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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors

As of this writing, ticket sales for the Wine Tasting at Classics V are progressing well and the event promises to be a success. The proceeds will be used to fund programs such as scholarships for Willow Ridge residents and a donation will be made to the Playground Committee. Your continued support is what makes these events possible and is greatly appreciated. I'm also happy to report that membership is ahead of last year's pace!

At January's meeting it was brought to the Board's attention that several residents had their holiday decorations stolen or damaged. As a result, it was suggested that a Neighborhood Watch Program be implemented, which will be discussed at future meetings. In the meantime, please report any suspicious activity to the Amherst Police.

In closing, our next event is the Snowflake Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 5. Please join us and meet some of your neighbors!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 8 at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Ed Goetz

WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 8

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEBRUARY 8

7:30PM

ELLICOTT CREEK FIRE HALL

ALL WELCOME!

WRCA MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2011

President Ed Goetz called the meeting to order at 7:36PM. In attendance were President Ed Goetz, Vice President Karen Tyno, Board Members, Pat Land, Patty Daddario, Mark Hammer, and Dawn Cwierly; excused was Treasurer Rick VonLangen.

Community attendees included Cam Hill, Lynn Getzin, and Ben Procopio.

Secretary's Minutes:

A motion was made by Patty Daddario to approve the secretary minutes from the December meeting, Mark Hammer seconded, board approval followed.

Treasurer's Report:

Ed Goetz for Rick VonLangen reports \$7455.00 income for December, with expenses of \$932.00 and an ending account balance of \$10,728.00. Pat Land made a motion to approve, seconded by Karen Tyno. Board approval was unanimous.

Presidents Report:

No correspondence was received by President Ed Goetz.

Membership Report: 571 WRCA 2011 renewals have been received as of 1/11/11. A motion was made by Pat Land and seconded by Karen Tyno to have membership director Lynn Getzin mail postcards to past members who have not renewed yet. Lynn will also request Jack Baker to send out email reminders. Lynn will start the 2012 membership drive in October of 2011 so as to get a jump start and avoid holiday confusion.

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. Event chairs Debbie Goetz and Paul Tyno will solicit volunteers to help with the events planning and structure.

New Business: Judges toured the neighborhood on Sunday December 12th. Twenty winners were picked and about ninety honorable mentions.

Committee Reports:

The annual Willow Ridge Kids' Easter Party will be April 16 at Willow Ridge Elementary School. The time is 12:30 -2:30 PM. The board approved Patty Daddario's request for neighborhood signs to advertise the party.

Community Open Forum:

A Willow Ridge resident expressed disappointment over the thefts of parts of a nativity set from their front lawn. The set had family sentimental value and it is hoped whomever has it will return the items. Anyone with information about this incident can contact any WRCA Board

SWING INTO ACTION!

Join us for the 2nd Annual Willow Ridge Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Date: Sunday June 5, 2011

Location: Glen Oaks Golf Course

Time: 1pm tee off (shotgun start)



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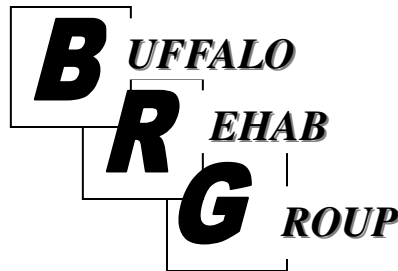
All proceeds to benefit a new playground at
Willow Ridge Elementary!!!!

Member. The WRCA Board urges all Willow Ridge residents to help and watch out for each other's neighbors.

Adjournment:

With no further items on the agenda a motion was made by Karen Tyno and seconded by Patty Daddario to adjourn at 8:20 PM. The next meeting is February 8, 2011 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30 PM; all Willow Ridge residents are welcome. Respectfully submitted by Patrick Land, Secretary Pro—tem.

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Neighborhood News



Sympathy

Friends and neighbors on Kaymar Drive extend our deepest sympathy to Maria DiVincenzo on the passing of her husband, Joe. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Friends and neighbors on Rockdale Drive extend their sincere sympathies to the Laubenstein family on the pre-Christmas passing of Pam's mother, Valerie Loucks of Sodus, New York. May the sweet memories of your mother help ease your sadness.

Rockdale Drive unexpectedly lost one of its long time residents in the passing of Paul Fromm on October 23, 2010. He and his wife, Clara Lou lived and raised their three children for over 40 years in their Rockdale Drive home. Many years ago, Paul was dubbed the "Grandfather of Rockdale" by Mike Moore in honor of his long residency. Old neighbors and friends, along with new, extend their sincere sympathies to Clara Lou and the family, and although a bit late with this writing, want you to know that we will remember Paul.

Kate Opera of 130 Dalewood Drive, a longtime resident of Willow Ridge, passed away on December 16. Her husband, Donald, subsequently passed away on December 22. Friends and neighbors extend their sincere sympathy to Kate and Don's children: Kathleen, Jon, and Megan (Owen) Hondorf.

Welcome

Randy and Heather Monterro, and their daughter Seaira, have moved into 686 Kaymar Drive. They would like to thank everyone for making them feel so welcome. The family is excited to be here and they all are looking forward to warmer weather, meeting everyone, and enjoying bike path.

