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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 14, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- DEADLINE for the July WITW is June 13
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### From the President's Desk

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors

With summer right around the corner and the nice weather finally here, please watch for children playing in the neighborhood. I'm excited to report that you can now find Willow Ridge on Facebook. This is a great way to be informed of upcoming events and make new friends in the process.

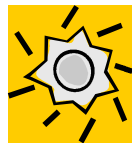
The annual Willow Ridge Garage Sale is June 17 & 18. Remember "*one man's junk is another man's treasure.*" For additional information, contact Joe Battaglia. The family picnic originally scheduled for Saturday August 6th, **has been moved to July 30th** so as not to conflict with St Chris's Summerfest. We're planning to have more family related activities and anyone interested in helping should contact Neil Cuomo.

On a final note, congratulations to all the college graduates! The next meeting before our summer recess is Tuesday June 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall, hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

**Ed Goetz**

## Get Yourself A



# Willow Ridge Summer!

### Willow Ridge Garage Sale

June 17 & 18  
Details on Page 8



### Willow Ridge Summer Picnic

July 30 4pm  
Bedford Park



### National Night Out

August 2 6pm  
Willow Ridge School

Exciting details in  
next issue.



# WRCA MEETING MINUTES

**May 16, 2011**

President Ed Goetz called meeting to order at 7:40pm, Secretary Patty Daddario, Treasurer Rick VonLangen, Board Members, Dawn Cwierley, John Valkwitch, Bob Foladare, Mark Hammer, Carol Zaffram and Pat Land. Community attendees included Cam Hill, Debbie Goetz, Debby Von Langen, Lynn Getzin, and Joe Battaglia.

## Secretary's Minutes:

A motion was made by Bob Foladare to approve the secretary minutes from the April meeting. Pat Land seconded and board approval followed.

## Treasurer's Report:

Rick VonLangen reported income to be \$1928 and expenses to be \$4333 due in part to directory printing costs. Unused Easter party money was returned from the Girl Scout troop that hosted the event.

Line by line review of the budget was initiated and will be more finalized at next month's meeting.

Pat Land made a motion to approve, seconded by Bob Foladare; board approval was granted.

## Old Business:

Summer picnic set for July 30<sup>th</sup> with a start time of 4pm. Neil Cuomo will have more information as it gets closer and is always looking for volunteers to help out.

Willow Ridge baseball diamonds were worked on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with Pat Land in charge and help from John Burke and volunteers from the Ellicott Creek fire hall. Many thanks to these dedicated volunteers to help make the diamonds playable for our community!

Discussions were held about the Directory Coordinator job description. Ideas were discussed on how to increase advertisers, such as different sponsorship levels, having on-line advertising an added perk or extra option on our web site or new Face book account.

## New Business:

Dawn Cwierley and Carol Zaffram started a Willow Ridge Civic Association Face book account. This will be another way to convey information and communicate with the community. All are encouraged to be a friend!

There will be an e-wind that will go out encouraging community members to join.

## Committee Reports:

Patty Daddario reported that the WRCA children's Easter Party had great attendance and the signs and new time were helpful in increasing attendance. The position of junior recreation is officially open and in need of a new WRCA neighbor to volunteer. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile opportunity.

Debbie Goetz reported that the Fall Festival is set for Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-11pm at Classic's V with food, drinks and entertainment. There will be a 3 hour open bar and the food will be out from 8:30pm – 10pm. She is looking into a way to have people extend the open bar past 11pm if people choose to pay extra. More discussion to follow.

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Joe Battaglia will run the WRCA community garage sale to be held June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 3pm. He will run ads in the Buffalo News, Amherst Bee, and face book and possibly on Craig's list. If you are having a garage sale at your house and would like to be sighted on his list and maps that will be available, please call him at 564-0737 and leave a message with your address.

National Night Out will be August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dawn Cwierley mentioned she may be able to have a blood pressure screening booth at the event. There will also be a table and information about a neighborhood watch program.

Lynn Getzin discussed the WRCA 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.

## Adjournment:

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Pat Land and seconded by Bob Foladare to adjourn at 8:51pm. The next meeting is June 14th at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patty Daddario

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All donations can be collected between **6-20-11---6-25-11**.

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## Neighborhood News



### Sympathy

The family of Jim Joslin would like his friends and former golfing buddies to know he passed away on May 13. Jim and wife, Barbara built their home at 121 Jeanmoor in 1965 where they happily raised their four sons. He is survived by Barbara, sons James Jr., Jeffrey, Jonathan, and Joseph; “daughters,” Pamela, Karen, Denise and Jennifer; and seven grandchildren; Robert, Rachael, Shelby, Spencer, Alex, Brandon, and Caitlyn. Jim started his own maintenance supply business, Joslin Enterprises in 1973 and he never retired. He was still taking orders four days before his death. He loved riding his motorcycles after learning to ride when he was 45. He had quite a few Harley Davidsons and always said they were cheaper than a psychiatrist. A “Celebration of Life” was held at Shannon’s Pub on May 19 where family and friends gathered to tip a pint to the most honest golfer ever to play in the Willow Ridge Golf League. We will all miss him so very much but know that he is now happily riding his Hog in a better place.

