# Wind-in-the-Willows **Willow Ridge Civic Association**

#### Willow Ridge Civic Association

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#### Bulletin Board

- www.wrca.info **WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING** April 8, 2008 7:30 p.m Fire Hall All Welcome!
- **DEADLINE FOR THE May** WITW is April 11
- Plant Sale (page 4)
- Classified (page 8)

#### From the Presidents Desk

#### **Hello Neighbors:**

Wow! St. Patrick's Day has passed and Easter is over! It is hard to believe that Spring is finally here! With that brings our second annual spring clean-up and repair of the ball fields at Willow Ridge Elementary. The date is April 26 at 9 a.m. with a rain date of May 3. Pat Land is looking for volunteers to assist in spreading dirt, picking up trash, lining the diamond, etc. The Boy Scouts will be there and anyone else willing to bring a shovel to help is welcome.

We also are in need of someone to head up our committee for National Night Out. Gary Roussie has stepped down and will be missed. If anyone out there is interested, please give me a call or stop at our meeting this month.

Special thanks to John Cowden for running the Easter Party. It was a fun time and the children really enjoyed it.

Finally, just a reminder that our neighborhood garage sale is scheduled for May 15-17. Mark your calendar and begin that spring cleaning early.

See you soon,

#### Jim *Trentice*

#### **GRADUATION APPROACHES...**



It is hard to believe it, but another school year inches closer and closer to the end, and we want to be one of the first to congratulate our 2008 graduates by listing them all in the next two 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 graduates 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 April 11 to insure the May edition. If you are a bit late, submit it anyway and I will do my best to add it to the May issue. If not it will appear in the June Wind-in-the-Willows. Drop off your announcement in the box on my porch at 221 North Brier

or email me a wiweditor@gmail.com. Please keep in mind that although there are no more 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



## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**



#### Sympathy

Friends and neighbors on Roundwood Court extend their deepest sympathy to Corinne Gibson upon the loss of her husband, John. John will be remembered for his love of his cats and his skill as a cook.

We further extend our deepest sympathy to the Stallard family: Ed, Arlene, Derek, Craig, and Tyler upon the passing of Arlene's mother, Patricia Schul. She was a sweet and devoted mother and grandmother who was proud of her Irish heritage. We hope both families will find comfort in their memories of their loved ones.

#### Welcome

A warm Apple Ridge welcome to Joy Cook Russo, her daughter Gina, and Don Kostrowski who now reside at 94 Hubbardston Place. They can be reached at 694-4335. Joy and Don work at Delphi and Gina attends Sweet Home High School. Don is also a self-insured household painter.

#### Congratulations

Neighbors on Willow Green would like to welcome the newest member of the Feldman family at 41 Willow Green. Ian Walter was born February 21, 2008, weighing 8 lb. 9 oz. Congratulations and best wishes to proud parents Josh and Amy, and big brothers Justin and Cole.

Congratulations to "Willow Ridge Achiever" Peter Wallin, a former resident of Willow Ridge, who just had his first book published: "In Pursuit of Business." Pete grew up on Sweetwood Drive and now lives with his wife, Marilyn, and three children n the Elmira area. He owns an insurance business, and travels throughout the country as a motivational speaker. Pete's parents are long time Willow Ridgers now living on Willow Green Drive.

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#### 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 receive advanced copies of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* and notices of special events and important meetings affecting our neighborhoodl. Get involved with your Civic Association through the WRCA Web Page. www.wrca.info

#### <u>A Heartfelt Thank you!</u>

—To Kathy Huber and Charlene Vitale—Please accept my heartfelt thanks for volunteering your valuable time to help make the Block Rep Breakfast, held on February 9 such a success. It is only with the help and support of volunteers like you that we are able to host a successful event.

"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."

\_\_\_\_\_To the Willow Ridge Head Reporters and Block Reps—I know that it is hard to find time to volunteer and I wish you to know that your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you very much! Sincerely, Kerri Jasen, WRCA Membership Coordinator

fit for HER life, Matt. 6:33 30-min Workout for Women ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE FOR CORNERSTONE MANOR MARCH & APRIL 15 WILLOW RIDGE DROP OFF MONDAY-THURSDAY 6 AM—7 PM



## School News



#### **April 2008**

- 1 -2 National College Fair @ Buffalo Convention Center
- 2 BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC
- 4 Activity Night 6:30-8:30pm, MS
- 5 Dollars for Scholars Craft Fair, 10am—4pm @
- 7 PTO Meeting, 7pm, MS

8 BOE Combined Study Session & Regular Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC; PTO Meeting, 4:30pm, WR 9 Health & Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:30pm @ NVCC

11 End of Third Marking Period, HS/MS

14-18 SPRING RECESS-NO SCHOOL

K—12

22 BOE Special Voting Meeting, 8am. DO

23 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC

25 Movie Night, WR

28 Parent/Teacher Conference Day, Grades K-5, Early Dismissal 11am

30 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; NYS Grade 4 & 8 Science Performance Assessment

Note: "School News" is taken from the District Calendar. Events subject to change. Please read school handouts and mailings.

