## Wind-in-the-Willows Willow Ridge Civic Association

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#### Bulletin Board WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 14, 2009 7:30 p.m. @ The Villas on Chestnut Ridge Community Room

- DEADLINE for the May WITW is April 10
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- Minutes (page 5)
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2009 WRCA Directory Cover Contest Winners!



At the Block Rep Breakfast on February 21, Bob Foladare presented 2nd place winner, Michael Nowak; and 3rd place winner, Stephanie Collins, with a complimentary copy of directories depicting the picture they submitted. He holds first place winner Julia Wilson's copy.

This was the 3rd annual contest to de-

sign a cover for the WRCA Directory. We asked the young residents of our community to participate in designing a cover for the 2009 Willow Ridge Civic Association Directory. We received numerous entries and they were all terrific! Much hard work was put in by all who participated. Congratulations to this years winners:

#### 1st Place Cover Designer—Julia Wilson, age 14 2nd Place Cover Designer—Michael Nowak, age 12 3rd Place Cover Designer—Stephanie Collins, age 13

Each winner was presented with a Walmart gift card and a complimentary 2009 Willow Ridge Civic Association Directory that had their own personalized cover on it by WRCA President, Bob Foladare at the annual Block Rep Breakfast at Classics V on Saturday, February 21.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP OF OUR WILLOW RIDGE BALL DIAMONDS TAKING PLACE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH! (Rain Date May 2)

If you would like to lend a hand, please call Pat Land @ 691-4613 or email <u>pwland123@roadrunner.com</u>. All are welcome!

#### **Classified Advertisements**

*Classified* is a service provided for the use of <u>Willow Ridge Civic</u> <u>Association members</u> free of charge. Please print or type your ad on a *full-sized sheet of paper*. Sign your ad (not the envelope) and include your address and phone number. *Classified* is not to be used for business purposes. Deliver to 221 N. Brier and place in porch box, or email to wiweditor@gmail.com. Thank you. For Sale:

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#### Wanted

Crib Mattress: standard size. Judy @ 691-7159

## Attention

There will be a change of venue for the April 14th WRCA membership meeting. The meeting will take place at the "Villas" on Chestnut Ridge at the American Campus Community Room. This change will affect the April's meeting only. The time of the meeting remains 7:30 p.m.

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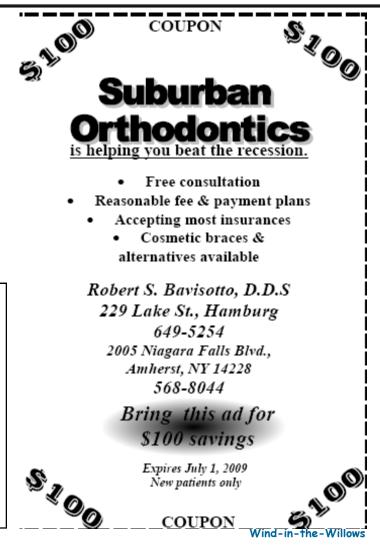
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Begonia, Pink Dragon Wing		
New Guinea Impatiens, Red		
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#### Willow Ridge Directory—Report

The Willow Ridge Directory for the year 2009 is done!!! The directory 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. There is also a public service directory located in the front of the directory.

If anyone has a change over the coming year, such as a birth of a child, please do not hesitate to contact your block rep, Membership Coordinator, Kerri Jason, 691-2472 or myself at 564-0913. I like to keep all this information as current as possible throughout the year.

I wish to THANK all the advertisers for supporting our association. A great many of them generously contributed coupons in a special tear-out section of the directory.

I hope the directory will continue to be a useful reference book and that the contents are as accurate as possible. Sincerely,

Jane Sieman ,Editor, 2009 Directory

## Attention:

A pair of prescription glasses were found on Willow Green. To claim please call Sue or Gerry @ 691-5878.

