

# Wind-in-the-Willows

## Willow Ridge Civic Association

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### Bulletin Board

#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 14

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 hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and that everyone has a joyous and happy holiday season.

As this is my last president's letter, let me start out by thanking everyone who has helped the last two years, especially all the board members whom without their help we could not have accomplished all that we did. Also, I would like to welcome the incoming board and their officers. I hope that you have as much or more fun with this than I did.

One final thought regarding the WRCA. For this organization to work for its residents, the residents need to get involved. If you wait for someone else or the board to take care of everything, then our power with the town as an organization is minimized. The only clout that we have comes from **everyone's** involvement, not just a select few. So, please get involved, it will only help with your neighborhood, your property values and your quality of life here.

We still need our block reps to continue contacting new residents and submitting neighborhood news to our editor, Debby VonLangen. These jobs are vital for us to continue providing the service that we do. If anyone knows a new neighbor, please contact Lynn Getzin at 691-0573 to offer them a membership.

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, December 14 at 7:30 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. As always, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. I hope to see you there.

Good luck,

*Bob Foladare*

### WRCA 2011 MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 31, 2010

*There's still time to renew your WRCA membership for 2011. Use either of two easy methods – payment via personal check or on-line payment. 1) Payment via personal check The 2011 WRCA Membership Invoice and an addressed return envelope were enclosed in the November issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. If you misplaced the invoice, please write your check for \$15.00 to the **Willow Ridge Civic Association** and send it to **WRCA, PO BOX 86, Amherst, NY 14226** by **December 31, 2010**. 2) Payment via PayPal (secure, on-line payment) Go to [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info) and follow the link in the center of the first page to your interactive, on-line, 2011 Membership Invoice. If you are not a current PayPal subscriber, once you get to the payment screen, you may sign up for free. Membership Dues are \$13.00 if you pay on line. Remember, no matter which payment method you choose, you will ensure that the monthly *Wind-in-the-Willows* will be delivered to your home throughout 2011 and that **2011 WRCA Directory** will be delivered to you early in the new year.*

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## WRCA MINUTES

November 9, 2010

President Bob Folandare called the meeting to order at 7:36pm. In attendance were President Folandare, Vice President Ed Goetz, Treasurer Jack Baker, Board members, Karen Tyno, John Radens, and John Valkwitch. Excused were Secretary Pat Land and Board Members Rick VonLangen and Patty Daddario. Community attendees included Lee Baker, Neil Cuomo, and Richard Anderson.

### Secretary's Minutes

A motion was made by John Radens to approve the secretary minutes from the October meeting, Ed Goetz seconded, board approval followed.

### Treasurer's Report

Jack Baker reports \$90.00 income for October, with expenses of \$2158.00 and an ending account balance of \$5873.00. Ed Goetz made a motion to approve, seconded by John Valkwitch; board approval was unanimous. The board also authorized the payment of our sponsorship dollars to the Willow Ridge Boy and Girl Scout Troops.

### President's Report

Bob Folandare received a letter from the Amherst Bicentennial Planning Committee inviting the WRCA Board to attend their meetings.

### Membership Report

Jack Baker reports that the Pay Pal system for membership renewal on the WRCA web site will be up and running by the end of the month.

### Old Business

Neil Cuomo—2011, WRCA Board of Directors nominating committee chair presented the following slate of candidates for the December elections; Officers—President Ed Goetz, Vice President Karen Tyno, Secretary Patty Daddario, Treasurer Rick VonLangen, Board Members—Pat Land, Bob Folandare, Mark Hammer, Dawn Cwierley, George Schwab. Bob Folandare made a motion, seconded by Ed Goetz to close nominations for the 2011 WRCA Board of Directors, board approval followed.

### New Business

~The "Monte Carlo Night" plans are moving forward.

~The Second Annual Willow Ridge Wine tasting night has set the date of January 29, 2011 at Classics. Tickets will be available after December 1. The cost is \$25/person. 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.

### Committee Reports

*Christmas Lighting (Neil Cuomo)* - Neil has set the week-end of December 10, 11, 12, for his committee to tour the neighborhood and judge the always well lit homes of Willow Ridge. He states that he expects this year's competition to be extensive. Gift certificates will be awarded to the winning homes.



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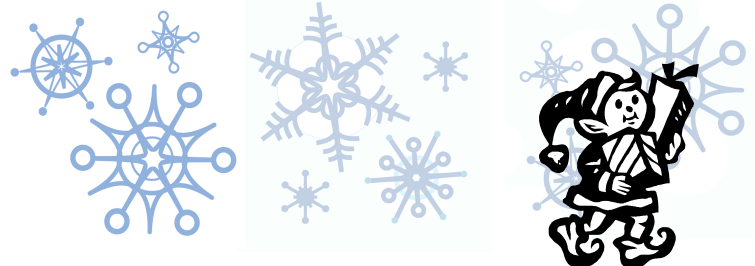
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\*\*\*Availability is limited\*\*\*

Thank you to Amherst Town Board Member Richard "Jay" Anderson who attended the meeting. He shows a genuine interest in our association, and provided answers on a wide range of issues.

### Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by John Valkwitch to adjourn at 8:06pm. The next meeting is December 14, 2010 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm; all Willow Ridge residents are welcome. Respectfully submitted from notes by Karen Tyno, 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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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

Telephone: 564-0913 / 870-3412

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Pick up plants on Friday, Dec. 3 at 4280-F Chestnut Ridge Rd. If you are unable to pick up your order by 3pm, please make arrangements for someone else to do so. Thank you for your support!



**Willow Ridge Garden Club Meeting**

December 1, 6pm  
Holiday Party @ Holiday Inn on Niagara Falls Blvd.  
Program: Uniquely wrapped gifts headed by Doris Mohr. Members & guests welcome.  
Contact Joan Robinson, 691-8397 for questions. There will be no meeting in January.

**Conquer Chiari Walk Across America Update...**

The Conquer Chiari walk that took place this past September at Ellicott Creek Park was a great success! We had over 200 walkers and raised over \$20,000 for research our first year! Thanks to all those that came out to show their support! Hoping for an even larger turn next year!



**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 will be retrieved from 10am—1pm. Or deliver them to 27 Jonathan Pl. or cal 691-8713 for pick up. Only NY stamped pop/beer cans/bottles. No wine/liquor bottles. Last year's drive enabled us to donate \$400. to the WR Playground Fund & \$400. to the North Tonawanda Red Jackets.

**To Submit Articles for the Wind-in-the-Willows, submit to [wiweditor@gmail.com](mailto: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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### Sympathy

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Friends and neighbors of Mike and Rosemarie Laible on 366 Willow Green, extend deepest sympathy to them and their families for their double loss. On October 31, Mike's father, James Laible, passed away in Beechwood Continuing Care. He had celebrated his 100th birthday three months earlier and had lived a happy, full life. Two weeks later, Rosemarie lost her father, Louis Acquisto. Although he had been failing this was very unexpected. Louis was also the brother of Lena Aquisto on Willow Green Drive. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers; may the many wonderful memories of these two men bring comfort and peace to you and all your family members.

### Farewell

Friends and neighbors on North Brier Road bid adieu to Frank (Jr.) and Pat Gengo who recently moved to Clarence Center from their long time home at 189 North Brier Road. They have been wonderful neighbors for 25 years and their 3 children, Frank III, Chris and Josie grew up with us. Frank III and his family reside on Willow Green Dr. We all wish Frank & Pat well and they will be missed.

### Welcome

Neighbors on Willow Green Drive are very pleased to welcome Sandra Erickson to #360. Sandy actually closed on her home the end of August but spent several months updating, remodeling and painting before moving in. She has been renting for two years after a very fast sale of her East Amherst home and is so happy to find the perfect house for her and her two black

*Neighborhood News Continued On Page 7*

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**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

### **RULES:**

All Willow Ridge Civic Association members between the ages of 9-15 are eligible.

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 Continued**

“rescue cats.” Sandy has a married son in Tonawanda and is secretary for Delta Sonic offices at Delaware and North. We are pleased to have Sandy join our Willow Ridge Civic Association and we wish her every happiness here in our community.

The neighbors on Westcliffe Dr. wish to give a belated welcome to the Fullers who moved from New Hyde Park, NY to 67 Westcliffe Dr in June of this past summer. Brian is a retired police officer from the New York Police Dept. and also retired from the U.S. Navy with six years active duty and 20 years as a reserve. Brian’s wife, Rose is a nurse and they have 3 wonderful children: Mark, 15; Michelle, 5 and Christina, 3. We hope they enjoy their new life and home in Willow Ridge.

Over the summer, 2 new families moved onto N. Brier. Kirk and Dawn Rydziznski moved into 114 N. Brier with their children, Paul, 6; and Alexis, 5. Kirk works for Installs and Dawn works for the YWCA. Dawn from Kenmore, and Kirk from Orchard Park were married this summer. Steve and Lori Waite moved into 135 N. Brier with their children Stephen, 5; and Abigail, 3. Steve works for Sysco Foods and Lori works for Vannez Insurance. They moved to Willow Ridge from the Town of Tonawanda. We welcome them and wish both families much happiness in their new homes.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Scott, Wendy, and proud big sister Madison Reed of Willow Ridge Dr. on their new addition to the family. Landon Jacob Reed was born on November 2 at 7:16am at 7lbs., 15oz. Mommy and baby are doing fine.



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## December 2010



**Saturday, December 18  
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It's time once again for our annual Santa run and food drive. Each year your kind and generous donations allow us to provide needed food supplies for our local food pantries. Last year you out did yourselves in donating over 2000 lbs. of food. Starting at 4pm firefighters accompanied by Santa Claus will be coming around the community to greet the children and collect your donations. If you are not going to be home, please leave your donation in a well-lighted location so firefighters can see it. As always if you wish you can drop off your donation at the fire station at 45 South Ellicott Creek Rd. beginning at 4pm.



*Thank you again for supporting this important project! And from all the members of the Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company, we wish you a happy, safe and healthy holiday season.*

# Save the Date!

The Snowflake  
Dinner Dance is on  
the horizon!

March 5th 2011

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

*Save the Date!*