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From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors,

It is already November and we are about to begin our annual membership drive. This year we are going to try something new. The December newsletter will contain a membership renewal form. This form is designed to make it easier to renew your membership, or if you are a new resident, an easy way to join our association. You will notice it has a due date of January 15, 2009. All forms received by then are entitled to our early bird discount rate of \$12. After January 15th the fee will be \$15.

We are trying to use this form and get your dues through the mail to make it easier on you and the block reps. As all of us get busier, it would really be nice not to have the block reps going out in the winter, so please take advantage of the discount and mail early.

I would like to thank Clayton Cobb on an excellent job with Oktoberfest. There were about 150 people and everyone had a great time.

Also, I know it is early but, remember our holiday lighting contest for December. The decoration usually begins around Thanksgiving with the judging taking place the week before Christmas. There is always some serious competition for bragging rights, so start early and let's see some great decorations in the neighborhood.

Thanks and see you soon,

Jim

~2009 Membership Dues Information~
Next month's issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*
brings you a *simple* way to join your
Willow Ridge Civic Association.
Look for Membership Dues invoice
in the December *Wind-in-the-Willows*.

Bulletin Board

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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 11

7:30 p.m. Fire Hall

All Welcome!

- **DEADLINE FOR THE December WITW is November 14**
- **Classified (page 2)**

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

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.

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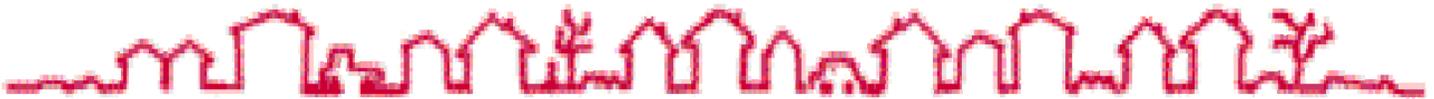
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Boy Scouts	Bob Sieman	Membership	Kerri Jasen
Cub Scouts	Brian Rieman	National Night Out	Gary Roussie
Directory	Jane Sieman	Octoberfest	Clayton Cobb
Garage Sale	John Cowden	Project Leader	Neil Cuomo
Garden Club	Virginia Winter	Publicity	Clayton Cobb
Girl Scouts	Karen Lambe	Scholarships	Bob Foladare
Historian	Cam Hill	Sunshine	Lee Baker
Holiday Lighting Contest	Neil Cuomo	Webmaster	Jack Baker

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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Neighborhood News



Welcome

A warm welcome to Stephanie and Glenn Frost and their daughters Abby, 9; and Sam, 6, who recently moved into 125 Parkhaven Drive from Peppertree. Stephanie is a hairdresser and Glenn is a medical social worker who also teaches at U.B.

Congratulations

Jean and Jim McCormick, 192 N. Brier, welcome their 11th grandchild, Millie Catherine Schaefer. Born on July 15, she weighed in at 7 lbs., 3 ozs. Millie is the third child for daughter Jennifer and son-in-law Todd and joins her big sister Morgan, and big brother Jack in their home in Williamsville.

Please celebrate with Mary Shott, a resident on Edgewater for over 40 years, becoming a Great Grandmother (GG for short) on August 26, 2008, 2:53 p.m. Emma Lynn was born to Mary's granddaughter and grandson, Joshua and Sherrie Stahl. Emma weighed in at 7 lb. And 15 ozs., and was 19 inches long. Our prayers are with this new family and all the blessings Emma will bring.

Neighbors on North Brier Road wish to extend belated congratulations to Justin and Cheryl Meyer on the birth of their daughter, Alyssa. She was born on May 9 and weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. She is the delight of the family, particularly her older brother, Nathan. Alyssa is growing beautifully and is enjoying her visits to day care. Friends

Sympathy

Friends and Neighbors on Willow Ridge Dr. wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Burgio Family on the passing of Victor Burgio, on Sept. 14. He was a great neighbor and friend. Our condolences go out to Victor's wife, Lou Ann and his son, Sam. He will be missed by all. Also our deepest sympathy go out to Victor's brother, Vincent and his sister, Luann Burgio, who reside on Sweetwood Dr.

