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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, January 9

7:30 p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome

- **DEADLINE FOR THE February WITW IS January 13**
- **Classified (page 7)**
- **Neighborhood News (page 3)**
- **Minutes (page 2)**
- **Lighting Contest Winners (page 5)**

From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors:

It's a new year and there is a new president. My name is Jim Prentice. I live with my wife and six children on Kaymar Drive. I have been a Willow Ridge resident for seventeen years and I am looking forward to the next two years as president. I was hoping it would be an easy term, but we already have our first issue for the new Board. It seems that there are no plans to repave Willow Ridge after the water main replacement has been completed. We will take this issue up at the January meeting. If you have any other issues or ideas, feel free to attend our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, which are held at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Finally, since we're midway through our winter season, I would like to remind everyone to keep their sidewalks clean and check up on their neighbors. Be careful and be safe!

Jim Prentice



IT'S TIME TO RENEW! You may renew your WRCA membership by completing the membership form and mail it with your \$15 check made out to the WRCA. Your block rep will be informed of your payment and your 2007 WRCA Directory will be delivered during the regular membership drive in February. Note that the zip code is slightly different. The PO Box provides for added security and flexibility. Your check will be deposited within one week of receipt. In this age of information and communication that we all depend on, membership in the association becomes an invaluable tool. As members, one receives the directory, ie. a listing of everyone in the neighborhood, nearby businesses, money savings coupons, and services, not to mention phone numbers of schools in the area. Need a babysitter? You will find a babysitter listing in the directory. Do you own a business? Why not place an ad in the directory, which Willow Ridge residents use to locate local goods and services. Besides the directory, you will receive a monthly copy of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, a newsletter filled with relevant information about the latest happenings in Willow Ridge. Through this newsletter you will always be notified of the great activities offered and sponsored by the civic association. Your neighbor's daughter is getting married? Somebody moved in down the street? It's great to be "in the loop!" Another important feature of the *Wind-in-Willows* is its "Classified" section, in which you may advertise free of charge. So many great reasons to be member of the WRCA! Renewing now greatly helps out our hard working neighborhood block reps. Thank you. !

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Mail form and check to:

WRCA Treasurer
P.O. Box 86
Amherst, NY 14226

WRCA Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. In attendance were President Cam Hill, Vice President Jim Prentice, Secretary Neil Cuomo, and Board Members Ed Goetz, Pat Land, Bill Pujolas, Clayton Cobb, and Bob Foladare. Also present were Joe Battaglia, John Radens, Kerri Jasen and Jill Hagen.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Pat Land, seconded by Bill Pujolas to approve the minutes, which was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ed Goetz, presenting for Jack Baker reported a checking account balance of \$8,786. He provided the Board with a breakdown of deposits and withdrawals during the prior month, and reported the budget appeared on track. He reported that 111 members have renewed their membership for 2007, taking advantage of the "early bird" renewal form. He also reported that a new flag has been purchased for the Willow Ridge/Sweetwood entrance. A motion was made by Neil Cuomo, seconded by Clayton Cobb to accept the Treasurer's report, which was carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Cam Hill reported that he received many calls regarding the recent outages and suggested that residents be prepared with flashlights, batteries, etc. Although these recent outages appeared to be storm related, we will establish a policy of documenting extended outages in the minutes to determine if any pattern appears. The first entry will reflect power outages in a significant portion of Willow Ridge between Amberwood and Willow Ridge on Friday 12/1 at 8 pm to Saturday at 8 a.m.

Bob Foladare reported that the new water lines on Willow Ridge will be completed by December 15, and that the town will return in the spring to landscape the damage caused and re-pave the road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Webmaster (Jack Baker)

The present site remains www.wrca.info. There is also an

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Save the Date!!!

Willow Ridge Snowflake Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 3, 2007

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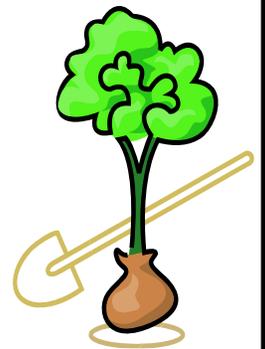
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Sympathy

Many here in Willow Ridge were very saddened to learn of the passing of a wonderful neighbor and friend, Mike Kirwan. You couldn't find a more outgoing, friendly, enjoy-life couple than Anne and Mike and our prayers and sympathy go out to Anne and her family. May all your happy memories bring you comfort and peace.

