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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors

I hope everyone had a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season. I would also like to congratulate the winners of our annual lighting contest; as always the entire neighborhood looked great and the Lighting Committee had a difficult time selecting the winners.

Back in November we started our annual membership drive. Over the past two years membership in the association has declined 15%, which places some of the programs and events the WRCA offers in jeopardy. Continued support is the life blood of this organization and I would encourage everyone to renew as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact any board member or Lynn Getzin, our Membership coordinator.

In closing, I would like to thank outgoing board members for the dedication and support to this organization and welcome the new board members to the WRCA. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30 at S. Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Hope to see you there; your input is important!

Sincerely,

Ed Goetz



Membership Reminder—

2011 Membership Renewal Drive

Did you miss the **December 31st** deadline for returning your **2011 WRCA Membership Renewal Invoice**? Your 2011 WRCA Membership Renewal Invoice and return envelope were enclosed in November issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. This invoice system or our on-line payment system, are the only ways to renew your membership. Your Block-Rep will not contact you to collect your dues payment. Please use one of the following options to make your payment:

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WRCA

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Do not miss out on receiving your monthly copy and early on-line version of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* and your *2011 WRCA Membership Directory*.

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 11

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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WRCA MEETING MINUTES

December 14th, 2010

President Bob Foladare called the meeting to order at 7:34PM. In attendance were President Foladare, Vice President Ed Goetz, Secretary Pat Land Treasurer Jack Baker, Board Members, Joe Battaglia, John Radens, Rick VonLangen and Patty Daddario, excused was Karen Tyno.

Community attendees included Dawn Cwierley Lee Baker, Neil Cuomo, Cam Hill, Debby VonLangen and Jim Prentice.

Secretary's Minutes:

A motion was made by John Radens to approve the secretary minutes from the November meeting, Joe Battaglia seconded board approval followed.

Treasurers Report:

Jack Baker reports \$1172.00 income for November, with expenses of \$2841.00 and an ending account balance of \$4706.00. John Radens made a motion to approve, seconded by Ed Goetz board approval was unanimous. The board also authorized the reimbursement of out of pocket expenses to our webmaster/treasurer. Incoming treasurer Rick VonLangen has been brought up to speed on all facets of the job and is set to take over in 2011.

Presidents Report:

Bob Foladare received a phone call from a Willow Ridge resident who had Christmas decorations stolen from their front lawn; they have filed a police report.

Membership Report: 450 WRCA 2011 renewals have been received so far.

Old Business:

"Willow Ridge Wine Tasting Night" is January 29, from 7 - 10 PM. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Proceeds will benefit the WRCA Scholarship fund and the Willow Ridge Playground fund. See the newsletter for more info. The "Snowflake Dinner Dance" is set for March 5th 2011 at Classics. The "Monte Carlo Night" plans are moving forward with a fall date to be set.

New Business: Judges toured the neighborhood on Sunday December 12th. Twenty winners were picked and about ninety honorable mentions. The winner of the "Clark Griswald Lighting Award" is 213 N. Brier Rd.

Rick VonLangen proposes changing the address labeling of the "Wind-in-the Willows" newsletter to allow more efficient and cost effective delivery. The board supports and approved his idea.

Committee Reports:

Cam Hill reports that *Wind-in-the Willows* ad renewals are on par with last year.

Community Open Forum:

Wind-in-the-Willows editor Debby VonLangen requests all articles and postings by December 19th to meet the printers deadline.

Thanks from Girl Scout Troop 304

Girl Scout Troop 304 would like to thank Willow Ridge residents for their generous donations during their recent food drive. The girls collected over 70 bags of food which were given to St. Christopher's Outreach!

Thanks again for your generosity!



Adjournment:

With no further items on the agenda a motion was made by Jack Baker and seconded by Pat Land to adjourn at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is January 11th, 2011 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 PM; all Willow Ridge residents are welcome. Respectfully submitted by Secretary Patrick Land.

Secretaries Note: *It has been my pleasure to serve our community as WRCA Secretary for the last 2 years, this is a truly awesome neighborhood and my hope is for more people to get involved with our community so that it grows and prospers and remains the special place that it is. Offer your help to one of our various committees or projects, I guarantee you will enjoy and benefit from it!*

Editor's Note: I would like to thank Pat Land for his excellent work as Secretary these past two years, especially in his dedication to submitting his work to me month after month early or on time! His professionalism is appreciated.
Debby VonLangen, Editor

BREAKING MEMBERSHIP NEWS!!!

