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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 9

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- **DEADLINE for the March WITW is February 12**
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WRCA MEMBERSHIP

Successful Membership Drive Concluded

We have concluded a very successful **2010 Membership Drive** that featured our new Invoice Only payment system. Most of our members joined the WRCA by returning the Membership Invoice that was enclosed in the November issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*; nearly 100 people used our convenient online payment method. Unfortunately, some of our neighbors have not responded to our 2010 membership appeal. Most likely they are waiting to be contacted directly by a block rep, but this procedure is no longer part of the new membership renewal program.

If through oversight you have not yet renewed your membership, we offer one last opportunity to renew by sending your check for \$15.00 to: **WRCA, PO Box 86, Amherst, NY 14226**; you may also go to www.wrca.info and follow the link to pay your dues online.

This February issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* will be the last issue mailed to unpaid residents of the Willow Ridge community. Do not miss out on receiving your monthly copy and early online version of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* and your 2010 WRCA Membership Directory.

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Valentines Day to everyone! The January thaw was a welcome relief from the cold weather over the holidays

The wine-tasting was absolutely fantastic and I would like to thank Mark Butler and Mark Butler's Sheridan Plaza Liquors for the great job. Coming up next on the horizon is the Snowflake Dinner Dance on March 6. Don't forget to get your tickets! The kids can look forward to the Easter Party on March 27 and before you can say, "Spring Clean" you can mark the date of the Willow Ridge Garage Sale set for June 11-13.

Speaking of Spring, and on a more serious note, representatives of WalMart and Home Depot visited during our last meeting and requested their yearly allowance to open their garden centers. Not realizing that the woods between Home Depot and Willow Ridge is their responsibility, they have now assured us that in the spring they would trim the broken branches, clean up debris and plant new bushes and trees along the berm on Chestnut Ridge.

Finally, when shoveling your driveway, please take the extra 10 minutes and clear your sidewalk, too. Let's make walking our neighborhood safe for everyone!

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 9 at 7:30 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. As always everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. I hope to see you there! Warm wishes,

Bob Foladare



Back again by popular demand it's the ...

SNOWFLAKE DINNER DANCE

At a NEW DATE
MARCH 6 7PM-Midnight
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Found:

Ladies silver metal bracelet. Found last fall on Willow Green near Bedford Park. For more information call 691-6352 or 481-2306.

WRCA MINUTES

January 12, 2010

President Bob Folandare called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. In attendance were President Folandare, Vice President Ed Goetz, Secretary Pat Land, Board Members Joe Battaglia, John Radens, Patty Daddario, John Valkwitch, and Rick VonLangen. Excused were Jack Baker and Karen Tyno. Community attendees included Cam Hill and Neil Cuomo, Carol Zaffram, Kathy Land, Debbie Goetz, Debby VonLangen, Jim Prentice, Julie Goetz, Vince Hanley, John Safford, Rob Bertone, and N.A. Hammoud. A motion was made by Ed Goetz to approve the secretary minutes from the November meeting, John Radens seconded and a board approval followed.

Treasurer's Report

Ed Goetz reported for Jack Baker that all expenses were met from December. Expenses were \$746.00; income was \$582.00 with an account balance of \$11,732.00. A motion was made by Pat Land and seconded by Joe Battaglia to approve the treasurer's report; board approval was unanimous.

President's Report

Bob Folandare welcomed our new board members, Patty Daddario, John Valkwitch and Rick VonLangen. He reports that WalMart and Home Depot, promises improvements to keep sidewalks clear of snow and free of debris in the coming year. They have hired a new plowing service to facilitate this effort. They will also provide a new 8' pine tree to the entrance to Willow Ridge. Correspondence was received from a neighbor voicing their discontent to the adult book store on Niagara Falls Blvd. at Willow Ridge. Sweet Home Dollars for Scholars has thanked WRCA for the \$1000.00 annual scholarship monies we provide.

Membership Report

Families that have renewed as of January 1 are numbered at 585. Due to the enthusiastic response to online renewals, a motion was made by Ed Goetz to not mail a second invoice notice, but follow up with a reminder postcard.

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John Valkwitch seconded and board approval was unanimous. This will result in a monetary savings for WRCA.

Old Business

Jim Prentice reported on the newest Willow Ridge event, “A Willow Ridge Wine Tasting Night;” on January 30, 2010 at Classics. Approximately 50 people have reserved spots. WRCA is hoping for 100 attendees; the proceeds raised will go to the new “Willow Ridge Playground Fund.”

Carol Zaffram has set March 6 as the date of the Snowflake Dinner Dance. The cost will be \$60.00 per resident couple and \$70.00 per non-resident couples. The dress code has been changed to business casual for this event. Carol will provide more details at the next meeting.

New Business

Attorney Vince Hanley along with store managers from WalMart and Home Depot requested a new agreement between the WRCA and their respective stores to allow the outside garden centers to continue. After some discussion, a two year agreement was decided upon subject to conditions set forth by the board. A motion was made by Joe Battaglia and seconded by Ed Goetz, and by a 6-1 vote, the board approved.

WRCA has an opening for a new Membership Coordinator. If anyone is interested in this compensated position, please contact a board member.

Committee Reports

Neil Cuomo reports that the Christmas Lighting competition was great. Twenty-five winners will receive their gift certificates. See this issue for a listing of winners.

Cam Hill reports that newsletter advertisement dollar receipts are slow.

Junior Rec Coordinator Patty Daddario reports that Lisa Wawrzniak has set a tentative date of March 27 for the Easter Party.

