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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 8, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- **DEADLINE for the September WITW is August 14**
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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 4, 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 family picnic at Bedford park on August 29. 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 ANIMAL! 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 in August. Our next meeting will be September 8. I hope to see you all there!

Warm Wishes, *Bob Foladare*

Mark the Date!!

WRCA SUMMER PICNIC

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!

Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk- Report
 On May 17th a Great Strides walk to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis was held. Our neighbors, friends, and Willow Ridge Garden Club members brought our donations to \$400.00 this year. Our son, Stephen, and his fiancé Katrina, raised an amazing \$4,000. in a fund raising challenge at a school in Florence, South Carolina. Our sincere thanks for your support and contributions to this cause.
 -Victoria, Stephen, Frank, and Virginia Winter

WRCA WEB PAGE www.wrca.info

Did you know that Willow Ridge has its own web page? Go to 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

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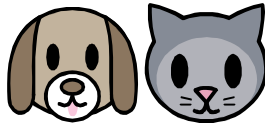
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Babysitting and Pet Service Available: Babysitting—I am highly experienced, \$5/hr., willing to watch up to 3 kids. I will interact with them, not just watch them. Pets—willing to groom, feed, play with, and walk your pets. \$2.50/pet. Ally, age 13 @ 691-4708



Sweet Home Soccer Golf Tournament

The Sweet Home Men's Soccer Booster Club will hold its first annual golf tournament fundraiser on Monday, August 17, 2009 at Tan Tara Country Club in Amherst. In addition to 18 holes of golf, the event will feature lunch, golf, contests, one hour open bar, steak dinner, prizes, Chinese auctions and raffles. The scramble event begins at 1:00 p.m. with a shotgun start. The cost is \$100.00 per golfer. A dinner ticket is also available for \$35.00. If you'd like to participate in this event please contact Mike Biggane (716)691-3389 or via email: mbosox@roadrunner.com or Dave Barnas at (716)691-5026 or via email: dbarnas@roadrunner.com. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

**PARADE, FOOD, ICE CREAM,
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Girl Scout Troop 304 is working on the Environmental Health badge. We have made up a quiz for you to try about safe sun habits.

1. Can you get sunburn on a cloudy day?
2. What is the minimum amount of SPF (sun protection factor) your sunscreen should have?
3. Do age spots have anything to do with the sun?
4. Can darker skinned people get a sun burn?
5. What is the sun's most dangerous ray?
a) UVA b) UVB c) UVC
6. Can you get skin cancer from the sun?
7. How often should you apply sun-screen?
8. What should you bring to the beach for sun safety?



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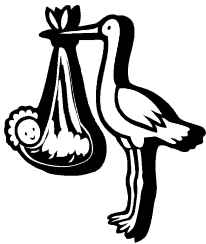
Neighborhood News Sympathy

Neighbors on Amberwood Drive wish to extend condolences to Mary Rapp of 20 Amberwood Drive on the loss of her son Scott Ebben of Amherst, who passed away suddenly on June 14. In addition to his mother, he and is survived by his fiancé Mary Beth O'Neil, daughter Ashley, sister Jamie as well as many other family and friends. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead.



Congratulations

Jeff and Joyce Schmidt of 173 North Brier are proud grandparents again! Emelia Kate Surdej was born on July 2, 2009 weighing in at 7 lbs. 2 ozs, and she was 20.5" long. Emelia joins her happy parents, Christine and Shane, and her big brother, Nathan. What a beautiful family! Congratulations to all!!



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LOCKS, DOORS, WINDOWS

- * Install good dead bolt locks in your doors, *and use them*. About 50% of burglars enter homes through unlocked doors and windows. Avoid door locks that can be unlocked by breaking glass or door panels to reach inside.
- * Secure sliding glass doors with commercial locks and sturdy wooden dowel in the track, or a nail inserted through a hole drilled in the sliding glass door frame projecting into the fixed frame.
- * Lock double hung windows by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in each top corner of the inside sash and part way through the outside sash.
- * Keep valuables in a secure place in your home, preferably in a locked security safe.

OUTSIDE

- * Trim shrubbery that hides doors and windows, and cut back tree limbs that could help a burglar reach a second story window.
- * Make sure porches, entrances and yards are well lit.
- * Report broken street lights to the utility company.
- * Do not hide house keys in mailboxes or under doormats. Instead, give a duplicate key to a trusted friend or neighbor in case you are locked out.
- * Change locks as soon as you move into a new home. Before you move into an apartment, make sure the landlord changes the locks from the previous tenant. *(Continued on Page 6)*

Willow Ridge Garden Club Meeting

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

7:30—9:00 p.m.

