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WRCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Summer recess

7:30 p.m. Fire Hall All Welcome

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From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors:

Wow, school is out and the 4th of July is over. Where does the time go? Our next big event is just around the corner. July 28, starting at 4 p.m. is the 2nd Annual Summer Picnic at Bedford. We will provide grills, hot dogs and picnic tables. Bring your friends and neighbors! It's a nice chance to enjoy a summer night in our neighborhood!

Also, August 7 is National Night Out and Gary Roussie has been working hard to ensure another great event. There will be a bike parade, Amherst Police K-9 Unit, Border Patrol Helicopter and much more. This is another great chance to meet your neighbors and enjoy the festivities.

Finally, the Board has approved Classics acquiring of the "paper street" behind their restaurant. The area is currently being used for parking and no further changes are being made. This area has been paved and used for years as a parking area and is being grandfathered in. We remain steadfast in our opposition to any further development in this natural buffer zone!

Hope to see you soon,

Jim Prentice

Willow Ridge Dollars for Scholars Winners

Congratulations to Victoria Henry and Derek Mittlefehloff, who are 2007 Dollars for Scholars winners. The awards are given by the WRCA in memory of Past President David Lambe.

WRCA Second Annual Summer Picnic!

July 28 at 4 p.m. Bedford Park

Come one come all to our second annual summer picnic at Bedford Park. Bring your own snacks and beverages, and will provide the hot dogs. Then relax and enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors. Summer's too short so, come relax and let's relish our great weather together before the snow flies again!

Willow Ridge Garden Club

On July 11, the Willow Ridge Garden Club will meet at the home of Virginia Winter, 58 Willow Lane, Amherst at 6:00 p.m. to tour area gardens. Members will return to Mrs. Winter's home for refreshments. For information please call Joan at 691-8397 or Mira at 693-8666.

-Mira Knoble

Publicity Chairman, 693-8666

Neighborhood News



Sympathy

The residents of Edgewater Drive would like to extend their deepest sympathy to long time Willow Ridge resident Ruth Reif in the passing of her husband, Bob. Ruth and Bob moved to Willow Ridge 43 years ago. Their house was the third one built on Edgewater. Ruth and Bob have one son, Karl-Eric, three step grandchildren and six step great grandchildren. Over their 57 years together they raised ten boxer dogs. Bubba and Becka are the two newest boxers. Everyone on our block knows who Bubba and Becka's parents are. The sight of Bob and Ruth walking Bubba and Becka together will be missed greatly.

Friends and neighbors of North Brier would like to send their sincere condolences to the Jasen/Cabana family on the sudden passing of Mark Jasen Sr. on May 23, father of Mark Jasen Jr. Mark Sr. lived at 96 N. Brier with Mark and Kerri, and their daughters Morgan and Olivia Cabana, and Amelia Jasen. We offer our prayers and sympathies that the very many special memories spent with Mark Sr. will bring you comfort and peace. We will miss his presence, especially of him watching over his "best friend" Amelia. Kerri Jasen is our Willow Ridge Civic Association Membership Coordinator.

Get Well

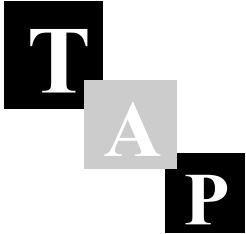
Friends and neighbors of North Brier welcome Tim Frawley, of 89 North Brier, home from a brief hospital stay as well as a speedy recovery. We offer our support to his wife, Theresa, and their three children, Benjamin, Megan, and Carolyn.

Don Rhodes was hospitalized at Millard Fillmore Hospital briefly in the month of June but his friends and neighbors on North Brier are very glad that he is home again. We are so happy that he is feeling better! How nice to see him out doing his gardening again!

Farewell

In June Russ and Carrie DeLuca and their family moved from 114 North Brier Road. They will be missed by their neighbors and friends. We wish them many years of happiness in their new home on Black Spruce Court in our community.

Neighbors and friends on Willow Green Drive wish a fond farewell to Jerry and Carolyn Armstrong, long-time residents of Willow Ridge. They're moving to East Amherst in August. Lots of luck and happiness in your new home. We will miss you!



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Welcome

Neighbors on Willow Green Drive would like to extend a warm welcome to Salim and Dianne Elmedawar who recently moved in at 36 Willow Green Drive from Buffalo. Salim works as an architect and Dianne is a teacher, currently staying home to care for their 17 month old daughter, Katherine, and expecting their next child. We wish your family the very best in your new home! Salim and Dianne can be reached at 691-6319.