ATTENTION: ANY WILLOW RIDGE RESIDENT WHO IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ELLICOTT CREEK VOUNTEER FIRE CO MAY CONTACT THE FIRE CHIEF AT 691-7439 EXT. 230.



NOTICE: HOME DEPOT IS OFFERING ITS 10% **DISCOUNT TO WILLOW RIDGERS ON** THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THAT MONTH'S WIND-IN-THE-WILLOWS AND PROPER ID. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL ALLEVIATE THE PROB-LEM OF SOME NOT RECEIVING THEIR NEWSLET-TER IN TIME FOR THE DISCOUNT.

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New Guinea Impatiens Rose			Petunia, Double Rose		
Trailing Petunia—Rose with dark vein			Alyssum, Carpet of Snow		
Fuchia—Dark Eyes			Coleus, Wizard Mix		
Million Bells—Magenta			Pansy—Mix		
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A call to order was made by Jim Prentice at 7:36 pm to start the meeting

of the WRCA board for March. In attendance were Jim Prentice, Ed Goetz, Clayton Cobb, Pat Land, John Radens, Joe Battaglia, John Cowden and Vice president Bob Foladare of the board. Kerri Jasen was also in attendance and in the gallery were Jack and Lee Baker.

The secretaries minutes from the January and February meetings were reviewed and

a motion was made to approve the minutes by Bob Foladare and a second was made by

Pat Land followed by a board approval.

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

The treasurer's report was brought forth by Treasurer Ed Goetz.

Mr. Goetz reported that all expenses for the period had been paid in full. Ed also reported that the dinner dance income fell short of the projected amount but that the difference was acceptable. Mr. Goetz also brought forth a motion to explore and apply for tax-exempt status for the WRCA organization. He stated that this will allow the organization to be involved with different programs that will benefit the community and its residents. A motion was made by Bob Foladare to accept the report and a second was delivered by Pat Land and the report was approved. **President's Report:** 

WRCA's president Jim Prentice reported that the negotiations with Home Depot over the discount program had reached a stalemate. A decision was made to ask for minimal concessions on the part of Home Depot and to request from them that we just return to the original program. The main issue was a clause allowing Home Depot to suspend or cancel the program at any time. The board agreed to fight this addition and to hold its approval of the garden center until negotiations resumed.

#### **Membership Report:**

Kerri Jasen reviewed the membership report first announcing the success of the Block Rep breakfast. She reported that attendance was very good for the breakfast and the event was very productive. Kerri also reported a membership number of 649. The report also included that there were still uncollected membership information and funds which when collected will reach the goal of 850 members. The board thanked Kerri for her hard work and dedication this year.

#### **Old Business:**

Pat Land presented the ongoing plan to keep the ball (Continued on page 7)



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#### **Amherst Museum**

3755 Tonawanda Creek Rd, Amherst \$4/Adults, \$1/Children, Museum Members Free Open to Public Tuesday—Friday, 9:30a.m.—4:30 p.m. Www.amherstmuseum.org; 689-1440

March 18- April 8: Art work on display by Williamsville School District Students—an annual spring event, the work reflects a wide variety of media and techniques. Visitors will be impressed by the quality dedication and varied interests expressed in the student's work. Open to public during regular Museum hours.

May 31; 10am—5pm: Amherst Celebrates the Arts— Admission and parking are free. A Family Festival for all ages showcasing Amherst's varied and outstanding artisans and performers. If you are part of an Amherst arts or cultural organization interested in participating, please join us for an exciting day. This event is an opportunity for you to showcase your organization's talent to the community. We are planning on-going programs throughout the day for the whole family offering free performances, concerts, art demonstrations, theatre, dance, special events and hands-on art activities! Also, there will be special activities for the children. Presented by Arts and Culture in Public Places Board of the Town of Amherst. For more information, contact Debbie Wixson at 632-2345.

Amherst Museum announces a new season of our Book Club, free to public. The Amherst Museum Fiction Book Club meets the fourth Monday of each month to discuss fiction, biographies, mysteries and more. New members are always welcome. A complete list of books selected by the club for 2008 is available by calling the Amherst Museum. Anyone wanting to attend is asked to contact librarian Toniann Scime at 689-1440 or at amuseum@adelphia.net to register. Admission to the club is free, but advance registration is necessary.

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.

