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## Bulletin Board WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

691-3356

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall All Members Welcome

- DEADLINE for the August WITW is July 10
- Classified (page 3)

Charlene Vitale

- Graduates (pages 4 & 8)
- Minutes (page 5)

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope everyone had a happy Independence Day! There is still plenty of summer left and with it more activities right around the corner. Let's start with National Night Out on August 2, which promises to be better than ever. Please stop by for a great evening of fun, mixing in some education featuring our own Ellicott Creek Fire Co., the Amherst Police, the Border Patrol, Target, and many other organizations. A helicopter even will be on hand.

Next, comes the <u>family picnic at Bedford park on August 29</u>. This event has been growing every year and is open to young and old. We provide the grill and some games, you provide the snacks and food. It's a great way to meet your neighbors.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this year's scholarship winners: Alex Olear and Amanda Skinner. We on the board are very proud of both of them and look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments. Also, congratulations to all graduating Willow Ridge students. We are proud of all of you!

A reminder to all dog walkers, PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOU ANI-MAL! To neglect this is offensive as well as against the law. Please be courteous of your neighbors and keep Willow Ridge a place of beauty and good conduct.

Finally, I wish everyone a great summer and don't forget that we are on break for July and August. Our next meeting will be September 8. I hope to see you all there!

Warm Wishes, Bob Foladare

Mark the Date!!

# WRCA SUMMER PICHIC

Saturday, August 29, 2009 2pm—? @ Bedford Park



In the effort to stay clear of summer plans and graduations, this year the WRCA is hosting an end of summer picnic. We will supply hot dogs, sausage, snacks, soft beverages, a grill for your needs, and have picnic tables available. 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. See you there for a great summer send-off!

#### **Neighborhood News Sympathy**

Friends and neighbors on Willow Lane and Willow Lane Court would like to express our most heartfelt sympathy to Maria, Gabriella and Adriana Gonzales on the passing of their wonderful husband and father, Ben. We are all so sorry for your loss as we have also lost a dear friend. We hope your memories will help to sustain you during this difficult time.

Friends and neighbors on Brookpark wish their condolences to Jack Silverstein and girls on the passing of their wife and mother, Elaine, in May.

Friends and neighbors on Manor Oak would like to extend their condolences to Paul Lardner and his family on the death of his wife, Joan Newhouse Lardner. Old and new neighbors alike on Manor Oak will miss Joan.

Also, all on Manor Oak wish to extend their sympathies to the Winkle's on the death of Sue's mom, Mrs. Till. She was a frequent visitor to Manor Oak and will be especially missed by her grandkids, Cody and Teal.

Neighbors on Willow Green extend sympathy to Joanna Akromas and her family on the loss of her dear husband, Jerry, our long-time friend and neighbor.

Neighbors on Willow Green also extend sympathy to Jerry and Jane Rosenfeld and family on the passing of Jane's father. Get Well

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### Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of 2009

#### **Boston University Graduate**

The Foladare family of 301 Willow Ridge is proud to announce the graduation of Joshua Foladare from the Boston University School of Education. Josh will be teaching Math at Baltimore (Maryland) County Public Schools in September. *Josh*, we are extremely proud of what you have accomplished. Love, Mom, Dad and Aaron.

#### University at Binghamton Graduate

Glenn and Joanne Bateman of 67 Westcliffe Dr. are proud to announce the college graduation of their daughter Kaeli Anne, from SUNY Binghamton, with a BA in History Education. Kaeli will attend D'Youville College in the fall to work on her masters' degree. *Congratulations Kaeli, we are extremely proud of you. That's two down and two to go!* 

#### University at Buffalo Graduates

The Spara family of Amberwood congratulates their daughter, Jennifer Ward of Willow Ridge Drive who graduated with a M.S. degree in nursing from SUNY Buffalo. *Best wishes, Jen, as you begin your career as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Mom, Dad, & Ali.* State University of New York Graduate

William R. Dunker graduated May 9, 2009 form SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry with a BS in Wildlife Biology. This summer he will be working at the Huntington Research Center in the Adirondacks as a research assistant. Bill is the son of Grace and Bill Dunker of 390 South Ellicott Creek and graduated from Sweet Home High School in 2005. He will be spending the fall of 2009 on Kodiak Island, Alaska working as an assistant to his uncle, a big game guide. Upon his return he plans to pursue a Masters Degree in his field of interest. *The adventures continue Billy, and we wish you all the best. Love, Mom, Dad and Alexandra.* 

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Chuck and Diane Gilinger of Chestnut Ridge Road are proud to announce the graduation of their son, Adam from the school of Applied Technology at Alfred State. Adam, we are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We love you very much and will always be there for you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Ryan

