contributions over the past two years.

Please check the newsletter for information on the CERT Program, the 3rd Annual Wine Tasting, and the Snow Flake Dinner Dance.

Sincerely,

Ed Goetz

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, January 10

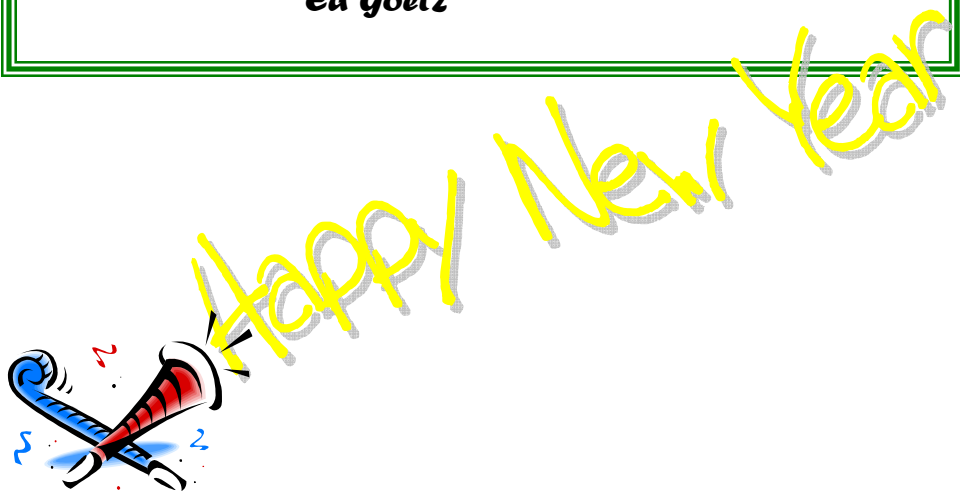
7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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WRCA 2012 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



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Neighborhood News



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Ed's two sons and their families also live in Willow Ridge; Jeff and Joanie live on Willow Green and Ed and Debbie live on N. Sweetwood with their two sons. Ed and Lorraine's daughter Lisa and her family live in Austin, Texas but are home often. Having Ed for my neighbor for last 22 years has been a blessing for me and my family. Many friends and neighbors extend their sincere sympathy to all the family.

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Willow Ridge Civic Association

Amherst, NY

Presents a fundraiser

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Hosted by Mark Butler's Sheridan Plaza Liquors

Saturday January 28th 2012

7pm-10pm - At Classics V

\$25 per person - includes wine tasting and appetizers

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2011 HOLIDAY LIGHTING



This may have been the toughest year to judge. It is an inexact science and we may have missed some deserving ones along the way. Congratulations to everyone! The neighborhood never looked better. I hope everyone enjoyed the displays as much as we did. Congratulations to the following 25 winners of \$ 10 Gift Certificates to Willow Ridge Convenient. Congratulations, Neil Cuomo.

The 25 winners:

51 AMBERWOOD DRIVE
1100 CHESTNUT RIDGE
276 DENROSE DRIVE
748 EDGEWATER
25 KAYMAR
492 KAYMAR
694 KAYMAR
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HONORABLE MENTION: Amberwood: 3,20,28,91,131,139, Beaumont: 2,77, Black Spruce: 26,33,34,49, Brookpark: 37,46 Button Bush: 19, Chestnut Ridge: 1030, Dalewood: 13,123, Denrose: 269,281,289,327,348,411 Edgewater: 733,752,759,779,821,832,868 Elderwood: 12,28 Grasspointe: 47,103,111 Hubbardston: 100,112 Jeanmoor: 17,61,153 Jonathan: 15,57, Kaymar: 89,208,384,493,501,574,669,701,733,734 Manor Oak: 50,85 Maricrest: 20,31,49,50,55 North Brier: 41,66,72,114,132,184,245, Parkhaven: 82,87,114,175,183,190,207,214,215 Peppertree: 305, Red Maple: 4,36,37, Rockdale Ct: 241 Rockdale: 50,99,114,122,209 Roundwood: 23, Rumson: 38, S Ellicott Creek: 293,301,619 Sweetwood: 44,56,104 Sweetwood North: 16,28,52,71 Westcliffe: 5,12,35,44,59 Willow Green: 6,35,36,130,142,197,198,210,216,221,233,269,270,290,324,359,366,414,456,468 Willow Lane Court: 9,28, Willow Lane: 101,102 Willow Ridge: 204,250,295,336,396,402

