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Bulletin Board

- www.wrca.info **WRCA** MEMBERSHIP MEETING May 13, 2008 7:30 p.m Fire Hall All Welcome!
- **DEADLINE FOR THE June** WITW is May 9
- Graduates (page 2)
- Classified (page 2)

From the Presidents Desk

Hola Neighbors:

I write to you today as I am on vacation in Cancun. The weather here is so beautiful. It makes me hope that summer comes early this year and lasts a little longer than usual. As summer is rapidly approaching, there is one event we need help with. National Night Out is in trouble of not happening this year. We do not have anyone to chair the event. If you would like to become involved in the neighborhood, this is your chance to step up. We have a list of contacts and need someone to organize and coordinate all of the activities. Please contact me if you can help.

I would also like to thank Pat Land for organizing the clean-up of the ball diamonds at Willow Ridge School. They look great and now are equipped with bases. Thanks to all of you that helped. Oops! Time to go back in the pool.

See you soon!

Jim Prentice

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 issue 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 9 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 June issue. If not it will appear in the July Wind-in-the-Willows. Drop off your announcement in the box on my porch at 221 North Brier or email me a wiwedi-

tor@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



Classified Advertisements

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For Sale:

Automotive: Hard Top Foldo cover for full size pickup truck, locking cover fits 6 1/2' bed, cover came off 2006 Ford 150 STX pick up. \$580 new, asking \$380.00. Ask for Paul @ 390-9422 **Household:** Books; all in new condition, one reader only, great au-

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Child Care Wanted: to watch 2 boys, 8 & 5 years old, during the months of July and August, Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m –1:30 pm; \$8.00/hr. Non-smoking, references required. Jennifer @ 909-2220. Sports and Leisure: Fishing equipment—fly rods and reels, flies, spinning rods and reels, lures, hooks, sinkers. Eric @ 691-8100. Sports and Leisure: Boat—Boat anchor wanted, call Eric @ 691-8100.



Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of 2008

St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute

Eric Zapalowski will graduate from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute on May 15, 2008. He will attend Canisius College for biology in the fall. *Eric, we are so proud of all your accomplishments! Love, Mom, Dad, and Sara*

University of Buffalo

Congratulations to Michael Jasinowski of 161 Willow Green Drive who celebrates his graduation from the UB School of Management/Accounting. We are so very proud of you Mike! All those years of hard work will be paying off! We wish you the best with your upcoming new job, and good luck on your CPA review this summer! We love you, Mom, Dad, and Kelly

SUNY Geneseo

Rebecca Laubenstein has graduated from SUNY Geneseo in elementary and special education and has been accepted into a Masters program in education. Her parents, Pam and Eric, are proud of her accomplishments.

Princeton University

Kara Smith-Laubenstein has graduated with her Masters in Divinity from Princeton University. Her husband, Matthew Laubenstein, is proud of her accomplishments. Kara will be teaching in Baltimore in the fall.

Sweet Home High School Graduates

Congratulations to Crystal P. May, from 832 Edgewater Dr. who graduates from Sweet Home in June. *Crystal, GREAT JOB! We are all proud of you and all your accomplishments in high school, moving on to more challenges at Buffalo State College. Congratulations! Love, Dad, Mom, Brittany, Dean, Mary, Buster and your grandparents*

Congratulations to Maris Bateman, 67 Westcliffe Dr., Sweet Home Class of 2008! *Good luck at Buffalo State, we love you. Dad, Joanne, Kaeli, Gage, and Michael*

Congratulations to Hayley Kate Jackson of 26 Dalewood Drive, who is graduating from Sweet Home High in June and aspires to be a teacher. *Hazer, good luck in everything you do. Congratulations! We love you!*



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.

John Cowden will be making street maps of our community. If you are planning to par-

ticipate in the garage sale, leave him a clear message (564-2789) with your address and he



will mark that location on the maps to be handed out at several entrances to our area.

School News **May 2008**



1 PTSA Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library, HS; Chorus Program, 7pm, WR

2 Chorus Program, 7pm WR

3 SAT I & SAT II, 7:45am, HS

5 Alumni Mtg, 7:30pm @ NVCC; PTO Mtg, 7pm, MS 6 Annual District Budget Hearing & Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC; BOE Meet the Candidates Night After Hearing; Stars Breakfast, 8am, 6:30pm, HS; PTO Mtg. 7pm, WR; NYS Grade 4 Science Written Assessment 7 Superintendent's Dinner & Forum @ Classics V Rest. 5:30pm; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; NYS Grade 8 Science Written Assessment 8 Grades 6-8 Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm @ MS Aud. 9 Staff Appreciation Lunch, HS 12 Elementary Gold Band, Elementary Gold Orchestra, Grades 7-8 Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7pm @ HS Aud; Teacher Appreciation Lunch, WR 13 BOE Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC 14 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; Concert Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra Concert 7pm, HS; Heritage Heights Grade 5 Visit to MS, 9am 15 Gr. 7 Girls Chorus, Gr. 8 Band Concert, 7:30pm, MS 16 Breakfast of Champions, MS 17 Junior Prom, 7-11pm @ Connecticut St. Armory, HS 19 Ele. Blue Band, Ele. Blue Orch. Concert, 7pm @ HS 20 Grade 7 Band, Grade 6 Jazz Ensemble, HS Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7pm @ HS Aud; Annual District Budget Vote Noon—9pm @ HS/NVCC 21 Dollars for Scholars Meeting, 8am, DO; District Retirement Reception, 4-6pm @ Classics V Rest, DO.; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble Concert, 7:30pm, HS; WR Grade 5 Visit to MS, 9am 22 Women's Chorus, Concert Chorale, Chamber Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm @ HS Aud; Glendale Grade 5 Visit to MS, 9am, MS 23 MEMORIAL DAY RECESS—NO SCHOOL K-12 26 MEMORIAL DAY RECESS- NO SCHOOL K-12 27 PTA Council Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library, DO; Honors Banquet 6pm @ Banchetti's, HS

