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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 14

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- **DEADLINE for the August WITW is July 9**
- **Minutes (page 3-4)**
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- **Graduates (pages 2,6,7,8)**

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It appears that Supervisor Weinstein has been very responsive to our concerns and problems (most importantly, our emergency generator, which is scheduled to be installed at the sewage lift station by October 1. We still need to get the lawn mowed at said station and problems solved with regard to some of the rental properties in our neighborhood.) In this regard, the supervisor seems genuinely interested in Willow Ridge, so if there is any problems with rental properties around you, please contact the Supervisor's office at 631-7033 (or myself at 691-7272) as he has assured me that he will send the building inspectors wherever they are needed.

Our annual neighborhood garage sale was June 11-13. It was a great success with special thanks to Joe Battaglia on a job well done.

On a safety and health note, with summer here and school in recess, please make sure to watch for children and walkers in the streets. Also, don't forget to pick up after your dogs when walking them (animal feces attracts rats.)

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 14 at 7:30 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. As always, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!

Warm Wishes,

Bob Foladare



GRADUATION ARRIVES

There are still a few more weeks left to submit the name and information of your graduate! It is hard to believe it, but they have now earned the chance to step with confidence into the next phase of their life. We want to congratulate them and you! Help us by submitting their information for the August issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. After all, they are our own Willow Ridgers and we are duly proud of them. Submit your graduate's name, address, and graduating school (college or high school). Include any accomplishments and/or goals he/she might have. To make the announcement extra special, be sure to include a signed "one-liner;" a message from you to your graduate. Graduation information can be sent *right now*, but to insure the "Salute the Graduate" special column in the August edition, please submit by **July 9**. Place your announcement, printed or typed on a full size sheet of paper, in the box on my porch at 221 North Brier, or better yet, email me at wiweditor@gmail.com. Please keep in mind that although there are no restrictions on length of announcement, some editing, especially on very lengthy notices, may become necessary. Come on, moms and dads! Here's your chance to let everyone know how proud you are and let us share in your happiness!

Debby VonLangen, Editor



The WRCA Salutes our 2010 Graduates University at Buffalo Graduates

Dick and Patti Hambridge of 37 Red Maple Court are proud to announce that their daughter, Caitlin, graduated summa cum laude on May 8 from UB, receiving her Doctorate of Physical Therapy. Caitlin has recently accepted a position with the Institute for Advanced Medicine at Sarasota Memorial Healthplex in Sarasota, Fla. where she will specialize in Neural Physical Therapy. *Congratulations, Caitlin, we are so proud of you! The world is lucky to have you taking care of them! Love, Mom & Dad.*

Dick and Pat Boorman of Brookpark Dr. are proud to announce the graduation of their son, Rick. He graduated magna cum laude from UB with a BA Degree in history and a minor in political science. Rick will be pursuing a Doctorate Degree in Jurisprudence at the University of Georgia in the fall. *Congratulations, Rick on a job well done. We are very proud of you. Good luck at Georgia Law. Love Dad, Mom and Victoria.*

Peter and Karen Young of Kaymar Drive are pleased to announce the graduation of their son, Kyle. Kyle graduated Cum Laude from the University of Buffalo with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Kyle has

accepted a position with Building Controls Services in Tonawanda. *Kyle—we're very proud of all your accomplishments—Mom, Dad, Craig and Jeremy.*

Daemen College Graduate

Dick and Pat Boorman of Brookpark Drive are proud to announce the graduation with honors of their daughter, Victoria Elizabeth from Daemen College with a BS/MS in Physician Assistant Studies and a double minor in Biology and Spanish. *Congratulations on all your hard work and commitment. We are so proud of you and wish you all the best in your future career as a Physician Assistant. Love Dad, Mom and Rick.*

Rochester Institute of Technology Graduate

Congratulations to Chris Murphy, formerly of 20 Beaumont Drive, who graduated on May 21 with High Honors from Rochester Institute of Technology with a Dual BS/MS in Computer Engineering. He is now working at a high-tech firm in Rochester. *We are very proud of all your success and accomplishments! Love, Mom, Dad and Joelle. (Graduates Continued on Page 6)*

Save the Date!

