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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, April 10

7:30 p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome

- **DEADLINE FOR THE May WITW is April 13**
- **Classified (page 6)**
- **Neighborhood News (page 5)**
- **Minutes (page 4)**

From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors:

Spring is in the air, baseball fever is spreading and it's time to fix up the ball diamonds at Willow Ridge Elementary School. Pat Land has been working hard to coordinate with the school district and has set the date. It is Saturday, April 21 at 8 a.m., with a rain date of April 28.

This would be a great time to help improve our neighborhood school. We plan to paint the backstops, put in benches and cut out the bases. I'm sure there are plenty of us in the neighborhood who have held practices here and would love to pitch in and make a difference. Please get out your rake and email Pat, pwland123@adelphia.net if you can make it. I would also like to thank Home Depot for their generous donation towards this project.

In closing, I would like to remind anyone that has not renewed their membership yet to please do so today. Just get a check to your block rep and mail it in, or bring it to me on the 21st. 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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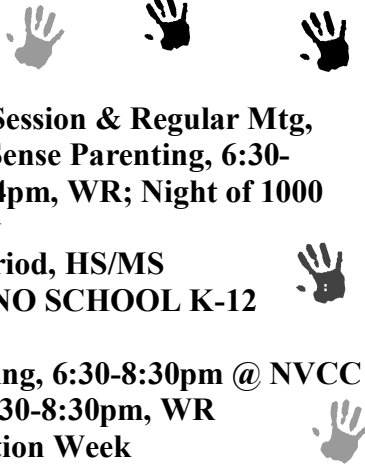
St. Christopher Sponsors Lenten Fish Fry & Shrimp Dinners

St. Christopher Parish, 2660 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda will be sponsoring a Lenten Fish or Shrimp Dinner for TAKE-OUT ONLY from 4:30-6:00 p.m on Good Friday, April 6. We make it most convenient for you—just drive into the school parking lot and your fried shrimp or fish dinner will be delivered to your car! Cost: \$7 which includes fried fish or shrimp, French fries or potato salad, coleslaw and bread & butter. Proceeds to benefit: St. Christopher Boy Scouts and CYO

SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 2007

- 2 PTO Mtg. 7pm, MS
- 3 BOE Combined Study Session & Regular Mtg, 7pm @ NVCC; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ HS; PTO Mtg, 4pm, WR; Night of 1000 Stars, 7pm @ Aud. Library
- 5 End of 3rd Marking Period, HS/MS
- 6-13 SPRING RECESS - NO SCHOOL K-12
- 16 SCHOOL RESUMES
- 19 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC
- 20 Family Movie Night, 6:30-8:30pm, WR
- 23 Kindergarten Registration Week
- 24 BOE Special Voting Mtg, 8am @ DO; PTSA Mtg. 7pm HS Library
- 25 Elementary Progress Reports Home; NYS Grade 8 Science Performance Assessment
- 26 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm @ NVCC
- 27 11 AM DISMISSAL K—5 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



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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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



NOTICE: HOME DEPOT IS OFFERING ITS 10% DISCOUNT TO WILLOW RIDGERS ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THAT MONTH'S WIND-IN-THE-WILLOWS AND PROPER ID. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF SOME NOT RECEIVING THEIR NEWSLETTER IN TIME FOR THE DISCOUNT.

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WRCA Meeting Minutes March 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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, Joe Battaglia John Radens and Jill Hagan. Also attending were Kerri Jason, John Gooden, Jack Baker and Lee Baker. Joining the meeting was one guest, Mr. Erich Krueger.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the February 13 meeting were reviewed and discussed. Ed Goetz was described as the acting treasurer in the minutes. In fact he is the current treasurer. Apologies for once again spelling Kerri Jason's name wrong and that she was listed as making a motion when only board members may do so. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Joe Battaglia and a second was made by Ed Goetz. The minutes were then approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ed Goetz presented this month's report showing the WRCA fiscally sound. Ed reported that income from the dinner dance this year was a little shy of the overall expense but that it was a success with 144 attendees. Ed reported that all expenses were in line and the only additional payout this month would be to Sweet Home schools for the WRCA scholarship award this year. 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 communicated that there was no correspondence this month from residents. A brief discussion ensued surrounding possible changes to the WRCA fiscal calendar but no decisions were made and the issue was tabled for further research.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership(Kerri Jason)

Kerri submitted and reviewed a very comprehensive membership report. She reported that there are 507 WRCA member signups to date. This number is on pace with past years. Kerri also presented that there were some issues concerning residents double paying and that refunds would have to be issued. This is a very small number and all residents that it applies to have been or will be contacted. Kerri also wrapped up the presentation with a four step attack on raising membership numbers.

