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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 14

7:30 p.m. Fire Hall

All Welcome!

- **DEADLINE FOR THE November WITW is October 10**
- **Classified (page 2)**
- **Halloween Party (page 4)**

From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors,

It is October and fall is here. It is also time for Oktoberfest. This is a great chance to get together with your neighbors and have an evening of fun. It will be on October 18 at the fire hall. Clayton Cobb has worked hard to organize his event so give him a call for tickets and information.

Also on a more serious note, we will have an important speaker (s) at our October 14th meeting. As you may know, the Town of Amherst is reassessing all homes/properties in the town. Our area has been completed and we will have someone from the assessors office here to explain the process and answer any questions.

This is your opportunity to find out how it works and provide feedback. Please try to attend and learn more about what happens and how to go about challenging your property's value.

Hope to see you there,

Jim

WILLOW RIDGE OKTOBERFEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 P.M. — 1:00 A.M.

ELLCOTT CREEK FIRE HALL

\$10.00/PERSON—includes beer, wine, pop, music
Liquor law allows only for the consumption of beer & wine

(bring your own snacks)

Call Clayton or Tammy Cobb @ 868-0318

(reserve tables for groups of 8 or more)



To Submit Articles for the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, submit to wieditor@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.

NOTICE: HOME DEPOT HAS DISCONTINUED THE 10% DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR WILLOW RIDGE.

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. Thank you.

For Sale:

Appliances: George Foreman Super Champ Grilling Machine, brand new in box, \$25.00 691-5620

Appliances: Upright freezer, Gibson, 16 cu. ft., 3 shelves, height 50 in, width 28 in, depth 30.8 in. Frank/Dee @ 691-4342

Appliances: Microwave oven (Emerson) stainless steel, 1.0 cubic ft., 1100 watt, 10 power levels, \$30.00 David @ 602-7455

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Lost and Found:

Found: Gold necklace with charms found in Willow Ridge area. Please call 691-4285 to identify.

Found: Set of keys on a Paddock keyholder found on Kaymar Drive. Please call Mary Ellen @ 691-1728

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 neighborhood. Get involved with your Civic Association through the WRCA Web Page. www.wrca.info

Willow Ridge Garden Club

The Willow Ridge Garden Club has awarded three certificates of gardening excellence for this year.

The winners are:

Bud and Monica Stange—335 Willow Green Dr.

James and Sylvia Nealon—139 Brookpark Dr.

Maryann Jumper—2703 Colvin Blvd.

Congratulations to these outstanding gardeners who work so hard to bring beauty to their homes and neighborhood. If you know someone who deserves recognition for their outstanding garden, please contact Virginia Winter at 691-7704.

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Sympathy

Friends and Neighbors on Black Spruce Court wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Gutowski family; Tony, Jill, Phillip, and Paige, on the passing of Tony's father, Florian J. "Micky" Gutowski.

Willow Ridge lost one of its most cherished residents last month. Ray Forden, an original Kaymar Drive neighbor since 1963, died peacefully at age 97. He was affectionately known to the children around here as "Grandpa Ray" and to his neighbors as "the Mayor Of Kaymar" due to his active involvement in organizing our block parties. Ray was a voracious reader, a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for several years, and a committed member of his church where he participated in various forms of service and study for 72 years! After his retirement in 1975, he made it his business to snow blow our sidewalks and keep them clear. All of his friends send their condolences to Thelma, his wife of 20 years, his only son, Roger, and his family. We certainly will miss this gentleman.

Get Well

The neighbors on Brookpark would like to extend their wishes for a speedy recovery to a few of their neighbors who have had surgery this summer: Don DiBacco, Melanie Scherer, and Kathy Strauss. It's really great to see that you all seem to be recovering nicely. We'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome the Strauss family at 121 Brookpark into our Brookpark family of friends. We wish you much happiness!