#### University of South Carolina Graduate

Maryssa M. Kucskar, daughter of Tom and Gaylynn Kucskar and brother of Jonathan Kucskar, recently graduated with honors and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from the University of South Carolina. Maryssa was also Vice President of New Member Education with Delta Zeta National Sorority and participated in several Service trips to Appalachia. She is a 2005 graduate of Sweet Home High School and plans to start her teaching career later this summer with the Las Vegas Clark County School District. Maryssa—we love you, congrats on all your accomplishments and continue to always Try Your Best!!! Mom, Dad and Jon

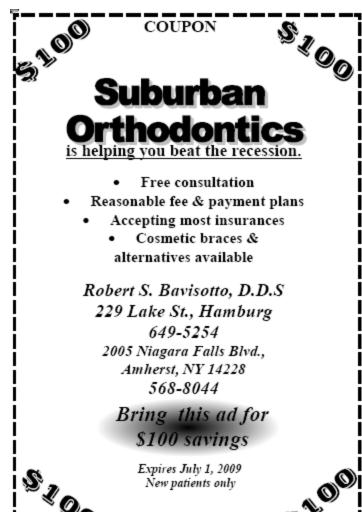
#### Sweet Home High School Graduates

Congratulations to Ryan Gilinger who just graduated form Sweet Home High School. Ryan will be attending Buff State in the fall majoring in History. Ryan, where has the time gone? We are very proud of you and all that you have done throughout the years. We love you so much and will always be there for you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Adam

The Hafner family is proud to announce the graduation of Katelyn Hafner from Sweet Home High School. Katelyn will be attending SUNY at Buffalo in the fall. *Katelyn, we are very proud of what you have accomplished so far and what we are sure you will accomplish in the years to come. We love you! Mom, Dad, Derek & Kristine.* 

The Goetz family is proud to announce the graduation of Katherine Goetz from Sweet Home High School. Katherine will be attending SUNY Fredonia in the fall majoring in Graphic Design. *Kate, we are proud of what you've accomplished and know you will continue to follow your dreams. Love, Mom, Dad, Andrew, and Julie* 

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#### WRCA MINUTES

#### June 9, 2009

President Bob Foladare 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 Karen Tyno, John Cowden, John Radens, and Jim Prentice. In the gallery were Cam Hill, Lee Baker, and Neil Cuomo, Kristin Cangialosi, Heidemarie Kunz, Rick VonLangen, Debby VonLangen, Michael Hope, Judi Moran, Brian Rieman, Bob Sieman, and John Miller.

The secretary's minutes from May were reviewed and a motion was made by John Radens and seconded by Ed Goetz to accept said minutes. A board approval followed.

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

Treasurer Jack Baker reported that all expenses were met from May. May expenses were \$914.00, May income was \$600.00, with an account balance of \$8071.00. A motion was made by Jim Prentice and seconded by John Radens to approve the treasurer's report, and the board granted approval. Jack then presented the proposed new WRCA budget for July 1, 2009 through June 30,2010. After a line by line review and debate, a motion was brought forth by Pat Land to accept and approve said budget, Ed Goetz seconded the motion and a unanimous board approval followed. A discussion ensued about the new 501-c4 status that the federal government has granted the WRCA. There are some issues still to be resolved with this new designation.

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

Bob Foladare received correspondence from Willow Ridge residents dealing with the following matters: Lawn mowing at the entrance to Willow Ridge by the lift station. After a series of phone calls, Bob was able to get the lawn mowed by a town department, with the assurance it will be done on a regular schedule; Torn American flag at the same entrance. A new flag should be in place by July 4; Lastly the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall is proposing to build an open air pavilion in the vicinity of their existing storage garage. The town planning board will hold a session on June 18 to discuss this proposal, a member of the WRCA board of directors will make an effort to attend the planning meeting.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Garage Sale Chairman (John Cowden)** John reported that the annual garage sale is set to go for the weekend of 19, 20, and 21. An ad has been placed in the Buffalo News.

**Summer Picnic (Neil Cuomo)** Neil has set Saturday, August 29 for the Willow Ridge Summer Picnic. Anyone with ideas or a desire to lend a hand is asked to contact Neil.

National Night Out (John Miller) John spoke on his efforts to put together a fun packed evening on Tuesday, August 4. There will be a parade and many activities along with food and ice cream at Willow Ridge Elementary School grounds. John hopes all Willow Ridge residents participate this year and show our great community support and spirit for this event. Anyone wishing to help out or donate prizes, please contact John at 691-3541 or by email at <a href="mailto:jptmiller30@msn.com">jptmiller30@msn.com</a>. Boy Scout Troop 173 and Cub Pack 173 have stepped forward and will be offering much needed assistance to John for this event.

