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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 12, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- **DEADLINE for the June WITW is May 8**
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It appears that the cold weather is finally past us and we can look forward to some warm weather ahead. Please use extra caution while driving through the neighborhood, as many more children will be out enjoying the balmy temperatures. Also, as was brought to my attention, quite a few deer have taken up residence in Willow Ridge. So be watchful for four-legged creatures at night.

Unbelievably, the much anticipated Easter party is history for another year. A whopping 70 children enjoyed the day together making the party a huge success!

There are a couple of new items regarding your WRCA membership: we have changed our fiscal year to July 1. For details, please refer to the minutes of the April meeting included in this issue; and secondly, we now have instituted E-Wind, our new e-mail notification system. For even quicker notification as events unfold pertaining to the neighborhood, and the WRCA, please contact Jack Baker, 691-5972, or register at our website [wrca.info](http://wrca.info). to be added to the E-Wind listing.

Finally, for all of you that showed up to help out at the ball diamonds, a big thank you! Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 12, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Hope to see you all there!

Warm Wishes,

Bob Foladare

### GRADUATION APPROACHES

It is hard to believe it, but another school year inches closer to the end, and we want to be one of the first to congratulate our 2009 graduates by listing them all in the next issues of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. After all, they are our own Willow Ridgers and we are duly proud of them. In order to accomplish this we are again asking that you submit your graduate's name, address, and graduating school (college or high school). Include any accomplishments and/or goals for the future you wish. To make the announcement extra special, be sure to include a signed "one-liner," a message to your graduate. Please type or print on a full sheet of paper and have it in to me by May 8 to insure the June edition. If you are a bit late, submit it anyway and I will do my best to add it to the June issue. If not, it will appear in the July issue. Drop off your announcement in the box on my porch at 221 North Brier, or better yet, email me at [wiweditor@gmail.com](mailto:wiweditor@gmail.com). Please keep in mind that although there are no restrictions on length of announcement, some editing may become necessary. Come on, proud moms and dads! Here's your chance to show off your graduate!

Debby VonLangen, Editor

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### May 2009

- 1 Staff Appreciation Luncheon, HS
- 2 SAT I & II, 7:45 am, HS
- 4 PTA Meeting, 7pm, MS; Alumni Meeting, 7:30pm @ NVCC
- 5 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS; Annual District Budget Hearing, 7pm @ NVCC; BOE Meet the Candidates Night following hearing, @ NVCC; BOE Study Session, 7:30pm @ NVCC; PTO Meeting, 7pm, WR; Grade 4 & 8 NYS Science Written Assessment
- 6 Superintendent's Dinner & Forum, 5:30 pm @ Classics V
- 7 WR Chorus Concert, 7pm @ WR; Common Sense Parenting, 9:30-11:30am @ Harlem Rd. Comm. Ctr.; PTSA Plant Sale, HS
- 8 WR Chorus Concert, 7pm @ WR
- 11 Elementary Gold Band, Elementary Gold Orchestra & Grades 7-8 Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7pm, HS; Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, WR
- 12 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS; BOE Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC
- 13 HS Concert Orchestra & Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, HS; Kindergarten Orientation, 9:15-10:30am, WR
- 14 Grade 7 Girls Chorus, Grade 7 Band & Grade 7 Orchestra Concert, 7pm, MS; Common Sense Parenting, 9:30-11:30am @ Harlem Rd. Comm. Ctr.
- 16 Junior Prom, 7-11pm @ Connecticut St. Armory, HS
- 18 HS Jazz Ensemble & Grade 6 Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7pm, MS
- 19 Grade 5 Visit to MS, 9am, WR; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS; Elementary Blue Band & Elementary Blue Orchestra Concert, 7pm, HS; STARS Breakfast, 8am, HS; Annual District Budget Vote 12-9 pm @ NVCC
- 20 Dollars for Scholars Meeting, 8am, DO; District Retirement Reception, 4-6pm @ Classics V; Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30pm, HS
- 21 Women's Chorus, Concert Chorale & Chamber Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm HS; Common Sense Parenting, 9:30-11:30am @ Harlem Rd. Comm. Ctr.
- 25 **NO SCHOOL K-12 MEMORIAL DAY**
- 26 Honors Banquet, 6pm @ Banchetti's, HS; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS; PTA Council Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library
- 27 Foreign Language Awards, 3pm @ HS Library, HS; Grade 8 Band & Grade 8 Orchestra Concert, 7pm, MS; Grade 6 Awards, 3:30pm, MS
- 28 Grade 6 Chorus, Grade 6 Band & Grade 6 Orchestra Concert, 7pm, MS; Common Sense Parenting, 9:30-11:30am @ Harlem Rd., Comm. Ctr.; FBLA Banquet, 6pm, HS

