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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, February 13

7:30 p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome

- **DEADLINE FOR THE March-WITW is February 9**
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- **Snowflake Dinner Dance (page 2)**

Hello Neighbors,

It's February and time to renew your membership in the Willow Ridge Civic Association. It is very easy, just write a check for fifteen dollars and give it to your block rep or mail it to the PO box listed in the newsletter. Please try to do it today. In the time it takes you to read this, you could be done.

For those of you receiving this newsletter for the first time, look through it and see some of the activities going on in your neighborhood. Please join and take advantage of the membership perks, money saving coupons, 10% discount at Home Depot and a neighborhood directory with a map and phone listings. This is a great place to live and your membership is vital to keeping it united and informed.

This also brings us to the first social event of the year. The Snow Flake Dinner Dance is just around the corner. Please reserve your table today and prepare to dance the night away.

Hope to see you there,

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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7:00-8:00 p.m. Open Bar, Cheese & Crackers, Veggies

8:00-9:30 p.m. Various Stations (see below)

9:30—Danish and Coffee

DANCING ALL NIGHT!

**7:00—Midnight: BAR OPEN ALL NIGHT!! NEVER CLOSES!!
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**Fill your plate, walk around, fill it some more.
Table hop, fill your plate, dance, drink—REPEAT!!**

Check out the stations:

Pasta: pasta primavera, bowtie pasta with garlic, broccoli & red peppers

Carving: prime rib and turkey

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Deep Fry: fried ravioli, broccoli melts

Cold: Caesar salad, crabmeat salad, pasta salad and fresh fruit

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Willow Ridge Garden Club

A representative from the Niagara Frontier Orchid Society will introduce the Willow Ridge Garden Club members to the growing of orchids in the home. The presentation will showcase plants grown by the Orchid Society. The meeting will be held at Zion United Church of Christ, 15 Koenig Circle, at Parker Blvd., Tonawanda, Wednesday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and guests are welcome. For information call 837-4014.

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February 10; 1-4pm: Victorian Valentine's Day, Admission \$5. Adults; \$1.50 Children; Members Free. Light refreshments served—Hutchinson Family Revival—this group of costumed singers reproduces authentic Victorian songs originally performed by a group of traveling musicians in the mid 19th century. They will perform a concert of 19th century love songs and romantic music. Victorian Dance Society will demonstrate and teach Victorian dance and children can make Victorian style valentines and learn about the history of chocolate, candy making. A selection of vintage candy boxes exhibited during event.

February 28, 1p.m.: Fiction Book Club, Admission Free. Advance registration necessary. Club will continue to meet monthly. First book for discussion: Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*. Book may be obtained from the local public library or from local book stores. Future books chosen by members of the club. Contact librarian Toniann Scime at 689-1440 or at amuseum@adelphia.net to register.

WRCA Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Bob Folandare at 7:37 pm. In attendance were President Jim Prentice, Vice President Bob Folandare, Secretary Clayton Cobb, Treasurer Ed Goetz, and Board Members Cam Hill (past president), Pat Land, Bill Pujolas, and John Radans, Also present were Kerri Jason, Neil Cuomo and Tom Halter.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Bob Folandare, seconded by Pat Land to approve the minutes, which was carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was brought forth by new acting treasurer, Ed Goetz. He reported that membership income in January was \$252.00 and that current membership enrollment was at 263, off pace from last year's sign up. He also reported all January expenses had been paid including newsletter postage through February. Furthermore all WRCA banking information had been switched over to the new leadership. Bob Folandare made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Cam Hill to accept the Treasurer's report, which was carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

President Jim Prentice offered his first report as new WRCA president. He reported no official correspondence had been received by him from residents or organizations with immediate concerns. He did report that the recreation director had tendered her resignation and that the association is in need of someone to volunteer their services. He stated that the next event that needed leadership was the upcoming Easter party. Jim reported that there was a mistake in the Christmas lighting contest listings. Recognition needs to be given to 111 Grasspointe for their lighting listed as the wrong address in the current newsletter. We apologize for the error. Christmas lighting pictures can be seen on our website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership(Kerri Jason)

Kerri reported that 263 entered into WRCA membership. She also stated that a flyer will be sent to those in Willow Ridge who were not signed up last year to try and initiate a relationship with the association. Kerri presented that every effort is being made to keep an updated residents list so we can better serve the community. The Block Rep Breakfast will be held February 10 at Classics V.

Octoberfest (Clayton Cobb)

The Octoberfest party planner will now be Clayton Cobb. Tom Halter has asked to step down from that position to be involved with other board activities. Tom will now lead the Adult Recreation Committee. We just want to take this time to say thank you, Tom, for a great job each year with Octoberfest.