Farewell

Neighbors on Rockdale Drive would like to say farewell to the Privitera family of 161 Rockdale Drive— Michael, Bianca, twins Kristina and Sabrina, and their dog, Rocky. They are already in their new home in Webster, N.Y. where Michael accepted a promotion with HSBC Bank. We wish them much luck and happiness! We'll miss you!

Congratulations

Rick and Debby VonLangen of 221 N.Brier are thrilled to announce their first time grandparenthood! They received an early Christmas surprise when their brand new granddaughter arrived 5 1/2 weeks early on December 7, 2006. Brianna Rochelle loudly announced her arrival while weighing in at 5 lbs., 12 oz. and measuring 18 inches long. She is the first child of their daughter Audrey and son-in-law John Krystek .

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Dear Neighbors:

December 6, 2006

Am I the only one who is annoyed by Waste Management's employees' apparent laziness? The crew who empties the garbage containers habitually leaves the emptied containers either in the apron approach to driveways, or lying in the street. Obviously this means prevents us from entering our drive with containers in the way. Containers in the street are a safety hazard, and also interfere with curb parking.

I have one container, which WMA broke off the wheel, and of course tough luck. There are other indications of laziness, such as when the guy picking up the container misses the hopper on the truck, and trash and debris is left in the street to be blown away. I have witnessed times when after a container is emptied, the guy just lets it fall to the street!

I have called WMA about this several times. They could care less! Recognizing the fact that as an individual I have no clout with WMA, I called our town's refuse department, as it is our elected representatives who grant the refuse contracts. I have called our town at least four times about this, and again, have been treated with indifference. On Monday December 6, I was told in an annoyed tone of voice, "actually, the town receives very few complaints about the service."

Calling my friend Supervisor Mohan has also not rectified this annoyance.

I appreciate that WMA does take everything I have ever placed for pick-up. And the guys that empty the recycle boxes place the box back onto the grass.

So, if you too are annoyed with the workmanship of WMA, I am inviting all the residents to call the town refuse department at 631-7119. Mohan's office is 631-7032. WMA is 496-5000 (go ahead, call WMA and hear for yourself the sound of sarcastic indifference). Council member Michael McGuire is the liaison for refuse. He returned my call, but also is feckless with regard to accountability.

John Radens



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HONORABLE MENTION

AMBERWOOD DRIVE: 3, 19,27,28,67,75,107,115,131,139,163; BEAUMONT: 9,15,26
BLACK SPRUCE CT: 26,33,41,49; BROOKPARK: 37,45,46;
BUTTON BUSH: 3,11,19,27; CHESTNUT RIDGE 1020; DALEWOOD 8,26,104
DEEPWOOD 43; DENROSE: 269,275,300,327,381,411;
EDGEWATER: 719,733, 748, 755,791,815,821,868,891; ELDERWOOD: 4,12,36
GRASSPOINTE: 47,79,87,103; HONEY BEE: 24, HUBBARDSTON: 93, JEANMOOR:
17,61,115,122,152,153; JONATHAN: 4,15;
KAYMAR: 25,50,78,208,360,493,501,542,558,565,574,582,590,622,637,694,726
MANOR OAK: 61,85; MARICREST: 8,13,25,2650,55;
N.BRIER:5,6684,114,119,152,160,216,229,240; PARKHAVEN: 36,82,92,114,166, 167,207, 246
PEPPER TREE: 254,290 ROCKDALE CT: 241;
ROCKDALE DR.23,26,35,38,44,47,50,93,113,121,122,129,130,201,209
ROUNDWOOD: 23,55; RUMSON:38; S.ELLICOTT: 301,337,443,619,627
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WESTCLIFFE: 6,12,19,20,27,28,35,36,44,51,59,60,67,68,75
WILLOWGREEN: 6,24,30,35,48,90,155,173,174,197,210,215,270, 281,290,366,
403,417,429,450,456 WILLOW LANE CT: 9,28; WILLOW LANE: 29,35,69,74
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WRCA Meeting Minutes (cont.)

email address for the WRCA "WillowRidgeCA@MSN.com." Links are being established for those advertisers in the monthly newsletter, and plans are in place to allow for links to government sites, as well as our scout troops and the garden club.