28 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30pm-8:30pm @ NVCC; Foreign Language Awards, 3pm @ HS Library; Grade 6 Chorus, Grade 6 Band Concert, 7:30pm @ MS Aud; Kindergarten Orientation, 9:15-10:30am 29 Junior Awards, 3pm, HS; FBLA Banquet, 6pm, HS; Maplemere Gr 5 Visit to MS, 9am; Gr 6 Awards, 3:30pm, MS; Gr 8 Girls Chorus, Grades 7-8 Boys Chorus Concert, 7:30pm @ MS

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



Neighborhood News Farewell

Friends and neighbors on Willow Green Drive wish Ed and Marion Jones of 186 Willow Green a fond farewell and lots of luck in their new home in Williamsville. They have been residents of for 27 years in Willow Ridge and will be missed by many.



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

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Project Leader	Neil Cuomo	691-3014



HOMEOWNERS/ AUTO/COMMERCIAL LIFE/LONG TERM CARE





A call to order was made by Jim Prentice at 7:37 p.m. to start the meeting of the WRCA Board for April. In attendance were President Jim Prentice, Vice President Bob Foladare, Secretary Clayton Cobb, Treasurer Ed Goetz, and Board members Pat Land, John Radens, Joe Battaglia, John Cowden, and Jill Hagen. Also in attendance was Kerri Jasen, to deliver membership funds, and in the gallery were Jack and Lee Baker, as well as Ben Procopio, who will do the independent auditing of the books again this year. The secretary's minutes from the March meeting was reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes by Ed Goetz and a second was made by John Cowden, 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 additional expenses for the Easter party, the ball park upgrade, scholarship monies and web page were distributed. Ed gave the membership update with additional payments dropped off by Kerri Jasen that evening. The projection for the membership should be reached by next meeting. A motion was made by Bob Foladare to accept the report and a second was delivered by John Cowden and the report was approved.

President's Report:

President Jim Prentice shared letters and calls he received concerning potholes in the Bedford park parking lot, and around Kaymar and Sweetwood Dr. He also received complaints about the standing water on Chestnut

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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. 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. June 7: Summer Exhibit—Exploring America's Labor History-Presented by National Archives and Smithsonian Present Traveling Exhibition, features 86 photographs from the National archives focusing on the history of work in America and documenting work clothing, locales, conditions, and conflicts. The stop at the Amherst Museum is part of a 14-city national tour continuing through 2010, created by the National Archives with the support of the Foundation for the National Archives and is organized for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).

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.

Buffalo Rehab Group Physical Therapy, PC 350 Greenhaven Terrace (the old Library)



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Ridge and graffiti on the fences near Bedford park. John Radens agreed to conduct research concerning the potholes.

Membership Report:

Kerri Jasen's update was delivered by Ed Goetz during the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

Pat Land presented information on the upcoming event to revitalize the Bedford park ball fields. The date for everyone to come out and help with more renovations is April 26 with a rain date of May 3. The project will begin at 9:00 a.m. Pat has requested shovels, wheelbarrows and weed whackers to help with clearing debris and grass.

Neil Cuomo presented his findings from discussions with Home Depot over the garden center. After intense debate and careful consideration of all the facts the board approved to keep the current agreement with Home Depot. The vote was not unanimous. Mr. Cuomo will communicate with Home Depot that we will keep the 2nd Tuesday discount and review the garden center agreement when it comes to the table again.

New Business:

The board has decided to invite guest speaker John Powers to the June meeting. Mr. Powers is running for congress. This is an opportunity to meet a candidate and ask questions. The board in no way is endorsing, but is providing a venue for residents to find out more about potential leaders in our community.

Jack Baker brought forth an observation that Willow Green Dr. seems in need of repair.

Committee Reports:

Garage Sale: John Cowden is the chairperson for the garage sale. Call John for details.

Summer Picnic: Neil Cuomo is the chairperson for this event. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

National Night Out: Jim Prentice shared that there is still no one interested in being the chairperson for the event. Time is going by fast and we need someone to step up and take over.

Adjournment:

A call to adjourn the meeting was brought by Bob Foladare and a second was offered by Pat Land. The board adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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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May 2008

Attention Willow Ridge! Please help! Time is running out! The WRCA Board is looking for someone to chair this year's National Night Out Event in August. If you are interested in rescuing this fine tradition from not happening for the first time in many years in Willow Ridge, please call Jim Prentice, 691-8915 for information.

Save the Date Tuesday, June 10 7:30 p.m. This save the date notice is from your WRCA Board.

At the June WRCA meeting, which is open to all residents, democratic hopeful for U.S. Congress in our 26th congressional district, Jon Powers, will be present to meet with our neighbors and answer questions. Jon is a veteran of the Iraqi War, and returned to Iraq, on his own, to work with children. But he is about a lot more than the US occupation of Iraq.

This is a rare opportunity for us to spend quality, almost one-on-one time with someone who has a very good chance to be our next congressman. You can ask questions about: the economy, environment, national debt, health care, gun control, social security, education, and whatever else is important to you. You'll have the chance to look into his eyes, and judge the sincerity and character of his beliefs. Please, the board is encouraging all Willow Ridgers to attend; and maybe there will be coffee and donuts, too!