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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 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

I would like to start out by sending my sincere condolences to the Leffler family on the passing of their son, Matthew, last month. I first met Matt when he was 7 years old and starting out playing little league football. He was our quarterback and running back and as I remember, a little bit precocious. After that, I used to run into him at various school functions and Matt, as usual, was always nice and respectful. His fun-loving ways were always evident. One of the last times that I saw him was when he helped me out by volunteering at my young basketball league. Even though he was not feeling well, he managed to help out with the scorekeeping, as well as enjoying playing with the kids between games. Matt will surely be missed by me and all that were fortunate enough to know him.

On the business side of things, the emergency generator is finally installed. This should help when the power goes out.

Just a reminder, we still need our block reps to continue contacting new residents and letting Debby VonLangen know about neighborhood news. These jobs are vital for us to continue providing the services that we do.

November brings us to the election of a new board of directors. We still need one more person to get involved. Please contact Neil Cuomo or Cam Hill if interested. Also, if anyone knows a new neighbor, please contact Lynn Getzin at 691-0573 to sign up.

I would like to thank Debbie Goetz on the absolutely fantastic job she did on this year's Fall Fest. It was almost a sell out and everyone who attended had a great time.

Next on the agenda is the wine tasting on January 29. Anyone interested in attending, contact Jim Prentice at 691-8915. Following that is the Snowflake Dinner Dance on March 5. Any questions, please contact Carol Zaffram at 913-4980.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 9 at 7:30 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. As always, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. I hope to see you there.

Bob Foladare

WRCA 2011 MEMBERSHIP JOIN OR RENEW NOW!!!

NOVEMBER IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH FOR THE WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION. Please take a moment today to choose your method of payment and complete the 2011 membership form: 1) Payment via personal check: Enclosed in this issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* are your 2011 WRCA Membership Invoice and return envelope. Please make your check for **\$15.00** payable to Willow Ridge Civic Association and return it in the addressed enclosed envelope by **December 31, 2010**. 2) Payment via PayPal (secure, on-line payment method) Go to www.wrca.info and follow the link to your interactive, on-line, 2011 Membership Invoice. On-line membership dues for 2011 are **\$13.00**. Payment is due by **December 31, 2010**. If you are not a current PayPal subscriber, once you get to the payment screen, you may sign up for free.

No matter which payment method you choose, your timely membership renewal ensures that the monthly *Wind-in-the-Willows* will be delivered to your home throughout 2011 and that the **2011 WRCA Directory** will be delivered to you early in the new year.

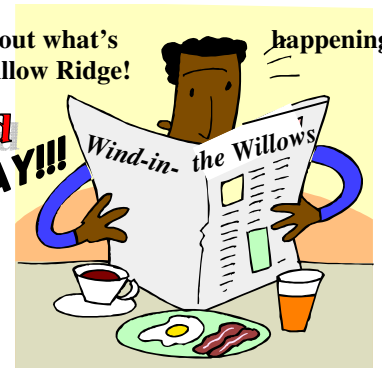
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RENEW TODAY!!!



WRCA MINUTES

October 12, 2010

President Bob Folandare called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. In attendance were President Folandare, Vice President Ed Goetz, Secretary Pat Land, Treasurer Jack Baker, Board members, Karen Tyno, John Radens, Rick VonLangen, Patty Daddario and Joe Battaglia. Community attendees included Debbie Goetz, Lee Baker, Paul Tyno, Ben Procopio, Neil Cuomo, and Cam Hill.

Secretary's Minutes

A motion was made by Ed Goetz to approve the secretary minutes from the September meeting, Karen Tyno seconded, board approval followed.

Treasurer's Report

Jack Baker reports no income for September, with September expenses of \$1764.00 and an ending account balance of \$9591.00. Pat Land made a motion to approve, seconded by Joe Battaglia; board approval was granted. The board also authorized the payment of 2011 insurance.