Willow Ridge neighbors wish to congratulate Bill and Michelle Kelleher of 119 Willow Green Drive on the birth several months ago of their son, Nathan. Baby Nathan had quite a welcoming committee from his other siblings, Sydney, Emily, Autumn and Brendan. We wish you all much, much joy!

Neighbors on Black Spruce Court wish to extend a warm welcome to Russ and Carrie DeLuca, who recently moved to 25 Black Spruce Court from North Brier Road. They are long time Willow Ridge residents. The DeLucas have five children: Britany, 17; Olivia, 9; Julianna, 7; Isabella, 4; and Luciano, 2. Russ works for C & D Technologies out of Blue Bell, Pa and Carrie is a stay at home mom. We wish the DeLucas much happiness in their new home.

Congratulations

Congratulations to longtime resident, member and current vice-president of the WRCA, Bob Foladare, who has been endorsed by the Amherst Democratic Committee as a candidate for town council. Bob has put in countless hours at town meetings and with phone calls on behalf of the WRCA as our watchdog over the Chestnut Ridge construction, the condition of Willow Ridge Drive, our park, and many other issues relevant to the well-being of our community. Best wishes and good luck, Bob!

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WRCA Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. In attendance were President Jim Prentice, Vice President Bob Folandare, Clayton Cobb, Joe Battaglia, Pat Land, Bill Pujolas, John Radens and Neil Cuomo. National Night Out leader Gary Roussie also was present. In the gallery were Jack and Lee Baker. Daniel and Lisa May from Classics were present and Mark Butler also joined the group to discuss fundraising.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The minutes from the May 8th meeting were reviewed and discussed. Joe Battaglia made a motion to accept the minutes. A second was made by Pat Land and the board approved the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No treasurer's report was available for review due to Ed Geotz being out of town.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

President Jim Prentice reported that there have been complaints regarding 198 Parkhaven. Many residents are concerned over the ill kept landscaping that causes not only an eyesore but possible sanitation and safety hazards. Joe Battaglia has offered to contact the realtor to see if they will take responsibility. Neil Cuomo will also send a letter to the owner to communicate our concern over the property. It is possible that the town will maintain the property and bill the property owner.

Jim also presented that the tree damaged by the October storm near the lift station still has not been cleaned up. The board is still unclear who is actually responsible for the property. It was raised that the responsible party may be the property owner of the house next to the station. WRCA will contact MJ Peterson on the matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership (Kerri Jasen)

No updated membership report was available at this time.

Octoberfest (Clayton Cobb)

Octoberfest will be on October 20 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

National Night Out (Gary Roussie)

Gary gave information on the upcoming National Night Out scheduled for August 7. He reported that the permits needed for the event have been obtained. He also made the board aware that the portable band shell would not be available to us this year due to town scheduling conflicts. He did reassure the board that it would not hinder the scheduled entertainment (Doc Rock). Gary also shared that Anderson's will be donating all the ice cream for the event. The board would like to thank Holly Anderson and her company for the yummy donation. Target has also showed interest in being more involved this year financially. Also involved will be the Amherst police, Secret Service Child ID Program, Girl Scouts Hot Dog

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OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Bob Folandare reported that correspondence has been received concerning the final stages of the American Campus housing project settlement. The board will continue to review the matter monthly until all stipulations have been met.

Bob also communicated that the town has appropriated funds for a generator for the lift station. He also revealed that due to the channels this must follow, that the project would most likely not be completed until the fall of 2009.

Plaques for the Dollars for Scholars winners funded by the WRCA were reviewed. Congratulations to the winners Victoria Henry and Derek Mittlefehloff. The awards are given in memory of David Lambe, past WRCA president and will presented on June 21.

NEW BUSINESS

Neil Cuomo presented the idea of the second annual summer picnic. A date has been set for July 28. The event will take place in Bedford Park and will be a "bring your own food and beverages." Come out and get to know more people in the neighborhood.

Mark Butler presented the format for the upcoming fundraiser. The wine tasting event will probably take place the Friday before Thanksgiving. Mr. Butler said there would be 50 or 60 wine choices. The WRCA discussed the event with Classics, who would most likely host the event. Music and food would also be in the plan.

A discussion ensued over the format of the newsletter and its purpose for our community. The board decided to table the discussion until September.

