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# Willow Ridge Civic Association

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#### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

October 9, 2007 7:30 p.m Fire Hall All Welcome!

- **DEADLINE FOR THE Novem**ber WITW is October 12
- Classified (page 6)
- Octoberfest (page 8)
- Halloween Party (page 8)

### From the Presidents Desk **Hello Neighbors:**

The Willow Ridge Civic Association has been a non-political organization. We have banded together to preserve our neighborhood and way of life. We are a neighborhood of over 900 families and, when united, we have a very loud voice. A lot of influential people live here and we carry a lot of clout. I believe it is time to use it.

One of our neighbors, Bob Foladare, is running for Town Board. Let's give him our support and make a difference! It sure would be nice to have a voice in town government. Please remember to vote and let our voice be heard!

Finally, just a reminder; Octoberfest is Saturday, October 20, 8:00 p.m. -1:00 a.m. Tickets are just \$10/person which includes beer and wine. Just bring your snacks and friends and we'll have a great time.

Hope to see you there!

Jim Prentice

#### ANNUAL DESIGN A COVER CONTEST FOR THE 2008 WILLOW RIDGE DIRECTORY

With the success of last year's contest, WRCA will be holding the design contest for the cover of the 2008 Willow Ridge Directory for all Willow Ridge members between the ages of 9—15. All entries must be hand drawn (not a computer image) on paper the size of the directory (vertical 8.5" x horizontal 5") to avoid distortion when producing actual cover. No names on the drawings please. All drawings must be submitted along with the entry form below. No staples please. All drawings must contain at least one willow tree and be in color.

Judging will be done in three age categories: 9-10, 11-12, and 13-15. There will be a champion in each age category, and will be published in the March issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. The cover winner will be chosen

from those three and will have their drawing published in full color on the cover of the 2008 directory along with their name inside. The first place winner will receive a \$50.00 Walmart gift card and second and third places will receive a \$25.00 Walmart gift card. Winning entries will be based on originality, creativity, and community spirit.

See right for entry form. Rules, judging information, submission information and deadline date are on page 3. Enjoy, have fun and good luck!

2008 WILLOW RIDGE DIRECTORY COVER CONTEST ENTRY FORM
Name
Address
Phone
Age Rules found on Page 3

#### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



#### Welcome

Neighbors on North Brier would like to extend a hearty welcome to Francois Tardif, Pascale Plamondon and their daughter, Ariane, who moved into 96 North Brier in July. Our new family comes to us from Quebec, Canada. Francois is a program analyst for the Sorrento Cheese Company and Pascale is a graduate student at UB. Little Ariane is a lovely, energetic 2 1/2 year old. We do hope that they will enjoy living in the Willow Ridge community.

Welcome to Robert and Gail Kearney, now living at 726 Kaymar Drive. They have two daughters: Katy, 8; and Claire, 6. Formerly from the Amherst area, Robert and Gail moved to Chicago and now are happy to be back here in Willow Ridge. They can be reached at 691-5491.

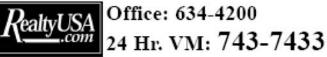
Neighbors welcome Tom and Kristen Brill to 734 Kaymar Drive along with their two daughters: Jacqueline, 19 and Kaitlin, 6. Tom and Kristen are formerly from the Parkview area. They and can be reached at 691-3715. Best wishes in your new home!

Neighbors on Chestnut Ridge Road would like to extend a warm welcome to Maria Arvaniti who recently moved in at 1120 Chestnut Ridge Road from the Versailles Apartments in Amherst. Maria works for the Bank of America nd has twin boys, Tellys and Elias, who are 8 years old. Maria and her sons can be reached at 444-1256. We wish them much happiness in their new home.











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# Lend a Hand: Be a WRCA Head Reporter or Block Rep!

Please consider volunteering – Be a champion of our neighborhood civic association! Call Kerri Jasen, WRCA Membership Coordinator, at 691-2472 if you are interested or want to learn more about being a WRCA Head Reporter or Block Rep. *You do not need to reside on a block or live in an area that you represent.* 

In need of <u>Block Rep</u> support for the following areas: Willow Lane 61-102

Most blocks of Kaymar between 190 and 487
Edgewater 693-730
Most of South Ellicott Creek
In need of Head Reporters for the following areas:
Kaymar (south end) area
Dalewood/Edgewater area
South Ellicott Creek area
Sweetwood

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## Parkview Basketball League

Runs from November to April For all boys and girls in grades 3-9

Grades 7-9 on Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 pm Grades 3-6 on Thursday nights from 6:00-8:00 pm

Registration for 7-9 on Wednesday Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 2007 Registration for 3-6 on Thursday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 At 6:00 PM

At Dexter Terrace School (space fills quickly, limited enrollment)

Cost: \$25.00 **CASH ONLY**Price includes T-shirt, pizza party and trophy.

