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### From the President's Desk

#### Dear Friends and Neighbors

I'm happy to report that our membership drive, which began October 1st for the upcoming year, is off to a very good start and the association appreciates everyone's support. **Just a reminder, pay your dues by November 15th and receive a \$1.00 discount.**

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday November 8th, which just so happens to be our next meeting. James Zymanek, Director of Emergency Services for the Town of Amherst will be providing information on an Emergency Response Program for Willow Ridge; community participation will be required. Another important date of note is Wednesday December 14th. The Civic Association will be holding a special meeting to introduce Superintendent of Schools Anthony Day. Mr. Day will be discussing how changes in Albany have impacted our school district.

Our next event and most popular, is the 3rd Annual Wine Tasting scheduled for Saturday January 28, 2012 at Classics; see upcoming newsletters for more information or contact Jim Prentice @ 691-8915 for information. And on a final note, the Board needs your help! Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Cam Hill @ 906-1118 or Neil Cuomo @ 691-3014; several positions will be available beginning January 1, 2012.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 8th 7:30 p.m. at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall; hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

**Ed Goetz**

### Don't miss these: Guest Speakers at upcoming WRCA Civic Meetings

#### Tuesday November 8

Guest: James Zymanek, Director of Emergency Services for the Town of Amherst.

Topic: An Emergency Response Program for Willow Ridge.

#### Wed. December 14.

Guest: Superintendent of Schools Anthony Day.

Topic: How changes in Albany have impacted our school district.

#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 8

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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# WRCA 2012 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Join WRCA or renew your membership NOW!!!

and

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Last month we rolled out the Willow Ridge Civic Association's 2012 Membership Drive. Please take a moment today to choose your method of payment and complete the 2012 membership form:

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## 3rd Annual Wine Tasting

Saturday January 28, 2012 at Classics. Details to follow!



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## Neighborhood News



### Sympathy

Former neighbors and friends extend their sympathy to the Kiefer family on the recent death of Jack Kiefer on October 1. Bev and Jack lived on Willow Ridge over 35 years before moving to Williamsville. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bev, their children, Karin and Mark and their families.

Friends and neighbors send their sympathy to the Izard family on Willow Green Drive for the passing of Denise's mother, Hazel M. Pfalzer of Amherst in late September. Mrs. Pfalzer was a former teacher and later turned her talents for making cheesecakes into a local bakery business. This very active and involved lady will surely be missed by her many associates as well as the Izard family, Denise, Bruce and children Stephanie and Melanie, may all your wonderful memories bring you comfort.

### Congratulations

On a gorgeous fall afternoon, Jennifer Koons, daughter of Carolyn and Jim Koons of Willow Green Drive, was married to Zachary Mills of Kenmore. The wedding of Jenni and Zach took place on October 8 at the Parkside Lutheran Church with reception following at The Fairdale. Jenni's sisters, Pamela and Noelle were attendants and Noelle's daughter Cassi was the flower girl. Every good wish to the young couple for lasting happiness.

Another Willow Green wedding took place in St. Christopher's Church on Friday, October 14 when Jason Cook and Crystal Harvey exchanged vows. Jason and Crystal moved into our Willow Ridge community last year and friends and neighbors congratulate them both and send many good wishes.

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6:30 PM



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**Chicken BBQ**

November 5th from 2:00-6:00pm  
\$8.00 per meal

Proceeds to support our annual mission trip to the Dominican Republic

**CHIAVETTA'S**  
Catering

## WRCA Minutes

October 11, 2011

President Ed Goetz called meeting to order at 7:35pm. Also present were Vice President Karen Tyno, Secretary Patty Daddario, Treasurer Rick VonLangen, Board Members, Mark Hammer, Dawn Cwierley and Pat Land. Community attendees included Cam Hill, Lynn Getzin, Debby Von Langen, and Ben Procopio.

### President's Report:

Ed reported that the hole was repaired at the tennis courts. He also reported that there will be a fence installed that will surround the generator by the end of October per Mike Delamir.

### Secretary Minutes:

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

### Treasurer Report:

Rick VonLangen reported no new income for September and expenses to be \$1269.00. The account balance is \$8,582.00. Rick has received around 175 members to date. This is a good start for the membership drive.

