## Wind-in-the-Willows

## Willow Ridge Civic Association

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#### Bulletin Board WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

#### **December 8**

7:30 p.m.

Ellicott Creek Fire Hall All Members Welcome

- DEADLINE for the January WITW is December 11
- Classified (page 3)
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### 2010 Membership Renewal Drive

Have you returned your 2010 WRCA Membership Invoice??? Your Membership Renewal Deadline is **December 31, 2009**!!! Your 2010 WRCA Membership Renewal Invoice and Return Envelope were enclosed in the November issue of the Wind-in-the Willows. For the 2010 Membership Drive, this invoice system or our new on-line payment system, are the only ways 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 envelope by **December 31, 2009**. If by chance you have misplaced your Membership Invoice and return envelope, please send your check for \$15.00 to: WRCA, PO Box 86, Amherst, NY 14226, OR go to www.wrca.info and follow the link to pay your dues on line.

#### From the President's Desk

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope that everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and didn't overdo it on the turkey and stuffing! Next up, I would like to wish all my neighbors a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Joyous Kwanzaa and Happy New Year. (If I missed anyone, I am truly sorry).

With elections in December and the need to fill 3 board seats, it is important to step forward now. 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.

Last month everyone received an invoice for their dues for next year. Please help us by mailing it back as soon as possible in the self-addressed envelope. This will allow us to get more accomplished with fewer people. Thank you for you cooperation.

The Willow Ridge Neighborhood Christmas Lighting/Decorating judging will take place on the weekend of Dec. 18, 19, & 20. I am told that bribery will not only be tolerated, but encouraged.

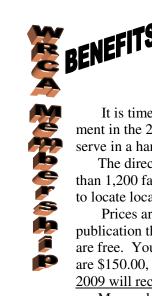
Snow is just around the corner. So please, when shoveling your driveway, take the extra 10 minutes and shovel your sidewalk too. Let's make walking in our neighborhood safe for everyone.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. As always, I hope to see you there.

Warm wishes, Bob Foladare



ATTENTION WILLOW RIDGE RESIDENTS! On December 12, there will be a foot race through the neighborhood beginning at 10:00am. There will be a few hundred runners of all ages and volunteers will arrive as early as 7:30am. The race will conclude by 11am, and the post race party for runners, volunteers and family members will take place at the Ellicott Creek Banquet Hall. The traffic safety department may restrict parking on race route and streets may be temporarily blocked. Our intent is to move through as quickly as possible so as to limit the inconvenience to the neighbors and surrounding businesses. Please feel free to call me with your questions or concerns. Thank you for your forbearance and support. Jeanne LeGault, Race Director, The Snow Ball Run for the Morlock Foundation.



#### 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.

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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 January 15, 2010. Thank you. Jane Sieman, Directory Editor, 564-0913/870-3412

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(Deadline extended to January 15, 2010—all payments  Make checks payable to Willow Ridge Civic Association Jane Sieman, Directory Editor, 80 Sw	nts due by ation and ı	<i>/ January 15, 2010)</i> mail to:
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#### **WRCA MINUTES**

November 10, 2009

President Bob Foladare called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance were President Foladare, Vice President Ed Goetz, Secretary Pat Land, Treasurer Jack Baker, Board Members Karen Tyno, Jim Prentice, and John Radens. Community guests included Ben Procopio, Lee Baker, Rick VonLangen, Debby VonLangen, and Jane Sieman. A motion was made by Jim Prentice to approve the secretary minutes from the October meeting, Ed Goetz seconded and board approval followed.

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

Jack Baker reported that all expenses were met from October. Expenses were \$2018.00, income was \$0.00 with an account balance of \$4549.00. A motion was made by Pat Land and seconded by Ed Goetz to approve the treasurer's report; board approval was unanimous.

Jack also reported that all of our Willow Ridge Scout Troops have submitted their rosters for sponsorship money. Ed Goetz made a motion to approve payment to the Scout Troops, Karen Tyno seconded and the board approved payment. Jack also stated that the WRCA on line dues payment system is up and running, residents can go to the website and save \$2.00 by renewing or joining on line.

#### President's Report

Bob Foladare reports that he received correspondence from six families, all regarding the new adult store on Niagara Falls Blvd. at the corner of Willow Ridge. While the board unanimously agrees this is not a desirable business for our neighborhood, legally we have no recourse due to present town zoning laws. Bob suggests contacting town hall to express resident's dissatisfaction.

#### Membership Report

Jack Baker reported for Kerri Jasen that 180 families have renewed as of November 9. Residents have two options to renew: use the invoice in the November *Wind-in-the-Willows*, or on line through the WRCA website: wrca.info. (Continued on Page 4)

#### Classified Advertisements

Classified is a service provided for the use of Willow Ridge Civic Association members 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.