Garage Sale Chairman Joe Battaglia has set June 11, 12, 13 for the annual Willow Ridge Neighborhood Garage Sale.

Community Open Forum

Sweet Home High School Senior Julie Goetz observed and took notes at the meeting for her studies in the Student Participation in Government Program.

Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda a motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by John Radens to adjourn at 8:15pm. The next meeting is set for February 9, 2010 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Land,

To Submit Articles

for the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, submit to wiweditor@gmail.com and be sure to put *witw* in the subject box; or place signed articles in porch box at 221 North Brier Road. The deadlines for each month are located in the left margin on the front page of the newsletter.

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Story time at the Library

Girl Scout Troop 304 is sponsoring three story time sessions on Saturdays at the Eggertsville Library. The scouts are working on their leadership hours towards their silver award.

Session 1: Saturday, February 27, 2010

Session 2: Saturday, March 6, 2010

Session 3: Saturday, March 27, 2010

Times: 10:30—11am, 2-3 1/2 year olds with an adult

11:30—Noon, 3 1/2—6 year olds, adult must remain at library

Eggertsville Library is located at 4622 Main St., Amherst, 14226. Please call to register. Walk-ins are welcome if room is available.

Jackie Sommer, 691-5605

Neighborhood News



Sympathy

Neighbors on Chestnut Ridge Road wish to extend their condolences to the Gilinger family on the loss of Chuck's sister, Paula.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Ron Gozdecki of Rockdale Drive on Christmas Day. Our deepest sympathy, prayers and concern are extended to his wife Sonya, daughter Cheryl, her husband, Greg Nowakowski and the extended family. Ron was a devoted husband and father and a proud member of the Willow Ridge family for over 40 years. His quick wit, easy smile and concern for others, his church and community made him a wonderful friend and neighbor. He took great pride in maintaining his property and used his creative talent to win many awards for the Holiday Home Lighting Contest. He was deeply concerned about civic affairs that affected us all. He also promoted the Amherst Skating Club and was very proud of Cheryl's accomplishments. Ron will be greatly missed and he and his family are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.

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Eight FREE classes of the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program will begin at Buffalo Rehab Group, 350 Greenhaven Terrace, Tonawanda on Tuesdays 1:45-2:45 from February 2 through March 23. Call 213-0772 to register. This gentle exercise will help improve range of motion and build muscle strength to protect joints.



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The February 3, 2010 meeting will be for the Election of Officers followed by a Garden Auction.

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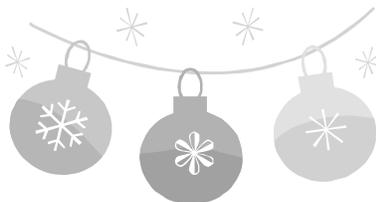
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113 ROCKDALE DRIVE
145 S. ELLICOTT CREEK ROAD
627 S. ELLICOTT CREEK ROAD
20 SWEETWOOD DRIVE
104 SWEETWOOD DRIVE
80 SWEETWOOD DRIVE NORTH
28 WESTCLIFFE DRIVE
142 WILLOWGREEN DRIVE
216 WILLOWGREEN DRIVE

HONORABLE MENTION

AMBERWOOD DRIVE: 163,164; BEAUMONT: 20,77
BLACK SPRUCE CT: 1,18,25,34,41,49; BROOKPARK: 37,53
BUTTON BUSH: 3,11,19,27; CHESTNUT RIDGE 1030; DALEWOOD 57,99
DENROSE: 275,327,356,360,411; EDGEWATER: 791,815,821,832,874; ELDERWOOD: 4,12,44
GRASSPOINTE: 47,95,103;
HONEY BEE: 24, HUBBARDSTON: 106, JEANMOOR: 23,60,152,153
JONATHAN: 10,27,57; KAYMAR: 25,26,78,84,90,208,480,493,501,565,582,661,669
MARICREST: 14,20,31,32,49; N.BRIER: 5,66, 152,197,216, 240
PARKHAVEN: 36,114,167,175,183,207; PEPPER TREE: 280,323
RED MAPLE CT: 4,36,37,44 ROCKDALE COURT: 241; ROCKDALE DR. 23,50,73,93
ROUNDWOOD CT: 47 RUMSON: 69; S. ELLICOTT: 443,609,619 SWEETWOOD DR: 44,55
SWEETWOOD DR. NORTH: 28,52,66,71,72,85,105,110;
WESTCLIFFE: 6,12,19,20,27,35,44,59,67,68
WILLOWGREEN: 6,24,36,42,48,130,136,155,197,198,222,228,233,269,270,281,311,
330,366,429,450,456 WILLOW LANE CT: 11,12,52
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717-749 Kaymar
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297-680 S.Elicott Creek
6-50 Rockdale
2-51 Dalewood
91-129 Dalewood

775-821 Edgewater
880-933 Edgewater
231-263 Denrose
300-411 (ev) Denrose
155-179 Willow Green
88-112 Hubbardston
296-336 Willow Ridge
74-104 Sweetwood

If you live in one of the listed sections and have a change of any sort, please contact me by phone, 564-0913 or 870-3412 (and leave a message) or email at wnyo80@verizon.net. If I receive an email from you, I will send you a confirmation with 48 hours. If you do not get a confirmation, please call me or drop off a note to 80 Sweetwood North Drive. (I will call you back either way to let you know I received your change—by email, phone, or note). If I do not hear from you by February 10, your listing will appear in the 2010 directory as it appears in the 2009 directory. My goal is to keep the contents of each year's directory as accurate as possible. If you are interested in becoming a block rep for one of the areas listed above, please contact me.

Thank you,
Jane Sieman
Directory Editor



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