President's Report

Bob Folandare thanked Ben Procopio for performing the audit of WRCA financials. Bob also received a letter from the Willow Ridge Playground Committee requesting a sponsorship at a fundraiser. The board discussed this item and it was determined that at this time and in lieu of our past donation of \$1700.00 that we will not participate as a sponsor at this fundraiser, however future venues will be explored to help in this worthwhile neighborhood project.

Membership Report

Lynn Getzin through Bob Folandare reports that all systems are a go for 2011 Membership Drive.

Old Business

~Neil Cuomo presented the tentative slate of candidates for the December WRCA Board of Directors elections. Anyone interested in serving on the board please contact Neil. The WRCA Board is hopeful for new candidates to step forward so that the WRCA may continue to serve and preserve our great neighborhood for the residents of Willow Ridge for many years to come.

~Chairperson Debbie Goetz reports that despite some glitches, Fall Fest was a success. In order to prevent or lessen glitches at future events, Debbie suggested a written set of guidelines for chairpersons to follow. The board is happy to accept her offer to create suggested guidelines.

~After 6 years of work and setbacks with the town, we are happy to report that the emergency generator at the lift station is up and running. Kudos to the entire WRCA board for the tireless work in getting this project accomplished.

New Business

~Paul Tyno and Debbie Goetz have proposed a new community event night that they will chair, a Monte Carlo Community Fundraiser Night. The board has instructed them to proceed with an exploratory committee to scope out this event. Anyone interested in helping please contact them.

~The Second Annual Willow Ridge Wine Tasting Night has set the date of January 29, 2011 at Classics. Proceeds will benefit the WRCA Scholarship Fund and the Willow Ridge Playground Fund. Chair Couple Jim and Mary Ellen Prentice promise a fun-filled evening with more details soon.

~The Snowflake Dinner Dance has been set for March 5, 2011 at Classics; more details soon.

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Committee Reports

Webmaster (Jack Baker) - With the support of the WRCA Board of Directors, Jack restates the policy that E-Wind is operated solely for the purpose of announcing WRCA events and business practices.

Junior Recreation (Patty Daddario) - The board has authorized expenditures to Patty Daddario for the purpose of signage to promote the Kids of Willow Ridge Halloween Party.

Pat Land will be completing his term as secretary at the end of 2010 and stepping down from the WRCA Board Of Directors after many years of service. He has offered, however, to still chair the annual spring ball diamond renovations at Willow Ridge Elementary School. The board has accepted his offer.

Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Joe Battaglia and seconded by Karen Tyno to adjourn at 8:35pm. The next meeting is November 9, 2010 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm; all Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Pat Land



CUB SCOUT PACK 173 HOLIDAY CARD DELIVERY

As a community service for Willow Ridge, Cub Scout Pack 173 will be delivering holiday cards throughout the community. Drop off your cards into the collection bin that will be located at **590 Kaymar Drive**. The bin will be available from Friday, November 26 up until 5pm Thursday, December 9. All cards will be delivered by Sunday, December 19. Please make sure your cards are clearly labeled with the recipients name and street address. For the safety of our scouts, we will only deliver to residential homes within Willow Ridge. We regret that we cannot deliver to apartments, condos, the elder care facility or Ellicott Creek Drive North.

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Furniture: (Moving/Must Sell) Antique pine drop leaf side table, 28" H x 20" W x 42" long, leaves are 11" drop, mint condition, \$200. * Antique oak Victorian high chair, press back, cane seat, turned spindles, hinged legs on iron wheels, drops down to stroller, \$300. 691-6830

Furniture: Lovely oak roll-top desk, 44" high x 37 1/2" wide x 21" deep. \$225. 691-4783

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Household: (Moving/Must Sell) Ducks Unlimited Print (15" x 16") w/1986 PA Stamp—#1050 of 7380 "Save Our Wetlands" Robert Knutson, \$150.* Ducks Unlimited Decoy on Walnut Base/14"x8" Special Ed., 2002-03, \$150.* Christmas tree decorations, complete set, ornaments in gold/silver/bronze, lights, garland in gold, tree stand, used once. \$50.* Albany Slip/Brown Wear Collection, 13 pieces, jugs, crocks & jars, \$75. 691-6830

Household: Twin bed frames (2) wood, Kittinger, ivory w/gold trim, \$40. ea. 691-9197

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The directory (published in February of each year) 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.

