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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 10, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall

All Members Welcome

- **DEADLINE for the December WITW is November 13**
- **Classified (page 3)**
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MEMBERSHIP ISSUE



2010 Membership Renewal Drive

Your 2010 WRCA Membership Renewal Invoice and Return Envelope are enclosed in this issue of the *Wind-in-the Willows*. For the 2010 Membership Drive, this **invoice system is the only way to renew your membership**. Your Block Rep **will not** contact you to collect your dues payment during this membership drive. Please write your check for **\$15.00** to the **Willow Ridge Civic Association** and return it in the addressed enclosed envelope by **December 31, 2009**. Your timely membership renewal will insure that your monthly *Wind-in-the-Willows* will continue to be delivered to your home and that the **2010 WRCA Directory** will be delivered to you early in the new year. We have eliminated the Early Bird dues reduction to avoid a dues increase.

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors, The Civic Association cannot function without people from the neighborhood volunteering. As such, I am asking you to please consider spending a couple hours a month and get involved with the WRCA Board. If interested, please contact me or another board member. With elections coming up in November and the need to fill three board seats, it is important to step forward now.

Oktoberfest was a huge success as always, thanks to the good work of Clayton Cobb. Our next event on the agenda is the Snowflake Dinner Dance and something new, a wine tasting party. (Details still need to be worked out.)

As you may or may not know, a new adult bookstore has opened on Niagara Falls Blvd. to replace the old one. Any ideas on how to get rid of this establishment would be greatly appreciated.

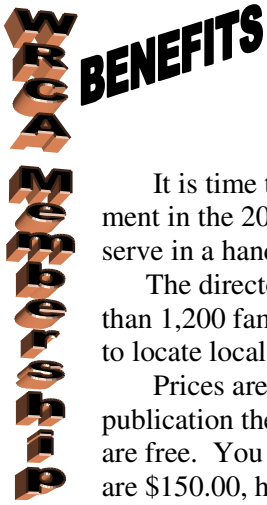
Even though it is only November, snow is just around the corner. So please, when shoveling your driveway, take the extra ten minutes and shovel your sidewalk too. Let's make our neighborhood safe for everyone.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 10 at 7:30pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. I hope to see you there. Warm Wishes, Bob Foladare

Wind-in-the-Willows and the WRCA Directory— What's Inside?

Our monthly newsletter, the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, provides many details about the latest happenings in Willow Ridge and the upcoming free events for the children. There is also neighborhood news, our own free "Classified" section, and notices of special activities. These are just a few great reasons to become a member of the WRCA!

Your *WRCA Directory* includes a neighborhood listing, money savings coupons, services and businesses in our community, in addition to important phone numbers, such as listings for area schools and the Town of Amherst. You will also find a babysitter listing, a detailed map of our community, a guide to our annual events, and more!



WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY FOR THE YEAR 2010

It is time to begin assembling the Willow Ridge Community Directory and you are invited to place an advertisement in the 2010 edition. Our directory will carry your advertising message into the homes of the community you serve in a handy 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 booklet that is kept, read, and used for a full year by our Willow Ridge residents.

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, 2009 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 Willow Ridge Directory for the year 2010, please complete the following contract and drop it off to me along with your ad at 80 Sweetwood Drive North. I will be accepting ads until December 31, 2009. Thank you. Jane Sieman, Directory Editor, 564-0913/870-3412

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For Sale:

Appliances: Rigid Aqua Pro– submersible Sump Pump, 1/3 hp with diaphragm switch. Never used, \$75.; West Bend 30cup Party Perk, \$20. 691-6180

Clothing: Snowmobile clothing and helmets, men’s and ladies, Klim jacket and pants (worn once), Yamaha jacket, bag Bombardier helmet with heated shield, most size X-large & XX-large, ladies sizes med. 691-6180

Household: 9’x12’ Karastan Wool Oriental style sculpted carpet, beige/blue/rust color, \$200. 691-6180

Household: English bone china, cups & saucers, floral, solid colors, \$10/set; Luncheon sets, plate, cup, saucer– matching, \$15/set; Rocking chair, honey-maple perfect condition/must see, \$50; Quilt rack, golden brass, \$35.; Decorative sleds, 20”L x 15”H x 9”W, \$25. Other is smaller, jeweled for cards, small items/flowers, \$10. 691-3599

Instrument: Piano—free to a good home. Ludwig Upright with beautiful scrolled design—needs to be tuned. Bench needs minor repair. You must move. 691-4783

For Rent:

Garage: Amherst—single car garage available, near UB campus. Owner lives on premises, in safe Willow Ridge neighborhood. Must have your own insurance for your items. This is an uninsured private garage. Area will not be used for extensive repairs, 24 hour access, has garage door opener, 8’ x 8’ door, 21’ deep, Available Nov 1. 691-7084

Room: Large furnished bedroom w/hardwood floors and double closet in 3 bedroom home on Sweetwood North. 713-0258

Wanted:

Magazines: To be used for a marketing course I’m teaching in the Buffalo City Schools. Drop off at 240 N. Brier or call 691-6561 and I will pick up.