Fall Fest (aka Oktoberfest)
Saturday, September 25
Classics V Banquet Facility
More information to follow in the
August Wind-in-the-Willows



Congratulations to our 2010 Dollars for Scholars Winners

Matthew Kuntz and Lindsey Prentice

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WRCA MINUTES

June 8, 2010

President Bob Foladare called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance were President Foladare, Vice President Ed Goetz, Secretary Pat Land, and Treasurer Jack Baker. Board Members in attendance were Joe Battaglia, Patty Daddario, Rick VonLangen and John Valkwitch. Excused was John Radens. Community attendees included Lee Baker, Ben Procopio, Debby VonLangen, Andrew Lennartz and Carla Lennartz.

Secretary's Minutes

A motion was made by Joe Battaglia to approve the secretary's minutes from the May meeting, Rick VonLangen seconded and a board approval followed.

Treasurer's Report

Jack Baker reported that all expenses were met from May. Expenses were \$69.00; income was \$45.00 with an account balance of \$9,789.00. A motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by Joe Battaglia to approve the treasurer's report; board approval was unanimous. Jack presented a balanced budget for 2010-2011 taking affect July 1, 2010. After careful examination, Pat Land motioned to approve, seconded by Ed Goetz and the board approved the budget.

President's Report

Bob received a letter from Supervisor Weinstein following up on his visit to our last meeting. In his letter the supervisor stated that we should see a new generator at the lift station by October 1, 2010. The highway department will contact the contractors working on Chestnut Ridge about periodic street sweepings.

Membership Report

None.

Old Business

The Sweet Home Dollars for Scholars Committee has selected Matthew Kuntz and Lindsey Prentice to receive the 2010 WRCA Scholarships. Joe Battaglia
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Willow Ridge Playground Committee Update

Willow Ridge Elementary School is involved in a tremendous undertaking to replace its aging playground. This process will require a substantial financial effort of an extended period of time. We are estimating the entire process will take 2-3 years. A committee has been formed and we are well into the process of raising the funds necessary for this exciting project.

The current playground at Willow Ridge is used by both students attending the elementary school and those who live in the neighborhood. It has long been a meeting place for friends and families and has certainly begun to show its age. We are looking to completely replace the current playground with state-of-the-art playground equipment that is both safe and accessible to children of all ages and abilities.

The residents of Willow Ridge have always been known for their strong sense of community and the time has come for us to come together again for a great cause. We need volunteers to assist us in this project. We are looking for all types of assistance, including, but not limited to, marketing and publicity, event planning, grant writing and research, fundraising, and basic assistance at upcoming events. Any assistance will be appreciated. We also welcome any ideas and means to generate revenue in the surrounding community. Contact persons or companies/organizations that would offer potential financial assistance are integral.

We look forward to bringing this brand new playground to our school and our community and we can't do it alone. Please join us in this exciting undertaking by offering your support to this great cause. Contact: Dave Lovering, School Principal @ 250-1575.



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reports plans for the Willow Ridge Garage Sale are moving along nicely with 40 homes advertising. The WRCA summer picnic will take place at Bedford Park on August 7, starting at 3pm.

New Business

WRCA will host a fall festival in place of Oktoberfest this year with Debbie Goetz exploring the possibility of chairing this event. The Willow Ridge Elementary School Playground Committee has approached the WRCA about a table sponsorship at the Fall Fashion Show Fundraiser. A motion was made to table this discussion until the September Board meeting.

Committee Reports

None.

Community Open Forum

After a brief discussion about UB students causing a stir in the neighborhood, Ed Goetz made a motion to have Neil Cuomo draft a letter to Dennis Black at UB to make him aware of UB students impact on our neighborhood.

Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda a motion was made by Pat Land to adjourn and recess for the summer. John Valkwitch seconded and a board approval followed. The next meeting is set for September 14, 2010 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Land, Secretary



Coming to a park near you....
WRCA Summer Picnic
August 7 3pm Start Time
Bedford Park



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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Villa Maria College Graduate

Congratulations to Molly Sommer of Roundwood Ct. who graduated from Villa Maria College with highest honors in the Physical Therapy Assistant program. Molly was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and also holds a B.S. in Biology from Canisius College. She plans to work in a travel PTA program starting in the fall. *We are so proud of you and happy for your accomplishments. We hope you enjoy the traveling. Love, Mom, Dad, Megan, Kristin, and Matt.*

Alfred State College Graduate

Congratulations to Tony Maltbie of 702 Kaymar Drive who graduated from Alfred State College in May with a degree in Computer and Electronics Systems. *Congratulations! We are very proud of (each) of you. Love Mom and Dad*

Sweet Home High School Graduates

Congratulations to Amanda Maltbie of 702 Kaymar Drive who graduated from Sweet Home High School on June 25. She will be attending Niagara Community College to major in Fine Arts/Art Education. *Congratulations we are very proud of (each) of you! Love Mom and Dad*

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Neighborhood News

Sympathy

Neighbors and friends wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Phil Gaulin, along with his wife Terry, and children Allie, Will, Natalie, Thomas, Paige, and Clair on the passing of Phil's father, Jean Gaulin, Sr. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather to 24. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.