Junior Recreation(John Gooden)

New Junior Recreation Director John Gooden announced that the Easter party would be held on March 31 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Willow Ridge Elementary school. He presented that flyers will be distributed in school with all the details.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Bob Folandare once again provided a report on the situations surrounding the development of the Ameri-

can Campus housing on Chestnut Ridge. American Campus has addressed most of our concerns. Bob reported that a compensation agreement has been reached to replace funds that were spent for lawyers who argued for WRCA and the condo associations that were involved. You can find copies of correspondence on the WRCA website. A motion was made by Cam Hill to approve paying the remainder of the lawyer's fees that will be reimbursed. Bob Folandare offered a second and the board approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Land gave new information concerning the Willow Ridge School ball field renovation. As was discussed before, the WRCA Board approved funds and manpower to renovate the fields for community use. April 21 will be the date of the project. The rain date will fall on April 28. New benches will be installed; there will be painting of the backstops, painting of the fences and newly landscaped infields. Residents that wish to help out should contact Pat Land before coming out to help.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Erich Krueger presented himself to the board as a potential DJ for future WRCA events. No decision was made and a contact card was accepted.

ADJOURN

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Clayton Cobb, seconded by Bill Pujolas to adjourn at 8:53 p.m., which was carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Clayton Cobb
Secretary

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Sympathy

Friends and neighbors on Tanglewood Drive would like to extend sincere sympathy to Amy Baer on the passing of her mother, Joan. Joan was the Tanglewood block rep for many years and will be greatly missed.

It is inconceivable that two months after expressing our condolences to Donna Dearstyne and her family for the loss of her husband, Bob, friends and neighbors are again in shocked sadness over the sudden and unexpected death of her son-in-law, Chuck Powers. To Donna, her daughter, Barbara, and children, Alissa and Caitlin, of Rockdale Drive, we offer our prayers and sympathy that all your happy memories of this good man, husband, father and son-in-law, will bring you comfort and peace.

Neighbors on Parkhaven Drive extend their sympathy to Rosemary Then and her family on the recent death of her husband, John Then. He was a long time resident of Willow Ridge and his neighbors will miss the familiar sight of Jack working around his home.

Neighbors on Kaymar Drive would like to offer their sincere condolences to Tony and Cindy Vizzi and their sons, Brandon and Michael, on the passing of Tony's father. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Neighbors on Willow Green Drive would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the Tran family at 54 Willow Green on the death of wife, mother and grandmother Dung Tran after a brief illness. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Welcome

Neighbors on North Brier Road wish to extend a warm welcome to the Meyer family. Justin and Cheryl now reside at 72 North Brier with their 19 month old son, Nathan. Justin is from San Antonio, Texas and Cheryl is a Buffalonian. Justin is employed by Zenhire, a software company, and Cheryl is employed by Summit Educational Resources. We hope that they will enjoy living in the Willow Ridge community.

Congratulations

Eileen and Sheldon Webster of Rockdale Drive have become first time grandparents with their son, Paul and his wife, Jen welcomed Caitlin Hope into their family. Their beautiful granddaughter was born on February 15 weighing in at 6 lb, 13 oz and measuring 20 inches long. Paul and Jen live in Plymouth, MA and you can be sure that there will be many photos exchanged and visits planned. Congratulations and best wishes to all!

A very belated congratulations to Ryan and Michelle Glor on the birth of their second daughter, Addyson. She was born in the morning of the "October Surprise" and weighed in at 7 lbs., 6 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long. The Glors live on Brookpark. We all send them our best wishes and know that big brother Dominic and big sister Chloe are delighted with their new baby sister!

Belated congratulations to Gary and Paula McCarthy of 542 Kaymar Drive on the marriage of their son, Michael, to Erica Reid of North Tonawanda. The wedding took place on October 7, 2006. Michael is currently working for FedEx and Erica for Transitional Services. The couple makes their home in Tonawanda.

Jing Tan and Oil Hua of 60 Willow Green Drive are the proud and happy parents of Isabella, born September 7, 2006; a new little sister for Susan and Lucy. Belated congratulations and best wishes to all!

Thank You

A sincere thank you to the very kind gentleman who stopped on Willow Ridge Drive (on a bitter cold and snowy day) to help when a friend had fallen on the ice. We couldn't have managed without him and were sorry we neglected to get his name. It is surely proof that Willow Ridge is a great place to live with neighbors always willing to help one another.