## Willow Ridge Community **Garage Sale**

Spring is around the corner and it is time to clear out the clutter. The community garage sale dates are:

#### May 16, 17, and 18, 2008

Please note this is a change to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from Thursday thru Saturday. Also, new this year-please contact John Cowden, 564-2789, or drop a note at 263 Willow

Green Drive, if you



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#### Committees and Activity Chairpersons

**Couples Bowling Boat Cruise** Directory Garage Sale Garden Club Historian Holiday Lighting Junior Recreation Ladies Bowling Membership National Night Out

Ed Goetz Jane Sieman Helene Motvka Virginia Winter **Bob Lannen** Neil Cuomo John Cowden **Connie Holovics** Kerri Jasen Gary Roussie

691-7079 564-0913 691-8682 691-7704 691-5270 691-3014 564-2789 691-9569 691-2472 Unlisted

Octoberfest	Tom Halter	691-5318
Publicity	Debbie Haendiges	691-5902
Scholarships	Bob Foladare	691-7272
School Brd Liaison	Mike Morrow	691-8031
Boy Scouts	Bob Sieman	564-0913
	Scott McNess	691-5621
Cub Scouts	Dan Harlack	691-3006
Girl Scouts	Karen Lambe	691-4817
Sunshine	Lee Baker	691-5972
Webmaster	Jack Baker	691-5972
Project Leader	Neil Cuomo	691-3014

#### **DIRECTORY 2008**

To the Members of the Willow Ridge Civic Association: It has been brought to my attention that one of our advertisers in the 2008 Directory, Pizza Shack, (page 50) has unfortunately temporarily closed as of Feb. 19, 2008. Per my conversation with the owner, they will honor the coupons in the directory at their other location, 3571 Niagara Falls Blvd. (Meadowbrook Square gin at 9am. Pat has requested shovels, wheel barrels and Plaza) in Wheatfield. Their phone number at this location is 695-0318. In addition, they will also deliver to Willow Ridge families free of charge because of this inconvenience.

Directory Correction: We apologize for the error in the ad for Family Fun RV Rental of WNY located on page 64 of the 2008 directory. The printer inadvertently cut off the sides of the ad while printing. The contact information should read:

Ronald J. Smeller Jr.—Owner

Amherst, New York	rsmeller@buffalo.
com	
(716) 698-3277	WWW.
familyfunrvrental.com	

Please see their coupon in the coupon section of the directory as well as their ad in this issue of the Wind-in-the-Willows. Thank you,

Jane Sieman, 2008 WRCA Directory Editor

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#### (Continued from page 5)

fields at Willow Ridge in good repair. He stated that the goal is to provide a safe and comfortable place for families of Willow Ridge to play baseball or softball. The date for everyone to come out and help with more renovations is April 26<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The project will beweed whackers to help with clearing debris and grass.

Bob Foladare brought forth information concerning the planning board meeting addressing the possibility of more apartments on Chestnut Ridge. Contact Bob if you are interested in attending the meeting. WRCA will send members to follow up.

#### **New Business:**

The board discussed and approved the need for more scholarships for area students. A decision was made and approved to provide two \$500.00 awards and two \$250.00 awards.

The board also formed a advertising committee. On the team will be Cam Hill, Clayton Cobb, Jack Baker and Kerri Jasen. The team will be focused on the best way to utilize local advertisers and increase value to our residents.

John Radens informed the board of a coalition of area homeowner organizations in the area and was requested to investigate the possibilities and benefits for the WRCA organization. He will report back at the next meeting.

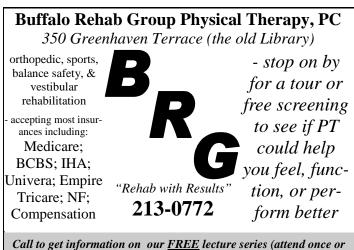
A announcement was made to the board that Gary Rousse will no longer be heading the National Night Out event. The board brought forth several possible candidates for the position and will contact them to evaluate their interest. The board agreed that Gary did a great job with this event and he will be missed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

No reports given.

#### Adjournment:

A call to adjourn the meeting was brought by Bob Folodare and a second was offered by Ed Goetz. The board adjourned at 8:47 pm.



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Boy Scout popcorn will be available. For an order form call or check our web site http://www.wnyoutdoors.net/173/ home.html. Benefits our Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173. For more information, please contact Wendy Ehrke at 691-5340 (807-8513 day of event) or Bob Sieman at 870-6871

#### **Classified Advertisements**

Editors Note: *Classified* is a service provided for the use of <u>Willow Ridge Civic Association members</u> 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. Thank you.

#### For Sale:

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herst, asking \$49,000 ea. No realtors please. 691-9212 or 818-2803.

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**Do you need help?:** If you need help with light housekeeping, meals, errands, or after school child care call 691-9714

## To the Members of the Willow Ridge Civic Assoc.

Don't forget to take advantage of the numerous coupons this year in the 2008 directory. Take a look at the following advertisers that have included some great coupons in the back of the directory:

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