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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 9

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The beginning the March brings the winds hope for warmer weather together with our annual Snowflake Dinner Dance and Easter Party. Both promise to be a great time, for the respective age groups. So adults, have a terrific evening at the Snowflake Dinner Dance on March 6. Kids can look forward to our Easter Party on March 27. Following in the distance is the Neighborhood Garage Sale on June 11—13, which will arrive sooner than we think.

The wine-tasting was absolutely fantastic and I would like to thank the Prentices, Goetz's, Land's and Mark Butler's Sheridan Plaza Liquors for a job well done.

Here is an important fact for those of you who happened to let slip the paying of dues for membership in the WRCA: **this will be the last newsletter you will receive.** Paid members will receive their directory on the weekend of March 6, delivered by Boy Scout Troop 173. **Please watch for them!** If dues are unpaid, you will not be receiving a Directory, or any additional newsletters. **So please get your dues in!**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 9 at 7:30pm 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

2010 Willow Ridge Civic Association Directory Cover Contest Winners



This was the 4th annual contest to design a cover for the WRCA Directory. We asked the young residents of our community to participate in designing a cover for the 2010 Willow Ridge Civic Association Directory. We received numerous entries and they were all terrific!! A lot of hard work was put in by all who participated.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

1st Place Cover Designer – Michael Nowak, age 13

2nd Place – Rachelle Keller, age 13

3rd Place – Melanie Kindron, age 11

Each winner will be presented with a Walmart gift card and a complimentary 2010 Willow Ridge Civic Association Directory at the Willow Ridge Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2010 by President, Bob Foladare.

Willow Ridge Directory 2010

To the Members of the Willow Ridge Civic Association:

The Willow Ridge Directory for the year 2010 is done and will be delivered by Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173 to all paid members by March 15th!!! The directory lists the names, addresses and telephone numbers of more than 1,200 families who live in the Willow Ridge area. Residents rely on it to contact neighbors and committees and to locate local goods and services. The directory is especially useful to those who are just moving into the area. There is also a public service directory located in the front of the directory.

If anyone has a change over the coming year (such as a birth of a child) please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing me at wnyo80@verizon.net. I like to keep all this information as current as possible throughout the year.

I wish to THANK all the advertisers for supporting our Association. A great many of them generously contributed coupons in a special tear out section of the directory. I hope the directory will continue to be a useful reference book and that the contents are as accurate as possible.

Sincerely, Jane Sieman

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A Wine Tasting Event Thank you

We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors who attended the Willow Ridge Wine Tasting event at Classics V on January 30. It was a fun and worthwhile event, especially for the Willow Ridge playground fund. A special thanks to the board and event chair Jim Prentice and to the May family for once again, supporting one of the many enjoyable events we have here in our wonderful community. We look forward to making this an annual event!

All the best,

Mark and Jackie Butler

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WRCA MINUTES

February 9, 2010

President Bob Foladare called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. In attendance were President Foladare, Vice President Ed Goetz, Secretary Pat Land, and Treasurer Jack Baker. Board Members in attendance were John Radens, John Valkwitch, Rick VonLangen, and Karen Tyno. Community attendees included Cam Hill, Debby VonLangen, Jane Sieman, and Lee Baker.

Secretary's Minutes

A motion was made by John Valkwitch to approve the secretary minutes from the January meeting, Karen Tyno seconded and a board approval followed.

Treasurer's Report

Jack Baker reported that all expenses were met from January. Expenses were \$1146.00; income was \$1475.00 with an account balance of \$12,720.00. A motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by John Valkwitch to approve the treasurer's report; board approval was unanimous.

President's Report

Bob Foladare reported no correspondence and that all is quiet in the neighborhood.

Membership Report

Renewed families of the WRCA number 610 as of February 1. A postcard will be mailed in March to residents who have not renewed, so they may have another chance to do so. Many emails have been sent from renewed members with suggestions and ideas; Karen Tyno will respond to these. A new membership coordinator is still being sought. Anyone interested in this monetarily compensated position should contact a board member.



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Old Business

The first ever Willow Ridge Wine Tasting event was a tremendous success. Attendees numbered 165. A discussion ensued and a motion was brought forth and passed to donate \$1000.00 of the events proceeds to the Willow Ridge Playground Committee. Ed Goetz made a motion to continue this event and set the date of January 29, 2011 for next year. Karen Tyno seconded, and the board approved. The board would like to thank Event Chairmen Jim Prentice and his committee, Debbie Goetz and Kathy Land. Special thanks to Willow Ridger Mark Butler for his efforts in making this event successful.

New Business

The WRCA has an urgent opening for a new Membership Coordinator. If anyone is interested in this monetarily compensated position please contact a board member. The WRCA Board will once again oversee the Spring maintenance of the Willow Ridge ball diamonds. Project Chair Pat Land will have more info at the March meeting.