For more information contact: Robert Foladare 691-7272 EVERYONE PLAYS OPEN TO EVERYONE

#### **DESIGN A COVER CONTEST**

#### RULES:

- \*All Willow Ridge Civic Association members between the ages of 9—15 are eligible.
- \*All entries must have this form enclosed with the drawing—DO NOT STAPLE—NO NAMES ON DRAWINGS PLEASE.
- \*Drawing must be hand drawn (not a computer image) and in color.
- \* Drawing must be on paper the size of the directory (vertical 8.5" x horizontal 5") to avoid distortion when producing actual cover. (NO NAMES ON DRAWING PLEASE)
- \*All drawings MUST contain at least on (1) willow tree to represent Willow Ridge.

#### JUDGING /WINNERS

- \*Winning entries will be judged on originality, creativity and community spirit.
- \*When entries are received, the entry form and drawing will receive corresponding numbers for judging purposes only.
- \* There will be three age categories as follows: 9-10; 11-12. 13-15. These winners will be published in the March issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*.
- \* A winner from those three champions will be chosen for the 2008 WRCA Community Directory. This winner will receive a \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift card and their drawing in full color on the directory cover for 2008, along with their name inside the directory. Second and third places will receive a \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift card along with their own complimentary copy of the directory.
- \* Judging will be done by three people associated with our community (yet to be determined).

#### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

\*Entry forms and drawings can be dropped off in the box in front of 80 Sweetwood North Drive. Deadline for submission is December 15, 2007. HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK!!!

### School News OCTOBER 2007





- 1 PTO Mtg. 7pm, MS
- 3 College & Scholarship Info Night, 7pm, HS
- 4 PTSA Mtg. 7pm, HS Library
- 5 Influenza Vaccine Clinic, 2-6pm, NVCC Emergency Evacuation Drills/Early Dismissal
- 6 SAT I & II, 7:45am, HS
- 8 COLUMBUS DAY; NO SCHOOL K-12
- 9 BOE/Service Employee Open Forum, 5pm, HS Library; BOE Study Session, 7pm, NVCC; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm, HS; PTO Mtg. 7pm, WR Health & Wellness Committee Mtg. 3:30pm,
- NVCC; School Picture Day, WR 13 PLAN Test, 7:45am HS
- 16 BOE Mtg. 7pm, NVCC; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm, HS; Book Fair, 10/16-10/18, MS
- 17 Dollars for Scholars Mtg, 8am,DO; District Health & Safety Committee Mtg, 6pm, DO; Foreign Language Honor Society Inductions, 7pm; Open House, 7pm, MS
- 18 Picture Make-up Day, HS
- 20 PSAT, 7:45am, HS; PTSA Craft Fair, 10am-4pm, HS
- 23 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm, HS



WNY College Fair, 8am, HS

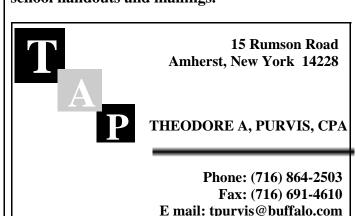
24 FBLA Inductions, 6pm, HS

26 Variety Show, 7:30pm, HS; Activity Night, 6:30-8:30pm, MS; Fall Festival Dance & Book Fair, 6:30-8:30pm, WR



27 ACT, 7:45am, HS

30 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm, HS Note: "School News" is taken from the District Calendar. Events subject to change. Please read school handouts and mailings.



### Thanks from the WRCA David Lambe Scholarship Winners

The following are letters sent to Bob Foladare Scholarship Chairman and the WRCA Board:

Dear Mr. Foladare,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Willow Ridge Civic Association Board for selecting me to be the winner of the Willow Ridge Civic Association Scholarship Award. I am very grateful that you have selected me for such a great award. My sister was a classmate of Emily Lambe at the time of her father's passing away. Our whole family was deeply saddened as Mr. Lambe was a nice man. This award, being in his memory, is especially meaningful. I fondly remember the fun activities that I participated in while growing up in Willow Ridge, like the Night Out parade. I will use this money to help pay for my minimum deposit entrance fee into the Coast Guard Academy. Again, it is a great honor to be selected as the winner of this award, and I appreciate all the time and effort you put into making this award possible. Thank you. Sincerely,

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Derek Mittlefehldt

Dear Mr. Foladare,

Right now I am just beginning to understand that my time at Sweet Home has ended and that I will soon be a college student at Daemen College, entering into the Physician Assistant program. But now as I begin to plan for that part of my life I think of you. Unfortunately I cannot find the words to describe how thankful I am that you chose me to be a recipient of your scholarship, the Willow Ridge Civic Association Scholarship. Your thought and consideration means so much to me! Thank you so much again for your support.

