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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

No Meeting Until September 9

7:30 p.m. Fire Hall

All Welcome!

- **DEADLINE FOR THE August WITW is July 11**
- **Graduates (page 5)**
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- **WRCA Picnic (page 8)**

### From the Presidents Desk

#### Hello Neighbors,

It's finally summer. School is out and the Fourth of July is behind us. We have a couple of events coming up soon. First is the annual summer picnic Saturday, July 26. It will be held at Bedford Park from 3-11 p.m. The WRCA will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausage from Rosinas. Just bring your snacks and beverages and prepare to have fun. There will be games and maybe even a movie.

The next event will be National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5. It starts at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall with the bike parade and finishes at Willow Ridge School. There will be music by Doc Rock, a bounce house, and other activities for children. Come out, meet your neighbors and have a good time.

In closing, I owe a couple of thank you's to Bill Dunker and Ron Coniglio for all their help with the ball diamonds at Willow Ridge. Without them, we would not have been able to complete the job. Also, just a reminder that it is summer and light out longer. Please try not to put out the trash until after 6 p.m. on Sundays. It would go a long way in keeping the neighborhood looking good.

See you soon,

Jim

### GRADUATION ARRIVES...

It is hard to believe it, but another school year has ended, and we want to be one of the first to congratulate our 2008 graduates by listing them all in the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. After all, they are our own Willow Ridgers and we are duly proud of them. If you have not yet done so, it is not too late! 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 July 11 to insure the August edition. If you are a bit late, submit it anyway and I will do my best to add it to the August issue. Drop off your announcement in the box on my porch at 221 North Brier or email me a [wiweditor@gmail.com](mailto:wiweditor@gmail.com). Please keep in mind that although there are no more restrictions on length of announcement, some editing may become necessary. Just take a look at the wonderful grads we already congratulated on page 4! Come on, proud moms and dads (of which I am one this year)! Here's your chance to show off your graduate!

Debby VonLangen

Editor

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT in WILLOW RIDGE

Tuesday, August 5

Beginning at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 6:00 p.m.

