

# Wind-in-the-Willows

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#### WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Tuesday, May 8**

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

- **DEADLINE FOR THE June WITW is May 11**
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### From the Presidents Desk

#### Hello Neighbors:

Spring is finally here. The weather has broken and the lawn needs to be cut. It's time to get the yard cleaned up, fix the fence, and think about opening the pool. Wow!

The Town of Amherst is also thinking ahead and planning their Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Budget as well as the general budget. Councilman Dan Ward is asking us to submit a "Top Ten" list to prioritize the wants and needs of our neighborhood for the Town Board. They will use this list to address our needs over the short and long term. Since they usually only hear our complaints, this is a great opportunity for us to express our wants and needs.

We will be addressing this issue at our meeting in May. If you have any ideas or wishes, please feel free to stop in and let us hear them.

Hope to see you there,

*Jim Prentice*

### Membership News

Head reporters and block reps, please accept my sincere THANK YOU for all of your Willow Ridge Membership Drive efforts and for your timely submissions! If you haven't yet done so, please return your collections as soon as possible to me. Thank you!

Kerri Jasen, Membership Coordinator  
cabana@buffalo.edu 691-2472

### *Snowflake Dinner Dance*

We hope everyone who attended the Snowflake Dinner Dance on March 3rd enjoyed themselves. Lisa and Dan May from Classics V did a wonderful job with the beautiful room set up and the delicious food stations. Thanks again to everyone who helped us prepare for the dance. We have already set the date for next year:

**Saturday, March 1, 2008**

**Classics V**

Watch for the date reminders every month in our *Wind-in-the-Willows*. Come December, January and February look for all the details so you can start talking to your friends and neighbors and get your tables ready.

Sincerely,  
Pam McNess and Karen Galli

## WRCA Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were President Jim Prentice, Vice President Bob Folandare, Clayton Cobb, Ed Goetz, Joe Battaglia, Pat Land, Cam Hill and Junior Recreation Director John Gooden. In the audience were Ben Procopio, Mathew Bordonaro, Michael Raymond, Dave Pollack and Tony Massop. Matthew and Michael were observing for a government class. Mr. Pollack and Mr. Massop were observing for a newly formed community organization.

### SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the March 13th meeting were reviewed and discussed. Bob Folandare made a motion to accept the minutes. A second was made by Joe Battaglia and the board approved the minutes.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

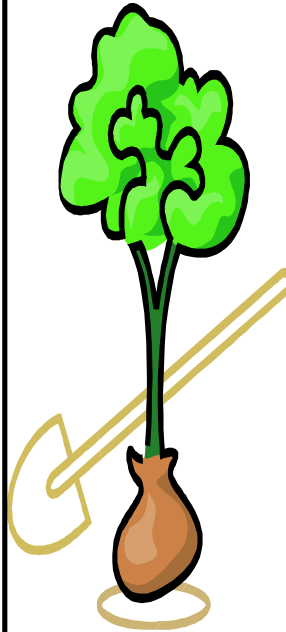
Treasurer Ed Goetz presented this month's report showing the WRCA fiscally sound. Ed reported that with the income from this month's membership that we are on track to hit or exceed the original budget for membership income. Ed conveyed to the board that newsletter ads were also generating income in the April period. Ed also communicated that all newsletter expenses were paid as well as the final payment to the lawyers handling our case against American Campus. A motion was made to approve the report by Pat Land and a second was made by Joe Battaglia. The report was approved by the board.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

President Jim Prentice shared with all, that there were several correspondences this month from residents. A letter from Dan Ward revealed that the resolution to repave Willow Ridge has passed and will definitely take place this summer. Dan Ward also communicated that funds had been appropriated for drainage projects in the town but none would include our neighborhood. Jim also received a letter from a Jeanmore resident concerned about repaving that street. However there are no plans for that. Concerned citizens called about the hanging branches on trees around the lift station at the front of our community. The board will find the parties responsible for clean up and contact them. A resident made comment that it is dangerous to ride a bike on Willow Ridge near the Boulevard because of the way it is divided. The board agreed to speak with someone who may be able to look at reconfiguring that division. Finally the Willow Ridge PTO made a request for help in making improvements to the playground. The board is considering what contribution could be made and will continue to communicate with the PTO.

