

# Wind-in-the-Willows

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WRCA

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 11, 2007

7:30 p.m Fire Hall

All Welcome!

- **DEADLINE FOR THE January WITW is December 11**
- **Holiday Card Del. (page 8)**
- **WRCA Renew EARLY and save \$ (page 6)**

### From the Presidents Desk

#### Hello Neighbors:

Wow! As I write this letter, there is snow on the ground. Thanksgiving has come and gone. It is December and the holidays are approaching.

Here are a couple of reminders for this busy time of year. First is the holiday lighting competition. It will be conducted on the weekend of December 15 and 16. Please have your lights completed and turned on this weekend. The judges will be going around and taking pictures, and the winners will receive Home Depot gift certificates and bragging rights on the block. The pictures will be posted on our website for all to see, so break out the ladders and good luck to all!

Second, just a reminder that the cub scouts will be delivering Christmas cards in the neighborhood. They will deliver your cards to your friends and neighbors in Willow Ridge. Just check inside the newsletter for the dates.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season. Be safe and enjoy!

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 7—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: 7-10, 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 can be found on the website.

**2008 WILLOW RIDGE DIRECTORY  
COVER CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full contest rules and  
advertising information for the  
Directory can be found on our  
website- [www.wrca.info](http://www.wrca.info)**



**Sympathy**

Friends and neighbors on Rumson Road have said good-bye to two long time residents. Julie Kelly and Carole Telesco passed away earlier this year. Julie and her late husband, Ray, were original "Willow Ridgers" and lived at 23 Rumson. Carole and her late husband, Chuck, lived at 54 Rumson for over 25 years. Our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

**Welcome**

A hearty welcome Tina Telesco, daughter of the late Carole and Chuck Telesco, returning to her family home at 54 Rumson. We wish her much happiness! Tina can be reached at 907-0946.

We would like to welcome Linda and Jim Steinborn to 23 Rumson. Coming to us from Tonawanda, they have three adult children and eight grandchildren. This includes identical twin grandsons born October 2, 2007! The Steinborns can be reached at 691-7343.

Neighbors on Jeanmoor Road would like to welcome three new families to the street: Craig and Tracy Carson at #67 are both Wheatfield teachers who were just married, sharing a fondness for dogs and church.

Then, we welcome to #91, Bill Johnson, a manager at Hertz, and Jennifer McGee, a school teacher.

Matt Clemens and Sharon Regan at #110 are both physical therapists from Rochester. They have two children, Owen, 4, and Erin, 2. They are into family, the great outdoors and love sports. They can be reached at 783-2273. Hope you all have many happy experiences here in Willow Ridge!

**Congratulations!**

Scott DeMeester, formerly of Amherst, is the recipient of 2 awards for his bravery while on duty as a City of Atlanta police officer on July 4, 2007. Scott is a 6 year veteran of the Atlanta Police Dept. While patrolling in the area, a tenant of the Bowen Homes Housing project in the City of Atlanta alerted Scott to an apartment fire with a child inside. Scott crawled through dense smoke and flames to rescue a trapped 5 year old girl. Scott received the Heroism Award from Atlanta's 300 Club— an organization of business owners and dignitaries from the Atlanta area that annually recognize the city's finest fire and police officers that exemplify honor and heroism. The second award was bestowed by the Atlanta Police Dept. Scott received the prestigious Meritorious Award for his courageous act. Scott is a 1999 graduate of Sweet Home, 2001 graduate of Niagara Community College Criminal Justice program, and was a 5 year member of the Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. Remarkably, Scott's first day on the job for the Atlanta Police Department was September 11, 2001.

**Thanks Again!**

Once again, Willow Ridge's "three amigos" have lighted up our neighborhood by combining their skills and trimming our evergreen tree at the entrance of Willow Ridge. Many thanks to Jack Baker, Ray Fliss, and Barry Moir for their annual efforts (and enjoyment!) to bring us this first sign of the season. We hope you all enjoy it!

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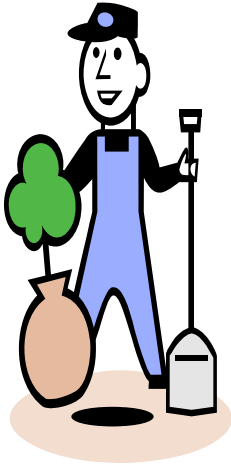
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## School News

