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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 8

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- **DEADLINE for the July WITW is June 11**
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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

With summer finally here and school letting out, please make sure to watch for children and walkers in the streets. Also, don't forget to pick up after your dogs while walking them.

Supervisor Weinstein attended the May meeting at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. He diligently took notes of our concerns and problems (most importantly, when our emergency generator will be installed at the sewage lift station; how to get the lawn mowed at said station and what can the town do about student housing in our neighborhood.) Let's hope that, rather than only giving lip service as did his predecessors in the past, this supervisor will act upon our concerns. I will keep you all apprised of the situation.

Our annual neighborhood garage sale is June 11-13. It's a great way to clean up some old junk and made a couple of dollars at the same time. If you have any questions or want to register your sale, contact Joe Battaglia.

Congratulations to Michael Nowak, Rachele Keller and Melanie Kindron as the winners of this year's directory cover drawing contest.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 8 at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. As always, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. I hope to see you there as this will be our last meeting until September.

Warm Wishes,

Bob Foladare

GRADUATION ARRIVES

It is hard to believe it, but with this month another school year ends, and we want to be one of the first to congratulate our 2010 graduates by listing them all in the summer 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 July edition, please submit by **June 11**. Submissions that do not make it into the July issue will appear in the August 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 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, proud moms and dads! Here's your chance to show off your graduate!

Debby VonLangen, Editor



Willow Ridge Community Garage Sale June 11, 12, 13



Spring is here and it is time to clean out the clutter and hopefully make some money doing it! Willow Ridge residents interested in having a garage sale should plan on it for Friday June 11th thru Sunday June 13th. The WRCA will place several advertisements in several

local papers to attract potential garage sale buyers and Joe Battaglia will be making street maps of our community. If you are planning to hold a garage sale, leave Joe a clear message of your address at 564-0737. He will put your address on the map. Maps will be given to those having garage sales and be available to potential buyers in a brochure box in front of 390 Willow Ridge Drive. Please post your own signs to direct traffic to your sale and remember to take them down promptly Sunday evening. Good luck!

*Willow Ridge Playground Committee
Presents...*

Rummage Sale and Krolicks Chicken BBQ



Do you have some things you would like to clear out of the house but don't have the time for a garage sale? Or, are you looking for some great "New" stuff to fill up your house? Then come on over to the **Willow Ridge Playground Committee's Rummage Sale and Chicken BBQ on Saturday, June 12** in conjunction with the Willow Ridge community yard sales from 8am—2pm. This will take place at Willow Ridge Elementary school property. Anyone can contribute to this great cause by dropping off items to be sold (donated) at this school parking lot that morning, as early as 6:30am, it's an easy way to contribute to this great project. All proceeds will go to the "Playground Replacement Project." Then stay for some shopping of your own from 8am—2pm. Any questions, please contact Amy Feldmann at 691-0635.

Don't cook dinner that night! Also during this time you can pre-purchase your Krolick's Chicken Dinner tickets. Dinners will be served from 3-6:30pm. Chicken includes two sides with roll and butter. Price is \$8.50. Bake sale for dessert, and free drink with every meal purchased. Please bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy having a picnic dinner your family. To ensure the correct amount of dinners to order, consider purchasing tickets ahead. There are three great ways to pay: cash/check by calling Kristin Cioppa @ 691-7407 or email Kristin.cioppa@roadrunner.com. (I can personally drop off tickets to your house or you can pick them up at mine!) also you can purchase tickets by PayPal at Tony73c@yahoo.com. We truly thank you for your support!!

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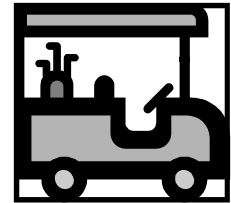
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WRCA MINUTES

May 11, 2010

President Bob Foladare called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. In attendance were President Foladare, Secretary Pat Land, and Treasurer Jack Baker. Board Members in attendance were John Radens, Joe Battaglia, Patty Daddario, Karen Tyno, Rick VonLangen and John Valkwitch. Excused was Vice President Ed Goetz. Community attendees included Cam Hill, Neil Cuomo, Lynn Getzin, Dave Demeester, Karen Demeester, Bob Keller, and Evelyn Hitchcock.