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Did you know that Willow Ridge has its own web page? Go to www.wrca.info to discover the Willow Ridge Civic Association web page. Explore the interesting components of **Events**, *Wind-in-the-Willows*, **Photo Gallery**, and **Consumer Discounts**. Check on **Links** to discover associated organizations. Upload, for posting your photograph of neighborhood events. Click on the **Registration** link to submit your e-mail address to receive advanced copies of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* and notices of special events and important meetings affecting our neighborhoodl. Get involved with your Civic Association through the WRCA Web Page. www.wrca.info

# **WRCA Meeting Minutes** Meeting September 11, 2007

The WRCA board reconvened after its summer break. A call to order was made by Jim Prentice at 7:35 pm. In attendance were Jim Prentice, Bob Foladare, Ed Goetz, Clayton Cobb, Cam Hill (past president), Pat Land, Bill Pujolas, Kerri Jasen, Jill Hagan and Joe Battaglia. In the gallery were Ben Procopio, John Cowden, Neil Cuomo, Gary Roussie, Jack Baker, Lee Baker, Rick and Debby VonLangen.

The secretary's minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes by Bob Foladare and a second was made by Ed Goetz, followed by a board approval.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer's report was brought forth by Treasurer Ed Goetz. Ed reported that membership income collected had exceeded last year. He also communicated that there is still some uncollected income from directory ads that will hit this month's balance sheet. Ed stated that all expenses for WRCA summer activities had been met and the overall fiscal strength of the WRCA was strong. A motion was made by Bob Foladare to accept the report followed by a second from Pat Land. The board voted to accept the report.

#### **President's Report:**

WRCA's president, Jim Prentice reported that he had not received any new correspondence in recent weeks. He did have Bob Foladare share the thank you letters from the recipients of the WRCA scholarships this year. Jim lead a brief discussion on reorganizing services that the WRCA provides and a decision was made to have a summit on the matter following the board meeting.

#### **Membership Report:**

Membership director Kerri Jasen reported that 862 households had become members or renewed WRCA membership this year and that membership was up from the goal. Kerri also stated that there are a few needs at the block rep. and head reporter position. Kerri communicated that she is working on a stronger line of communication for all concerned with the membership drive process therefore making it more efficient and resident friendly.

#### **Old Business:**

Bob Foladare gave his report on the final dealings with American Campus. He stated that the funds promised to the WRCA and the other associations involved will soon be awarded.

#### **New Business:**

President Jim Prentice expanded on the earlier discus-(Continued on page 6)

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I would ask that if you know anything regarding this situation, please ask the person to "do the right thing" and return what they have taken. NO OUESTIONS ASKED. They know where we live obviously, since the wallet found its way back, nearly empty.

Sue Knoll 691-5405

#### 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.

#### FOR SALE

**Appliances:** Snowblower, 28" powerful, Crary Bear Cat, impeller powered, gear driven, very few miles, \$500.00. 564-6364

**Appliances:** New (3 months) Nutone Whispeare ductless range hood; various speed dial fan and 2 position light, almond, \$50.00. Paid \$109.00. \* Sharp microwave with carousal, almond, works well, \$20.00. 691-8277

**Electronics:** Two calculators, TI –83 plus, great for high school or college students, \$150. ea. or b/o. 691-6906

**Furniture:** Dining room table and hutch, 3 years old, Ashley Furniture Millennium Collection. Table is 44" wide—77" long (105" with leaf!). Beautiful French country style.