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MAY 2007



- 1 Annual District Budget Hearing, 7pm@NVCC; BOE 'Meet the Candidates' Night after Hearing @ NVCC; BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC; STARS Breakfast, 8am HS; PTO Meeting, 7pm WR
- 2 DO:Superintendent's Forum & Dinner @ Classics V Restaurant, 5:30pm; Kindergarten Orientation & Registration, 7pm WR; Grade 8 NYS Science Written Assessment
- 3 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; 5th grade Parent Orient, 7pm @ MS; Grade 4 NYS Science Performance Test
- 5 Health & Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:30pm; SAT I & II, 7:45am, HS
- 7 Alumni Meeting, 7:30pm @ NVCC; Elementary Gold Band & Grade 7-8 Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7pm @ HS; Teacher Appreciation Lunch, WR
- 8 BOE Meeting 7pm @ NVCC; Grade 4 NYS Science Written Test
- 9 Elementary Gold Orchestra Concert, 7pm @ HS 
- 10 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC;GL Chorus, Grade 8 Band & Grade 8 Girls Chorus Concert, 7pm,HS; Spring Plant Sale WR; Musical, 7pm WR
- 11 Musical, 7pm WR 
- 14 Elementary Blue Band & Blue Orchestra Concert,7pm, HS; PTO Meeting, 7pm, MS
- 15 8th Grade Awards, 3:30pm; Grade 7 Band, Grade 6 & HS Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7pm, MS; Annual District Budget Vote, Noon-9pm@MS
- 16 Retirement Reception 4-6pm @ Classics V Restaurant; Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm HS; Dollars for Scholars Meeting, 8am; DO
- 17 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; Grades 6-8 Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm HS
- 19 Junior Prom, 7-11pm @ Connecticut Street Armory
- 22 Honors Program Banquet 6pm @ Banchetti's
- 23 Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble & Percussion Ensemble Concert, 7:30pm HS
- 24 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC; Women's Chorus, Concert Chorale & Chamber Orchestra Concert 7:30pm HS
- 25 Breakfast of Champions, MS
- 28 MEMORIAL DAY— NO SCHOOL K—12 
- 29 PTA Council Meeting, 7pm, HS
- 30 Foreign Language Awards, 3pm@ NVCC; FBLA Banquet, HS; Gr 6 Band, Gr 6 Chorus Concert, 7:30pm @ HS
- 31 PTSA Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library; Junior Awards, 3pm, HS; 6th Grade Awards, 3:30pm, MS; Gr 7 Girls Chorus & Gr 7-8 Boys Chorus Concert, 7:30 pm @ HS

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88-156 Marj LaHood ..... 691-4648  
166-206 Lisa Scaglione..... 691-4537  
207-255 Janice Sparling ..... 691-7825

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3-59 Elaine Love..... 691-4845  
60-99 Charlene Gore ..... 691-0465  
107-140 Anita Glebe..... 691-9550  
147-179 Jennifer Hubert ..... 691-4239

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All Penny Nowak..... 691-7887

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6-36 Bev Tremblay..... 691-5820  
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17-58 Virginia Winter..... 691-7704  
61-102

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4-66 Lisa Raimondi..... unlisted  
71-110 Judy Kindron..... 691-3740

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7-59 (od) Mike Morrow..... 691-8031  
8-50 (ev) Tom Halter..... 691-5318

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2-26 Sandy Radens ..... 691-7389  
31-60 Mya Swanson ..... 691-8026  
66-96 Kathy Smead ..... 691-6787  
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215-241 (odd)  
245-271 (odd)  
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311-349 (odd)  
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10-68 (ev) Carole Telesco..... 691-5276

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35-53 Karen Kazial ..... 691-8275

Jeanmoor Rd.  
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91-165 (odd)  
110 -166 (ev) Michelle Such..... 691-0241

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45-80

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6-50 Valerie Vetter ..... 691-8692  
53-106 Corine Gilson ..... unlisted  
113-161 Ann Thomann..... 691-9151  
162-217 Rosemary Fisher..... 691-3846

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225-305 Wendy Ehrke ..... 691-5340

Brookpark Dr.  
29-78 Kathy Huber..... 691-4285  
83-139 Charlene Vitale ..... 691-3356