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Willow Ridge Garden Club

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Mira Knoble

Publicity Chairman 693-8666

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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Electronics: Canon Power Shot A520 Digital Camera, 4.0 Mega Pixels, 4X optical zoom, 16 M SD Mult Media Card, extra 256 MB Card, hardly used, original box with instructions in English and Spanish, interface cable, AV Cable AVC-DC300, \$75.00. 691-3630

Furniture: White day bed frame, 6 drawer white wicker dresser, hanging wicker lamp, standing wicker lamp, triangular corner stand (6ft. tall) wicker mirror and wicker 2-tiered night stand. Whole set, \$450.00. 603-4409.

Furniture: Wing-back chair (wicker sides), gold upholstery, \$40.00; solid rock-maple round occasional chair with beautiful features in perfect condition, \$85.00; Beautiful needlepoint footstool, \$35.00; all wood removable tray tea cart from the early '50's, \$50.00; Small oblong mahogany table with metal tips, \$30.00, Various pieces of cut glass items. 691-3599

Furniture: Rocker glider and matching glider ottoman. High

back with slight curve, large, comfortable, light oak frame, cushions are country blue color with small beige pattern, excellent condition, \$100. 691-7887

Home: Two and one half year old ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2 bath on cul-de-sac in Applridge. Many upgrades: granite countertops, 2 car garage, gas burning fireplace and central air. 94 Hubbardston Place. 716/628-2750

Household: Vintage gold mirrored curio shelf, 32H x 44W; 2 sets

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Amherst Museum

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Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

April 11; 7 p.m.: Clock Restoration Lecture. The second in Amherst Museum's annual lecture series presented by members of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors on Tower Clock restoration. Admission is \$3 (Museum Members Free)

April 17– May 13: Spring Members' Exhibit of the Fine Art League of Buffalo. Includes over 75 juried paintings and drawings in a variety of media by members of the League, an association of professional adult artists. Admission is \$5/Adults, \$1.50 Children, Museum Members Free."

April 21; 9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.: Annual Maple Festival and Pancake Brunch. Celebrate the beginning of Spring! Visitors can tour the historic buildings where costumed interpreters will share the experience of 19th century life in WNY. A hearty breakfast of all-you-can-eat pancakes sausage, real maple syrup and beverages will be served by the Williamsville Lions Club. Proceeds from breakfast and basket auction benefit Lions Club Charities. Learn about sugaring processes and history from Nature Ed-Ventures, and purchase real maple products from Merle Maple and honey from Hens Honey Bee Farm. School-age children can enjoy creating crafts with a maple theme. Pre-sale admission is \$10/adults, \$8/children.

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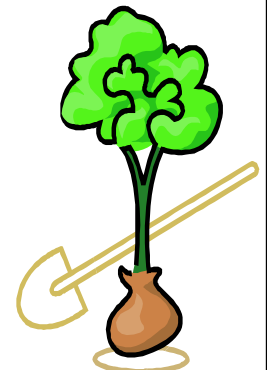
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**Thank you to all the members of the United States Armed Forces
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Somehow all of a sudden I became insulated from the present war in Iraq and the many other conflicts that the members of the United States Armed forces are facing. We go through our daily lives and are constantly bombarded with media concerning the events, yet it doesn't seem to sink in. That indifference of a sort was broken this past month when on the way to work one morning I noticed that all of the trees on Sweetwood North were decorated with the traditional yellow "welcome home" bow. A banner was hung over the street saying "Welcome Home, Joe." At that instant the war came home in but a small way. Someone that lives around the corner wouldn't have to keep spending those sleepless nights wondering if their loved one was safe or if they were going to make it home. "Someone around the corner" who protects the freedom and values that we sometimes take for granted made it home and was now back with his family, safe and sound. At that moment I was reminded of the sacrifice so many families make by having their loved ones in the military. This is just a small thanks to "Joe" and all the other members of our community that serve so that we may remain free. Welcome home, Joe! - Don, Sue, Teal Winkle and Kody Gailie

A big welcome home to Josh Feldman of 41 Willow Green Drive. Josh served a one year tour of duty in Iraq last year. Sincere thanks for your service and sacrifice for our country. And to Amy, Justin and Cole, thank you for your sacrifices here at home!

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. Remember, if you are opening for the sale, it is very important that you provide your own signs to direct customers to your house. We will have community maps available again.

Start sorting through your stuff—I am! What we are doing with this sale is recycling, and that helps our environment!

—Helene Motyka,

Garage Sale Chairperson 691-8682