**Events Subject to Change/Check with School**

## WRCA WEB PAGE [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info)

Did you know that Willow Ridge has its own web page? Go to [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info) to discover the Willow Ridge Civic Association web page. Explore the interesting components of **Events**, **Wind-in-the-Willows**, **Photo Gallery**, and **Consumer Discounts**. Check on **Links** to discover associated organizations. Upload, for posting your photograph of neighborhood events. Click on the **Registration** link to submit your e-mail address to register for E-Wind and to receive advanced copies of the **Wind-in-the-Willows** and notices of special events and important meetings affecting our neighborhood. Get involved with your Civic Association through the WRCA Web Page. [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info)

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## WRCA MINUTES

**April 14, 2009**

This meeting was held at the Villas on Chestnut Ridge community center.

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, Joe Battaglia, and John Radens. Excused were Board Members Jim Prentice, and Clayton Cobb. In the gallery were Cam Hill, Kerri Jasen, Lee Baker, Sandy Radens, and Mara Lansing.

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

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jack Baker reported that all expenses were met from February and March. March expenses were \$1704.00, March income was \$759.00, with an account balance of \$7286.00. A motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by Karen Tyno to approve the treasurer's report, and the board unanimously approved. Jack also reported that we do not have an approval yet on the WRCA status as a 501c4 organization.

### President's Report

Bob Foladare reported that a number of residents have called to complain about deer roaming through the Willow Ridge neighborhood. Since it seems that the deer have been extremely active, Bob emphasized that everyone should drive with caution and be watchful for deer.

### Membership Report

Membership Director Kerri Jasen stated that 803 paid renewals have been received. This number represents 94% of her goal of 850 members for 2009. Kerri is in need of 11 block reps and 2 head reporters. Hopefully she will get some volunteers to help out and contribute their talents to our community. Anyone interested should contact her.

### Committee Reports

**Youth Recreation (John Cowden)** John reported that the Easter Party was a great success with 70 children in attendance. John wishes to give special thanks to Girl Scout Troops 304 and 1420 for their assistance with the party.

**Garage Sale Chairman (John Cowden)** John reported that the annual garage sale is set for the weekend of June 19, 20, and 21. More information will be forthcoming.

### Old Business

Sweet Home athletic director, the building and grounds supervisor and Willow Ridge principal have all granted permission for the annual sprucing up of the Willow Ridge School ball diamonds on Saturday, April 25, 8:30 a.m. with a rain date of May 2. Volunteers are needed; all are welcome to help spruce up the diamonds for our neighborhood youth to enjoy. The meeting place is Bedford Park diamond.

## New Business

Representatives John Stafford from WalMart and Rob Bertone from Home Depot along with their attorney, Vince Hanley, were present to ask for the WRCA Board approval to continue with the seasonal garden centers at their locations. A discussion ensued about both companies duties to our neighborhood, such as sidewalk snow plowing and cleanup of their respective properties bordering our neighborhood. Both companies and store managers agreed to implement better plans to facilitate this work. They further stated that they would meet with us regularly to follow up on these actions. In the spirit of fostering good neighborhood partners, the board voted and agreed to extend the garden center agreements for 1 year contingent on both companies following through on their promises. Both representatives asked that if any Willow Ridge residents see any issues with the WalMart or Home Depot properties, to please contact a WRCA board member who in turn will take the issues to them for correction.

A discussion led by Treasurer Jack Baker ensued as to the changing of the WRCA fiscal year. At the present our fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31. By changing our fiscal year to run from July 1 to June 30, a number of benefits are derived. A few are: all expenses will be incurred in the same year, as well as income. It will also be easier weather-wise for the block reps to recruit new members. After considering and weighing all  
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<b>Cub Scouts</b>	<b>Brian Rieman</b>
<b>Directory</b>	<b>Jane Sieman</b>
<b>Garage Sale</b>	<b>John Cowden</b>
<b>Garden Club</b>	<b>Virginia Winter</b>
<b>Girl Scouts</b>	<b>Karen Lambe</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Cam Hill</b>
<b>Holiday Lighting Contest</b>	<b>Neil Cuomo</b>
<b>Junior Recreation</b>	<b>John Cowden</b>

**Membership**  
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**Clayton Cobb**  
**Neil Cuomo**  
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**Bob Folandare**  
**Lee Baker**  
**Jack Baker**

**Willow Ridge Garden Club**

The Willow Ridge Garden Club will meet Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at the Zion United Church of Christ at 7:30 p.m. The program will feature a perennial plant exchange and a talk about safe pesticides. New members are welcome.

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## Neighborhood News

### Sympathy

Our sincere condolences are extended to Pam and Eric Laubenstein of Rockdale Dr., and their children: Matthew, Kirk and Rebecca, on the recent death of Pam's father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time!

