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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 14

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- **DEADLINE for the September WITW is August 13**
- **National Night Out (page 2)**
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### From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The summer is in full bloom and I hope everyone is staying cool. Please remember as you are out and about, so are the children now that school is in recess. Watch for increased activity in the streets, and don't forget to pick up after your dogs (Animal feces attract rats.)

Again, congratulations to Lindsey Prentice and Matt Kuntz, 2010 winners of the WRCA college scholarships, and congratulations to all the Willow Ridge graduates too numerous to mention.

We are about to experience some great summer family fun, and it all begins with **National Night Out on August 3** at Willow Ridge Elementary. This tradition in Willow Ridge is a community favorite with the bike rodeo, games, music, and hot dogs. Then, on **August 7**, come on over to Bedford Park for the **WRCA Summer Picnic**. On the heels of August comes September and the **Fall Fest** (formerly Octoberfest) at Classics V on **September 25**.

As September approaches, and the WRCA Board will meet again after the summer break, we will be on the lookout for new people to become involved. If you are interested in supporting the good quality of life that we enjoy in this community, we encourage you to attend a board meeting, or call any board member.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 14 at 7:30 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. As always, I hope to see you there. New people welcome!

Trying to keep cool,

*Bob Foladare*

### Mark the Date!!

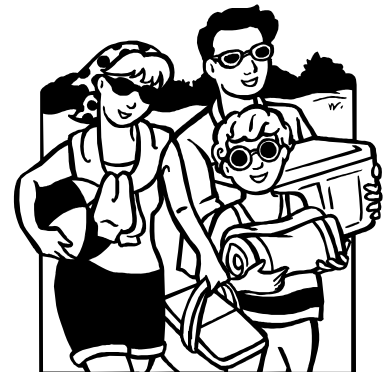
## WRCA SUMMER PICNIC

Hosted by the WRCA

Saturday, August 7, 2010

3pm-? @ Bedford Park Tennis Courts

Now that we've stowed our garage sale signs, we are ready for some summer relaxation and old fashioned FUN! Who doesn't love a picnic? We'll even supply hot dogs, Italian sausage, snacks, soft beverages, a grill for your particular cooking needs, and have picnic tables available. Just bring your own beer or other beverages, lawn chairs, etc. and join the fun! We'll have a horseshoe tournament, bocce, and a few surprises. Any ideas or desires to assist are welcome. Call Neil Cuomo at 691-3014. Hmmm....can you smell those sausages now....



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, AUGUST 3



Join us in this favorite Willow Ridge tradition yet again this year! Those who wish to participate in the bike rodeo will **meet at the Fire Hall at 6pm**, with a decorated bike. The parade will proceed through the neighborhood ending at **Willow Ridge School at about 6:30** where sights, sounds, and smells of this great event will envelop you. Crawl into a fire truck, learn about safety from the experts, enjoy a hot dog cooked by a scout or an Anderson's ice cream sundae. Activities? Are you kidding? How about giveaways, bounce house, pony rides, a chance for one lucky boy and one lucky girl to each win a bike from Target! This is fun! Remember last year!? The helicopter lands at 6:30! See you there!!!

## Prizes

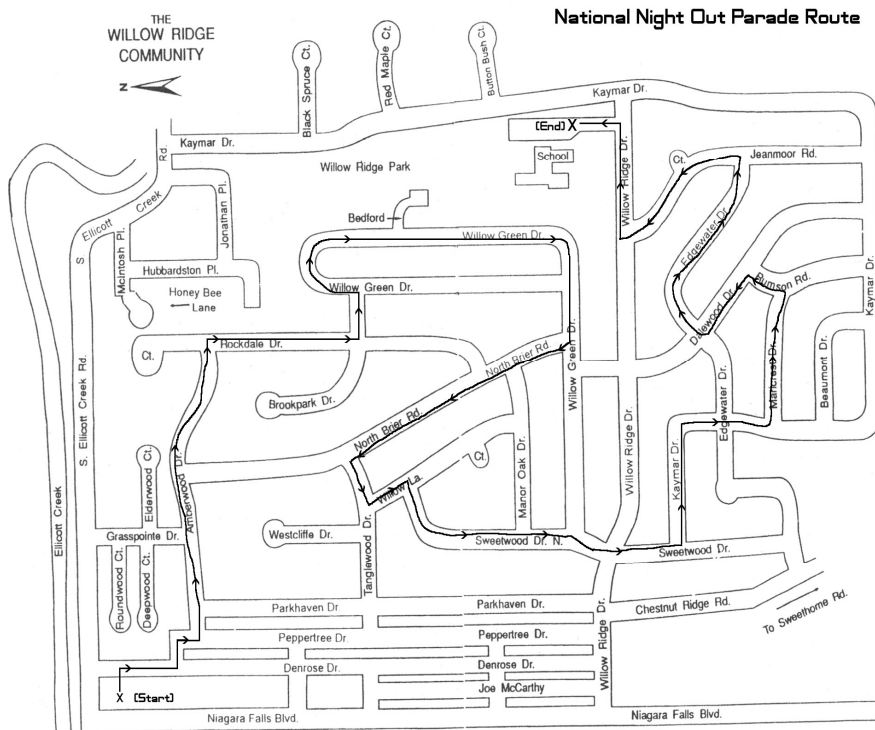


# FUN

## Pony Rides



## Snacks



The Willow Ridge Playground Committee will participate in National Night Out festivities with a 50/50 raffle, bake sale and will be collecting for its "Pennies for Play" campaign—accepting pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters.