#### **New Business**

Kristen Cangialosi spoke on behalf of the Willow Ridge Playground Committee. They are seeking to replace the almost 20 year old worn and weathered playground at the Willow Ridge Elementary

School. This is an enormous task with an estimated cost of \$75,000.00. Since there are no funds available in the Sweet Home School budget, all monies must be fundraised The WRCA Board brought forth some fundraising ideas to Kristen and will help in any way within their limits to fundraise.

Scoutmaster Bob Sieman and Cubmaster Brain Rieman spoke on behalf of their units and brought forth a number of ideas and community service projects that both units will do this summer and fall to help our neighborhood.

Sweet Home Schools athletic and grounds department is seeking to reposition the soccer field at Willow Ridge Elementary School. Presently the field runs East to West, which causes some congestion in the park and results in many balls being kicked into neighborhood yards, causing fence hopping intrusions and collateral damage of trampled gardens, balls in swimming pools and disturbed dogs. By rotating the field to run North to South, all of these problems will be resolved. The WRCA board has no objection to this move and doubts there would be little if any impact on the ball diamonds which the WRCA maintains.

The WRCA 2009 Scholarship winners are Amanda Skinner and Alex Olear, the WRCA Board wishes to congratulate both of the winners.

#### Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Jim Prentice and seconded by Karen Tyno to adjourn at 9:10 pm. The Board will recess meetings for the summer with the next meeting scheduled for September 8 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Land, Secretary

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#### GRADUATION ARRIVES

It is time to wrap up our announcements of our 2009 college and high school graduates. We will be listing them for the last time this year in the August issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. If you haven't done so yet please submit your graduate's information to 221 North Brier Rd. porch box or wiweditor@gmail.com by July 10. If you are a few days late I will do my best to find room, but I will not be able to guarantee at that point. Once again, congratulations to all our college and high school graduates and their families!

#### **COUPLES BOWLING**

Congratulations to the Alley Cats (Joe and Marlene Giglia; Steve and Lisa Oleszewski), winners of first place in the Willow Ridge Couples Bowling League for the 2008-2009 season. You may not be aware that the league still exists but it does! It has grown to 16 teams. We bowl at Thruway Lanes the first or second Friday of each month from September to May plus we have a banquet in mid-May. This year the banquet was at Classics V. If you are interested in joining the fun for next season, contact Marlene at 691-5336.

#### To Submit Articles

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#### **Sweet Home High Graduates Continued from page 4**

Michelle Notaro, a 2009 graduate of Sweet Home, has been accepted into Buffalo State College's Music Education Program. Michelle has participated in many all county and all state solo festivals and choruses in addition to being a member of the Buffalo Choral Arts Society and a prior multi-year member of the Amherst Bel Canto Choir. *Michelle, listening to you make music has been an absolute treasure and has brought much joy to our family. We look forward to many more performances as you pursue your musical career. Love, Mom & Dad* 

Congratulations to Megan Hicks who graduated from Sweet Home in June. Megan will attend SUNY Brockport in the fall to major in Political Science. We are so very proud of all that you have accomplished and look forward with you to this next exciting chapter in your life. We love you! Mom, Dad, and Josh

Congratulations to Kelly Weber who is graduating from Sweet Home this year and will be attending Daemen College in the fall. Kelly, we are so proud of the young woman you have become. Your caring heart and sense of humor will take you a long way in life!! Lots of Love, Mom, Dad, Meg & Emma

Congratulations to Taylor Heald for graduating from Sweet Home. Taylor, we are very proud of you! You have made good decisions that will set up for success in life. Growing up in Willow Ridge and attending the Sweet Home Schools has provided many great memories to cherish. Your efforts in academics, sports and relationships show great character. We wish you well at Daemen and beyond. It is just the beginning! Mom, Dad, Nathan, Hannah, William, Liam & Connor

Congratulations to Meg Land on her recent graduation from Sweet Home. We are proud of all of your accomplishments. Good luck at Buffalo State. Love, Mom, Dad and Matt

## Neighborhood News (Continued from page 2) Welcome

Friends and neighbors on Beaumont Dr. would like to welcome from Tonawanda Frank and Tammi Blajszczak and their children, Devin, 5; Ethan, 3; and Hayden, 2, to 33 Beaumont. Frank is a tire builder at Goodyear Dunlop Tire and Tammi is an account clerk typist for Erie County Dept. of Social Services. They enjoy camping, four-wheeling and lots of outdoor activities. They can be reached at 691-2143

A big Willow Ridge congratulations and welcome to Janelle and Jeff Ventura who recently exchanged vows and moved to 250 Willow Ridge from Tonawanda with doggie Bella. They can be reached at 570-4338.

#### **Congratulations**

Happy retirement to Dwight Hargrove who is retired from Sweet Home Transportation in June. Best wishes and enjoy! Wedding congratulations to Jessica Randall and Christopher Palen whose wedding will take place in Hawaii on August 6, 2009.