**WRCA Minutes
December 14, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35M, by President Ed Goetz. Board members present: Ed Goetz, Pat Land, Karen Tyno, Mark Hammer, Dawn Cwierley. Board Members excused: Rick VonLangen, Patty Daddario, Bob Foladare. Board members - absence unexcused: John Valkwitch, Carole Zaffron. Community attendees: Mike Morrow, Rick Densha, Eryn Denesha, Kathy Land, Debbie Goetz, Sandy Radens, John Radens, Jim Prentice, Robert Reid, Denise Kaufman, Kevin Schnirl, Tony Day, Tom Halter, Lynn Getzin, Connie Halovics, Neil Cuomo, Jack Mennes, Andrea Mennes, Barb Stewart, Dave Stewart.

Agenda - Order of business:

Guest Speaker: Anthony Day Superintendent of Sweet Home Schools, gave a presentation of the problems and issues Sweet Home Schools will face in the coming years. His 35 minute presentation focused on the lack of state aid for SHCSD, budget constraints and attempts to rectify the approximately \$3.3 million dollar shortfall being faced for the coming year. Mr. Day also talked about possible solutions the board of education is working on to close the budget gap. He stressed that no decisions have been made yet, and there will be open community sessions for your input on the issues. Mr. Day then proceeded to field questions from the audience for approximately 20 minutes. the WRCA Board of Directors sincerely thanks Mr. Day for his time.

President's Report: Ed would like to thank Jack Baker and Barry Moir and their neighbors for lighting and decorating the Christmas tree at the entrance to Willow Ridge at Sweetwood Drive and Willow Ridge. They have been doing this for about 30 years.

Approval of Secretary's minutes: motion made by Mark Hammer seconded by Karen Tyno, board approval followed.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Goetz reporting for Rick VonLangen - expenses for November were \$118.00, income was: \$2862.00 leaving an account balance of: \$12,121. Pat Land made a motion to approve, Dawn Cwierley seconded board approval was unanimous.

Old Business: The WRCA is looking for a resident to fill the open post of Junior Recreation director. If anyone is interested please contact President Ed Goetz. The CERT program is moving forward, if anyone is interested please contact Dawn Cwierley.

New Business: Neil Cuomo placed the following names in nomination for the WRCA open Board of Director positions: Jim Cwierley, Debbie Goetz, Connie Holovics. There is still one vacant board spot to be nominated for if interested contact Neil.

Committee Reports:

A. Wine Tasting - Chairmen Jim Prentice reports it will be held on Saturday January 28th, 2012 at Classics - \$25.00 per ticket includes wine tastings, beer, pop, and food. Tickets are available by contacting Jim/MaryEllen Prentice, Pat/Kathy Land, Ed/ Debbie Goetz. Proceeds will benefit WRCA and the Willow Ridge Elementary School playground fund.

B. Snow Flake Dinner Dance: no report - Chairperson Carole Zaffron was absent.

C. Christmas Lighting contest: Chairmen Neil Coumo reports that he and his judging committee will be touring the neighborhood the weekend of December 16,17,18.

Community Open Forum: Tom Halter asked the board to address the graffiti issue on the bridge over the 990 which is part of the Ellicott Creek walking path. Ed Goetz will contact the town for help and Mr. Day pledged SHCSD student involvement in helping to with this issue. A member brought up the concern of the sidewalks being plowed (or lack of) by Home Depot and the property owners Benchmark Development, Mark Hammer will contact Benchmark in an effort to resolve the issue.

Adjournment: With no further issues on the agenda a motion was made by Pat Land and seconded by Mark Hammer to adjourn at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Land
for Patty Daddario

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Sincerely,

Dan and Donna Cross



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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).