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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 13

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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### From the President's Desk

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Now that summer has finally arrived, I want to remind everyone about two upcoming events! On Saturday July 30, is the Annual WRCA Family Picnic and on Tuesday August 2 is National Night Out. Both are neighborhood favorites and a good way to renew acquaintances and make new friends; check the newsletter for additional information.

Our June meeting was the last before our summer recess. We discussed several ways to increase membership. Our goal is to have a new process in place for the start of our membership drive in October. In order for the WRCA to remain a viable organization we need your support! Any and all suggestions are welcome.

On a final note, congratulations to all of our graduates; your families and the entire Willow Ridge Community are proud of your accomplishments and wish you continued success. Also, the entire WRCA Board joins me in extending a special congratulations to Hannah Hagen and Keith Sieman on being the 2011 recipient's of the WRCA Scholarship.

Our next meeting is Tuesday September 13 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. *Have a safe and enjoyable summer!*

Sincerely,

**Ed Goetz**



## Willow Ridge Summer Picnic



July 30 4 pm  
Bedford Park

Ideas for Games?

Willing to help??

Call Neil Cuomo, 691-3014

or Ed Goetz, 691-



It's finally summer!!! Come down to the park for a great time!!

## WRCA MEETING MINUTES

**June 14, 2011**

President Ed Goetz called meeting to order at 7:39pm, Vice President Karen Tyno, Secretary Patty Daddario, Treasurer Rick VonLangen, Board Members, Dawn Cwierley, John Valkwitch, Mark Hammer, and Pat Land. Community attendees included Cam Hill, Lynn Getzin, John Miller, Neil Cuomo, and Jessica Stephens.

### Secretary's Minutes:

A motion was made by Pat Land to approve the secretary minutes from the May meeting. Karen Tyno seconded and board approval followed.

### Treasurers Report:

Rick VonLangen reported no new income for May and expenses to be \$613 due in part to directory printing costs. Patty Daddario made a motion to approve, seconded by Mark Hammer; board approval was granted. There is a grant available for community service for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

### Presidents Report:

Complaints have been made regarding trailers with no license plates blocking sidewalks in the neighborhood. If anyone has an issue with a vehicle in the neighborhood that is causing a hazard, the board suggests you call the Amherst police traffic bureau at 689-1311 and they will investigate your concern.

### Old Business:

Motion was made by Mark Hammer to approve the 2011-2012 budget and seconded by Karen Tyno.

### New Business:

Last meeting until September.

### Committee Reports:

Summer picnic will be run by Neil Cuomo and Ed Goetz. The event will take place July 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and they are looking for suggestions from Willow Ridge residents for games and would love any help from neighbors with the event!

National Night Out set for August 2<sup>nd</sup> and John Miller is chairing this event. Highlights at the event are: free Anderson's sundaes, pony rides and petting zoo, bounce house, DJ, self defense demo, car seat check, health screening, K9, information booth for WRCA, helicopter, Cub Scouts will run games, bike parade, hot dog sale, Target bike raffle, bake good sale, fire truck display, neighborhood watch information, potential Wegman's cooking demo and possibly a stage. Be sure and stop by for the fun!

Debbie Goetz reported on the Fall Festival is set to happen Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-11pm at Classic's V with food, drinks and entertainment.

Lynn Getzin discussed the early bird membership price and dates. The amount agreed upon was \$14.00 up until November 15<sup>th</sup>, then \$15.00 after that date.

## Gentle Conditioning for Stiff and Sore Joints

Certified Arthritis Foundation instructor Hilary Peacock will begin a summer session of classes at Buffalo Rehab Group, 350 Greenhaven Terrace (old Greenhaven Library near the junction of Niagara Falls Blvd and the 290) Six Mondays, July 11 – August 15 from 1:30-2:30. The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program with healthy living tips is designed to help people with arthritis exercise safely to maintain and increase range-of-motion, mobility and balance. Appropriate exercise helps manage arthritis because stronger muscles keep joints stable which reduces pain. Set in a fun format! Sitting or standing, participants learn how to exercise within their own abilities. Cost is \$30 for all six classes; call 213-0772 to register.

### Adjournment:

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Pat Land and seconded by Rick VonLangen to adjourn at 8:31pm. The next meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patty Daddario  
Secretary



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## Neighborhood News



### Sympathy

The family and friends of Bob Connelly are saddened by his recent death at the age of 86. Mr. Connelly and his wife, Bette, moved to 239 Parkhaven Drive in 1991. Bette passed away in 1999. Bob is survived by a daughter, Margaret; four grandchildren: Kenneth Hotaling, Dale Hotaling, Laurie Massaro, and Denise McClure. He also has nine great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren. Mr. Connelly was retired from American Brass and a WWII and Korean War veteran. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed woodworking. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends, and Parkhaven Drive neighbors.

### Sympathy

Friends and neighbors extend their sympathy to the family Mike and Rosemarie Laible of 366 Willow Green on the recent death of Mike's brother, James Laible, Sr. Jim was a Vietnam veteran and an award-winning service advisor, training employees and customers for Irr Supply for many years. We know you will all be comforted in your loss by your good memories.