An indirect report was given regarding the weak turnout for the annual garage sale. Many suggestions were made on how to revitalize the event. The board also agreed to table this matter until they reconvene in the fall.

Neil Cuomo brought forth an idea to have a backyard landscaping and garden contest. Details will follow when a final decision has been made.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Daniel and Lisa May asked the board for approval to maintain their present paved area behind the complex on Niagara Falls Blvd. It had come to the attention of the town that the paved area was overlapping the paper street that runs behind their property. The board agreed that the paved area had been there for a long time and no new projects were being planned for the area. The board will give notice to the town that we have no issues with the property.

ADJOURN

No further business being at hand, a motion was made by Clayton Cobb to adjourn and a second was brought forth by Pat Land. The board adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Clayton Cobb
Secretary

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes

Thanks to all who opened their wallets and hearts to sponsor those who participated in Sunday, May 20th JDRF Walk. "Calla's Crusaders" raised a phenomenal \$3000.00 cheerfully marching on the bike path on that wind-whipped, rainy Sunday afternoon.

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

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SOME NOT RECEIVING THEIR NEWSLETTER IN TIME
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Willow Ridge Salutes the Graduating Class of 2007

University of Kansas Graduates

Congratulations to Tom Holovics and his wife, Heidi, who both received their Ph.D in Chemistry from the University of Kansas. Tom is the son of Dave and Connie Holovics of 231 Denrose Drive. Both are interviewing for jobs in St. Louis, Tom as Chemistry professor and Heidi plans to work in chemical research.

We are so proud of you both for all the hard work and dedication. Love, Mom, Dad, and the rest of the family.

John Carroll University Graduate

Megan Sommer, daughter of Bob and Jackie Sommer of 55 Roundwood Ct. has graduated from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and a minor in Political Science, While at JCU, Megan was on the Student Union Programming Board, chess club and soccer club. She was a teaching assistant in Experimental Design Psychology. Megan presented her research paper on hiring practices at an Interdisciplinary Conference for Behavioral Sciences and she also assisted college professors in their research. *Megan, we are proud of you and your perseverance in reaching your goals. We wish the best for you always. Love, Mom, Dad, Molly, Kristin and Matt*

Sweet Home Graduates

Congratulations to Rachel McNess of 62 Manor Oak Drive who is a 2007 graduate of Sweet Home High School. She is enrolled in the Dietetic Program/Masters Degree at D'Youville College in the fall.

Rachel, we are so proud of you and all your many, many accomplishments. We love you very much and know you have a very bright and successful future. Love, Mom, Dad, Ian and

Do you have a 2007 Graduate? Why not spread your joy to your Willow Ridge neighbors! Submit your announcement for the summer issues of the WITW. Include name and address of graduate, name of school or college, and if desired, accomplishments and goals for the future. Then, don't forget to write a personal message from yourself and the family to your graduate. Submit by July 13 for guaranteed publication in the July issue, to wiweditor@gmail.com or 221 North Brier (porch box).

A Very Special Thank You

The Sommer Family on Roundwood Ct. would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our neighbors and the Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Co. for their help in putting out a recent fire at our home. We are so blessed to have such wonderful, caring neighbors. We learned firsthand how much we appreciate our firefighters. Willow Ridge is really a great place to live!

Justin

Jamie C. Farrell, daughter of Jim and Peggy Farrell, 351 Denrose Drive, graduated from Sweet Home High School. She ranked 8 out of 290 and is a member of the National Honor Society. She was honored in *Business First* and received the Williams College Book award. Jamie was captain of the Varsity Gymnastics team and named MVP. At sectionals she placed 10th on the floor exercise. She also won the Colleen Fatta Memorial Scholarship. Jamie is off to the "Big Apple" to attend New York University. *Jamie—You have worked so hard and deserve to go to your dream college!*

Love, M & D

Matthew Sommer, son of Bob and Jackie Sommer of 55 Roundwood Ct. has graduated from Sweet Home High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society and in the top 5% of his class. In high school, he participated in varsity soccer, varsity tennis, chess club and was a member of the year book staff. Outside of school, he was a member of Amherst YES and a Boy Scout for 11 years, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduates with a Regents diploma with advanced designation with honors. He will attend UB in the fall and plans to major in Accounting and Finance.

