

# Wind-in-the-Willows

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### Bulletin Board

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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**No Meeting Until September 9**

**7:30 p.m. Fire Hall**

**All Welcome!**

- **DEADLINE FOR THE September WITW is August 11**
- **Classified (page 2)**
- **National Night Out (page 8)**
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The President has gone fishing, he'll be back next month.

### Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduates of 2008

*Our 2008 College Graduates*

*Our 2008 High School Graduates*



#### Golden Gate University School of Law

Congratulations to Kara Brodfuehrer. Kara is a 1996 Sweet Home High School graduate, a 2000 graduate of SUNY Albany, and a 2008 graduate of Golden Gate University School of Law. Kara was the recipient of the Masud Mehran Endowed Fellowship and will pursue her career in Public Interest Law in San Francisco. *Love, Mom, Dad, Kelli, Craig and Evan*

#### SUNY at Fredonia

Congratulations to Justin Richardson of 526 Kaymar Drive on his graduation from SUNY Fredonia with a degree in Business Administration. *Justin, we are so proud of you for your hard work and success. Love always, Mom, Dad, Shawn, and Kaitlin*



### Neighborhood News

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Robert Jakubowski, son of Maureen and Mike Garth of 60 Westcliffe Drive, on his marriage to Ashley Cole. Rob and Ashley were married on June 14 at Trinity Church in beautiful Denver, Colorado. The happy couple met while attending Colorado State University. Ashley graduated and is now a teacher in Elizabeth, Colorado and Rob has received a fellowship and grant through CSU and is working on receiving his Doctorate in Psychology. "Mom, Mike, Amy and Scott are wishing them all the best on their marriage and future happiness!"

All the best are the wishes of friends and Kaymar neighbors to Amanda and Michael Samulski, whose family grew by one on June 18, 2008. Matthew Robert Samulski was born at 5:47 a.m. at 8 lbs., 8 oz, and was 21 in. long. Two year old Ian is very excited to have a little brother.

## Classified Advertisements

**Editors Note:** *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](mailto:wiweditor@gmail.com). Thank you.

**For Sale:**

**Appliance:** Sharp Carousel microwave oven, \$25.00 691-9585 after 3 pm

**Auto:** Blue Ox Tow Bar System, only one year old with safety cables and electrical cables for 2" receiver, \$595.00 or b/o 688-4356

**Auto:** Travel Trailer, 2002 Hornet 27' BH Sport, awning, ducted air/heat, microwave, TV ant., queen bed, triple bunk, sleeper sofa, w/weight distribution and anti-sway hitch, excellent condition, \$6200. 691-1268

**House:** For sale by owner, 63 Dalewood Drive, 3 bedrooms, dining room, living room, 1.5 bath, hardwood floors, updated kitchen and baths, 1900 sq. ft. \$147,900 909-9911

**Household:** Gorgeous Waterford 8" crystal bowl, stunning, vintage, mint condition. It is a family heirloom that must be sold. The crystal is signed and has no nicks or chips, \$99. \* Little Tikes toy chest, very durable, height 29", length, 30", depth 18" used condition, \$25.00 691-7390

**Household:** Six fancy pedestal dessert dishes, height 5", diameter of bowl 4 1/2", colorful with gold trim, excellent condition, 6/\$40.00 691-7396

**Pets:** Plastic dog crate w/metal cage door, 36"L, 25"W, 25"H, \$25.00 691-9585 after 3 pm.

**Sports and Leisure:** Yellow, curvy tube slide for wooden playground, \$50.00 691-9585 after 3 pm

**Lost & Found:**

**Lost:** Light blue Schwinn boy's full-size bike. My son has left his bike at a friend's in Willow Ridge, but cannot recall who or where. If you have an unidentified bike in your garage matching this description please call 691-4015



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### **School Supplies Needed!**

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**Pens, Pencils, Markers, Notebooks, Erasers, Crayons, Rulers, Glue Sticks.**

Also:

**Children's T-shirts, Socks, Flip-flops and other clothing.**

There will be a small scale door to door canvass (we only have 8 girls) and a drop-off box. We can also pickup supplies you wish to donate. Please help us. Watch for those schools sales!

**Drop off box: 55 Roundwood Ct. Porch**

**Pick Up/Questions: 691-5605**

**Collections now through Oct. 4**

Thank you,

Jackie Sommer, Barb Baer -Leaders

**To Submit Articles** for the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, submit to [wiweditor@gmail.com](mailto: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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## Community Awareness—

### Take Measures to Protect the Fish in our Area

Please be aware we have an unwanted large Heron or American Bittern that is frequently having breakfast and dinner in our small backyard ponds in Willow Ridge. Our fish are all gone; the bird was in the pond this morning and took our last two. A family on Sweetwood just had 6 fantails, nine years old, taken the other day. I saw this bird; he is very large, over 3 feet tall and a wing span the same.