### Congratulations

Rick and Debby VonLangen, 221 North Brier, are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kelly and the addition of the third son-in-law to the family. Kelly, and Chad Schiltz exchanged vows on June 4, 2011 at the New Apostolic Church in Cheektowaga. The happy June bride and groom received their guests at Rich's Atrium following the wedding. The sun indulged the couple long enough for them to pose for some beautiful pictures at Delaware Park. Kelly and Chad, who both love the great outdoors, have a few cats and dogs with which to share their Depew home. Congratulations and may you have a life rich with God's blessing!





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# Mark Your Calendars!!

You can count on something special happening in every season in Willow Ridge. We may be well into summer, but fall is coming. So, on October 8 we will celebrate the changing of the season with the Fall Festival at Classics V with food, drinks and entertainment. More details to "fall-ow."



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**Household:** 32" Sony Triniton Color TV, \$40. or b/o; Old record albums, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, etc., \$50. for 12; 14 gal. humidifier, Sears Kenmore, \$50.; Camping grill, \$5.; Volleyball set, net w/volleyball, \$20. 691-3928

**Sports/Leisure:** Wet suit (shorty) size large, \$20.; wet suit size O'Neill—XL \$25.; Children's life jackets (2) small (up to 25 lbs.) both \$15. 691-8981

### Help Wanted

S.O.S. If you have time on your hands and some muscles, we have a job for you! We need help moving boxes and containers, repositioning some furniture and other odd jobs this summer. Call 691-5552.

## GRADUATION ARRIVES

This issue and next month's issue is the last time we will list our graduates. It is your last chance to share your joy with the entire neighborhood. Please send in your information by July 15 for the August edition. Submit your graduate's name, address, and graduating school (college or high school). Include any accomplishments and/or goals he/she might have. To make the announcement extra special, be sure to include a signed "one-liner;" a message to your graduate. Place your announcement, printed or typed on a full size sheet of paper, in the box on the porch at 221 North Brier, or better yet, email me at

[wiweditor@gmail.com](mailto:wiweditor@gmail.com). Please keep in mind that although there are no restrictions on length of announcement, some editing especially on very lengthy notices, may become necessary. Come on, proud moms and dads, or grandparents, let us all celebrate your graduate together! Debby VonLangen,



## Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of 2011

### SUNY Buffalo Graduate

William and Jacquelyn Mitchell of 10 Jeanmoor Road are proud to announce the graduation of their son, Christian Mitchell, from the SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. A 2000 graduate of Sweet Home High School and 2004 graduate of Duke University, Dr. Christian Mitchell will serve a residency with the VA. *We are so very proud of you! Love Mom and Dad.*

### Niagara University Graduate

Congratulations to our daughter, Joelle Murphy of Beaumont Drive, who just graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Hospitality/Hotel Management from Niagara University. She's now chasing her dreams working as a Hospitality Supervisor on the beaches of South Carolina. *We are very proud of all your accomplishments; good luck in all your future endeavors. We know you'll do great! Love, Mom, Dad & Chris.*

### State College Oneonta Graduate

Brianne Galli, daughter of Doug and Karen Galli of 104 Sweetwood Dr N. graduated Magna Cum Laude from State College of Oneonta in May 2011. Brianne has a double major in Mass Communication and Music Industry. She spent the last four months of college in New York City working as an intern at CMJ (College Music Journal) and ASCAP. She was a four year member of the Red Dragon Field Hockey team, Vice President of Lamda Pi Eta Honor Society Sorority, News Editor of the State Times and was on the Dean's list or the Provost list every semester. *Brianne we are so proud of you- you totally amaze us with your ability to adapt to every situation that comes your way. We are so blessed to have such a beautiful and talented daughter. We are excited to watch you start your next adventure. We love you! Mom, Dad, Stephanie, Meghan and Jameson(woof)*

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## Neighborhood Watch



Calling all neighbors!  
Plans are underway to start a Neighborhood Watch in Willow Ridge. The goal is to involve the community in crime prevention, home/

personal safety education and to look out for one's neighbors. Residents who have an interest in volunteering for their street (block) should email Dawn Cwierley at [wrcawatch@gmail.com](mailto:wrcawatch@gmail.com) or leave a message at 525-1893. An educational meeting will be set up in the near future with the local police department.

## Junior Rec Chairperson

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER

Do you love Easter, Halloween, & Kids? Do you have a knack for planning the perfect event for children? How about stepping into this rewarding position for the WRCA? Please turn to the front page and give any board member a quick call. Come on, don't leave us hanging!



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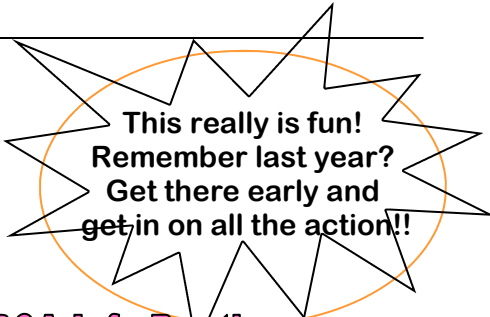
**July  
2011**

# National Night Out in Willow Ridge

August 2, 2011  
Willow Ridge School



**Bike Decorating**



This really is fun!  
Remember last year?  
Get there early and  
get in on all the action!!

**WRCA Info Booth**

You won't want to miss this! Bike parade starts at the fire hall at 6pm, snakes through the neighborhood and ends at Willow Ridge School. At the school you and the kids will be treated to a fun-fest of major proportions! Chaired once again by John Miller, this year's event will feature:

## Safety Events

self-defense demos  
car seat check  
health screenings  
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