For Sale:

**Appliances:** Braun Coffeemaker, \$20. \* Panasonic Juicer, \$50. \* Regal

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Clothing: Men's leather jacket, large, never worn, \$75. 691-5193

Household: Twin oak headbrd, box springs/frame, great cond. \$50. 691-3928

**Electronics:** Sharp electric typewriter w/ribbons, \$20.00 691-3928

**Exercise and Leisure:** Trotter treadmill, model 510, commercial quality, heavy duty, inclines and has programmed workouts, includes manual, lightly used, paid \$3200., asking \$1,000. \* Nishiki girl's mountain bike, green, \$25. \* Volleyball net & ball, \$30. 691-3928

**Furniture:** Lane cedar chest, \$50. \*Solid oak child's rocking chair, V.G. condition, \$50. \* Corner computer desk w/chair, 40" Wide, \$40. 691-3928

**Furniture:** Beautifully covered bench/wrought iron base, an asset in any room, \$40. \* Wicker table, round w/glass top, can be used as coffee, end or serving table, \$30. \* 3 nice occasional tables, mahogany, ea.\$15. 691-3599

**Furniture:** Entertainment Center, solid oak, book case side/ leaded beveled glass door, doors close to conceal TV 62W x 54H x 21D, includes 27" Sony Trinitron TV, \$600. \* Ethan Allen beveled glass top coffee table, solid dark wood, pad foot, 44L x 27W x 17H, \$200. \* Ethan Allen side table, solid dark wood, pad foot, 28L x 22W x 22H, \$200. \* Ethan Allen wing back chair & ottoman, claw & ball feet, stripe fabric, never used, \$350. 691-6830

**Tickets:** Bills tix (2), Dec 20 v. Pats & Jan. 3 v. Colts. 35 yard line, 51st row, \$70. each 691-5972

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#### **Old Business**

A discussion ensued as to how the Oktoberfest night might be improved. A number of suggestions were brought forth, the main topic dealing with the cost of the hall. A motion was made by Ed Goetz and seconded by Karen Tyno to move the event from the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall to a new location in an attempt to curtail costs. The board approved the motion. Jim Prentice reported on the newest Willow Ridge event, "A Willow Ridge Wine Tasting Social," and a date is set for January 30, 2010 at the Classics. Jim and his committee will meet to plan and have more details soon. Carol Zaffram has stepped forward to chair the Snowflake Dinner Dance. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

Elections for WRCA Board members will be held at the December meeting. Anyone interested in running contact Cam Hill or Neil Cuomo. **New Business** 

The neighborhood Christmas and Holiday Lighting judging is set for the weekend of December 18,19,20. Chairmen Neil Cuomo advises all residents to have their houses well lit starting at dusk on that weekend, as the judges will be touring the neighborhood.

#### **Committee Reports**

Directory Chair Jane Sieman reports that 2010 WRCA directory updates are in progress. Boy Scout Troop 173 will be delivering the directories this spring as a service to our community. The WRCA board would like to apologize to residents for our oversight on not holding a Halloween party this year. We are currently looking for a new Junior Recreation Chairperson. Anyone interested in this worthwhile position please contact any board member.

#### **Community Open Forum**

Responses to the new invoicing program have been positive, as well as many positive responses to the Wine Tasting Night.

#### Adjournment

With no further items on the agenda, a motion was made by Jim Prentice and seconded by Karen Tyno to adjourn at 8:30pm. The next meeting is set for Dec. 8 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. December 9—Holiday Tea. Elegance in the Victorian tradition and bid on treasures in the basket auction. Call for a brochure.



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Attention all residents of Willow Ridge

Everyone 2010 Will sort need note to 'receiv with' list ni ; Everyone should have been contacted by a block rep by now regarding your 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 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).

The following sections do not have a head reporter AND a block rep: 173-487 Kaymar Dr.; 297-680 S. Ellicott Creek Rd.; 2-51 Dalewood Dr.; 91-129 Dalewood Dr.; 775-821 Edgewater Dr.; 880-933 Edgewater Dr.; 231-263 Denrose Dr.; 300-411 (even) Denrose Dr. If you live in one of the listed sections and have a change, please contact me by phone or

email listed above. If I do not hear from you by January 15, 2010, your listing will appear in the 2010 directory as it appears in the 2009 directory. If you would like to volunteer to become a head reporter, or block rep for one of the above listed sections, please give me a call. I will be taking changes until 1/15/10 as the directory goes to print in late January. My goal is to keep the contents of each year's directory as accurate as possible.

Thank you, Jane Sieman, Directory Editor

#### Neighborhood News Sympathy

The neighbors on Beaumont Dr. would like to extend their heartfelt sympathy to 2 families on their sudden losses. First we send our sympathy to Kathy Yoshida and family on the recent loss of her husband, Don. He was a special father and grandfather in addition to being a special husband. Second, we would like to send our condolences to Pat and Walt Krawczyk on the sudden and untimely death of their son, Rob. He will be missed also by his sister Melissa, her husband Adam and their 2 boys. Our thoughts are with both families.