Secretary's Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Jack Baker reported that all expenses were met from April. Expenses were \$906.00; income was \$555.00 with an account balance of \$10,435.00. A motion was made by Pat Land and seconded by John Radens to approve the treasurer's report; board approval was unanimous. A discussion ensued and adjustments were made to the proposed WRCA 2010-2011 operating budget. Jack Baker will present the refined budget to the Board for approval at the June meeting.

President's Report

Sweet Home Schools has contacted the WRCA and requested two members to meet with the search committee on Thursday, May 13 in reference to a search for a new schools superintendant. Bob Foladare and Neil Cuomo will represent the WRCA. Home Depot will soon replace the pine tree at the entrance to Willow Ridge at the corner of Sweetwood North and Willow Ridge.

Membership Report

New Membership Coordinator Lynn Getzin was introduced and welcomed by the board. She will be meeting with Jack Baker and Jane Sieman to transition and move forward with her position.

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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.



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Old Business

The Willow Ridge Elementary School ball diamonds will underwent their annual renovations on Saturday, April 24. Assistance was provided by Scout Troop 173, and the Ellicott Creek Fire Company. The project came in under budget. To reserve these diamonds for use please apply at Willow Ridge Elementary School office. Joe Battaglia reports plans for the Willow Ridge garage sale are moving along nicely.

New Business

Amherst Supervisor Barry Weinstein was in attendance and fielded a number of questions from the community and the board. Among the items he will look into is the long awaited emergency generator we have been promised for the lift station. He also stated that there are no plans to reassess our properties this year. Also the Ellicott Creek Fire Co. will receive a share of the future tax dollars generated by the 425 new apartments being built on Chestnut Ridge Rd.

In other new business, Debbie Goetz will chair the "Fall Festival" (formerly Oktoberfest); the date is set for September 25.

After some discussion about the excellent job they have done in the many projects undertaken in the Willow Ridge Community in 2009-2010, a motion was brought forth by John Valkwitch and seconded by John Radens to give a \$200.00 Gander Mountain equipment gift care to Troop 173. Board approval was unanimous.

Committee Reports

The Sweet Home Dollars for Scholars Committee has the criteria for the WRCA Scholarship awards and will be making a decision on the winners soon.

Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda a motion was made by Joe Battaglia and seconded by Patty Daddario to adjourn at 9:10pm. The next meeting is set for June 8, 2010 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Land, Secretary

To Submit Articles

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Congratulations

Mary Shott, of Edgewater Drive, is thankful to celebrate the birth of her second great-grandchild. Wesley James Stahl was born on January 20 weighing in at 8 lbs. 4 oz. Sherrie, Josh and big sister, Emma enjoy watching great-grandma playing again.



The WRCA Salutes our 2010 Graduates

George Washington University

Emily Gower will be graduating with honors from the School of Public Health at George Washington University. In addition to the academic honor, she recently was voted MVP for the Women's Soccer (D1) Team. Her parents, Bob and Sally are so proud of her! Emily will spend part of her summer in South Africa working with the Grassroots Soccer Organization.
Congrats, Emily!

University of Pennsylvania

Crystal Garvin CRNA, MSN from the University of Pennsylvania Nurse Anesthesia Program. *CONGRATULATIONS!!!! We are so very proud of you and thrilled you decided to come back home to work. We love you to the moon and back!!! Mom, Dad & Lee*

Sweet Home High School

Congratulations to Gage Bateman, 67 Westcliffe, who graduated from Sweet Home High School. *Good luck at Geneseo. Stay the great person you are and good luck with your future plans.*

Brandy Oritz, 431 Kaymar Drive, a Sweet Home High Class of 2010! Brandy will be studying to earn a degree in English. *Congratulations, Brandy! We love you! Good luck at NCCC and Buffalo State. Love, Mom, Dad, & your brothers, Greg, Trey & Mike*