Prices are based on "camera-ready" copy (clear, black and white copies of a previous ad or one from another publication the same size as the one you wish to place in our directory. Typesetting will be extra. Minor changes are free. You may obtain quotes or help in setting up your ad by calling the Directory Chairperson. Full page ads are \$150.00, half pages are \$85.00, and quarter pages are \$55.00.

Ads that are purchased and paid by November 20, 2010 will receive a 5 % discount. Ads will be placed in the directory in the order of receipt from front to back.

Many advertisers find our coupons to be helpful in generating business. We offer a coupon free of charge with any half or full page ad. (Quarter page advertisers can place a coupon in the directory for a \$4.00 fee). By offering a discount or special price for your goods or services, you draw attention to your advertisement. Coupons appear in a special tear-out section while your paid advertisement remains in the directory throughout the year.

If anyone is interested in placing an ad in our 2011 Willow Ridge Directory, please complete the following contract and mail it or drop it off to me along with your ad at 80 Sweetwood Drive North. I will be accepting ads until Jan. 15, 2011.

Thank you,

Jane Sieman, Directory Editor

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1/4 Page (V-3.7" x H-1.5") or (V-1.75" x H-4.5")	\$ 55.00	_____

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(Deadline January 15, 2011—Money & Ad due by January 15, 2011)

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Please note: coupons are free with 1/2 or full page ad; \$4.00 with 1/4 page ad.

COUPON TEXT:

Willow Ridge Garden Club Meetings

November 3, 7:30pm
Zion United Church of Christ
15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda
Program: Arts & Craft Night
Create table arrangement; bring
scissors, ribbon, hot glue gun.
Also will be refurbishing wreaths
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December 1, 6pm
Holiday Party @ Holiday Inn on Niag-
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Contact Joan Robinson, 691-8397 for questions. There will be
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CLASSICS BANQUET HALL (See Page 8)**



CANS FOR CUBS 2011

Cub Scout Pack 173 will be holding our
annual pop can/bottle collection drive on
Sunday, January 2, 2011 from 10am-1pm.
Money earned from the returns will be
donated to a charitable organization to be
determined at a later date. On Sunday,
January 2, please leave your NY stamped
returnable cans & bottles in a plastic bag
on your front porch or driveway. They
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who contribute to candidates that will vote for their interests. Because Bob would not condone developers' plans to effectually lower our property values, he could not in good conscience accept their money.

Some on the town board have worked very hard, and spent tax dollars, to do everything possible to prevent this proposition from being placed before us. They like to call it the "ward" system because that is what it is called in Buffalo, or they believe we'll think it is Dennis Ward's system. This is one tactic they use to scare us to vote "no" because we think it will result in a Buffalo Common Council look-alike. They even sucked our town attorney into blocking the resolution on the technicality of "councilmen" vs "council members" to prevent us

from the right to decide what our town government should look like. For the sake of getting this on the ballot, one council member worked hard to be sure we have the opportunity to decide. Obviously, a Neighborhood system would mean a middle-class homeowner like you could afford to run as a neighbor candidate. Try to imagine our town was one large *school* district... who could afford to run? Not me. When I ran for the Sweet Home School Board, it was because I believed I could make a positive difference, and the cost to run would not be prohibitive. I ask you to think hard about this proposition, and the opportunity it gives us to have local, neighborhood representation at 5583 Main Street.

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All entries must have this form enclosed with the drawing— DO NOT STAPLE...NO NAMES ON DRAWING PLEASE.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING on drawing (this includes the year or WRCA Directory.) Only drawings without writing will be accepted.

Drawing must be hand drawn—(not a computer image) and in color.

Drawing must be on paper the size of the directory (vertical 8.5" x horizontal 5") to avoid distortion when producing actual cover. (NO NAMES ON DRAWING PLEASE).