Friends and neighbors on Roundwood Ct. extend their sympathy to the Yager family on the loss of Patty's mother, Elizabeth LaFleur. She lived to be 91 years old. She will be deeply missed by her family.

Neighbors on North Brier are saddened by the death of Homer Reynolds, a long time resident of 168 North Brier, who passed away on November 11, 2009, in the Cleveland clinic after a lengthy illness. Homer was a microbiologist and

inventor and was the principal research specialist for the University of Buffalo's Department of Oral Biology. Our sympathy goes out to Homer's wife, Charlene and his two daughters, Dr. Anne Marie Lyndaker and Michelle Webb.

#### Farewell

Neighbors on Manor Oak bide a fond farewell to Peg and Joe Forrester who have moved up the Blvd. to a new home in Niagara Wheatfield near their daughter, Maureen.

Neighbors on Willow Green Drive bid a fond farewell to Betty Sauer, who was among the first neighbors to move onto Willow Green and has been a great friend over the years. We will miss you, Betty! (Continued on page 6)



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day, 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.



WR Garden Club Poinsettia Pick up Reminder Plants will arrive for pick up on 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.

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#### Welcome

A warm Willow Ridge welcome to Bill Richter and Kristen Karoleski, who have moved into 23 Willow Green Dr. Bill and Kristen are both Sweet Home graduates. We wish you many happy years in your new home!

We warmly welcome Pamela and Gabriel Cacheiro who are excited to be a part of the Willow Ridge community. Their new home at 50 Manor Oak Dr. is a perfect fit for them and their 19 month old daughter, Isabella. Pamela is a 6th grade Science teacher in the Buffalo City School District and Gabriel is a Foreclosure Analyst for Bank of America. They are excited to continue a growing family here for years to come. The Cacheiro's are grateful for the Willow Ridge hospitality and overall friendly welcome!

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Jennifer Lynn Hoffman, daughter of Carol and Tom Hoffman of 25 Maricrest Dr., who was inducted into the Cardinal O'Hara High School Athletic Hall of Fame in October. Jennifer, Class of 1992, earned 12 varsity letters and was an 8 time All-Catholic selection in volleyball and basketball. Many of her records still stand. She was awarded a four year volleyball scholarship to West Virginia University and played Division I volleyball where she was co-captain in her Junior and Senior years. Also, she was chosen to the All Big East Team of 1993-1994.

Friends and neighbors of Chuck and Debbie Malarkey share their great joy over the arrival of their first grandchild, John Charles Larson, born to daughter Sheila and Jeremy Larson on November 7 in Vancouver, Washington. John Charles weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, was 19 1/2 inches long, and Grandma Debbie reports he was thriving beautifully during her two week visit. Anxiously waiting their turns to see their nephew, Aunt Lauren and Aunt Rena will accompany Debbie and Chuck for a later visit after the holidays; Uncle Mike is planning a spring trip. Congratulations and best wishes to all the happy family.

#### 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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information to the members of the WRCA. If you wish to
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#### **Honoring Our Military Men**

Major Michael Kuzara returned last month from a year long deployment in Iraq. During that time he led an 11 man team of combat advisors, designed to increase the capability of the Iraqi Security Forces. Among other decorations, he received the Army's Bronze Star Medal for "Exceptionally Meritorious Service as a Team Chief While Conducting Combat Operations During Operation Iraqi Freedom" and the Army Combat Action Badge for "Having Been Personally Present and Under Direct Hostile Enemy Fire In Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom." Michael is currently working for the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army at the Pentagon. He is the son of Joe and Sharon Kuzara and resides in Virginia with his wife Bonni, their son, Jack and dog Ripley. Willow Ridge should be proud of this soldier.

Annual Santa Run and Food Drive Saturday, December 19, Beginning at 4:00 pm





Each year your kind and generous donations allow us to provide needed food supplies for our local food pantries. Last year, you out did yourselves in donated over 2000 pounds of food! Starting at 4pm firefighters will accompany Santa Claus around the community to greet children and collect donations. If you are not going to be home, please leave your donation in a well lighted location. You can also drop off your food to the fire station at 45 South Ellicott Creed Rd. beginning at 4pm. Thank you for your support. Have a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season!

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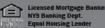


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# December 2009

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3	2010 WILLOW RIDGE DIRECTORY COVER CONTEST
NAME_	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE	AGE
RULES: All Willow Rid	ge Civic Association members between the ages of 9-15 are eligible.
All entries mus	ge Civic Association members between the ages of 9-15 are eligible.  t have this form enclosed with the drawing—DO NOT STAPLENO NAMES ON DRAWING PLEASE.  IOT WRITE ANYTHING on drawing (this includes the year or WRCA Directory.) Only drawings without writing year.

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

be accepted.

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 <u>full color</u> 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).

<u>SUBMISSION/DEADLINE</u> Entry forms and drawings can be dropped off in the box in front of 80 Sweetwood North Drive. The Deadline for submission is extended to January 15, 2010. **HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!!**