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36-71 Evelyn Gagnon..... 564-6320  
72-107 Phyllis Cohan ..... 691-7855  
113-149 Judy Anastasi..... 691-5965  
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240-287 Karen Burke ..... 691-2491  
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290-353 Monica Stange..... 691-7428  
359-393 Lee Baker..... 691-5972  
396-432 Carolyn Koons..... 564-0522  
435-481 Lorraine Fontana ..... unlisted

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3-67 Mary Aronica ..... 564-2328

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14-71 Michele Thiele ..... 564-2866  
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91-129 Sherry Schriver..... 691-3006  
130-165 Janice Stevens ..... 691-4980

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255-295 Sue Cuomo ..... 691-3014  
296-336 Doris Pepi..... 691-8309  
344-376 Linda McCausland ..... 691-7865  
382-409 Debbie Feger..... 691-9585

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49-73 Karen Decker..... 691-3277  
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44-85 Pam McNess..... 691-5621  
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5-66 Laurie Kennedy ..... 564-3122  
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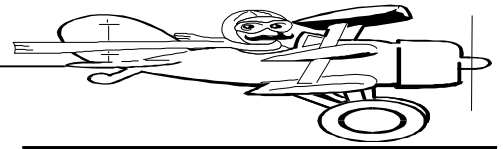
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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



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### It's Time or the 2007 WRCA Community Garage Sale!

**Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, May 17, 18, & 19;  
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

WRCA will provide advertising and signs at main entrances to our community. Remember, if you are opening for the sale, it is very important that you provide your own signs to direct customers to your house. Please remove these signs after the sale. Maps of the community will be available at 68 Manor Oak as of Monday, May 14. Let's hope the weather cooperates!

—Helene Motyka,  
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The Willow Ridge Garden Club will meet on June 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Willow Ridge Elementary School parking lot to car pool and tour Willow Ridge gardens. The tour will conclude at the home of Karen Kaciell to observe her gardens and lighting at dusk. The landscaper who designed the lighting will be available to answer questions and give advice. Refreshments will be served and guests are welcome. For information please call 691-8397 or 693-8666.

—Mira Knoble  
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**House in Willow Ridge:** Three or four bedroom house, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage and fireplace wanted in the Willow Ridge area. If you or someone you know is planning to sell a home like this sometime this summer, please let us know. 564-3017

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### Committees and Activity Chairpersons

Directory	Jane Sieman	564-0913	Octoberfest	Clayton Cobb	564-0500
Garage Sale	Helene Motyka	691-8682	Publicity	Debbie Haendiges	691-5902
Garden Club	Virginia Winter	691-7704	Scholarships	Bob Foladare	691-7272
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***Membership (Kerri Jasen)***

Kerri Jasen was unable to attend this month's meeting. Treasurer Ed Goetz offered a brief update of the membership numbers. He reported that 803 members have signed up so far this year and that there were still additional sign ups not yet reported. The projection is that the membership numbers will exceed the original expectation.

***Easter Party (John Gooden)***

Junior Recreation Director John Gooden reported that the Easter party was a success with over 50 children in attendance. Girl scout troop 988 was involved with the event. We heard the Easter Bunny even hopped in for a visit.

***Scholarship (Bob Folandare and Ed Goetz)***

Bob Folandare stated that he would like to have plaques made this year for the scholarship winners. He requested \$40.00 from the board for the plaques. He also reported that the committee would choose the names for the recipients next month. The board approved the funds for the plaques.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Vice President Bob Folandare provided information that all monies have been paid to the lawyers and that agreement that WRCA and American Campus had made is coming to a close. WRCA is expecting a settlement in the very near future.

Pat Land reported that the project to improve the ball diamonds at Willow Ridge is a "go." The improvements will

be made on April 21 by the board and volunteers. He stated that supplies have been purchased and that the equipment needed has been procured.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Town Board has asked for a top 10 wish list of things we would like see improved or done in our neighborhood. We will be looking for ideas.

New information was communicated that anyone wishing to distribute flyers or any other material in the schools must obtain prior approval from the district office at the high school.

**COMMUNITY FORUM**

Ben Procopio asked if the board had heard of any complaints about the tree service companies that have been in our neighborhood since the October storm. No reports have been communicated to the board.

Mr. Tony Massop and Mr. Dave Pollack addressed the board in thanks for allowing them to observe the proceedings. They were observing for their Creekwood Association.

**ADJOURN**

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Bob Folandare to adjourn and a second was brought forth by Ed Goetz at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Clayton Cobb**

Secretary