If you have a pond, you might want to protect it by stringing fish line over it. Because this bird is territorial, placing a plastic heron out may keep it away. We had an owl and a large plastic snake, but it did not stop the bird. The SPCA wildlife spokesperson says the bird only eats fish and maybe small rodents, but I would not leave small pets unattended. The SPCA cannot remove this bird, so our awareness is the best deterrent for now...good luck.

Debbie Speicher

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## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FROM THE AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT

### LOCKS, DOORS, WINDOWS

- \* Install good dead bolt locks in your doors, *and use them*. About 50% of burglars enter homes through unlocked doors and windows. Avoid door locks that can be unlocked by breaking glass or door panels to reach inside.
- \* Secure sliding glass doors with commercial locks and sturdy wooden dowel in the track, or a nail inserted through a hole drilled in the sliding glass door frame projecting into the fixed frame.
- \* Lock double hung windows by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in each top corner of the inside sash and part way through the outside sash.
- \* Keep valuables in a secure place in your home, preferably in a locked security safe.

### OUTSIDE

- \* Trim shrubbery that hides doors and windows, and cut back tree limbs that could help a burglar reach a second story window.
- \* Make sure porches, entrances and yards are well lit.
- \* Report broken street lights to the utility company.
- \* Do not hide house keys in mailboxes or under doormats. Instead, give a duplicate key to a trusted friend or neighbor in case you are locked out.
- \* Change locks as soon as you move into a new home. Before you move into an apartment, make sure the landlord changes the locks from the previous tenant.

### WHILE AWAY

- \* Leave lights and a radio on to give your home an occupied look. Use timing devices to turn lights and radios on and off a varying times. Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- \* If going away for longer than a few days, arrange to have someone pick up your mail and newspapers. Have regularly scheduled deliveries stopped or sent elsewhere.
- \* Don't announce plans for a party or vacation prior to leaving.
- \* Use unpredictable hiding places for valuables, like among cleaning supplies under your sink or beneath logs in a wood box. Keep valuable, but rarely used items in a safe deposit box.
- \* One of the best ways to prevent crime is to get to know your neighbors, and watch each other's homes. Exchange work and vacation schedules with a neighbor you trust so you can keep an eye on each other's homes.
- \* *Most important of all...* be sure to report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood to the police immediately. Make sure you stay on the line to give the operator all the details, including license plate numbers and vehicle identification, if possible.

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## Amherst Museum

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Open to Public Tuesday—Friday, 9:30a.m.—4:30  
p.m. Saturday-Sunday 12:30-4:30p.m. www.  
amherstmuseum.org; 689-1440

**August 3: Blacksmith Hammer-In**—12:30pm-  
4:30pm; Admission \$5 Adults, \$1.50 Children, Museum  
Members Free. Demonstrations of a variety of blacksmithing  
techniques. Also meet the blacksmiths (students of the  
Blacksmith School and members of the NY State Designer  
Blacksmiths) Admission includes all exhibits and build-  
ings.

**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 experi-  
enced 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 dis-  
count. Call 689-1440 for registration information.

**August 6: Songs from NY State Lecture/Concert**—7p.  
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and built our state. Dave Ruch is a special musician and  
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**August 9: Niagara Frontier Wireless Association An-  
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Antique radios, ham radio equipment, and related items  
will be on outdoor tables and an outdoor flea market. Call  
668-2943 or 741-3082 for information/vendor registration.  
August 16: 24th Annual Scottish Festival & Highland  
Games—Admission: \$10 Adults, Children (14& Under)  
Free; Museum Members: \$8; Parking is free. Admission  
includes all exhibits, buildings, and Scottish events. Am-  
herst Museum will host the 2008 Junior World Champion-  
ships in Heavy Athletics. Young competitors from the U.  
S. and Canada will vie for the title in caber toss, sheaf  
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tish and Celtic music, bagpipe bands, celtic trios and harp-  
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pleted entry form must accompany an original 5" x 7" or  
8" x 10" print or high resolution photograph on a disc ac-  
companied by a print. Photographs can also be submitted  
by e-mail. Entries will be accepted August 16-October 16,  
2008. For a complete list of rules and entry form, contact  
the museum at 689-1440 or visit www.amherstmuseum.  
org.

**August 22: Amherst Symphony Orchestra Free Con-  
cert**—Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking/Concert be-  
gins at 6:30 p.m.—Bring a lawn chair to the Town Green  
while the orchestra performs on the George Measer Family  
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Did you know that Willow Ridge has its own web page? Go to [www.wrca.info](http://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 neighborhood. Get involved with your Civic Association through the WRCA Web Page. [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info)

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