OLD BUSINESS

American Campus, the development company interested in building housing on Chestnut Ridge, has contacted the WRCA. Bob Folandare and Cam Hill will meet with American Campus representatives to discuss neighborhood concerns and listen to updated proposals. They will report back to the board following the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

President Jim Prentice introduced a revised budget. The changes were mainly name changes to individual line items. However, the summer boat cruise was deleted. New items were added to include

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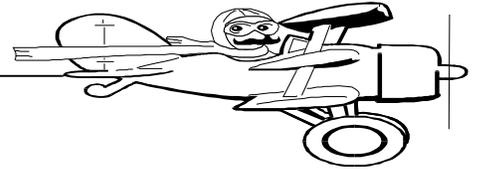
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Sympathy

Friends and neighbors on Tanglewood Drive would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Helen Nelson on the passing of her father, George Nelson Jr. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sincere condolences to the Owen family of 23 Jeanmoor Rd. on the death of Nancy's dad, husband of Mrs. Eleanor Notarpole. Mrs. Notarpole was a long time teacher at Willow Ridge Elementary.

Our sympathies as well to Mary and Don Watling of 52 Jeanmoor Rd. on the passing of Don's mother.

The neighborhood and community feels the great loss of a long-time resident and friend, Bob Dearstyne. Surely his immediate neighbors around 387 Willow Green Drive will miss Bob's smile, friendship, helpfulness, and presence. Our deepest sympathy to his BEST friend and spouse, Donna, three children, Craig, Carolyn and Barbara, their spouses and six grandchildren, all of whom he was so devoted to. The memory of this good man will be hard to erase and we hope the many shared stories of happy times with family and friends will bring comfort.

Welcome

A hearty Willow Ridge welcome to Mary and Don Watling to 52 Jeanmoor Rd., who have been a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. They enjoy camping and family life in general. Enjoy your new home!

Neighbors would like to welcome Kelly and Dale Passero and their daughter, Nicole to 73 Jeanmoor Rd. They own "Cutting Edge," a property maintenance, landscaping, janitorial and carpet cleaning business. They can be reached at 691-6292. Nicole, 18, would like to add her name to the babysitting list.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Michael and Alison Odojeski of 700 Edgewater Drive on the birth of their first child, Molly Ann, born November 4, 2006. Your Edgewater neighbors wish you many years of happiness with your new baby!

Congratulations to new grandparents Dale and Judy Russell of 719 Edgewater on the birth of Anna Dale to daughter Cathy, and her husband Ken Kozaczka. Also, congratulations to new great grandparents, Claude and Shirley Anger of 369 Willow Ridge Drive. Anna is lucky to have three generations of loving parents! Your neighbors wish all the families many years of happiness and joy!

In addition to welcoming our new families, it seems there is even more happening on Jeanmoor Road:

Dick and Donna Matyjas of Jeanmoor Road are happy to announce the birth of their third grandchild, Edward William ("Ned") Crotty. Ned, who was born December 1, is the second child of their daughter Amanda and son-in-law, Peter. Both Dick and Donna are able to spend a great deal of time with Ned as Amanda and Peter live locally. The family is still growing. Son Jon and daughter-in-law Karrie are expecting in late April.

Congratulations are also in order to Karen and Walt Kazial of 29 Jeanmoor Road who welcomed their first grandchild. Violet Karna Backes was born December 15 to their daughter Karry and her husband Todd Backes. Additionally, congrats to Craig Kazial's wife, Lisa, on her Masters degree in counseling.

Congratulations to Sandy and Roger Marchione of 40 Jeanmoor Road on the marriage of their son, Matt, to Jennifer Nelson of Kalamazoo, MI. The happy couple makes their home in North Carolina.

Also well wishes go out to Mary and Don Watling of 52 Jeanmoor Road on the marriage of their daughter Shawna to Tim Joyce; and the engagement of son Gabriel to Natalia Syntet.

Happy graduations to Aaron and Christian Mitchell of 10 Jeanmoor. Aaron graduated from William and Mary and is now working at PTR in Washington DC. Christian graduated from Duke and will be attending dental school. Congratulations and best wishes into the future to you both.

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Happy retirement to Ron McLean of 34 Jeanmoor Road. He joined Carolyn on a trip to Israel and Jordan with the Catholic Biblical Studies Group and the whole family was together this summer for the first time in four years. Also, congratulations to granddaughters Jamie and Kristin on their leads in their school plays.