Friends and neighbors on Willow Ridge Drive wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Hill Family; Cam, Helen, Ben, Rachel, and Kristen, on the passing of Helens beautiful Mother, Teresa Sparks, on July 3, 2008.



CALLING ALL FAMILIES!

Would you like to see an updated, exciting and safer playground put in at Willow Ridge School? Would you like the playground to be a place where we can all gather to enjoy free and healthy family time? Then please, read on!

Our neighborhood playground is in need of an overhaul and we are looking for volunteers to serve on a committee and make this happen. Any person can help; parents of school age and non-school age children, Willow Ridge families and private school families, grandparents...anyone who benefits from a neighborhood play area. This is a huge undertaking and we need your help!

Please join us at our next meeting, Monday, November 6, at 6:30 in the Willow Ridge School library to help improve our community.

School News

November 2008

3 ASVAB Registration, 11/3-11/5, HS; NHS Information Meeting, 7pm @ HS Aud; Alumni Meeting, 7:30pm @ NVCC

4 BOE/Teacher Open Forum, 5pm @ HS Library; BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC; PTO Meeting, 7pm, WR; Election Day/Kid's Voting Day

5 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS; Grade 7 Girls Chorus; Grade 7 Band & Grade 7 Orchestra Concert, 7pm, MS

6 Concert Orchestra, Symphonic Band & Women's Chorus Concert, 7:30pm, HS; Common Sense Parenting, 9:30-11:30am @ Harlem Rd., Comm. Ctr.; PTSA Meeting, 7pm @ HS AAC

7 Variety Show, 7pm, MS; End of First Marking Period, HS/MS; Junior High Area All-State Music Festival @ Akron CSD, 11/7-11/8

10 PTA Meeting, 7pm, MS

11 **VETERAN'S DAY, NO SCHOOL K-12**

12 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS; NYS Grade 5 Social Studies Test, 11/12-11/13

13 ASVAB Test, 8am, HS; School Picture Retake Day, MS; Common Sense Parenting, 9:30-11:30am @ Harlem Rd., Comm. Ctr.; Grade 8 Band Grade 8 Orchestra Concert, 7pm, MS

14 Bingo Party, 7-8:30pm

18 BOE Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC

19 Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble & Concert Chorale Concert, 7:30pm, HS

20 Grades 7-8 Boys Chorus & Grade 8 Girls Chorus Concert, 7pm; PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL K-5

21 Senior High Area All-State Music Festival @ SUNYFredonia, 11/21-11/22; PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL, K-5

24 PTA/PTO Council Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library

27-28 **THANKSGIVING RECESS, NO SCHOOL K-12**

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

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WRCA MINUTES

October 14, 2008

A call to order was given at 7:32 p.m. Board members in attendance were President Jim Prentice, Vice President Bob Folandare, Treasurer Ed Goetz, Directors, Joe Battaglia, John Cowden, Pat Land, and John Radens. Secretary Clayton Cobb was excused. Lee Baker recorded the minutes of the meeting. Others in attendance were Jack Baker, Cam Hill John Steele, Eric Laubenstein, Ben Procopio, Jerry and Judi Moran, David Arcara, Margaret Kotlak, Jim and Linda Steinborn, Dave and Karen DeMeester, Tom Halter, Rick and Debby VonLangen, Bruce and Mary Munger, Pascale Plamondon, Francois Tardif, Jim McCormick and Tom Mislin. Deborah Bruch Bucki, Candidate for Amherst Town Clerk, was also in attendance.

The September 9, 2008 minutes were approved as published—(Land/Battaglia)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Ed Goetz gave the report to include activity for September. Ed updated the board on the progress of the 501-C3 application which will give the WRCA tax exempt status.

Treasury balance as of September 30, 2008 is \$9,479. Treasurer's Report accepted as presented (Land/Battaglia)

President's Report

President Prentice presented the 2009 Insurance Policy for payment.