Congratulations

Neighbors on Edgewater Drive wish to congratulate Frances and Victor Ilozue, along with big brother Michael, on the birth of their second son, Chigozie Joseph born on March 17. Chigozie was 8 lbs., 2 oz. Welcome and best wishes to the family!

Jack and Lee Baker are happy to announce the birth of their fifth grandchild, Ingrid Mae Baker, born August 4 to son Erik and wife Amy in Catania, Sicily where Erik is stationed for three years as a Navy pilot. Weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz., Ingrid is healthy, thriving and surviving the on-going attention of sister Lena Elizabeth, 17 mos. Nana and Papa Baker will soon meet their new granddaughter and will be joined by Aunt Amy and cousin Martha Anne, 23 months, from Cambridge, England. Crossing the pond to see grandchildren is becoming routine for the Bakers!



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School News



October 2008

- 1 Health & Safety Committee Meeting, 4:30pm, DO
- 2 PTSA Meeting, 7pm @ HS, ACC
- 3 Activity Night, 6:30-8:30pm, MS; Emergency Evacuation Drills/Early Dismissal
- 4 SAT I & II, 7:45pm, HS
- 6 PTA Meeting, 7pm, MS
- 7 PTO Meeting, 7pm, WR
- 8 PLAN Test, 8am, HS; Health & Well-ness Committee Meeting, 3:30pm @ NVCC; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS
- 9 Common Sense Parenting, 9:30-11:30am @ Harlem Rd., Comm. Ctr.
- 13 **COLUMBUS DAY, NO SCHOOL K-12**
- 14 BOE/Admn Open Forum, 5pm @ HS Library; BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC
- 15 Dollars for Scholars Meeting, 8am, DO; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS
- 16 Foreign Language Honor Society Inductions, 7pm @ HS Library; Common Sense Parenting, 9:30-11:30am @ Harlem Rd. Comm. Ctr.; Picture Make-up Day, HS
- 17 Fall Festival Dance & Book Fair, 6:30-8:30pm, WR; PTSA Basket Raffle, HS
- 18 PSAT Test, 7:45am, HS; Dollars for Scholars Craft Fair, 10am-4pm @ HS; PTSA Basket Raffle, HS
- 20 WNY College Fair, 8:15am, HS
- 21 BOE Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC
- 22 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS; FBLA Inductions, 6pm, HS
- 23 Variety Show, 7:30pm, HS; Common Sense Parenting, 9:30-11:30am @ Harlem Rd. Comm. Ctr.
- 24 **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY, NO SCHOOL K-12**
- 25 ACT, 7:45am, HS
- 29 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS; NHS Blood Drive, 7am-3pm @ NVCC
- 30 Common Sense Parenting, 9:30-11:30am @ Harlem Rd. Comm. Ctr.



School News is taken from the Sweet Home District Calendar. Events subject to change. Please read school handouts and mailings.



Attention Dog Lovers: Please remember to keep your pets safe and our neighborhood clean by leashing them at all times when they are out and about and picking up after them. Your furry family member and your fellow neighbors thank you!

Swingin' Singin' Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, October 26 4-8 PM Clarence Town Park

Friends of Harmony
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WRCA Meeting Notes September 9, 2008

A call to order was given at 7:31pm to start the first meeting of the WRCA for 2008-2009. Board members in attendance were President Jim Prentice, Vice president Bob Foladare, treasurer Ed Goetz, secretary Clayton Cobb, John Radens, Joe Battaglia, Pat Land and John Cowden. Others in a attendance were Neil Cuomo, Tom Halter, Jane Sieman, Kerri Jasen, Jack and Lee Baker.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Goetz gave the report to include activity through the summer months up to tonight's meeting. He reported new income from newsletter advertising as well as the yearly annuity. He also reported some early membership monies collected in August.

Ed updated the board on the progress of the 501-C3 application which will give the WRCA tax exempt status. He conveyed that the application was still in processing and that he expected it to be complete in 90 to 120 days.

