



Wind in the Willows

Willow Ridge Civic Association Members

November 2017

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Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on
Tuesday, November 14th at 7:30 p.m. in Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Farewell Connie!

Connie Holovics and her husband Dave are leaving Willow Ridge to be closer
to their family and grand children.



Connie has been a fixture on the
Willow Ridge Civic Association
for many years and was instrumental
to bringing back the Block Reps.

We will miss Connie and
her leadership on the board.

***We wish Connie and Dave
Good Luck on their new Adventure!***

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Visit us on the web at

www.wrca.info Share your stories!

Do you know of a new neighbor or maybe a long time friend leaving Willow Ridge? Have you or your child made a significant achievement lately?

We want to know about letters of intent, National Honor Society honorees, special certifications, Girl Scout Gold Awards, Boy Scout Eagle Scouts, and much more!

Send your news and photos to 136 Dalewood Drive or email it to WITW@WRCA.US.

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Willow Ridge Civic Association



Neighborhood News

Welcome to Willow Ridge.

Neighbors on Willow Green Drive would like to welcome the Washington family who moved into 71 Willow Green Drive in July.

Darius and Kelly and their daughters Ava (7) and Ana (5) moved to Amherst from South Buffalo. Kelley teaches in the Cheektowaga school district, Darius works with Custom and Border Protection and their daughters attend Willow Ridge Elementary.

Best wishes for many happy years in your new home!



Friends and neighbors in Willow Ridge are saddened at the passing of Helene Motyka on October 18th. She and her husband Fred and children Marianne and Paul were long time residents on Manor Oak Drive. Helene was a member of the Willow Ridge Garden Club for many years and will be greatly missed.

The President's Message. November 2017

It is WRCA Membership Drive Time!

As I wrap up my first year as President, I look back at the progress this WRCA Board has made. We have had several successful events and we want more of our neighbors to join in!

So you ask yourself "Why Join the WRCA?"

- Develop a cleaner, safer, healthier neighborhood and improve the quality of life for residents.
- Empower residents to have a voice and work toward, and achieve common neighborhood goals, a unified vision of who we are as a neighborhood.
- Promote friendship, and foster a sense of concern and caring among people in the neighborhood.
- Develop better awareness and access to the services and agencies of the school, city, and county governments.
- Solve problems which exist/arise within the neighborhood.
- Protect youth, and support and strengthen neighborhood schools.
 - Children and Adult Events.

These are just some of the reasons to renew and join Willow Ridge Civic Association.

**Willow Ridge is a Great Place to live!
I look forward to welcoming in new members!**

H. Erich Krueger

WRCA Minutes

WRCA MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017

The October WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:43 pm by President Erich Krueger.

In attendance were President Erich Krueger, Treasurer Donna Mosteller, Secretary Jane Sieman, and Board Members John Radens, Andrew Annesi, Connie Holovics, Cassandra Schwab and Marijean Nichols. Excused was Vice President Tom Amodeo. Also in attendance was Brian Kulpa, Williamsville Mayor (candidate for Amherst Supervisor), Joe Heins (on behalf of Amherst Republicans), Shawn Lavin (candidate for Amherst Town Board), Kara Buscaglia (Amherst Town Judge), Anthony Marconi, Patrick Ruffino, Dave & Lynne Pollack, and Evelyn Hitchcock.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Candidates running for Amherst Supervisor, Town Board and Judge spoke regarding the upcoming election on November 7th, 2017 discussing interested topics such as micro cells, westwood property, safest city rating/crime rate, opiates/treatment center, green space and development. Discussion led to Q & A session.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion was made to approve the September meeting minutes by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Donna Mosteller.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Mosteller submitted a treasurer's report. There was no income for the month of September. Expenses for the

month of September was \$517.00. The balance for the end of September was \$4,006.13. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Andy Annesi and seconded by John Radens.

Insurance payment due October 18th. Full amount is for \$1,327.00 and October payment is \$403.00. Discussion followed to confirm that correct events were covered. Motion made to pay insurance by Andy Annesi and seconded by Cassandra Schwab.

DISCUSSION

Tax Status - No update as of today's date.

Table Cloth for WRCA Events - WRCA would like to thank Sandy Radens on the great job of making WRCA's tablecloth which we will proudly display whenever we have a presence at an event.

WTF/Micro Cell - Codes are still being worked on.

2018 Membership Drive - Jane Sieman reported. Membership to kick off November 1st and goes thru December 31st. Website and paypal will be updated with new invoice. All residents in Willow Ridge will be receiving the November issue of the WITW with the invoice and envelope as in past membership drives. Price will remain at \$17.00 this year.