Matt—Great Job! We are proud of you and wish you the best in college. We're always here for you. Love, Mom, Dad, Molly, Megan and Kristin

Sean Burns, son of Neil and Patti Burns of Manor Oak Drive, has graduated from Sweet Home High School, class of 2007. Sean will be attending SUNY Fredonia in the fall. *Congratulations, Sean, we are so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad, Chris and McGwire.*



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Great Strides for Cystic Fibrosis

Thank you to all our friends and neighbors who contributed to Great Strides-a Walk for research for a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. Victoria Winter, our son Stephen's daughter who lives in South Carolina, is 10 years old. The research in treatments and for a cure is very promising, so we can look forward to a long, happy, healthy life for our granddaughter. Over the last few years we've collected over \$3,000 (\$315-2007). Please continue to support this cause. It's greatly appreciated. Virginia and Frank Winter

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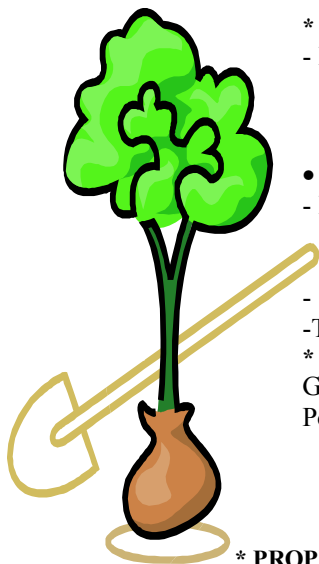
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June 10– August 5—Cultural Diversity Exhibit - Representatives of various groups in the Amherst area have created an exhibit of clothing and other items unique to their culture. Admission is \$5/ Adults; \$1.50/Children; Free/Museum Members. Admission includes all current exhibits, grounds and historic buildings.

July 7 (Noon—5 p.m.) - Don Davis Car Show—Custom, antique, and classic cars, trucks, and fire trucks. Features a variety of food and current Museum exhibits. Live entertainment provided by disc jockey, Nancy J. Participation is open to anyone wishing to register a pre-1980 vehicle for a fee of \$15., which includes a dinner for two. Registrations will also be accepted at the gate the day of the show. Call Mark Davis at 691-7800 to register a vehicle. Awards for the best cars in several categories will be given at 5 p.m. Proceeds will underwrite the exhibits and collections of the Amherst Museum. Admission for spectators is free for adults and children. THIS EVENT WILL PRESENT MANY PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES.

July 14 (2pm) — “The Sari” Lecture: Exploring traditional women’s dress of India reflecting centuries of cultural influences, climatic conditions, geographical locations, trade and local folklore. Also an exploration of Indian traditions, crafts, and the art of henna painting. Admission is \$3; Free for Museum Members.

July 23—July 27—Discovery School Day Camp: Children ages 8-12 will delve into the fascinating fun world of Geology: Rocks and Soil and explore stone fences, slate roofs, jewelry, salt, lime-

stone, flint knapping, glass, metals, minerals and more. Kids also enjoy crafts, cooking, creative writing, speakers and a field trip, all exploring the topic of Geology. Day Camp activities run from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. each day. Tuition is \$125; members and multiple children from the same family receive a discount.

July 21,22,28,29 and August 4— Annual Blacksmith School: Intended for absolute beginners over 18 years of age. Classes kept to a maximum of 8 students. Learn basic skills of building and managing coal-fired and gas forges, tool making, forge welding, and other techniques of blacksmithing. Students will go home with projects and tools made in class. For registration and information, call Jean at 689-1440.

August 5—Blacksmith Hammer-In: Blacksmith school (see above) ends with the Blacksmith Hammer-In. Students will have the opportunity to show off their new skills, and visitors will see demonstrations of a variety of blacksmithing techniques and meet the blacksmiths.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2007

The Willow Ridge Civic Association will again sponsor National Night Out activities on **Tuesday, August 7**. The event begins with a grand bicycle parade through the Willow Ridge Community that forms at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 6 p.m. (Please see route map). Children are encouraged to decorate their bikes. Activities, games, and prizes for the children will begin at the Willow Ridge School at 7 p.m. We will be providing live entertainment featuring Doc Rock. FREE Ice Cream courtesy of Anderson's and pinwheels and candy from Target. Target store security demonstration. Plus a booth for child identification cards and free gun locks from the Amherst PD. There will be a bounce house. The police helicopter even may make an appearance. Girl Scout Troop 988 will be selling their hot dogs to keep you well fed. Please join your neighbors once again for this wonderful and worthwhile mid-summer event. National Night Out is a national program for the safety and crime awareness designed to bring neighborhoods together to promote crime prevention and home security.