Committee Reports

Directory Chair Jane Sieman reports that the 2010 cover design contest winner is Michael Nowak. He and all contest participants are invited to attend the next board meeting. Directory ad sales are progressing nicely and the ad quota should be accomplished. A discussion ensued about the number of directories to print, and a motion was made by John Radens to print 800 with a provision that if the cost is no more than an additional \$1 per directory to print 900. John Valkwitch seconded and the motion was carried. Our Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173 will deliver the directories by March 15. Rick VonLangen will look into an updated email listserv system.

Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda a motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by Karen Tyno to adjourn at 9:00pm. The next meeting is set for March 9, 2010 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Land,

Secretary

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.

Willow Ridge Playground Committee Presents.....

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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

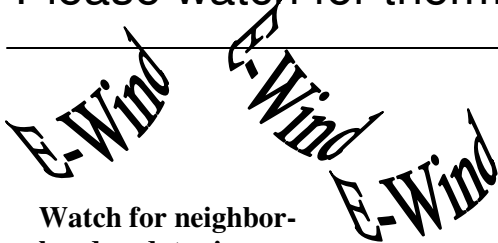
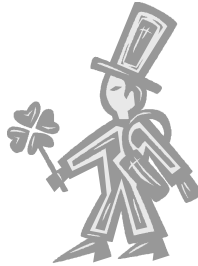
11:30—Noon, 3 1/2—6 year olds, adult must remain at library

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

WRCA Directory Delivery

Boy Scout Troop 173 will be delivering 2010 WRCA Directories to paid members on the weekend of March 6. Please watch for them!



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



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Neighborhood News

Sympathy

Neighbors on Sweetwood Drive were saddened to learn of the passing of Betty Sprague's husband, Joe on December 14. Tragically on December 28, Betty also lost their son Arlan of complications from an ongoing condition. Joe and Betty were married 52 years and were among the first to move to Sweetwood in 1962. Joe worked for Bell Aerospace while they raised their four sons and upon retirement became even more active at Grove Street Church where he was an elder, sang in the choir and let Bible study classes. Joe and Betty enjoyed traveling visiting England, New Zealand, and Peru in the last several years. Arlan leaves behind a wife, son and daughter in Potomac, Maryland.



Farewell

Neighbors on Parkhaven send best wishes to Karen Brown who recently moved from 28 Parkhaven to her new home in Snyder. We thank Karen for her many years as block rep to the residents of 10-47 Parkhaven.

Welcome

Neighbors extend a warm welcome to Denise and L. Nathan Hare who recently moved from North Buffalo to 28 Parkhaven. Denise is employed at the University of Buffalo and Nathan is President of a non-profit organization.

Belated welcome to Heather Cwudzinski and Aaron Thorne who moved to 227 Willow Green from West Seneca and Buffalo respectively. Heather is a Spanish teacher at Cleveland Hill High and Aaron is a Technical Administrative Assistant at ECMC. They are great fans of the Bills and Sabres and soon we will be congratulating them on their July 2010 wedding!

The neighbors on Edgewater would like to welcome the newest families to the block:

Erin and Paul Zablocki have moved into 704 Edgewater with their 2 year old daughter Olivia. We welcome the Zablocki's from North Tonawanda. Erin is a 4th grade teacher in the Barker Central School District and her husband, Paul is the Director of Alumni for Canisius High School. Welcome!

Dawn and Jim Cwierley have moved into 740 Edgewater this fall/winter. They bring their dog Molson and soon a baby will join them. Dawn works for Kenmore Mercy Hospital

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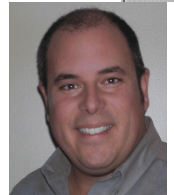
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in the Public Relations department and Jim is a web content publisher for Synacor. They have moved here from Niagara Falls. Welcome!

Jon and Karrie Matyjas and their two daughters, Taylor and Kameron have moved into 755 Edgewater. Welcome!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Michael and Alison Odojewski in welcoming a new son, Lucas, who has a big sister, Molly.

Congratulations to Pam and Eric Laubenstein of Rockdale Dr. on the birth of their first grandchild. Amelia Joy was born on August 31, 2009 to Matthew and Kara Laubenstein of Baltimore, MD. Aunt Rebecca and Uncle Kirk are also delighted with their beautiful niece! Best wishes to the whole family as they enjoy the gift of new life!

Neighbors on Parkhaven send a warm welcome to a new baby. Jacob Olewnik was born on December 18, 2009. He is the son of Diane and Andrew Olewnik of 106 Parkhaven, and has two big brothers, Braeden and Ethan.

Announcing the arrival of North Brier's Rick and Debby VonLangen's third grandchild! Olivia Sage Krystek was born on a snowy January 28, at 12:28 a.m. Tipping the scale at 8 lbs., she is the second daughter of Audrey VonLangen Krystek and John Krystek and is thoroughly enjoyed by her adoring, doting big sister, Brianna, who just turned three and is only too happy to impart her vast wisdom.