with a Bike Parade And continuing at

Willow Ridge Elementary

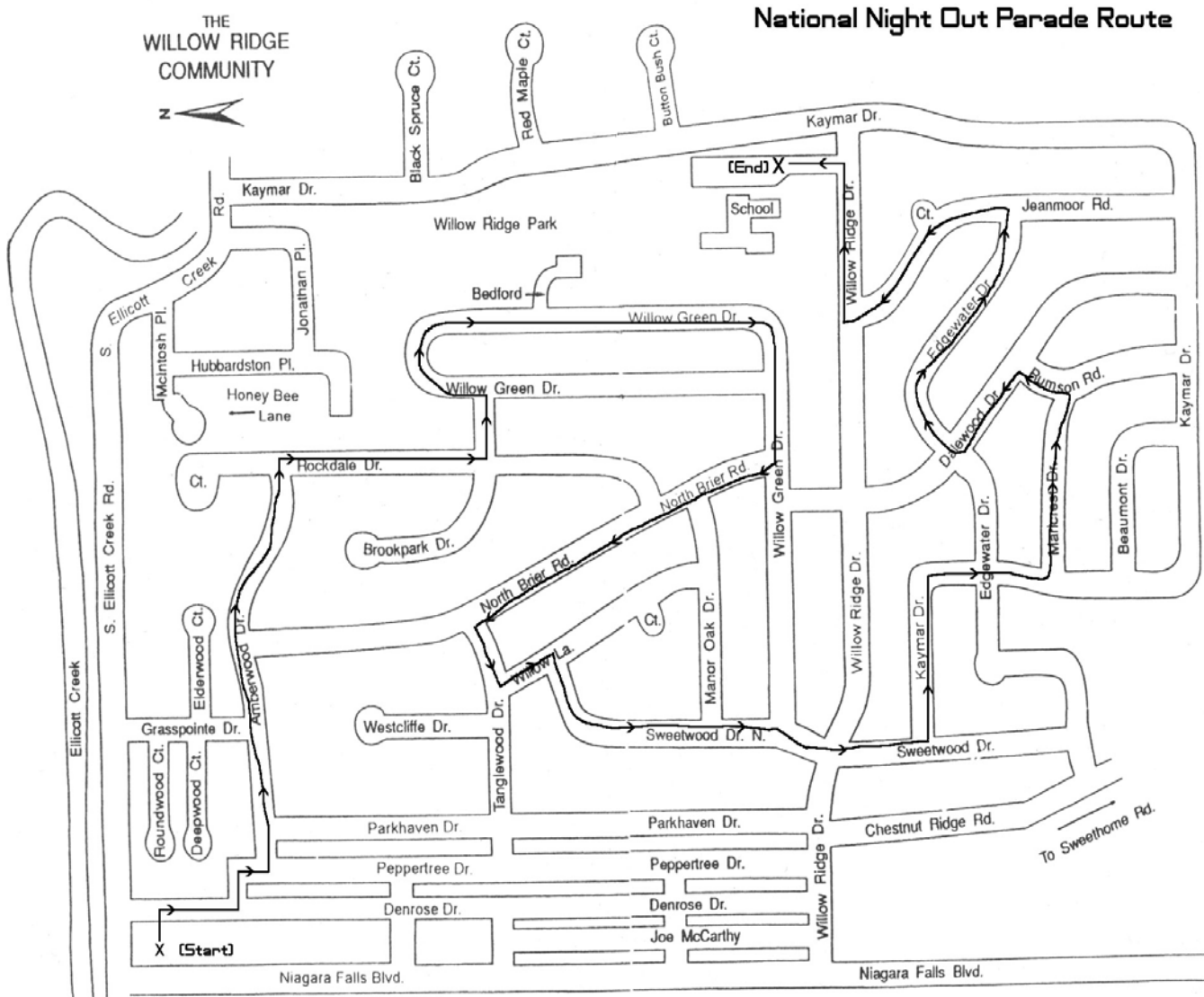
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For registration and info call Jean@ the museum.

**July 21-25: Discovery School Day Camp**— Children 8-12 explore the world of *Entertainment*; including amusement parks, radio, the circus and 19th and 20th century forms of entertainment. Also includes crafts, cooking, creative writing, speakers and field trip. 9am—3pm each day; tuition is \$125. Members and multiple children from the same family receive discount.

**August 4, 6, & 8: Quilt Camp**—Ages 9-16. Children will learn the basics of quilting, hand sewing and machine sewing. They will create their own fabric designs and complete a project in classes. Instructors are all experienced quilters and members of the Quilters Guild. Day camp runs from 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. each day. Tuition is \$85. Plus the cost of a kit. Museum members receive a discount. Call 689-1440 for registration information.

—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.

# Neighborhood News



## Get Well

Friends and neighbors on Roundwood Ct. extend get well wishes to Marge Benevento and Molly Sommer on their recent surgeries. We hope to see you both up and about soon!

## Welcome

Neighbors on Willow Green Drive would like to welcome Cheryl K. Grasha of 186 Willow Green. Cheryl is a credentials manager of Veridox CVO and formerly a medical staff coordinator of ECMC. We wish her much luck and happiness in her new home!

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## WRCA MINUTES June 10, 2008

President Jim Prentice called the meeting to begin at 7:36 p.m. In attendance were Jim Prentice, Bob Folandare, Ed Goetz, Clayton Cobb, John Cowden, John Radens, Pat Land and Cam Hill. In the gallery were Lee Baker, Jack Baker, Neil Cuomo and Gary Roussi. There were also many other interested Willow Ridge residents in attendance. The secretary's minutes from May's meeting were read and a motion was made to approve the minutes by Bob Folandare. A second was made by Pat Land, followed by a board approval.