#### Willow Ridge Directory—Coupons

Don't forget to take advantage of the numerous coupons this year in the 2009 directory! Take a look at the following advertisers that have included some great coupons in the back of the directory:

#### Allstate Insurance Co. \* Amherst Pizza & Ale House Anderson's \* Boulevard Optical Dr. Donald Wagner \* Fit for HER life, Matt.6.33 \* Franco's Pizza \* Ink & More John & Mary's \* Leo Brennon Top Soil Logics Hair Salon \* Midas Muffler Ortner's Garage Doors & Electric Openers

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## 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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#### WRCA MINUTES

#### March 10, 2009

Vice President Ed Goetz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were President Bob Foladare, Vice President Ed Goetz, Secretary Pat Land, Treasurer Jack Baker; Board Members Jim Prentice, John Cowden, Joe Battaglia, Karen Tyno, John Radens and Clayton Cobb. In the gallery were Cam Hill, Kerri Jasen, Tom Halter, Jane Sieman, Lee Baker, Janette MacRitchie, Evelyn Hitchcock, David Arcarra, Geoffrey Ward, John Culkin, Ben Procopio, Glenn Gamble, Don Wagner, Sandy Radens, Laurence Heininger, and Amherst Supervisor Satish Mohan.

The secretary's minutes from February were reviewed and a motion was made by Joe Battaglia and seconded by Karen Tyno accept said minutes. A board approval followed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jack Baker reported that all expenses were met from February. The report shows February expenses were \$7980.00, February income was \$2417.00, with an account balance of \$10,278.00. Jack also stated that the recent audit of the WRCA books by Ben Procopio showed that all is in order and all figures were correct. A motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by Karen Tyno to approve the treasurer's report, and the board unanimously approved.

#### **President's Report**

Bob Foladare reported that a resident had called to complain about deer roaming through the Willow Ridge neighborhood. Bob emphasized that everyone should drive with caution and be watchful for deer. He also received countless calls from Willow Ridgers about the recent property reassessments by the Town of Amherst.

#### Membership Report

Membership Director Kerri Jasen stated that 626 paid renewals have been received. This number represents 75% of last year's membership, with the membership drive still ongoing. Kerri is in need of black reps for a few areas, and anyone interested in helping out should contact her.

The WRCA Block Rep breakfast was February 21 at Classics and the guest speaker, Amherst Police Officer Kathy Onions addressed a gathering of 75. WRCA directory cover design awards were presented. The breakfast came in under budget. Kerri wishes to thank Kathy Huber and Charlene Vitale for their help.

#### **Committee Reports**

Adult Recreation (Jack and Lee Baker) Lee Baker stated plans for the 2009 Snowflake Dinner Dance are complete. At this time, 115 tickets have been sold.

**Youth Recreation (John Cowden)** John has scheduled the Easter Party for Saturday, April 4 at Willow Ridge Elementary School, 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

**Directory (Jane Sieman)** Jane reported that 54 ads were purchased for 2009, down from last year by 6 advertisers. Economic conditions were cited for the decline. Total ad sales were \$5050.40.

#### **Old Business**

Pat Land spoke on the annual sprucing up of the Willow Ridge School ball diamonds. The diamonds have weathered the winter very well and the extensive renovations of the past few years have paid dividends with them getting more use in the summer. This year's work will be much more superficial than past years. Pat will acquire permission from the Sweet Home Athletic Department and Superintendent Hicks to do this year's work. He will also contact Scout Troop 173 for assistance. A date of Saturday, April 25 was set with a rain date of May 2. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Pat Land.

#### New Business

Amherst Town Engineer Larry Heininger spoke of the town's plans to install an emergency generator at the lift station at Sweetwood and Willow Ridge; this will help with controlling flooding in the event of power failures. Supervisor Mohan assured us that this generator should be in place by August. Amherst is also working on a new flood plane map and this should be available by September. Larry asked that any resident who has a basement flooding problem or anyone who knows the location of severe and constant street flooding to contact him by email at <u>lheininger@amherst.ny.us</u>, this information will be documented for further action.

#### **Community Open Forum**

A number of voices were heard from the gallery about the recent reassessment of our properties. (Cont on page 7)

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#### WRCA ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEE PERSONS

Boy Scouts	Bob Sieman	
Cub Scouts	Brian Rieman	
Directory	Jane Sieman	
Garage Sale	John Cowden	
Garden Club	Virginia Winter	
Girl Scouts	Karen Lambe	
Historian	Cam Hill	
Holiday Lighting Contest	Neil Cuomo	
Junior Recreation	John Cowden	

#### Willow Ridge Garden Club

Calling all gardeners! Willow Ridge Garden Club will hold its annual membership meeting on May 6, 2009 at Zion United Church of Christ. Anyone interested in learning new gardening techniques, floral design ideas or environmental concerns is welcome. Dorothy Julius, floral designer and arborist will present a program using everyday materials to create floral designs. Refreshments will follow the 7:30 meeting. For further information call Arlene at 837-4014.