2018 Directory - Jane Sieman reported. Advertising invoice and letter to appear in November issue of WITW. All letters to current 2017 advertisers to renew ads for 2018 will be completed during the month of November. Block reps will be contacted after the holidays to followup to membership and

directory updates same as last year. Directory delivery will be the weekend of April 7, 2018 by Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173.

Returning this year will be the Directory Cover contest. Details in this issue of the WITW.

Halloween Kids Party - Saturday Oct 21, 2017 10:00 a.m - Noon at Willow Ridge Elementary School. Cassandra Schwab reported. Looking for people to participate in the new Trunk and Treat event. Set up at the school on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Snowflake Dinner Dance - Carol Zaffram is contact for this event. Tentative date is Saturday, February 10th, 2018 at Classics. Tentative price is \$70.00 per couple. There will be service stations for dinner. More details to follow.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall Open House - Saturday, October 14, 2017. WRCA will have a table and we are looking for volunteers to man the table.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting came to a close at 9:50 p.m. Motion was made by Donna Mosteller to adjourn and seconded by Marijean Nichols. Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:30 p.m. in Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Sieman - WRCA Secretary



Fall Leaf Collection

If you have leaves to be picked up from April 1 to October 31 you should put them in yard waste containers. The Highway Department will pick up loose leaves out at the curb during the month of November. If you use a landscape contractor please ask them to take them to the compost facility. This will help us to keep our streets and receivers clear of leaves.

Leaf Pickup Facts

Here are a few commonly asked questions about the Town's Leaf Pickup Program.

Question 1: Can I rake leaves into the street?

Answer: NO. It's unsafe and illegal. Leaves plug the receivers during rain events and it causes vehicles to swerve into traffic unexpectedly causing an unsafe condition. They are also hard to pick up after they are driven over repeatedly, which slows down the leaf collection process.

Question 2: How many times do you go through the town?

Answer: Leaf pickup will begin in late October as crews become available to switch to leaf pick up duties. We will do our due diligence to pick up large piles of leaves before our official November 1st start date. Leaf pickup will continue until all the leaves are picked up or until snow prevents us from doing so. We also keep a log of what streets we complete and on what date.

Question 3: Why can't you schedule leaf pickup?

Answer: Our town has over 1100 streets within 53 square miles. Leaves also fall at different times throughout the Town. We put our resources where they are needed most, and move throughout the Town as fast as we can.

Question 4: How much of the Highway resources are put into leaf pickup?

Answer: During leaf season it's "all hands on deck". We have 5 leaf districts. Each district is staffed with people and equipment each day of the season. Other jobs have to be put off until the leaves are picked up. Because of the Buffalo weather we try to have all the leaves picked up before the first snowfall.

Question 5: Should I call the Highway to get my leaves picked up?

Answer: Generally no. If you think you were missed, or if it has been more than 2 weeks between a pickup then call. Please remember we do sometimes have weather emergencies or equipment breakdowns that might delay pick up, however, our goal is to get all the leaves picked up by November 30th.

One last comment: Very small amounts of leaves should be put in your yard waste containers until November 30th. It takes an entire crew to stop and pick up small amounts of leaves. This slows down our pickup efficiency. We encourage residents to put out leaves at their earliest convenience. As stated previously we will continue to pick up leaves until they are all gone or the snow prevents us from doing so.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, you can also follow the Amherst Highway Department on Facebook and Twitter (@amhersthighway1) for more updated information.



WRCA 2018 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 2018 Membership Drive will again provide two methods for becoming a member of WRCA or for renewing your membership - an invoice system or on-line via PayPal.

An on-line alternative will be via PayPal, a secure method to make your payment via your computer.

There will be a link via the WRCA website.

Membership dues are \$17.00 and are due by December 31, 2017.

Your timely membership payment ensures that you will receive the Wind-in-the-Willows monthly and that the 2018 WRCA Directory will be delivered to your house in April 2018.

Kulpa
Amherst Town Supervisor

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE!

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Wind-in-the-Willows and WRCA Directory - What's in it for my family?

Wind-in-the-Willows - 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. WRCA Directory - our community directory - includes a neighborhood listing, money saving coupons, services and businesses in our community. In addition, there are important phone numbers, such as listings for area schools and the Town of Amherst. You will also find a babysitter listing, a detailed map of our community, a guide to our annual events, and more!!

E-Wind - Via your email address you will receive a copy of Wind-in-the-Willows electronically.

DESIGN A COVER CONTEST FOR THE 2018 WILLOW RIDGE DIRECTORY

We are bringing back the popular Design a Cover Contest for the Willow Ridge Directory, WRCA will be holding the design contest for the cover of the 2018 Willow Ridge Directory for all Willow Ridge Civic Association members up to and including the age of 16. All entries must be hand drawn - (not a computer image) on paper the size of the directory (vertical 8.5" x horizontal 5") to avoid distortion when producing actual cover. No names on the drawings please. All drawings must be submitted along with the entry form in this issue of the WITW. No staples please. All drawings must contain at least one willow tree and be in color.