Congratulations to Terry Fornes of 53 Jeanmoor Court for winning the Directors award for her quilt at the Amherst Museum's Quilt Show. It is an amazing work of 1800 vintage fabric in the Ohio Star pattern.

Congratulations to the Jeanmoor Court and Road neighbors! What a way to pull together and help each other through the October power outage and extensive year cleanups. Many have been helping each other for over 30 years and many more became close helpful friends forever because of the thoughtful and hard work done for each other. It brought our neighbors even closer together!

Regarding the last entry, congratulations to all Willow Ridge! Stories like this of kindness and attentiveness during the storm are weaving their way all over the neighborhood. Thanks for being the close knit and caring people that make this neighborhood a great place to live! - And thanks to Karen Kazial, who obviously was a very busy block rep this month.- Editor

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. Thank you.

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SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2007

1 Cap and Gown/Announcement Orders, 10am—1 pm, HS; PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY, NO SCHOOL K-5

2 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions, HS; PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY, NO SCHOOL K-12

5 Alumni Mtg, 7:30pm @ NVCC; PTO Mtg, 7pm, MS

6 BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC; Spring Sports Physicals, HS/MS; PTO Mtg, 7pm, WR

9 Musical, 7:30pm, HS; February Frolics, 6-9pm, WR

10 Musical, 7:30pm, HS

11 Musical, 2pm, HS; Dollars for Scholars Phone-a-Thon, 2/11-2/13

13 BOE Mtg, 7pm @ NVCC; Spring Sports Physicals, HS/MS

14 District Health & Safety Committee Mtg, 6pm @ DO; Dollars for Scholars Meeting, 8am, DO; Health & Wellness Committee Mtg, 3:30pm, DO

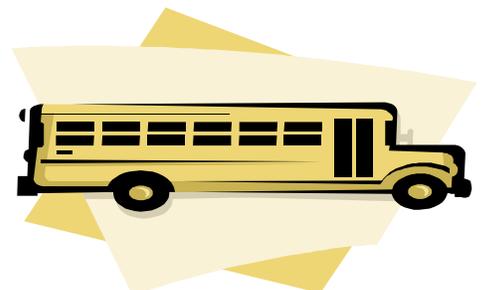
15 BOE/Student Open Forum, 1:15pm @ NVCC; Breakfast with the Principal, 8am, MS

19—23 MID-WINTER RECESS - NO SCHOOL K—12

26 SCHOOL RESUMES

27 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS; PTSA Mtg, 7pm @ HS Library

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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WRCA Meeting Minutes January 9, 2007 (cont.)

Willow Ridge field renovations and an adult recreation fund. The budget was presented as balanced and Cam Hill made a motion to except the budget. A second was made by Bob Foladare and the amended budget was approved.

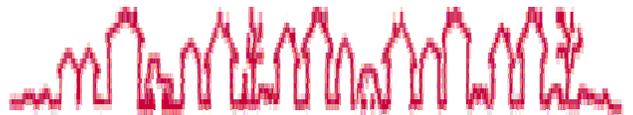
Other new business was the report that no plans are made to repave Willow Ridge after the water main work done this fall and winter. A decision was made to have Neil Cuomo draft a letter o the Amherst Engineering Department requesting information on the future of the street repaving and to convey our concerns if such a project is not planned.

ADJOURN

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Bob Foladare, seconded by Ed Goetz to adjourn at 8:36 p.m., which was carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Clayton Cobb
Secretary

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Garden Club	Virginia Winter	691-7704	Scholarships	Bob Foladare	691-7272
Historian	Bob Lannen	691-5270	School Brd Liaison	Mike Morrow	691-8031
Holiday Lighting	Neil Cuomo	691-3014	Boy Scouts	Bob Sieman	564-0913
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National Night Out	Gary Roussie	Unlisted	Webmaster	Lee Baker	691-5972
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**February
2007**

Attention Block Reps! Mark your calendars for the

BLOCK REP BREAKFAST

Our Annual Block Rep Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Classics V. It's the one time a year we get to say thank you, come meet the other volunteers and share ideas. The 2007 directories will also be distributed. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Boy Scout Troop 173 News

Chiveta's Spring Chicken Barbeque

Saturday, March 24

Parking Lot Next to Convenient

Presale tickets will be sold on Monday, February 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Willow Ridge Elementary School. All presale tickets that are sold to people that reside in the Willow Ridge area will also have the option of having their chicken dinners delivered to their residence on the day of the barbeque. For more information call Wendy Ehrke at 691-5340 or Bob Sieman at 870-6871.