Congratulations

Lauren Malarkey, daughter of Chuck and Debbie of Rockdale Drive, married Chris Helming on October 2, 2010 at St. Leo the Great Church in Amherst. The rainy weather on their wedding day did not detract from the beautiful celebration where all of Lauren's siblings: Michael; Sheila and Rena joyfully participated. Lauren and Chris are both alumnae of the Rochester Institute of Technology where Lauren is employed. The newlyweds are living in Rochester and congratulations to Chris who passed the New York State Bar Exam in July. We wish the wonderful couple many years of happiness!

Neighbors on Willow Green would like to congratulate Irwin and Lynn Tran at 54 Willow Green on the birth of their son, Ryan. Ryan was born back on May 31, 2010 and is growing rapidly and doing very well. Again, congratulations and we look forward to seeing Ryan outside in the neighborhood soon!

Congratulations to first time "Grandma," Sonja Gozdecki of Rockdale Drive. Daughter, Cheryl and son-in-law Greg Nowakowski of Tonawanda, NY welcomed 8 lb. 4 oz. baby daughter, Adalyn Casey on January 16, 2011. Adalyn is also blessed with a special guardian angel, her Grandpa Ron. Our best wishes to all!



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Furniture: Oak coffee table with 2 oak old fashioned "ice box" end table with storage. \$75.00 all three pieces—good condition. 691-7087

When and How Will I Receive My Directory?

Your 2011 Directory will be delivered by Boy Scout Troop 173 on the weekend of March 19/20, 2011. Please watch for them.



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for the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, submit to 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.



Keith Sieman received the rank of Eagle Scout on November 15, 2010. Pictured are Keith, and proud parents Jane and Bob Sieman.

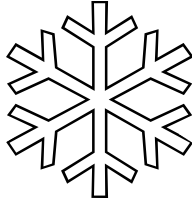
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Information Regarding Directory Changes

To All Residents of Willow Ridge—

The directory for 2011 is almost complete. The following sections below do not have a block rep AND/OR a head reporter. If you live in one of the listed sections and have a change of any sort, please contact me by phone 564-0913 or 870-3412 (and leave a message) or email at wnyo80@verizon.net. If I receive an email from you, I will send you a confirmation that I received it within 48 hours. If you do not get a confirmation, please call me at 564-0913 or drop off a note to 80 Sweetwood North Drive. (I will call you back either way to let you know I received your change - by email, phone, or note). If I do not hear from you by February 12th, you're listing will appear in the 2011 directory as it appears in the 2010 directory. My goal is to keep the contents of each year's directory as accurate as possible.

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 107-140 Amberwood Dr.
 173-487 Kaymar Dr.
 190-228 Kaymar Dr.
 717-749 Kaymar Dr.
 Elderwood Court
 Deepwood Court
 297-680 S. Ellicott Creek Rd.
 6-50 Rockdale Drive
 2-51 Dalewood Dr.

91-129 Dalewood Dr.
 775-821 Edgewater Dr.
 880-933 Edgewater Dr.
 231-263 Denrose Dr.
 300-411 (even) Denrose Dr.
 155-179 Willow Green Dr.
 180-239 Willow Green Dr.
 88-112 Hubbardston Place
 296-336 Willow Ridge Drive
 74-104 Sweetwood Drive

Also, if you are interested in becoming a block rep for one of these areas, please contact me.

Thank you
 Jane Sieman, Directory Editor

HOME SALES IN OUR WILLOW RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD IN 2010!

Address	Recorded Sale Price
147 Amberwood	\$225,400
189 N. Brier	\$238,000
63 Dalewood	\$135,000
14 Dalewood	\$141,500
19 Deepwood Ct	\$194,000
43 Deepwood Ct	\$220,000
790 Edgewater	\$136,000
337 S. Ellicott	\$250,000
90 Grasspointe	\$175,000
31 Kaymar	\$125,000
686 Kaymar	\$213,500
25 Manor Oak	\$164,000
114 N. Brier	\$164,900
305 Peppertree	\$153,000
217 Rockdale	\$180,000
22 N. Sweetwood	\$150,000
85 N. Sweetwood	\$163,000
43 Sweetwood	\$143,500
36 Westcliffe	\$180,000
67 Westcliffe	\$255,000

More interesting facts

Address	Recorded Sale Price
41 N. Brier	\$140,000
281 WillowGreen	\$177,000
360 WillowGreen	\$145,000
453 WillowGreen	\$156,000
465 WillowGreen	\$165,000
468 WillowGreen	\$179,000
316 WillowRidge	\$140,000
336 WillowRidge	\$120,000
403 WillowRidge	\$110,000
20 Amberwood	\$210,000
351 Denrose	\$150,000
316 Denrose	\$146,000

Average Price Per Sqft. - 3 Bedroom		
low \$75	average \$105	high \$135
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low \$74	average \$83	high \$88



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February 2011

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Election of Officers

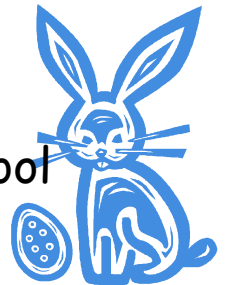
Program: Instructors from District 8 will
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Willow Ridge Kids'
Easter Party
April 16
at Willow Ridge
Elementary School
12:30-2:30 PM.



Save the Date!