WRCA MINUTES

October 13, 2009

President Bob Folandare called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance were President Folandare, Vice President Ed Goetz, Secretary Pat Land, Treasurer Jack Baker, Board Members Karen Tyno, Jim Prentice, and Joe Battaglia. Community attendees were Cam Hill, Lee Baker, Neil Cuomo, Jane Sieman, Kerri Jasen, Judi Moran, Michelle Garland, Wanda White. A motion was made by Ed Goetz to approve the minutes from the June meeting, Jack Baker seconded and board approval followed.

Treasurer’s Report

Jack Baker reported that all expenses were met from September. Expenses for this past month were \$1180.00, income was \$90.00 and an account balance of \$7,217.00. A motion was made by Pat Land and seconded by Karen Tyno to approve the treasurer’s report; board approval was unanimous.

Jack also reported that Willow Ridge resident Terry Elbersen’s accounting firm has waived their \$375.00 fee for work performed on the behalf of the WRCA. The board has approved a full page directory ad as a thank you to Terry.

Jack also stated that WRCA will be implementing an online dues payment system. Pay Pal will administer and it will be available for 2010 renewals.

President’s Report

Bob reports that all is quiet in Willow Ridge with no resident correspondence received this month.

Membership Report

Membership director Kerri Jasen regrettably reports that she will resign from her duties effective December 31, 2009. She will work on a smooth transition with Cam Hill, Jack Baker and whoever steps forward to assume the membership director’s position. The board would like to thank Kerri for all of her quality work the last couple of years. (Continued on Page 4)

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Old Business

A donation of \$500. has been sent from the WRCA, for the Willow Ridge Elementary School playground fund.

The WRCA Scholarship will require an essay in 2010; all other criteria will remain intact. Ed Goetz reported for Clayton Cobb that Oktoberfest tickets are still available and will be available at the door.

Jim Prentice reported on a new Willow Ridge event, “A Wine Tasting Night;” a tentative date is set for January 30, 2010. More details soon.

The WRCA board nominating committee chaired by Cam Hill will present a slate of candidates in November with elections in December. Currently there are 3 openings for board members. Anyone interested in running please contact Cam or Neil Cuomo. You may also come to the next meeting with your intentions.

The status of the Snowflake Dinner Dance was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

Neil Cuomo reports that the Adult Galaxy is within the Town ordinance as a new business and will be allowed to operate as is at Niagara Falls Blvd. & Willow Ridge.

Committee Reports

Directory Chair Jane Sieman reports that the advertising rate for the 2010 directory will remain the same as 2009 rates. She also stated that a cover design contest will once again be held at Willow Ridge Elementary School.

Community Open Forum

Recent new Willow Ridge residents, Michelle Garland and Wanda White, expressed an interest in joining the WRCA. The board welcomed them to our community.

Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Joe Battaglia and seconded by Ed Goetz to adjourn at 8:40pm. The next meeting is set for November 10 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30pm. All Willow Ridge residents are welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Patrick Land, Secretary

CANS FOR CUBS 2010 Cub Scout Pack 173 will be holding our annual pop can/bottle collection drive on Saturday, January 2, 2010 from 10am—1pm. Money earned from the returns will be donated to a charitable organization to be determined at a later date. On Saturday, January 2, please leave your NY stamped returnable cans & bottles in a plastic bag on your front porch or driveway. Our scouts and their parents will be coming around to pick them up between the hours of 10am and 1pm. You can also deliver them to 27 Jonathan Place, or call 691-8713 to arrange a pickup. Only NY stamped returnable pop/beer cans & bottles will be accepted (no recyclables or wine/liquor bottles). Last year’s drive enabled us to donate \$300 to Ronald McDonald house and \$300 to Compass House of Buffalo.

Amherst Museum, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd., Amherst, NY 689-1440 www.amherstmuseum.org
December 5— Holiday Celebration. The Amherst Museum Board of Trustees hosts this annual dinner dance. Call for information.
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Willow Ridge Directory Listings

Attention all residents of Willow Ridge
Everyone should be contacted by a block rep by November 15, 2009 regarding you listing for the 2010 Willow Ridge Directory. If no one has been in touch with you and a change of any sort needs to be made in the upcoming directory, please call me at 564-0913 or drop off a note to 80 Sweetwood Drive North. You can also email me at wnyo@adelphia.net. If I receive an email from you, I will send a confirmation. If you do not receive such confirmation within

48 hours, please call me with the changes.

I will also take names for the babysitter list in the directory for those who are between the ages of 12 & 19. Please give name, phone number, address and inform me if the babysitter is American Red Cross certified (this is not a requirement to be listed). I will be taking changes until 12/31/09 as the directory goes to print in January. My goal is to keep the contents of each year's directory as accurate as possible. Thank you, Jane Sieman, Directory Editor

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Neighborhood News

Welcome

A warm welcome to Linda and Forian Matuszewski and their daughter Amelia to 646 Kaymar. Linda is the owner of T-Shirts Unlimited, Florian is retired; Amelia is a student at NCC College. They moved from 396 Kaymar and are happy to be staying in Willow Ridge. The family can be reached at 691-5476.