A motion was made by Pat Land to accept the report and a second was given by Bob Foladare. The board approved the report.

Membership Report

Kerri Jasen membership chairperson reported that the early registration will be available again this year and that residents will have the opportunity to mail their membership monies. There will be a form in the newsletter to facilitate that process.

President's Correspondence

President Jim Prentice shared letters and phone calls received in recent weeks. He stated that someone reported that the lights were out around the pumping station at Willow Ridge and Sweetwood. The board will find out who is responsible for them and ask for replacement.

Old Business

Bob Foladare reported that WRCA had received thank you letters from the students that received scholarships from the WRCA.

Pat Land reviewed the and asked for the board to consider establishing a firm date from the scout troops to insure that they received their monies on a timely basis.

New Business

Jane Sieman came before the board to ask for approval of advertising fees for the upcoming directory. The fees

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3rd Annual Fall Clothing Drive at

fit for HER life, 691-3501, Matt.6:33

For Cornerstone Manor
 September 1—October 9

Drop off times:

6:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Monday—Thursday

15 Willow Ridge Drive

Thank you!

WRCA ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEE PERSONS

Boy Scouts	Bob Sieman
Cub Scouts	Dan Harlach
Directory	Jane Sieman
Garage Sale	John Cowden
Garden Club	Virginia Winter
Girl Scouts	Karen Lambe
Historian	Cam Hill
Holiday Lighting Contest	Neil Cuomo
Junior Recreation	John Cowden

Membership
National Night Out
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Kerri Jasen
Gary Roussie
Clayton Cobb
Neil Cuomo
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Lee Baker
Jack Baker

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would remain the same as last year for perspective advertisers. A motion was made by Bob Foladare and a second was offered by Joe Battaglia and the board approved the pricing structure.

The board also asked for a written bid from the printers for the directory.

Mr. Jack Baker asked the board to update the list of committees and the chair people so that a accurate listing could be posted in the newsletter and on the WRCA website. The board review the list and made the appropriate changes.

The board also heard a motion to amend the by laws to include the ability to remove a board member who could not consistently attend the monthly meetings. The discussion led to the motion that two unexcused absences would result in replacement. Jack Baker will be responsible for writing the amendment and will present to the board for approval at a later date.

Tom Halter revealed information that tax reassessments are taking place in the town. He suggested that the board allow someone from the town to come in and review the process with the board at the next meeting on October 14th. The board approved this idea and Mr. Halter is going to schedule that visit. WRCA residents who are interested in the reassessment process are encouraged to attend that October meeting.

The nominating committee was formed with a motion from Pat Land and a second from Bob Foladare. The board approves that Cam Hill, Tom Halter and Lee Baker would oversee the process for electing new members to the board. Candidates are required to be at the November meeting.

Committee Reports

Octoberfest

The October fest will be on Saturday the 18th at the Ellicott creek fire hall starting at 8pm. Check out the details in the newsletter spotlight for the event. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Halloween Party

The Halloween party will be on October 25th at the Willow Ridge school. Look for the information in the newsletter or the bulletin board at the food mart

Summer Picnic

Neil Cuomo reported that the summer picnic held on July 26th was a success. He reported 50 people attended for food and games. He suggested that next year we would hold it in August to reduce that amount of conflicts with the event. He wanted to thank the town parks department for picnic tables, garbage cans and the porta-potty. Special thanks to Cam Hill for his assistance in setting up and transportation

National Night Out

Thanks to Gary Roussie for the great event. The weather did not cooperate but the event was fun for all.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Pat Land at 8:35pm and a second was offered by Joe Battaglia. The board agreed to adjournment.

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Girl Scout Service Project *School Supplies Needed!*

Girl Scout Troop 304 from Willow Ridge School will be collecting school supplies for a school in Costa Rica. They are doing the service project in conjunction with high school students from Sweet Home. Items needed:

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 the Members of the Willow Ridge Civic Assoc.

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