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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 13

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- **DEADLINE for the May WITW is April 9**
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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The dawn of April arrives with hope for warmer weather... and our annual baseball diamond clean up at Bedford Park! For anyone interested in helping, please be at the park at 9:00am on **April 24 (rain date of May 1)**.

Some thanks and recognition are next on the agenda. A great big one goes to Sandy Radens for the suburb Easter party she arranged and the great job in giving the Easter Bunny a whole new makeover! Next, a very special thanks to Carol Zaffram-Graziano on the fantastic event she put together known as the Snowflake Dinner Dance. Many new faces combined with familiar ones creating a memorable evening by all who attended.

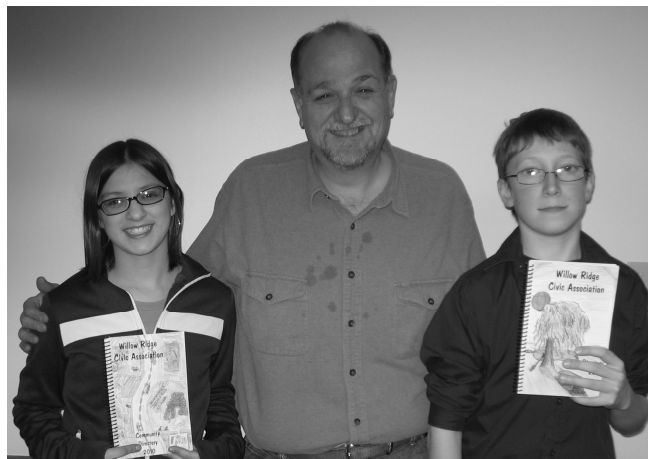
Looking ahead through the calendar, keep in mind the WRCA Neighborhood Garage Sale scheduled for June 11-13. What a great way to clean up some "antiques" and make couple of dollars at the same time.

Those of you who paid their dues on time were "duly" rewarded with the delivery of our brand new WRCA Directories by Boy Scout Troop 173 on the March 6 weekend. If your dues are paid and you didn't receive one, please contact Jane Sieman. If your dues were unpaid, you would not receive one. So please get your dues in to us.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Everyone ins welcome and encouraged to attend. I hope to see you there!

Warm Wishes, *Bob Foladare*

2010 Willow Ridge Civic Association Directory Cover Contest Winners



Congratulations to this year's winners of our WRCA Directory Cover Contest! Shown from left to right is 3rd place winner Melanie Kindron; President Bob Foladare, and 1st place winner Michael Nowak. Absent from picture is Rachele Keller, 2nd place winner.

GRADUATION APPROACHES



It is hard to believe it, but another school year inches closer to the end, and we want to be one of the first to congratulate our 2010 graduates by listing them all in the next issues of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. After all, they are our own Willow Ridgers and we are duly proud of them. In order to accomplish this we are again asking that you 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 to your graduate. Graduation information can be sent starting now, but to insure the June edition, please submit by May 14. Submissions that do not make it into the June issue will appear in the July edition. 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 wieditor@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, proud moms and dads! Here's your chance to show off your graduate!

Debby VonLangen, Editor

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Scout Corner

The following is a letter by Girl Scout Melanie Izard, in effort to earn her Silver Award

Illegal Hazardous Conditions by Melanie Izard

In the winter, we all know it is very dangerous driving. But do we know that it is also dangerous walking in the winter? To all of you people who shovel, I hope you know how much you are appreciated. To the rest of you, you might want to finish reading this.

When snow falls on the sidewalks, it is slippery. After our "warm" days, the snow melts, and by the next day, it has frozen into ice. I have slipped many times, and I'm sure plenty of other people have also. Ice is NOT cement.

You may not think of this as an issue. People shovel, right? So why does it matter? Well, it matters because the truth is that many people don't shovel. You all know who these people are. These are the houses that have snow piled in front of them. These are the homes of people who are making the community hazardous.

Even in the winter, people are out on the sidewalks. They are walking their dog, getting some exercise, or walking to and from the school bus. They walk on the sidewalks that people that don't shovel.

In the Town of Amherst, it is actually illegal to have a sidewalk that has snow or ice on it; if that gives you a feel of how important this is. For having a snowy sidewalk, you might have to pay a fine of \$250 or go to jail for 15 days.

