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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

Now that summer is in full swing and more activities are going on, please watch for children playing and riding bikes. Also be aware of your neighbors walking throughout the neighborhood.

A special thanks goes out to Joe Battaglia for coordinating the annual WRCA Garage Sale Father's Day weekend. All indications are the event was successful. I also want to make special mention of the time and energy that Neil Cuomo put into the WRCA Family Picnic on July 30 at Bedford Park. We hope those that attended had a good time and each year our goal is to increase participation. This is a great way to meet some of your neighbors and make new friends.

Our next event and one of the most popular, is the **Fall Festival** scheduled for **Saturday October 8th at Classics V**. Space is limited so reserve your table now! See the *WITW* for additional information.

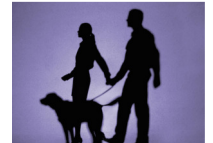
The Board is currently on summer break, however if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact any board member. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 13 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Sincerely,

Ed Goetz

Wind-in-the-Willows and the WRCA Directory— Your valuable handbooks for the

SUMMER



Our monthly newsletter, the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, which you are now holding, provides many details about the latest happenings in Willow Ridge and upcoming free events for the children. Browse through and check out what's happening this month. Page 8 reveals details about National Night Out on August 2, which will be a thrilling event for the kids! Inside the newsletter you will find neighborhood news, our own free "Classified" section, and notices of special activities such as our upcoming Fall Festival on October 8.

Need to talk to a neighbor? Want to find information about a business in the area? Need a coupon? How about a babysitter? Your *WRCA Directory* includes a neighborhood listing, money saving coupons, services and businesses in our community, in addition to important phone numbers, such as listings for area schools and the Town of Amherst. You will also find a babysitter listing, a detailed map of our community, a guide to our annual events, and more!

As valuable as these publications are this summer, keep them nearby you will continue to be informed all year long. They are just two of the perks of your continuing membership of the WRCA!

Watch for neighborhood updates in your emails from E-Wind!



Happy Summertime

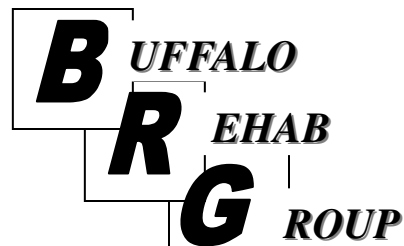


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the newsletter.

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.

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Sweet Home High School Graduate



Congratulations to Bethany Wolf who recently graduated from Sweet Home High School. Bethany was named salutatorian of the class of 2011. Bethany will be attending

Canisius College in the fall. While there she will major in Childhood and Inclusive Education. Her family is very proud of her hard work in the nine years she attended school at Sweet Home. We wish God's blessings for Bethany as she continues life's journey- Mom, Dad, Ryan, Jordan and Ethan

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Neighborhood News



Sympathy

Friends and

neighbors extend their sympathy to the family of Judie and Larry Kocher of 41 Black Spruce Court on the recent death of Judie's mother, Janet Meahl. Janet and her husband Wally (deceased), formerly lived on Willow Lane and had many friends in the Willow Ridge community. We know you will be comforted in your loss by your many good memories.

Congratulations

Neighbors on Willow Ridge Drive are delighted to extend congratulations to Michelle and Scott Ziccardi on the birth of their twin sons! The boys arrived on May 20, 2011. Carson weighed in @ 5lbs. 14oz. and Parker was 6lbs. 2oz. Everyone is home doing well. God's blessings on all of you.



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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."



Classified

Classified is a service provided for the use of Willow Ridge Civic Association members free of charge. Please print or type your ad on a *full-sized sheet of paper*. Sign your ad (not the envelope) and include your address and phone number. *Classified* is not to be used for business purposes. Deliver to 221 N. Brier and place in porch box, or email to wiweditor@gmail.com.

For Sale

Baby/Child: Little Tikes 8-in-1 playground/climbing set, plastic, very good condition, retail \$400., asking \$100.00; Boy's student desk, blue metal and laminate, comes with chair, \$30.00; Bike trailer/Jogging stroller, 2 person, very good condition, \$50.00; Exer saucer, \$20; Bouncy seat, \$10; 2 activity tables, \$8, \$5; umbrella stroller, \$10; musical gym, \$8. 691-3541

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Furniture: 2 wooden barstools (natural & white) \$5.00 each. 691-3541

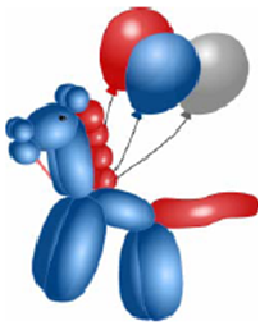
Lawn & Garden: Round patio table w/ 4 chairs, umbrella & stand. very good condition, \$85.00 691-7070

Wanted

Piano Lessons Given: Piano lessons by experienced teacher (32 Years) Beginners to Intermediate. Children and Adults. Starting in September. 691-8048.

Lost

Parakeet: Blue/Grey/Violet body with Yellow markings on face. Lakeview estates area If seen, please call 691-7752.



September 17th, 2011
Ellicott Creek Park
Niagara Falls Blvd. @ Ellicott Creek Rd.
In the town of Tonawanda, NY 14150
Registration Begins @ 11:30 AM, Walk Starts @ 1:00 PM

This non-competitive walk is approx. 1 mile

Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder affecting 300,000 people in the US. The Conquer Chiari Walk Across America is a series of local awareness and fundraising walks held across the country on the same day. Join us on this special day and help the thousands of families struggling with this terrible disease. All proceeds will be used to fund Chiari research.

Participation is free. T-shirts will be provided for pre-registered walkers with a minimum donation of \$25 (deadline is 8/7). For more information, to register as a walker, or to sponsor a walker, contact [Cindy Zahn at \(716\) 695-6675](tel:7166956675) and rdhflosser@msn.com or [Agnes Starr at \(716\) 691-7717](tel:7166917717) and sweetpea324@verizon.net, or visit: www.conquerchiari.org.



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Conquer Chiari, known formally as the C&S Patient Education Foundation is a Pennsylvania 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to improving the experiences and outcomes of Chiari patients through education, awareness, and research.

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 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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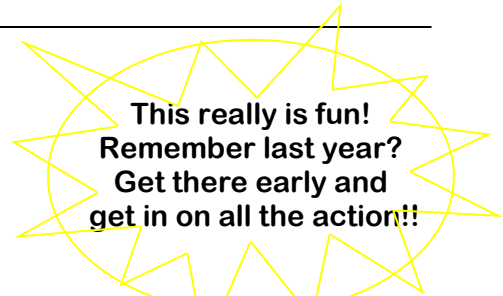
**August
2011**

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
- neighborhood watch info

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