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**Lawn & Garden:** Lawnmower, Honda HR215K1HMA electric starter-mulching blade 21", mulching plug, 5 years old, excellent condition, charger for battery included, \$150.00 \* Electric Trimmer, 1 STIHL FSE 60 electric trimmer, had little use, excellent condition, 2 years old. \$65.00. (716)691-8518

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## Willow Ridge Planning



## 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.

## GRADUATION ARRIVES!

This issue concludes our primary graduation listing from parents and recognition from the WRCA and all of us in the neighborhood. However if for some reason you just couldn't get an announcement to me, come on parents and grandparents, send it in now! As a courtesy, we will continue to list graduate names in the summer issues. In order to accomplish this we are again asking that you 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. Congratulations to all our graduates. You make us proud!  
Debby VonLangen, Editor



## *Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of 2011*

### **Buffalo State Graduate**

Richard and Elaine Weber of 137 Willow Green Dr. are proud to announce the graduation of their granddaughter, Christine Weber, from Buffalo State. She achieved her Masters Degree in special education. *Nice going Chrissy, we are very proud of your accomplishment. Love Grandfather and Grandmother Weber.*

### **University of Buffalo Graduate**

Richard and Elaine Weber of 137 Willow Green Dr. are proud to announce the graduation of their grandson, Dustin Welch from the University of Buffalo. He achieved his degree in architecture, cum laude. He will continue for his Masters Degree on a full scholarship. *We are very proud of your accomplishment. Love Grandfather and Grandma Weber.*

### **Sweet Home High Graduates**

Congratulations to Matthew Daddario of Amberwood Drive on graduating with honors from Sweet Home High School Class of 2011. He will be attending Daemen College in the fall on an academic and soccer scholarship. *Matthew, we wish you all the best in everything you do. Enjoy college and being a goalie for the Wildcats! Love your #1 fans, Mom, Dad, Jill and Mitchell.*

Congratulations to Dean R. May for graduating from Sweet Home High School. *We are so proud of all your accomplishments through K-12. We love you very much, and wish you success at Daemen College. Love Dad, Mom, Crystal, Brittany, and Buster*

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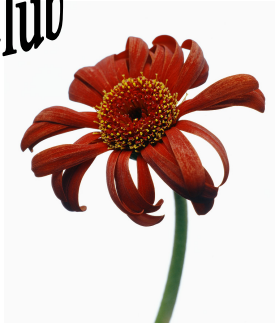
# THANK YOU



Our thanks to the outstanding efforts of Pat Land, John Burke and the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall volunteers who once again

worked to restore the baseball diamonds at Bedford Park from the ravages of winter!

# Willow Ridge Garden Club



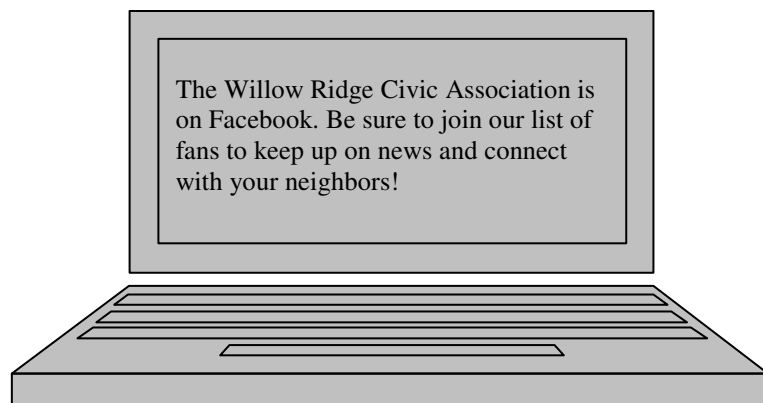
Meeting June 1, 7:30pm  
Zion United Church of Christ  
15 Koenig Circle  
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Program: Lynn Chimera, Master Gardener from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County will provide a slide presentation on native plants.

Joan Robinson, 691-8397

## Junior Recreation Chairperson Volunteer Needed:

If you are willing to step into this much needed and rewarding and please call any board member!



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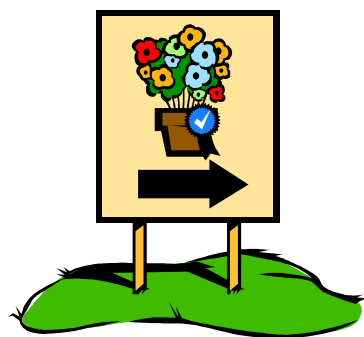
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### Join the Amherst Garden Walk

(Amherst, NY)---Are you proud of you landscape gardens? Do you want to share your gardens and swap gardening tips with others? Join us by participating in our second annual Amherst Garden Walk held on Saturday, July 23,

2011 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

We are looking for residents who wish to open their gardens to the public. Additionally, we are encouraging neighborhoods to participate in highlighting their gardens together as a community event. Homeowners associations and gardening clubs are invited to participate as well. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions, please email [gardenwalk@amherst.ny.us](mailto:gardenwalk@amherst.ny.us) or call the Supervisor's Office at 631-7032 by June 30 for an application.

Amherst will issue a map of locations so that people may do a driving tour of our local Amherst gardens. The map will be downloadable from the town's website.

## Willow Ridge

### Garage Sale

June 17 & 18  
8am—3pm

Are you ready? Everything is in motion for this year's community garage sale. Ads will appear in the Buffalo News, Amherst Bee, and Facebook. Maps will be available in front of Convenient and Willow Ridge Elementary. If you wish to "put your sale on the map," (literally) please call Joe Battaglia at 564-0737 and leave a message with your address. If you will be posting signs, please take them down promptly after the sale. Good luck buyers and sellers!