I am asking YOU to shovel your sidewalk. Maybe you do, but don't remind your next door neighbor or friend to. Maybe you are not capable of shoveling, and if so, I am sure many young people are willing to help you out. What I am asking is that you make a difference. If every person who reads this goes out to shovel, or reminds someone to shovel or even hires someone to shovel for them; trust me, our community will be a lot safer as a result.

WRCA MINUTES

March 9, 2010

President Bob Folandare called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. In attendance were President Folandare, Vice President Ed Goetz, Secretary Pat Land, and Treasurer Jack Baker. Board Members in attendance were John Radens, Joe Battaglia, Patty Daddario, and Karen Tyno. Community attendees included Cam Hill, Jane Sieman, Lee Baker, Jim Prentice, Ron Nowak, Penny Nowak, Judy Kindron, and Melanie Kindron.

Secretary's Minutes

A motion was made by Joe Battaglia to approve the secretary minutes from the February meeting, Ed Goetz seconded and a board approval followed.

Treasurer's Report

Jack Baker reported that all expenses were met from February. Expenses were \$739.00; income was \$2750.00 with an account balance of \$15,868.00. A motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by Karen Tyno to approve the treasurer's report; board approval was unanimous. Jack will also confer with WRCA accountant Terry Elberson about account listings as WRCA nears the end of the fiscal year.

President's Report

Bob Folandare reported no correspondence and that all is quiet in the neighborhood. Bob would like to thank Carol Zaffram for the wonderful Snowflake Dance she chaired.

Membership Report

Renewed families of the WRCA number 675 as of March 1. Jack Baker will reconcile the membership database, and look into the possibility of setting up MS Access for use as one that fits all WRCA database. 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 amount of \$1000.00 will be sent to Sweet Home High School Dollars for Scholars to be used for the two \$500.00 scholarships offered by the WRCA.

The Willow Ridge Elementary School ball diamonds will undergo their annual renovation by the WRCA Board of Directors and Boy Scout Troop 173. The date is set for Saturday, April 24 at 9:00am. The rain date is Saturday, May 1. Community participation is welcomed and encouraged. Contact Pat Land to volunteer. The Easter Party is set for March 27 @ 10:00am at Willow Ridge Elementary School.

Garage Sale Chair Joe Battaglia is busily planning for this event. More information is coming.

New Business

A name has surfaced and Patty Daddario will contact a potential new membership coordinator. If a community resident is interested in this important and monetarily compensated position, please contact any WRCA board member. Future sustainability and growth of our WRCA depends on this position.

After a discussion, Jack Baker has volunteered to write a new welcome policy for our block reps to use to greet new neighbors that move into Willow Ridge. Cam Hill reports some advertisers would like copies of the WRCA directory.

Committee Reports

Directory Chair Jane Sieman reports that the WRCA directory ad income for 2010 as \$4,932.55. This is 2% less than 2009. The board thanks Jane for her fine work!

Community Open Forum

WRCA 2010 Directory cover design winners were on hand to receive their prizes and be photographed with WRCA President Bob Foadare. The Board would like to thank and congratulate the following Willow Ridge students: 1st Place—Michael Nowak; 2nd Place—Rachelle Keller; 3rd Place—Melanie Kindron.

Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda a motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by Joe Battaglia to adjourn at 8:30pm. The next meeting is set for April 13, 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.

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Neighborhood News

Welcome

The neighbors on Grasspointe Drive would like to welcome

Maureen Lindstrom and Robert Delprino to the neighborhood. We are like the landscaping and love you are giving the property at 23 Grasspointe Drive!



Snowflake Dinner Dance Thank you

I would like to thank everyone that came out to the Snowflake Dinner Dance and made it a great party. I would also like to thank St. John Flower Shop for making the beautiful centerpieces which I think everyone would agree were just perfect. Also thanks to Erich Krueger (beat box sound) for playing great music that got everyone to the dance floor. Last but not least thank you to the staff at Classic V, who put up with me asking crazy questions. The food and the ambiance were great! Best of all the people that helped are all from Willow Ridge. I hope everyone is excited to come back next year. Carol Zaf-ram



Volunteers are needed at the Willow Ridge Ball Diamonds!
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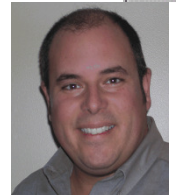
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