For additional information or questions, on National Night Out, please call John Miller, 691-3541.

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## Neighborhood

## News



### Sympathy

The Willow Ridge community was saddened to learn Jack W. Hauenstein, who established the Willow Ridge Convenient store in 1972, passed away on July 2. His son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Wendy, continue to feel his presence in their lives. Even at the age of 89, Jack still wanted to be at the store. He loved meeting all of the customers of the Willow Ridge and Dexter Terrace neighborhoods. We send our condolences to his wife and extended family. We will remember Jack fondly.

### Farewell

Neighbors on Willow Green would like to say farewell to the Feldman family at 41 Willow Green. Fortunately, they are not leaving Willow Ridge but have just moved to a larger house on Kaymar. We are glad you are staying in the neighborhood and wish you the very best in your new home!

Farewell to Dan and Lisa May, who are moving from 694 Kaymar Drive to a new home in Wheatfield. We will miss you and wish you all the best in your new home.

Long time residents at 360 Willow Green Drive (39 years!), John and Karol Slivka, have sold their home and will be leaving our area. John recently retired after teaching at Buffalo State College for 41 years. He and Karol, after doing some traveling out west, will settle in the Raleigh N.C. area. This will put them near their son Erik, his wife Laura, and 2 year old grandson, Jonathan Adam. We wish them many happy years of retirement and good health.

*(Neighborhood News Continued)*

### Welcome

Sweetwood Drive welcomes Ron and Patti Pelkey to the neighborhood. Ron and Patti, along with their dogs (who are quite the explorers), have moved here from Greensboro, North Carolina. Ron works for NOCO as an Express IT Manager and Patti has been hired by Valutis Consulting. Welcome to Willow Ridge!

Welcome to Josh and Amy Feldman, who come to us all the way from 41 Willow Green Drive, to 694 Kaymar Drive. They have three sons, Justin, 13; Cole, 8; and Ian, 2. Josh is an engineer for the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and Amy is a teacher at Mullen Elementary School in the City of Tonawanda.

Residents on Willow Green Drive are happy to welcome a second new family to the neighborhood, at number 453. Jason Cooke, Crystal Harvey, and their 18 month old daughter, Isabella, moved here from North Buffalo and will be joining our WRCA family when the membership drive begins in November. Along with planning all the details from their wedding in October 2011, Crystal works part-time at Millard Fillmore Suburban while Jason is employed at ECMC. Welcome Jason, Crystal, and Isabella to our community.!



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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



## **The WRCA Salutes our 2010 Graduates University of Pittsburgh**

John and Kay Marciano of Westcliffe Drive are proud to announce that their daughter Kara graduated with her MBA from the University of Pittsburgh. She will stay in Pittsburgh where she has accepted a position. *Congratulations Kara, again you have made us so proud. Good Luck in your new endeavors. Love, Mom and Dad*

**Save the Date!**

Playground Committee's

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NOVEMBER 20, 2010

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August 7 3pm Start Time  
Bedford Park  
(See Page 1)



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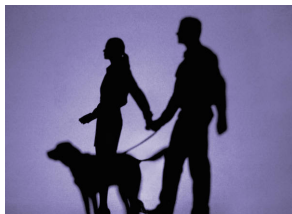
**August 6 , 2010**  
**Amherst Symphony Concert , "Music at the Museum"**  
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**August 7, 2010**  
**Wireless Meet**  
Members of the Niagara Frontier Wireless Association will hold their annual swap meet on the Museum grounds.  
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**August 8, 2010**  
**Blacksmith Hammer-In**  
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12:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

**August 21, 2010**  
**[26th Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games](#)**  
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**August 25, 2010**  
**Museum Book Club**  
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Willow Ridge wife and mother Agnes Starr was diagnosed with Chiari One Malformation in 2008 after the birth of her daughter. Chiari is a serious neurological condition in which the brain herniates through the skull, puts pressure on the nerves and spinal cord causing severe pain and life threatening symptoms. The only option given was a risky brain/spine decompression surgery that many times fails or needs multiple revisions. After extensive research, Agnes found that Duke University is involved in genetic studies due to the high incidence of Chiari in multiple family members. Just the possibility that her two year old daughter may have to endure what she is going through is more than any mother can bear. She is determined to find a cure for this life altering condition and make Buffalo's walk site the most successful ever.

Please join her in the fight for a cure by registering to walk (a \$25.00 or more donation will get you a free walk shirt for those that pre-register online by 8/8) or sponsor a walker at the above web site or [sweetpea324@verizon.net](mailto:sweetpea324@verizon.net) and put Chiari Walk in the subject line. Mr. No, the Clown will be making balloon animals; there will be face painting, music, food, and a Chinese Auction. Please show your support by walking or donating to this condition that desperately needs research and awareness! Thank you!



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