President Jim Prentice started the meeting with the introduction of John Gerkin, the campaign manager for Jon Powers. Mr. Powers, who was scheduled to be at the meeting to speak and answer questions about his current quest for a congressional seat in the 26th district, could not attend due to an unscheduled trip to the west coast. Mr. Gerkin gave a brief description of Mr. Power's qualifications and vision for his possible seat in Washington. He also answered many questions concerning pressing national issues.

Michelle Anello then was given the floor to also state her qualifications for a state legislator position. She also answered questions about certain state spending problems about which she is passionate. If Willow Ridge residents want more specific information about each candidate they can visit the websites of each candidate.

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

Treasurer Ed Goetz reported that all monies have been collected from the membership drive. He also reported that all expenses for the period were paid and up to date. Mr. Goetz gave an update on the progress of the application of the 501 C-3 which will allow the WRCA to be a tax exempt organization. He reported that the application has been completed and that the fee had been paid. He stated the process takes 90-120 days to complete. He also revealed to the board that the WRCA will now have to file a yearly tax return required by such a tax status. A motion was to approve the report by Pat Land, with a second from Bob Folandare. The report was accepted.

### **President's Report:**

President Jim Prentice brought forth a concern of who was responsible for the grass around the pumping station and along the curb areas on Chestnut Ridge. The board will investigate and communicate with the proper company.

Mr. Prentice then had Neil Cuomo read the letter that the WRCA will send to the Town of Amherst regarding the deed restrictions over the garden center at Home De-

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## Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of 2008

### *Our 2008 College Graduates Our 2008 High School Graduates*

#### **Sweet Home High School Graduates**

Congratulations to Ryan Wolf, 98 Grasspointe Drive, who is a 2008 Sweet Home High Graduate. Ryan will be attending Canisius College in the fall as an English major aspiring to be a screenwriter and film maker. *Congratulations Ryan. We are so proud of all your accomplishments. May God continue to bless your move into the next season in your life. Live your dream but remain faithful to what*

*you know is true. Love Mom, Dad, Bethany, Jordan, and Ethan*

Best wishes to Richard Alex VonLangen, who also is a 2008 Sweet Home High Graduate. Alex will attend Buffalo State in the fall, planning a career as a physical education teacher, or possibly in law enforcement. *Alex, you did it! You've worked hard and we are so happy for your success and proud of the strong and confident young man you've become! You possess the heart, capability and the momentum to fulfill your dreams, as well as our support! Love forever, Mom, Dad, and Kelly*



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pot. The letter was approved by the board and will be sent. The letter basically outlines the WRCA's dissatisfaction with Home Depot's neglect to follow the restrictions set up when they decided to add a garden center.

#### **Membership Report:**

Ed Goetz gave the membership report for Kerri Jasen. He reported that 832 had joined this year, which is slightly less than last year.

#### **Old Business:**

Gary Roussi, who has agreed to get National Night Out off the ground again this year, announced that the event will take place on August 5. There will be many activities for the kids and adults, as well as musical entertainment, displays and demonstrations as in past years. You may even see some WRCA board members cooking hot dogs.

Bob Foladare was given the floor to announce the winners of the scholarship monies awarded by the WRCA. The winners are Ryan Wolf, Aaron Klein, Michele Scaglione and Samantha Chapman. Congratulations to our future leaders.

#### **New Business:**

There was no real new business to discuss. This is the last meeting of the board as they recess for the summer months. All topics were tabled until the fall session.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Project Leader (Neil Cuomo)** Summer Picnic: Neil announced the date for the Bedford Park summer picnic. It will be on July 26, starting at 3 p.m. WRCA will provide the meat and buns. Participants are encouraged to bring a dish to pass or extras for your family. Games and activities will also take place. There may also be an evening movie shown in the park for everyone.

#### **WRCA WEB PAGE [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info)**

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