### Get Well

Friends and neighbors extend their best wishes to Gunter Heinze of Rockdale Dr. as he recovers from surgery. May you grow stronger each day and we look forward to seeing you back in the peak of good health!

### Welcome

A warm Apple Ridge welcome to our newest neighbors, Russell and Erika Marranca at 81 Hubbardston Place. They moved here from North Buffalo and have two children; Bailey, four years; and Bradley, two years old. Erika is a part time teacher in her daughter's school and spends the rest of her time at home taking care of her family. Russell is a manager with Main Street Host, an internet marketing and web development business. They can be reached at 832-8384. It was nice seeing this family take a walk through the neighborhood on a pleasant, late winter evening. The rest of your neighbors look forward to meeting you too!

Neighbors wish to welcome Michael Hierl, who moved to 109 Kaymar Drive from Tonawanda.

We also wish him much enjoyment in his retirement.

"It's nice to see that education pays off!" A big welcome to Rick Benny of 209 Willow Green Dr. Rick is 23 years old, and graduated from UB School of Business Management with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing Finance. He is a sales rep for Benco Dental Company. Rick is looking forward to many happy years in his first home! We wish him all the best! Rick can be reached at 573-5690.

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issues with this change, a motion was made by Karen Tyno and seconded by Joe Battaglia to move forward with the fiscal year change. Board approval was unanimous.

Webmaster Jack Baker also reported he has a data base of 130 e-mail addresses of Willow Ridgers. These addresses are used only to keep Willow Ridgers informed of events and issues in our neighborhood. Anyone wishing to be added to the list can do so by registering on the WRCA web page- [wrca.info](http://wrca.info)

### Community Open Forum

Rich Norris, property manager for American Campus who owns and manages the Villas on Chestnut Ridge was on hand to welcome us. Rich expressed his desire to be a good neighbor to Willow Ridge. With this in mind, he also asked that anyone who is aware of a problem to please contact WRCA President Bob Folandare or any board member to report the problem. Rich also stated that the fence on the back of the Villas property should be completed this spring.

### Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Jack Baker and seconded by Joe Battaglia to adjourn at 9:25 pm. The next meeting will be May 12 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Respectfully submitted, Patrick Land, Secretary

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## Easter Party Report

The Easter Party this year was a great success, thanks to the girls from Troop 1420: Kaitlyn Wawrzyniak, Katelyn Hammett, Rosa Wooley, Samantha Uimes, Olivia Collins, Katy Kearney and Maria Frascatore. Also thanks to Troop 304: Allie House, Ariana Bridges, Kelly Sieman, Sandra Notaro, Melanie Kindron and Nina Rogland. A special thanks to Samantha and Josh Hammer, who ran the prize table. Over 70 kids attended the party this year and all seemed to have fun.

We look forward to both troops helping out again at our next youth recreation event, which will be the Halloween party. Thanks to all who attended and hope to see you then!

## Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of 2009 SUNY Brockport

Congratulations to Danielle C. Werwinski, daughter of Karen and Raymond T. Werwinski Jr. of 181 Kaymar Drive! She has been placed on the Dean's List with Honors and will graduate in May from SUNY Brockport with a teaching degree in Biology. She also was the recipient of the "Henry Gould" award last year for her outstanding academic achievement in Biology. A 2005 graduate of Sweet Home High, Danielle is currently student teaching in the Rochester area.

**Submit in your child's graduation announcement for publication in the *Wind-in-the-Willows*.**  
Details on page 1

## Amherst Museum

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689-1440 [www.amherstmuseum.org](http://www.amherstmuseum.org)

**May 9– Lace Fashion Show 9 am.** Classes held in the afternoon and Merchants Mall open throughout the day. General admission for the Fashion Show and Merchant's Mall is \$5. Classes and lunch included in all day admission of \$45 with a nominal kit fee. Pre-registration required for classes.

**May 13– Lunchtime Lecture Series/Civil War Noon** by member of the 49th NY re-enactment group, Guy Gane. Bring a lunch to enjoy during the lecture. \$3; Members free.

**May 16– German Festival 1-8 pm.** German music, food, beer, and a celebration of German-American culture. \$6/Adults, Members \$5; Under 12 free. Free parking.

**May 30– Amherst Celebrates the Arts 10am–5pm** showcases Amherst's artisans and performers. Continuous performances throughout the day of theatre, dance and music at four staging areas. Visual arts on exhibit and many works will be for sale. Admission and parking are free. For more information contact Debbie Wixson @ 632-2345.

**June 6– Story of Amherst, an American Suburb Exhibit Opening** learn how Amherst evolved from the early 1800's into the diverse and vibrant community it is today. Explore visions of Amherst's future.

**TIME TO GET READY FOR:**

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**JUNE 19, 20, 21**