Katie Griffin, 86 Dalewood Drive is a 2010 graduate of Sweet Home High School. *Katie- congratulations on a terrific high school career! We can't believe how fast your school years went by. It seems just the other day we moved into Willow Ridge and you attended your 1st day of 5th grade at Willow Ridge Elementary. We are very proud of all your accomplishments through the years and the wonderful person you have become. Never be afraid to follow your dreams. Good luck next year at UB. Love, Mom, Dad and Patrick*
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Joseph R. Battaglia

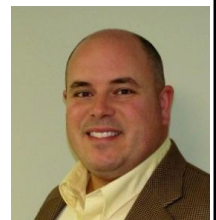
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Justin McNess, 62 Manor Oak Drive is a 2010 Sweet Home High graduate, and will attend D'Youville College/Physical Therapy. He is a recipient of the Honors Scholarship from D'Youville. Justin was in the National Honor Society at Sweet Home, played varsity volleyball and baseball. *Justin, we are so proud of you. You have your whole life ahead of you. We know you will do great things. Love, Mom, Dad, Ian and Rachel*

Canisius High School

Nick DiVincenzo, of 661 Kaymar Drive is a 2010 graduate of Canisius High School. *Congratulations on your graduation, Nick. Your hard work and dedication has paid off. We are so proud of you! Good Luck at Clarkson University. Love, Mom and Dad*



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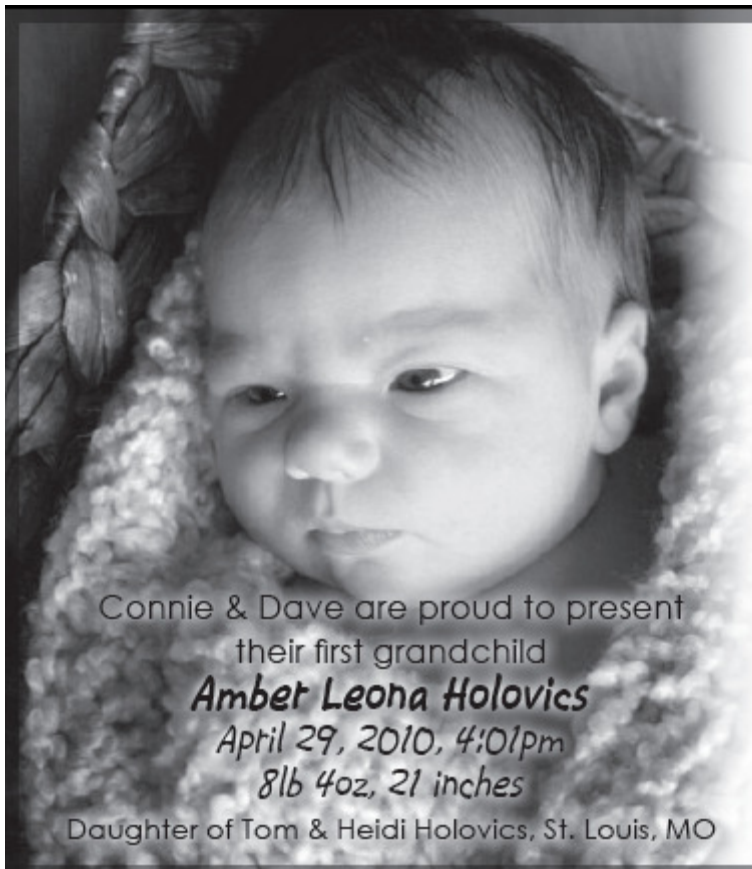
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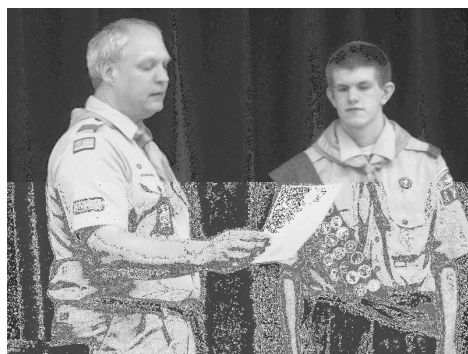
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