Welcome

A warm welcome to Scott and Michelle Ziccardi and their dog, Molly. They moved into 403 Willow Ridge Drive. Scott works for Surface America and Michelle is a middle school math teacher. They can be reached at 228-7035 or 912-3905. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Neighbors on Willow Green are delighted to welcome a new family to number 468. Chuck and Jennifer Booker moved to Willow Ridge from the Charter Oaks condos and immediately used the Directory left by the former owners to call and ask about joining our WRCA. Jennifer is a realtor with Hunt Realty and Chuck is on retired disability. We wish you every happiness in you new home and neighborhood! Chuck and Jennifer can be reached at 957-3566.

Congratulations

Jack and Lee Baker joyfully announce they now have an even bundle of grandchildren, 3 girls and 3 boys, with the arrival on June 3 of Henry John Baker, to their son, Erik and wife Amy. Henry John was born in the Naval Hospital in Sigonella NAS, Catania Sicily and weighed 7lbs.8 oz. and was 20" long. Although 3 year old Lena insists the baby is "she" and Ingrid, 22 months, just says "baby" we are all delighted with our Baker namesake. Papa Jack's genealogy search even notes that the first Baker to settle in Canada named his son Henry, born in 1789, with many other Henry ancestors to follow, so the lineage continues strong!

Congratulations to Kristin Sommer, daughter of Bob and Jackie Sommer of Roundwood Ct. upon her engagement to Stephen Puff. Kristin will enter the RN program at NCCC this fall. Stephen is a medic in the Air Force Reserves and will also enter the RN program at NCCC this fall. A July 2012 wedding is planned.

Joseph R. Battaglia

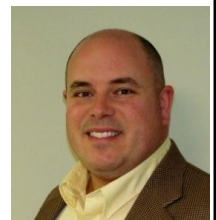
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Sweet Home High School Graduates

Congratulations to Aaron Foladare, son of Bob and JoAnne Foladare of Willow Ridge Drive, who graduated from Sweet Home High School. *Congratulations Aaron on your graduation from Sweet Home. We are very proud of you and are sure of your future success at UB in the fall. Love Mom, Dad, and Josh.*

Congratulations to Caitlin Powers of Rockdale Drive, on her graduation from Sweet Home High School. Caitlin will be attending Niagara University in the fall majoring in elementary and special education. *Caitlin—We are so very proud of you. We know that you will love Niagara. Remember with hard work and perseverance you can achieve anything you want. Love, Mom and Alissa.*

Congratulations to Julie Goetz, of 87 Grasspointe Drive who is a 2010 graduate of Sweet Home High School. Julie will be attending SUNY Cortland in the Fall pursuing a degree in Communications. Julie would also like to attend Clown College in Canada in her free time. *Our Jul and our Bean, with your sense of humor you will be able to accomplish anything in life! All our love, Mom, Dad, Andrew and Kate.*

“It is with great pride and joy that we announce the graduation of Laura Stone from Sweet Home Senior High School!” *We wish you the best of luck in studying Physical Therapy at Daemen College. Love: Mom, Fath, Jeff and Ginger*



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Sweet Home High School Graduate

Congratulations to Trevor Feger of 396 Willow Ridge Drive who graduated from Sweet Home High School and will attend UB in the fall. Trevor was in the National Honor Society and played varsity volleyball. *Trevor, we are so proud of you! May God bless you in whatever path you choose to take. All our love, Mom, Dad, and Allison*

Pat Land -Amherst Avenue of Athletes Honoree

Congratulations to our own Pat Land, who joined 3 other adults and 14 students in the 2010 Amherst Avenue of Athletes. The event, which honors individuals and senior student athletes who have excelled in athletics, academics, and in the community, was held on June 9, at Classics V. Pat who has lived in the community for over 20 years, is an active member of the Board of Directors of the Willow Ridge Civic Association serving as recording secretary. He has been acutely involved in the upkeep of the baseball diamonds in Bedford Park in Willow Ridge. Pat has a long history of service, scoutmaster, directing Mel Ott events, and coaching clinics to name just a few, that has steered so many youth into productive and exemplary young adults.

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