Mark Hammer made a motion to approve, seconded by Patty Daddario and board approval was granted.

### Membership Report:

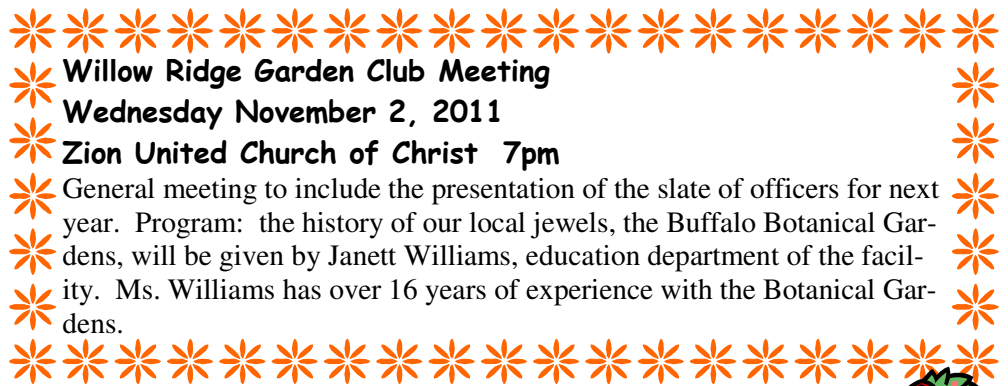
Lynn Getzin reported all community members received a *WITW* newsletter for October. There will be a reminder in the next issue in regards to deadlines for membership.

### Old Business:

Advertisers are getting contacted for advertising in the directory for 2012. Cam is requesting extra directories from 2011 to have on hand to give to repeat advertisers.

### New Business:

Dawn Cwierley informed the board of government funding that may be available for a crime watch in the Willow Ridge neighborhood. She has also made arrangements for James J. Zymanek from Amherst Emergency Service and Safety to speak at the November WRCA meeting. He will be discussing community emergency response.



## Willow Ridge Garden Club Meeting

Wednesday November 2, 2011

Zion United Church of Christ 7pm

General meeting to include the presentation of the slate of officers for next year. Program: the history of our local jewels, the Buffalo Botanical Gardens, will be given by Janett Williams, education department of the facility. Ms. Williams has over 16 years of experience with the Botanical Gardens.

### Willow Ridge Garden Club

#### 2011 Poinsettia Sale

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The December meeting will be held on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> instead of Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> due to Mr. Day being available to speak that day. He will be discussing the 2012 budget for Sweet Home Schools. Please come and hear what he has to say and come with any questions you may have. Refreshments will be served.

Debbie Goetz will be updating the Willow Ridge Convenient bulletin board with any information regarding meetings or upcoming events.

There will be some board member openings for the 2012 year. Anyone interested in getting more involved, please contact Neil Cuomo at 691-3014 or Cam Hill at 906-1118. Any adult community member would be welcome!

### Committee Reports:

Fall Fest was cancelled due to lack of ticket sales. This event will be tabled until next year. If any community member has any ideas or interest in taking over the running of this event, please contact a board member. The annual Wine Tasting event will take place at Classics 5 on

January 28<sup>th</sup>. Jim Prentice will have more information next month.

The Snowflake Dinner Dance will take place at Classics V on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information from Carol Zaffram will be presented in months to come.

### Community open Forum:

Questions about student housing, the pumping station and the new generator were addressed. Pooling of water was still a concern at Willow Ridge and Sweetwood intersection.

### Adjournment:

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Dawn Cwierley and seconded by Pat Land to adjourn at 8:22pm. The next meeting is November 8<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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## **CUB SCOUT PACK 173 HOLIDAY CARD DELIVERY**

As a community service for Willow Ridge, Cub Scout Pack 173 will be delivering holiday cards throughout the community. Drop off your cards into the collection bin that will be located at **733 Edge-water Drive**. The bin will be available from Friday, November 25 up until 5 pm Thursday, December 8th. All cards will be delivered by Sunday, December 18th. Please make sure your cards are clearly labeled with the recipients name and street address. For the safety of our scouts, we will 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.