Neighbors on North Brier Road welcome Tom and Nikki Caruana who, along with 2 year old Tommy, moved into 184 N. Brier in September. Tom is a plumber with Grandjutt Plumbing and Nikki is a x-ray technician and sells Mary Kay cosmetics. They moved here from the Tn of Tonawanda. Nikki's parents, Frank & Pat Grandinetti live on S. Ellicott Creek and are long time WRCA members. We all wish the Caruanas many happy years in our wonderful neighborhood.



Neighbors on Willow Green extend a warm welcome to Jason and Allison Muhitch and their daughter, Allison, who moved into 66 Willow Green Dr. from Kenmore. Jason and Allison are both Sweet Home graduates and Jason is currently completing his PhD at Roswell Park. Lisa is a part time athletic trainer at Medaille. Best wishes for much happiness in your new home.

A warm welcome to 101 Willow Lane goes to the Jonathan and Jennifer Beck family who moved there in June. Jonathan is a chiropractor with UB Neurosurgery and Jennifer is a teacher at St. Mark School in Buffalo. Congratulations are also in order as they welcome their first baby, Jonathan, who arrived on August 29. Jennifer grew up on Willow Green, where Mona Hanna, Jonathan's proud grandmother, still lives after over 20 years! We wish the Beck's lifetime of happiness as well in their new home!

Congratulations

Rockdale Drive residents express congratulations to Greg and Robin Scarpace of 114 Rockdale Drive on the birth of their daughter, Madison Giada, born on September 25 and weighing 6 lbs, 15 oz. Welcome Madison and best wishes to the family!

NEW CLASSES STARTING Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program. Learn to exercise safely with seated and standing exercises which are designed to increase joint flexibility, range of motion and muscle strength. Each class will offer a Pain Management technique. Classes are one hour long. Classes will be offered at Buffalo Rehab Group, 350 Greenhaven Terrace, Tonawanda (old Greenhaven Library) on Tuesdays at 1:45, weekly starting October 13. Cost is \$30 for 6 classes. Registration is required. Please call 213-0772

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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 **42 Tanglewood Dr.** The bin will be available from Friday, November 27 up until 5 pm Friday, December 11. All cards will be delivered by Sunday, December 20. 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.

Willow Ridge Garden Club

Craft Night

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Zion United Church of Christ

15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda, NY

Shirley Magee will lead members in creating a small boxwood tree for a holiday decoration.

Holiday Party

December 2, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn

1881 Niagara Falls Blvd.

Husbands Invited

Joan Robinson, Publicity Chairman

691-8397

2009 Poinsettia Sale

Available Colors: Red, Burgundy, Pink, Marble.

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Also available: 10" hanging basket/\$16. & 6.5 Red Winter Rose/\$8.; Fresh, Decorated Wreath, 22" Sprayed w/ Wilt Pruf/\$12. To order call Virginia Winter, 691-7704 or Doris Mohr, 691-6539. No orders after November 22, '09. Include payment with your order. Checks payable to Willow Ridge Garden Club. Pick up plants on day of

delivery, Friday, Dec. 4 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.

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Something New is in the Wind!

E-Wind

an email supplement to the *Wind-in-the-Willows* that will be used as needed to convey information to the members of the WRCA. If you wish to be included on the E-Wind distribution list, please register on www.wrca.info



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Neighborhood Garage Sale * JOIN US *

Dear Residents of Willow Green Drive, #180-239

Most of you should be aware that after nearly 20 years of dedicated, efficient volunteer service to the WRCA as your Block Rep, Debbie Elardo Speicher, has decided to step down. She has certainly "paid her dues" and I fully understand her decision. As Debbie's Head Reporter I am asking one or two of you to step forward and keep this area represented as she has for so many years. Several weeks ago I left a welcoming note to new neighbors at #227 WG who had never been contacted.

You have recently read that the hardest part of being a Block Rep is being eliminated—no more collecting dues! All residents who wish to belong to our WRCA must send in their dues themselves; their monthly newsletter will continue and the Block Reps will be given a list of paid members and simply asked to deliver their Directory. In addition, living in that "block" you will know when people move in and out and this information can be given/mailed to the WITW editor, Debby VonLangen, and in turn to the Directory Chairman, Jane Sieman.

Please call me and consider this small commitment but very important volunteer service to the wonderful community where you have chosen to live. As your Head Reporter I will assist you in all ways possible. Thank you. Lee Baker, 359 Willow Green Drive, 691-5972

It's Here! The WR Fashion Show to support Playground Fund! Nov. 21 beginning at 11am at Classics V! Don't miss it! Tickets \$20.. Call 250-1575 for tickets/info



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-Connie & Dave Holovics

Special Thanks:

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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 2010 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, 2009. **HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!!**