All drawings MUST contain at least one (1) willow tree to represent Willow Ridge.

JUDGING/WINNERS

Winning entries will be judged on originality, creativity and community spirit.

When entries are received the entry form and drawing will receive corresponding numbers for judging purposes only.

There will be 3 winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) These will be published in the March issue of the *WITW*.

A winner from those 3 will be chosen to receive a \$50.00 Walmart gift card and their drawing in full color on the directory cover for 2011 with his/her name appearing in the directory. 2nd & 3rd places will receive a \$25.00 Walmart gift card along with their own complimentary copy of the directory with their drawings on the cover.

Judging will be done by three people associated with our community (yet to be determined).

SUBMISSION/DEADLINE Entry forms and drawings can be dropped off in the box in front of 80 Sweetwood North Drive. Deadline for submission is December 31, 2010. **HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!!**

Neighborhood News
Sympathy



Neighbors and friends offer condolences to Michael and Janet Spence on the passing of his mother, Pat Spence. Those who knew Pat from her tireless work at St. Christopher's Church and her ever ready smile will miss her very much. To Michael, Janet their children and their extended family, we know the memories you all share will continue to bring you much comfort.

Farewell

Grasspointe neighbors welcome Don and Joanne Wales and their daughter, Jenna. The Wales are a long-time Willow Ridge family who recently moved from Kaymar. They are joined by their dogs Casey and Candy.

Neighbors on Amberwood would like to wish Mary Rapp of 20 Amberwood all the best on her move to S. C. She will be leaving at the end of Nov. after 17 years living in her home in Willow Ridge. Mary will be living near her daughter and grandchildren. We will miss you Mary!

Welcome

Recently the neighbors on Kaymar Dr. gathered to welcome the 3 new residents on our street. Valerie DiPasquale and her 3 sons, Nicholas, Noah and Evan, moved into 19 Kaymar. Besides being active in sports and boy scouts, Noah and Evan are students at our high school and middle school, while Nicholas is continuing at Hutchinson Tech. Ron and Pat Pelkey moved into the house at the corner, 43 Sweetwood. Ron is the IT manager for NOCO and Patti is an administrative assistant at Valutis Consulting. Christopher McGinley has spent many weeks updating his "new" house and is ready to move into 31 Kaymar. He is a school administrator for Williamsville, who spends his spare time playing drums and traveling. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon meeting the new neighbors and reacquainting some friendships that go back 40 years!

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Willow Ridge Playground Committee

Fashion Show & Raffle

November 20 11am—2pm

Classics V

Students and faculty members will be modeling the latest winter fashions from Old Navy while guests dine on delicious dishes such as parmesan crusted chicken, vegetable lasagna and chicken fingers with fries. The committee would like to invite the community members to attend. Tickets are \$20.00/person and can be purchased through Amy Feldmann @ 691-0635.

We are excited to announce the following students as this year's models: Rachel Poydock, Pre-K; Josiah Areadipane, Pre-K; Olivia Flemming, K; Braeden Olewink, K; Nicholas Miariacher, Gr. 1; Madison Rose, Gr. 1; William Moroz, Gr. 2; Mackenzie Blowers, Gr. 2; Shannon Lynch, Gr. 3; Cole Feldmann, Gr. 3; Claire Kearney, Gr. 4; Zachary Poydock, Gr. 4; Tessa Sutherland, Gr. 5; Naomi DeBerry, Gr. 5.

Please come out for a great time and a great cause!

WE NEED YOUR VOTES!!!

The Willow Ridge Playground Committee has submitted a Grant to the Pepsi Refresh Project. Voting will take place starting on November 1, 2010. Please VOTE every day @ <http://www.refresheverything.com> and search for Willow Ridge. One vote per e-mail per day, so if you have multiple e-mail addresses please vote as many times! Also please tell neighbors, and co-workers to vote. It's worth \$50,000.00!!!



Save the Date!

The Snowflake
Dinner Dance is on
the horizon!

March 5th 2011

An evening out...
Enjoy some time
with friends and
neighbors!

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