Hutch is 5' wide and 21" deep, wood base with open shelving of wood and wrought iron. \$1000.00 for both. 691-6906

**Furniture:** Rattan furniture with indoor/outdoor cushions, rocker chair, love seat, couch, coffee table and one end table. Very good condition, \$300.00 or b/o. \* Rattan glass round table with 4 chairs, \$30.00. 564-6364

**Home**: For sale by owner: 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with central air and fireplace. Call for appointment. 691-9686

**Home:** 5 bdr colonial, spacious, in ground pool, updates, cul-de-sac, \$209,900. 691-5974 **Sports and Fitness:** Weight equipment: exercise bike, Airgometer, \$50.00. \* Nordicflex weight machine, \$200.00. 564-1334

#### FOR RENT

**Condo:** THE NATIVE SUN RESORT in Lauderdale by the Sea, Florida. One bedroom, 2 baths, sleeps up to 6, full kitchen, patio, maid service. On the beach, heated pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, gas grills, laundry, singles tennis court, putting green, shuffleboard on site. April 5-12, 2008. \$1000.00. 691-9195

#### WANTED

**Childcare:** In my Edgewater home 1 day per week for 3 children. One in school full time, 6 years old; one pre-school, 4 years old (must be able to drive back and forth to Willow Ridge Elementary), and 1 1/2 year old. Call Jennifer @ 691-4420 evenings for more details.

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sion regarding streamlining WRCA services. These areas included the newsletter, directory, membership drive and other activities.

Clayton Cobb reported that the upcoming Octoberfest event is set for October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ellicott Creek fire hall. The times are 8 pm till 1 am for \$10.00 per person. The \$10.00 will provide draft beer and wine. Dance music will be provided by a DJ. Party goers can bring snacks and tables can be reserved for parties of 8 to 10 people. Door prizes will also be given away. Clayton stated that tickets are available by calling him at 564-0500.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Junior Recreation: John Cowden gave a report on the upcoming Halloween party to be held at the Willow Ridge School on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Check the newsletter for time and details.

A motion was made by Bill Pujolas to bring the meeting to a close. A second was delivered by Bob Foladare and the first meeting of the year ended at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Clayton Cobb

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Your Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company will be celebrating Fire Prevention Week with an Open House from 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. \*You can spray a real fire hose or get on the trucks and check them out.

- \* How about practicing your aim during the fire extinguisher demonstration?
- \* Crawl through a smoke-filled maze.
- \* Use a Thermal Imager to look where your eyes cannot see.
- \* We will extinguish a burning car while you watch.
- \* Cut a car away from a victim of an automobile collision.
- \* Learn how the Underwater Search & Rescue Team performs during a live rescue operation.

#### Amherst Museum

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689-1440 www.amherstmuseum.org

Tuesday—Friday, 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Saturday—Sunday, 12:30—4:30 p.m.

October 10, 7 pm. Eye Spy: Identifying Victorian Furniture Lecture: A local antique dealer will discuss what to look for in Victorian Furniture, including dating techniques, and clues to the history of a piece and its manufacturer. Admission: \$3.00; Museum Members: Free.

October 13 and 14, 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Doors Open Niagara: All of Amherst Museum's historic buildings and its indoor exhibit building will be open to the public free of charge each day of the event. More than 100 sites will open their doors, with 35,000 visitors expected to take advantage of free admission to many sites, including some not normally open to the public. Tours will be offered of the Anscombe Storage Building which houses a collection of artifacts and textiles. Doors open sites include elegant residences and inns, churches with magnificent stained glass windows, Industrial Age factories, municipal buildings, museums, schoolhouses, and sites that played a role in the Underground Railroad and much, much more.

October 26—27. Halloween Trick or Treat: Children ages 3-10 will trick or treat at the Museum's gently spooky, historic buildings. Each of the buildings will be decorated, but not

frightening, for Halloween. Costumed volunteers will hand out candy and prizes to the children as they follow the route around the grounds. Children and their parents will finish trick-ortreating with refreshments. Tickets sell out quickly. Admission: \$3.00 for adults; \$7.00 for children. Reservations required. Call 689-1440 for information and tickets. (Outstanding photo opportunity—High quality digital photographs are available.)

#### November 7, 7 p.m. Music that Made the Twenties Roar American Music and Culture in the Jazz Age

**Lecture:** Lecture given by Dr. Reid Badger and sponsored by New York State Council for the Humanities. Beginning with an analysis of James P. Johnson's "Charleston," the emergence, diffusion, and musical character of jazz will be illustrated using historic recordings by major jazz figures like Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington and by jazz-influenced composers like Jerome Kern, Aaron Copland, and George Gershwin. Lecture is open to the public. Admission: Free.

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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# HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 27
10—Noon
Willow Ridge Elementary

Our annual children's party will be spooktacular! Games, prizes pumpkins, refreshments! Wear your costume...if you dare! New neighbors welcome! All activities are

free! Questions?

Call John Cowden, 564-27.89