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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On Wednesday This Month Only:

Wednesday, December 14

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors

At November's meeting, Jim Cwierley gave a presentation on a CERT Program (Community Education Response Training) for Willow Ridge residents. **This is a free multi-session training course beginning in February 2012, that will provide residents a variety of skills to keep our neighborhood safe in the event of a disaster. Those skills include basic first aid, emergency preparedness, fire safety, and more.** For additional information, please contact Jim Cwierley at 525-1893 or willow.ridge.cert@gmail.com.

On **Wednesday December 14**, 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; please make every effort to attend this very important meeting. I also want to make mention of two more important events; the Holiday Lighting Contest and the Annual Wine Tasting; see the newsletter for additional information.

In closing, on behalf of the entire WRCA Board, I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday December 14 @ 7:30 p.m.** at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Sincerely,

Ed Goetz

Ho Ho Ho Do You Know??

... who will be the winner of this year's lighting contest? Ten \$25.00

gift cards remain up for grabs as we begin this year's challenge. Deck your house with holiday trimmings and dazzle the judges who will be driving through the neighborhood on December 16, 17, & 18 choosing the winners. Get creative in the holiday spirit with your neighbors and turn Willow Ridge into a fantasy land of lights and decoration. Who will win? Ho-ho-who knows? Maybe it will be you!



WRCA 2012 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



**The December 31st Deadline is fast approaching
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PO Box 86
Amherst, NY 14226**

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A question and answer period will follow.
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**Don't miss our guest
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WRCA Civic Meeting
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Topic: How changes in
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Neighbors and friends wish to send their sympathies to Don Hillyard of Kaymar Dr. for the passing of his wife MaryAnn on October 30. MaryAnn taught for the KenTon School District for 30 years and was an SPCA volunteer. We will all miss MaryAnn and hope you find comfort in the memories of the many years you had together.

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A new class of CERT training, designed specifically for Willow Ridge residents, will be forming in February 2012.

During this multi-session training course, you'll learn a variety of skills to keep you safe in the event of a disaster. Those skills include basic first aid, emergency preparedness, fire safety, and more.

For more information, please contact Jim Cwierley at 525-1893 or willow.ridge.cert@gmail.com.

Willow Ridge Civic Association

Amherst, NY

Presents a fundraiser

"Wine Tasting Night"

Hosted by Mark Butler's Sheridan Plaza Liquors

Saturday January 28th 2012

7pm-10pm - At Classics V

\$25 per person - includes wine tasting and appetizers

Make checks payable to:

Willow Ridge Civic Association

Proceeds benefit WRCA and the

Willow Ridge Playground Fund

For Reservations, payment and mailing info contact:

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December 18th @ 6:30 P.M.

**Christmas Eve
Candle Light Service
6 P.M.**



**Christmas
Day
Service
10:00 A.M.**



WRCA Minutes

November 8, 2011

President Ed Goetz called meeting to order at 7:35pm, Secretary Patty Daddario, Board Members, Mark Hammer, Dawn Cwierley, Carol Zaffram, John Valkwitch and Pat Land. Community attendees included Cam Hill, Lynn Getzin, Debbie Goetz, Tom Halter, Ron Smeller, Kathy Rappleye, Andrew Rappleye, Julie Rappleye, Judith Moran and Jim Cwierley.

President's Report:

A fence has been installed around generator. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts requested their WRCA allocated money. The motion was made by Patty Daddario and seconded by Mark Hammer then board approved.

Secretary Minutes:

A motion was made by Pat Land to approve the secretary minutes from the October meeting. Mark Hammer seconded and board approval followed.

Treasurer Report:

Ed Goetz reported for Rick VonLangen. Income \$4,130.00, expenses \$3335.00 including the Halloween party and paying the insurance. The account balance is \$9,377.00. Mark Hammer made a motion to approve, seconded by John Valkwitch and board approval was granted.

Membership Report:

Lynn Getzin reported 403 members paid for 2012 so far. She passed on an interested neighbor to potentially help out with children's parties.

Old Business:

Jane Siemen will no longer be the WRCA directory editor. An e-mail was sent thanking Jane for her years of service and that a new direction was being taken for 2012. Debbie and Ed Goetz will be coordinating the directory for next year, with Cam Hill conducting the advertising.

Many thanks for Debbie Goetz for keeping the Convenient store bulletin board up to date with WRCA information!

Next meeting Tony Day will be presenting Sweet Home district budget plans. It will be a presentation and then a question and answer period. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.


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The board is in need of new board members for the 2012 year. Please Neil Cuomo at 691-3014 or Cam Hill at 906-1118 if interested. Any adult community member would be welcome!

New Business:

Jim Cwierley presented CERT program (Citizen Emergency Response Team) The program will be offered to interested neighbors whom would like to participate in an 8 week training course on to help neighbors during emergency situations such as the October Storm. The program would be fully funded by Niagara University through a grant. The class size is roughly 35-40. If interested in this program, please contact Jim Cwierley at 525-1893.

Dawn Cwierley spoke with Amherst police about neighborhood watch program and will be looking into having an officer come to a board meeting some time in 2012.

Still looking for an individual or individuals to run the children's Easter party and Halloween party. If interested, please contact Patty Daddario 691-6161.

Holiday lighting contest judging will occur between December 16th and 18th.

Committee Reports:

The Halloween party was a success with a very large turnout of children and adults. Megan Martin's Girl Scout Troop ran the party with games, food and a bounce house. They are

returning \$58.81 of unused money. The annual Wine Tasting event, hosted by Mark Butler's Sheridan Plaza Liquors, will take place at Classics 5 on January 28th from 7-10pm. The cost is \$25.00 with proceeds benefitting WRCA and the Willow Ridge Playground Fund. For reservations, call Jim Prentice at 691-8915.

The Snowflake Dinner Dance will take place at Classics 5 on March 3rd. The cost is \$70.00 per couple.

Community open Forum:

Discussed growing deer problem in Willow Ridge.

Discussed abandoned Walmart building and how the leasing company is handling the situation.

Adjournment:

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Carol Zaffram and seconded by Patty Daddario to adjourn at 8:22pm. The next meeting is **Wednesday December 14th at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm.** All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Daddario
Secretary



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Thank you

The WRCA would like to thank Jane Sieman for her many years of dedication and hard work in her role as directory editor and her labors in and among the Willow Ridge community. She was a master at keeping accurate records and handling the myriad of details, and frequent changes within the neighborhood. Through her efforts we enjoyed an accurate and informative directory each year. Thank you Jane for your many years of service to Willow Ridge!



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Sincerely,

Dan and Donna Cross

December 2011

Save the Date!

The Snowflake
Dinner Dance is on
the horizon!

March 3th 2012

An evening out...

Enjoy some time
with friends and
neighbors!

Save the Date!

CANS FOR CUBS 2012 Cub Scout Pack 173 will be holding our annual pop can/bottle collection drive on Saturday, January 7, 2012 from 10am—1pm. Money earned from the returns will be donated to a charitable organization to be determined at a later date. On Saturday, January 7, please leave your NY stamped returnable cans & bottles in a plastic bag on your front porch or driveway. Our scouts and their parents will be coming around to pick them up between the hours of 10am and 1pm. You can also deliver them to 27 Jonathan Place, or call 691-8713 to arrange a pickup. Only NY stamped returnable pop/beer cans & bottles will be accepted (no recyclables or wine/liquor bottles). Last year's drive enabled us to donate \$500 for a pathway brick in Roswell Park's Walk of Life & Garden of Hope. An additional \$200 was donated to the North Tonawanda Red Jackets (Don Miller Park).

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 Edgewater 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.