#### Neighborhood News Sympathy

Friends and neighbors on Willow Green wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Renee, Bill and Aaron Klein for the loss of their loving husband and father, Sydney Klein. He will be sadly missed.

Neighbors and friends on Willow Green Drive would like to extend our sympathy to Chris and Joe Lukowski an family on the passing of Chris's father George Hark of Cheektowaga, on January 11. We are so sorry for your loss.

#### Congratulations

Joan M.Spencer of Amherst was recently honored by Canisius College, receiving the Dean's Exceptional Achievement Award as an Adjunct Professor in the Graduate School of Education & Human Services. The award was "In Recognition of Outstanding Teaching in the School of Education and Human Services." Ms. Spencer has been an Adjunct Professor at Canisius College for 7 years and was nominated for this award by a committee of faculty and students. A reception was held at the College to honor Ms. Spencer and the full-time professor awardees. Ms. Spencer received her B.A. degree from D'Youville College and her M.S. Ed., as well as a graduate degree in School Administration and Supervision from the State University College at Buffalo.

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#### 2009 Snowflake Dinner Dance Report

Once again our annual Snowflake Dinner Dance was an evening of great friends, food and festivity. The Terrace Room proved to be a wonderful place for the 120 people who attended. Many had never seen this lovely facility and almost everyone agreed "smaller is nice!" The May Family Operation is indeed "Classic" from Dan, Lisa and Anthony, to their chef, servers and bartenders and we are very fortunate to have them in our WRCA family.

After dinner, Jack Baker welcomed everyone and called upon current WRCA president Bob Foladare who introduced three past presidents in attendance: Cam Hill, Neil Cuomo and John Radens. He then presented the immediate past president, Jim Prentice, with the traditional gaveled plaque in appreciation of his many years of service to the Association. Bob also introduced his Board Members and recognized the work of some vital people in our organization, Kerri Jasen- Membership, Jane Sieman- Directory and especially the Block Reps. Lee Baker thanked everyone for making this such a great gathering and gave special appreciation to Ron Nowak, Kay Moir and Kerri Jasen/Jane Sieman, who had organized two tables each and had money and dinner selections all handed in before the end of January!

Much appreciation also goes to the Willow Ridgers who provided over 20 door prizes to add to the enjoyment of the evening. Thank you Joe Battaglia, Mark Butler, Jack Hauenstein, Wendy Hauenstein, Cam Hill, Alan Okun, Debbie Speicher, Holly Wildermuth and to Latko Printing and Logics Hair Salon. Once the acknowledgements were made and some door prizes drawn, the music of Scott McKee and his Audio Dynamics Sound System kept the dance floor rocking!

As we wrote last December and stated again at the party, we never expected to be back in the role of chairing of this wonderful WRCA event. We feel it is absolutely time for others to step forward and not let this very special evening end. A few people did come and say they are thinking about it and we hope that it becomes a reality. We will help and support every effort in every way but to repeat the words we've all heard so much in the past months—-IT IS TIME FOR CHANGE!! Jack and Lee Baker



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Supervisor Mohan addressed these questions/ complaints. He stated that the goal of the reassessment was to fairly and equitably bring all of the properties in Amherst up to 2008 full market or saleable values. He also stated that some properties were never properly assessed in the past and that if your assessment was raised by 16% or less, the impact on town taxes would be very minimal. If your assessment was raised by 17% or more, you probably will see a slight increase in town taxes. It was stated that the town tax rate will drop for 2010. If you would like to challenge your assessment, call 631-7061 for an appointment to discuss your assessment. More information is available on the town website.

#### **Adjournment**

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by Clayton Cobb to adjourn at 9:05 pm. The next meeting will be April 14 at the Villas on Chestnut Ridge. Respectfully submitted, Patrick Land, Secretary



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# Wanted First Time Buyers interested in FREE \$

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