Holiday Lighting(Neil Cuomo)

A committee has been formed for the annual lighting contest. Judging will be the weekend of December 15-17. Gift certificates will be awarded to winners.

Membership(Kerri Jasen)

Kerri reported that the block rep breakfast will be in early February and notice will be included in the January WITW newsletter. She will also be asking for volunteers to fill the open block rep positions. Anyone interested should call Kerri Jasen at 691-2472. She is also going to establish a database of non-members to attempt to contact them about joining.

Nominating(Neil Cuomo)

As nominating chairman, Neil submitted the slate of officers for the 2007 Board as follows: President—James Prentice, Vice President—Robert Foladare, Secretary—Clayton Cobb, Treasurer—Ed Goetz, Board members—Joe Battaglia, John Radens, and Jill Hagen (2 years terms), Cam Hill (1 year past president). Nominations had been duly closed at the November meeting. President Hill directed a vote be

cast by the secretary for the slate of officers. The incoming Board members in attendance, Joe Battaglia, John Radens and Jill Hagen were again introduced and welcomed by the Board. Cam Hill was applauded for a fine job as president these past two years.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning the status of the planned construction of dormitory style apartments on Chestnut Ridge. An appeal was filed to a court ruling issued October 11, 2006 in Supreme Court denying a motion for an injunction to halt further construction until the matter is resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

Cam Hill presented the tentative budget for 2007, to be reviewed and discussed by the new Board in January. Suggestions were made to dedicate funds to refurbish the ball diamonds at the elementary school, as well as for a possible summer picnic or other events. Anyone with suggestions can contact any Board member.

ADJOURN

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Bob Foladare, seconded by Ed Goetz to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., which was carried. Respectfully submitted, Neil Cuomo Secretary

SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 2007

- 1 Winter Recess—Happy New Year!
 - 2 School Resumes. PTO Meeting 7 pm, WR
 - 5 Activity Night, 7-9pm, MS; Annual Alumni Holiday Party, HS
 - 6 Elementary All-County Music Auditions @ TBA
 - 8 PTO Meeting, 7 pm, MS
 - 9 BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC
 - NYS Gr.3-5 ELA Assessment
 - 10 Health & Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:30pm DO: Financial Aid Night, 7pm, HS
 - 12 Family Bingo Night, 7-9pm, WR
 - 13 Snowflake Dance, HS; Junior High All-County Music Auditions @ Orchard Park
 - 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY; NO SCHOOL K-12
 - 16 BOE Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC
 - 17 NHS Induction Ceremony, 7pm; NYS Gr. 6-8 ELA Assessment 1/17-1/18
 - 18 Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Concert Chorus and Women's Chorus Concert, 7:30pm, HS
 - 20 Senior High All-County Music Auditions @ Alden
 - 21 District Music Festival, 2pm @ UB Alumni Arena
 - 22 PTA Council Meeting, 7pm, HS
 - 23 PTSA Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library; Regents Exams, 1/23-1/26
 - 24 8th Gr. Parent Orientation, 7pm, HS; 8th Gr. Student Orientation, MS
 - 26 Joe Shifflet Wrestling Tourney, 1/26-1/27, HS; End of Second Marking Period HS/MS
 - 27 Wrestling Tournament, HS
 - 29 Spring Sports Signups, HS/MS
 - 31 Elementary Progress Reports Home
- Attention: "School News" is taken from the Sweet Home District Calendar. Events Subject to change. Please refer also to school notices and mailings.

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Committees and Activity Chairpersons

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Directory	Jane Sieman	564-0913	Scholarships	Bob Foladare	691-7272
Garage Sale	Helene Motyka	691-8682	School Brd Liaison	Mike Morrow	691-8031
Garden Club	Virginia Winter	691-7704	Boy Scouts	Bob Sieman	564-0913
Historian	Bob Lannen	691-5270		Scott McNess	691-5621
Holiday Lighting	Neil Cuomo	691-3014	Cub Scouts	Dan Harlack	691-3006
Junior Recreation	Jennifer Hubert	691-4239			
Ladies Bowling	Connie Holovics	691-9569	Girl Scouts	Karen Lambe	691-4817
Membership	Laura Lewis	691-9527	Sunshine	Lee Baker	691-5972
National Night Out	Gary Roussie	Unlisted	Webmaster	Jack Baker	691-5972
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