Committee Reports

Adult Recreation (Lee Baker) Lee reported that March 14 and 28 have been reserved at the Classics V for possible adult recreation events.

Oktoberfest (Clayton Cobb) Saturday, October 18, 2008; details in the current issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*.

Web Master (Jack Baker) Jack invited those in attendance to add their email addresses to the WRCA List Serve

Old Business

Invoice Committee Report—A new voucher payment system was discussed. Program will be implemented for the

2009 membership year. The November newsletter will contain information on the implementation of the plan. The December newsletter will contain a stamped, pre-addressed Membership Dues Invoice for the payment of membership dues.

New Business

Jack Baker presented a suggestion for a Bylaws change to clarify procedures for dealing with non-attending Board of Directors members. Said amendment will be published in the *Wind-in-the-Willows* and presented for vote at the November meeting.

Community Open Forum

Town of Amherst Tax Assessor Harry Williams and KLW Group Real Estate Appraiser Robert Koszarek were in attendance to update the Willow Ridge community on the current property tax reassessment process. Many questions were posed by those present and much useful information was received from the guest speakers.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.. (Goetz/Land)
Respectfully submitted,
Lee Baker for Clayton Cobb, Secretary

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Gardeners are friendly people with many interests relating to good gardening practices and environmental concerns in our homes and community. Please join us at one of the meetings and/or help support our fund raisers—Spring Flower Sale and Poinsettia and Wreath Sale going on now.

Our holiday party is December 3 at the Holiday Inn with an exchange of handcrafted gifts, a highlight of the evening.

Call Virginia Winter for information about our club at 691-7704

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from 6:00-8:00 pm

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Registration for 3rd-6th Grade

Thurs. Nov. 6th from 6:00-7:15 pm

Registration and Games At Dexter Terrace

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Price includes Jersey, Trophy and Pizza

Party Open to Everyone All Participants

Play Equally For more information contact

Bob Foladare @ 691-7272

Willow Ridge Garden Club 2008 Poinsettia Sale

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WRCA BYLAWS CHANGE

In order to maintain the functional integrity of the Board of Directors of the Willow Ridge Civic Association, the Board is presenting the following Amendment to the WRCA Bylaws. It is proposed that **Item 10 of Article VII—Board of Directors**, be reworded as follows:

Current Item 10 of Article VII:

10. A director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any director. A director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules as it may in its discretion consider necessary for the best interests of the organization, for this hearing.

Suggested Item 10 of Article VII:

10. In the event that a director exceeds two unexcused absences from regularly scheduled Board meetings, said director will be considered as having resigned that Board position and will be replaced as described above. Directors are expected to notify the President of meeting attendance is not possible.

This amendment to the WRCA Bylaws requires a 2/3 majority of members present at the November 11, 2008 meeting of the Willow Ridge Civic Association.

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**November
2008**

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 14, 2009 FOR THE WRCA DINNER DANCE
More details to follow in December

HOLIDAY CARD DELIVERY

Our community cub scouts will once again be collecting, sorting and distributing holiday cards throughout the Willow Ridge area. You can place your addressed cards in the collection bin located at 105 Sweetwood Drive North, between November 29th and December 12th. Cards will be delivered between December 13th and 19th. Please make sure envelopes are clearly labeled with the name and address of the recipient. For our scout's safety, we are unable to deliver cards to apartments/condos, the elder care facility, or Ellicott Creek Drive North. Happy Holidays from Pack 173!!

CANS FOR CUBS

Cub Scout Pack 173 will again be collecting NY refundable cans and bottles. Place your items for pickup in a plastic bag on your porch or curb on Saturday, January 3, 2009 and our scouts and their parents will come around between the hours of 10 a.m and 2 p.m. to pick them up. You can also call 691-7887 to arrange a pickup. Only NY stamped refundable bottles and cans please, no recyclables or liquor/wine bottles. Money redeemed will be donated to a needy organization. Thank you and happy New Year from Pack 173!