On-Line Membership Renewal is Here !!!

Go to www.wrca.info and follow the link to your interactive, On-Line, 2011 Membership Invoice.

If you are not a current PayPal subscriber, once you get to the payment screen, you may sign up for free.

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Willow Ridge Civic Association

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If you have not been contacted by anyone, and would like an addition or change of any sort in the upcoming directory, please email me at wnyo80@verizon.net or call me at 564-0913. You can even drop off a note to 80 Sweetwood North Drive. If I receive an email from you, I will send a confirmation that I received it. If you do not get a confirmation within 48 hours, please call me with the information.

I will also take names for the babysitter list in the directory for those who are between the ages of 12 and 19. Please give name, phone number, address and if babysitter is American Red Cross certified. (American Red Cross certified is not a requirement to be listed).

I will be taking any changes until January 31, 2011 as the directory goes to print soon after. My goal is to keep the contents of each year's directory as accurate as possible.

Thank you
Jane Sieman
Directory Editor

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Neighborhood News



Sympathy

Friends and neighbors extend their sincere sympathy to Josephine Mineo of Sweetwood North on the passing of her brother, Louis Acquisto. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Friends and neighbors on Kaymar Drive extend condolences to Leroy and Bernice Wiggins on the passing of their daughter Valerie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We know the memories you share will bring you comfort in this difficult time.



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The 2011 WILLOW RIDGE DIRECTORY



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RULES:

All Willow Ridge Civic Association members between the ages of 9-15 are eligible.

All entries must have this form enclosed with the drawing— DO NOT STAPLE...NO NAMES ON DRAWING PLEASE.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING on drawing (this includes the year or WRCA Directory.) Only drawings without writing will be accepted.

Drawing must be hand drawn—(not a computer image) and in color.

Drawing must be on paper the size of the directory (vertical 8.5" x horizontal 5") to avoid distortion when producing actual cover. (NO NAMES ON DRAWING PLEASE).

All drawings MUST contain at least one (1) willow tree to represent Willow Ridge.

JUDGING/WINNERS

Winning entries will be judged on originality, creativity and community spirit.

When entries are received the entry form and drawing will receive corresponding numbers for judging purposes only.

There will be 3 winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) These will be published in the March issue of the *WITW*.

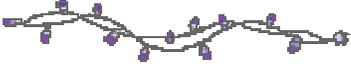
A winner from those 3 will be chosen to receive a \$50.00 Walmart gift card and their drawing in full color on the directory cover for 2011 with his/her name appearing in the directory. 2nd & 3rd places will receive a \$25.00 Walmart gift card along with their own complimentary copy of the directory with their drawings on the cover.

Judging will be done by three people associated with our community (yet to be determined).

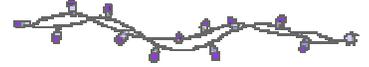
SUBMISSION/DEADLINE Entry forms and drawings can be dropped off in the box in front of 80 Sweetwood North Drive. Deadline for submission is EXTENDED TO JANUARY 15, 2011. **HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!!**

2010 HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS, AND THOSE DESIGNATED HONORABLE MENTION. IT GETS HARDER TO JUDGE EVERY YEAR. WE MAY HAVE MISSED ONE HERE OR THERE DUE TO DIFFICULTY GETTING THE NUMBERS ETC., BUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKED GREAT! – MAYBE THE BEST EVER. OUR FIRST CLARK GRISWOLD AWARD WENT TO 213 NORTH BRIER!



HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS



20 BEAUMONT DRIVE
1100 CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD
110 DALEWOOD DRIVE
269 DENROSE DRIVE
28 ELDERWOOD COURT
111 GRASSPOINTE DRIVE
89 KAYMAR DRIVE

43 MANOR OAK DRIVE
85 MANOR OAK DRIVE
66 NORTH BRIER ROAD
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Save the Date!

The Snowflake
Dinner Dance is on
the horizon!

March 5th 2011

An evening out...
Enjoy some time
with friends and
neighbors!

Save the Date!