Zion United Church of Christ

15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda, NY

Flower exhibit featuring the club flower, Victoria Blue

Salvia and other garden plants in unique designs.

Members and guests welcome.

Joan Robinson Publicity Chairman 691-8397

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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.

(Crime Prevention Tips Continued from page 5)

WHILE AWAY

* Leave lights and a radio on to give your home an occupied look. Use timing devices to turn lights and radios on and off a varying times. Keep your garage door closed and locked.

* If going away for longer than a few days, arrange to have someone pick up your mail and newspapers. Have regularly scheduled deliveries stopped or sent elsewhere.

* Don't announce plans for a party or vacation prior to leaving.

* Use unpredictable hiding places for valuables, like among cleaning supplies under your sink or beneath logs in a wood box. Keep valuable, but rarely used items in a safe deposit box.

* One of the best ways to prevent crime is to get to know your neighbors, and watch each other's homes. Exchange work and vacation schedules with a neighbor you trust so you can keep an eye on each other's homes.

* *Most important of all...* be sure to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood to the police immediately. Make sure you stay on the line to give the operator all the details, including license plate numbers and vehicle identification, if possible.

Amherst Museum

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August 8- Wireless Meet. Annual swap meet on the museum grounds, 8:30am-noon

August 15- Scottish Festival & Highland Games. Call for patron info and pre-sale tickets. Scottish and Celtic music, Scottish food, bagpipers, dancers, vendors, sheepherding and more.

September 16-19- Quilt Seminar.

Beginning to expert quilters will find exciting classes to take in this annual event featuring nationally known teachers Jo Morton and Kim Diehl. Call for brochure and complete class listings.

October 23-24—Halloween Trick-or-Treat.

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Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of 2009

Wake Forest University Graduate

Albert and Beverly Burch of 273 Rockdale Court are proud to announce the gradation of their daughter, Allison, from Wake Forest University, with a BA in English. Allison plans to pursue a course of study to obtain a Doctorate of Jurist Prudent. *Allison, we are extremely proud of what you have accomplished and what you will accomplish. Love, Mom, Dad and Bridget Sweet Home High School Graduates*

Congratulations to Ashlee Nicole Williams, who graduated from Sweet Home High School on June 26, 2009. She has been accepted at Medaille College where she will major in Early Child Education. Ashlee grew up on Kaymar Drive having attended Willow Ridge Elementary School and Sweet Home Middle School. She has also performed in several high school musical productions including, "The Nutcracker," "School House Rock" and "Once on this Island." She was a member of the Sweet Home Women's Chorus, Spanish Club and Prom Committee. Beginning in her freshman year, she has been a member of the Sweet Home Varsity Cheerleading Squad having participated in the National Cheerleading Competition where her squad won First Place and Grand Champions for their division. Ashlee is the daughter of James and Deborah, and the older sister of Chelsea. *We are so proud of you, and may God continues to bless you in all of your future endeavors!*

Congratulations to Lindsey Morrison who graduated from Sweet Home High School in June. Lindsey will be attending Columbia College Chicago in the fall for Fashion Merchandising and Retail. *Lindsey, I am so proud of you. You are starting a new chapter in your life. I wish you all the best in Chicago and may all your dreams come true. Love, Mom*



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Every single penny of profit goes to the construction of a NEW PLAYGROUND at the school. Tickets are only \$20.00 and include a delicious lunch. This is an opportunity to have a great time with your friends, win some prizes, *and* support a worthy cause. Please consider calling some friends and getting a table together!! Call the school @250-1575 for tickets and further information. If you are willing to supply a theme basket or if you would like to purchase advertising for the program, or to help in any other way, please call Mr. Lovering (Willow Ridge Elementary School Principal) at 250-1575!



Answers to Safe Sun Habits Quiz on Page 4

1) Yes; 2) 15; 3) Yes; 4) Yes; 5) c; 6) Yes; 7) 20 minutes before you go outside, then every 2 hrs. and if swimming, when you get out of the water. 8) sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, shirt. The American Cancer Society's easy safe sun habit: Slip! Slop! Slap! (*Slip* on a shirt, *slop* on sunscreen, *slap* on a hat).