There will be three winners. These winners will be published in the April issue of the WITW. The cover winner will be chosen from those 3 winners. This winner will have their drawing published in full color on the cover of the 2018 directory along with their name inside the directory. The first place winner will receive a \$25.00 Walmart gift card and second and third place winners will win a \$10.00 Walmart gift card with honorable mention in the directory. Winning entries will be based on originality, creativity, and community spirit.

Entry form with rules, judging information, submission information and deadline date is in this issue of the WITW.

Enjoy, have fun and good luck!

WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY FOR THE YEAR 2018

It is time to begin putting the Willow Ridge Community Directory together again and you are invited to place an advertisement in the 2018 edition. Our directory will carry your advertising message into the homes of the community you serve in a handy 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 booklet that is kept, read, and used for a full year by our Willow Ridge residents.

The directory (published in the spring of each year) lists the names, addresses and telephone numbers of more than 1,200 families who live in the Willow Ridge area. Residents rely on it to contact neighbors and committees and to locate local goods and services.

The directory is especially useful to those who are just moving into the area.

Prices are based on "camera-ready" copy (clear, black and white copies of a previous ad or one from another publication the same size as the one you wish to place in our directory. Typesetting will be extra. Minor changes are free. You may obtain quotes or help in setting up your ad by calling the Directory Chairperson.

Full page ads are \$150.00, half pages are \$85.00, and quarter pages are \$55.00.

Ads that are purchased and paid by December 20, 2017 will receive a 10 % discount. Ads will be placed in the directory in the order of receipt from front to back. Many advertisers find our coupons to be helpful in generating business. We offer a coupon free of charge with any half or full page ad. (Quarter page advertisers can place a coupon in the directory for a \$4.00 fee). By offering a discount or special price for your goods or services, you draw attention to your advertisement. Coupons appear in a special tear-out section while your paid advertisement remains in the directory throughout the year.

If anyone is interested in placing an ad in our 2018 Willow Ridge Directory, please complete the following request and mail it or drop it off to me along with your ad at 80 Sweetwood Drive North or mail to me at P.O. Box 86, Amherst, NY 14226. I will be accepting ads til Jan. 20, 2018.

Thank you - Jane Sieman Directory Editor Telephone: 870-3412 Email: jsie44@yahoo.com




November is the 11th month of the year and one of four months with a length of 30 days. November was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar and has retained its name from the Latin novem meaning nine.

Topaz is one of the birthstones for November. Topaz is found in many colors, but it is the orange-yellow topaz that is the traditional birthstone for November. Topaz is a symbol of friendship.

The flower for the month of November is the chrysanthemum. The word chrysanthemum comes from the Greek words chrys and anthemum. Chrys means golden, the original color of the chrysanthemum, and anthemum means flower. The symbols of the chrysanthemum are optimism and joy.

I have buyers for Willow Ridge, call me to find out what your home is worth!




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ADVERTISING REQUEST FOR WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY YEAR 2018

Name of Company _____

Point Of Contact & Phone No. _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

We would like to purchase the following:

Full Page (V-7.5" X H-4.5")	\$150.00	_____
1/2 Page (V-3.7" X H-4.5")	\$ 85.00	_____
1/4 Page (V-3.7" X H-1.5") or (V-1.75" X H-4.5")	\$ 55.00	_____
Discount: Pay by December 20, 2017	- 10%	_____
Total Enclosed	\$	_____



(Deadline January 20, 2018 – Money & Ad due by January 20, 2018)

Make checks payable to Willow Ridge Civic Association and mail to: Jane Sieman
Directory Editor P.O. Box 86 Amherst, NY 14226

Coupon (text below) Please note: coupons are free with 1/2 or full page ad; \$4.00 with 1/4 ad.

C O U P O N T E X T: Write this out and send in with your advertisement



Cub Scout Pack 173

Cans for Cubs 2017

Cub Scout Pack 173 will be holding our annual pop can/bottle drive on Saturday, January 6, 2018 from 10am-12pm. Money earned from the returns will be donated to a charitable organization. On Saturday, January 6th, 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 10 and 12. You can also call 860-3921 to arrange a pickup (leave message, be sure to include your address). Only NY stamped returnable pop/beer cans & bottles will be accepted at our redemption center (no recyclables or wine/liquor bottles). Thank you once again for your continued support.

Holiday Card Delivery

As a community service for Willow Ridge, the Cub Scout of Pack 173 will be happy to help you deliver your holiday cards to your neighbors. Drop your cards into the collection bin that will be located at 330 Willow Green Drive and we will take care of the rest! The bin will be available from Friday, November 24th up until 5pm on Thursday, December 14th. Weather permitting, all cards will be delivered that weekend. Please make sure your cards are clearly labeled with the recipients name and street address. For the safety of our scouts, we can 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.

Thank You - Tracy Conhiser-Uy
Committee Chairperson 860-3921



Thank You Willow Ridge Volunteers & Amherst Baptist Church for a very successful 2017 Halloween Event!

“Trunk-or-Treat”, Bounce House, Face Painting, Craft Table, Games & Treats!

Fun was had by all!



Thank you Ellicott Creek Fire Company for being
part of our “Trunk-or-Treating”!



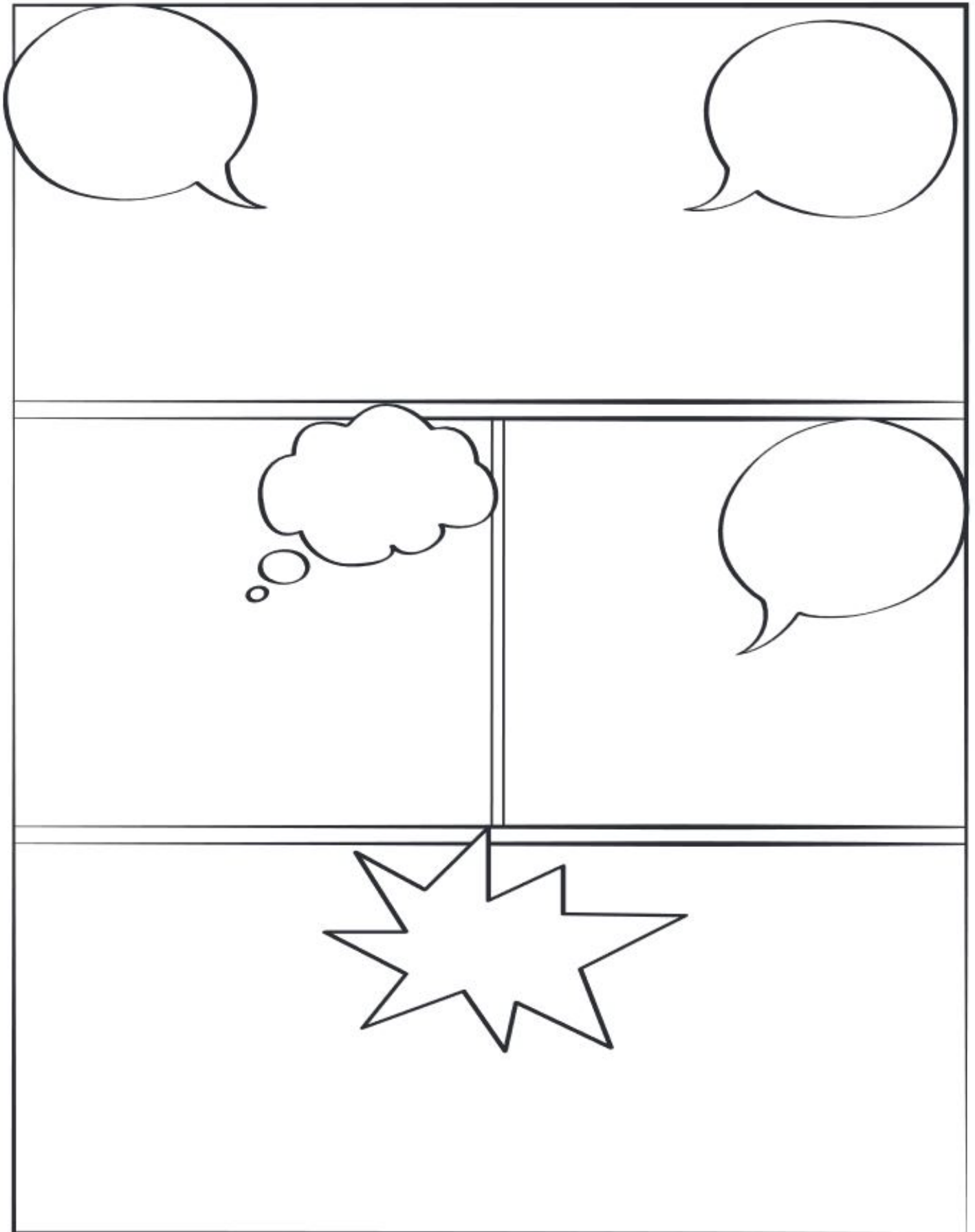
If you would like to volunteer for any children's events contact Cassandra Schwab at children.events@wrca.us



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Kids Create You own Willow Ridge Community Comic and submit the drawings to andy.annesi@wrca.us
The best one(s) will be included in the next newsletter. Ideas: Be positive, show your super human impacts on the community or why you love living in the Willow Ridge Community - Due by 11-27-2017.