DECEMBER 2007

- 1 SAT I & II, 7:45am HS; Drama Production 7:30pm, HS
- 3 NO SCHOOL, K-5 Parent/Teacher Conference Day; PTO Meeting. 7pm, MS; Drama Production, 2pm HS
- 4 PTO Meeting, 7pm, WR;
- 5 Gr.6 Chorus, Band, Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm @ MS Aud.; Winter WonderShop, 12/5-12/6, WR; PTO Meeting, 7pm, WR
- 6 NO SCHOOL, Gr. 6-8, Parent/Teacher Conference Day, PTSA Meeting, 7pm @ HS Library
- 7 NO SCHOOL, Gr. 6-12, Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- 8 ACT, 7:45am, HS
- 10 NO SCHOOL, Gr. 9-12, Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- 11 BOE/Administrator Open Forum, 5pm @ HS Library; BOE Study Session, 7pm @ NVCC
- 12 Health & Wellness Committee Meeting, 3:30pm, DO; Elementary Gold Band, WR Chorus Concert, 7pm @ HS Aud.
- 13 NO SCHOOL, K-12, Staff Development Day; Concert Chorale & Chamber Orchestra Concert HS
- 14 Activity Night, 6:30-8:30pm, MS
- 17 Elementary Gold Orchestra Concert, HS
- 18 BOE Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC
- 19 Dollars for Scholars Meeting, 8am, DO
- 24—1/1/08 WINTER RECESS NO SCHOOL K-12
- Note: "School News" is taken from the District Calendar. Events subject to change. Please read school handouts and mailings.

Light Up Willow Ridge for the  
**Holiday Lighting Contest!!**

Judging will take place  
**December 15 & 16**

Winners Receive Home Depot  
**Gift Certificates**

**WRCA Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting November 13, 2007**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. In attendance were President Jim Prentice, Vice President Bob Foladare, Treasurer Ed Goetz, Board members- Joe Battaglia, Cam Hill, Bill Pujolas, and John Radens. Also, attending- Kerri Jasen and John Cowden.

**Secretaries Minutes**

The minutes from the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and discussed. Cam Hill made a motion to accept the minutes and a second was made by Ed Goetz. Minutes approved.

**Treasurers Report**

Ed Goetz presented the month's report showing that we are on firm financial grounds. Ed reported income from ads in both the newsletter and directory for October. Motion to approve was made by Bob Foladare and seconded by Joe Battaglia. Treasurer report approved. Preliminary 2008 budget was presented and corrections will be made.

**President's Report**

No new correspondence was received. Nominations for 2008 Board of Directors was presented by Neil Cuomo through Jim Prentice as follows:

- President- Jim Prentice
- Vice President- Bob Foladare
- Secretary- Clayton Cobb
- Treasurer- Ed Goetz

**BOD:**

- Joe Battaglia     John Radens     Jill Hagens
- John Cowden     Patrick Land     Jim Matyjasik

**Membership Report**

Kerri reports that we are starting to receive renewals for 2008 and it appears that we will have a good year. Kerri also requested that we still need a few more block reps for a couple of areas.

Block Rep Breakfast will be on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:00 am. At Classics V. Set-up by Kathy Huber and Charlene Vitali. They are still looking for a guest speaker, so please let them know if you know of anybody.

**Old Business**

Bob Foladare reports that all the contracts have been signed and that we should be paid within the next 60 days.

**New Business**

Bob Foladare reports that MJ Peterson has proposed a 300+ unit apartment complex for the last remaining land on Chestnut Ridge Dr. This will consist of 2 story 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. No timetable for construction as of yet.

Jim Prentice reported that there is a Sweet Home Foundation started to fundraise for the purpose of building a new artificial

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# Happy Holidays from the Holovics Team!

We would like to extend our warmest holiday wishes to all our neighbors. May joy and peace be yours this holiday season and throughout the new year.

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turf field and lights at the High School. More information will be forthcoming.

Cam Hill reported that Mel Ott LL will be having a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at Classics V sometime in February. They are looking for assistance to help defray the costs.

**Committee Reports**  
No reports this month

**Community Forum**  
Nothing new.

**Adjournment**  
No further business being at hand, a motion to adjourn was made by Bob Foladare and seconded by Ed Goetz. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Foladare ( filling in for the ailing Clayton Cobb) Get well soon.

**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.**

## 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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**Appliance:** Freezer—2 year old Kenmore Access Plus with bottom drawer and dual zones. Only \$50. A great small freezer for that extra holiday baking! Walt @ 691-4253

**Appliance:** Westinghouse upright freezer, 13.3 cu. ft., 54 1/2"H, 28"W, 26 3/8"D, like new, \$150. 691-7792

**Electronics:** TV, Sony Trinitron, 36" flat screen picture tube, excellent picture, \$300.00. 689-6188.

**Electronics:** 48" GE Projection screen T.V., works well, \$300.00. 691-6540

**Furniture:** Drop-leaf table, junior size, opens to 38" x 42," Duncan Phuffe base, \$65.00 \* Art Deco cosco chair from the '40's, ruby red leather back and seat, two stepper chrome framed, \$25.. 691-3599

**Furniture:** Glider rocker, brown wood, mauve cushions (removable), excellent shape, \$50. 691-7242

**Furniture:** Ethan Allen furniture, just in time for Christmas! Sofa, Queen

Anne style, cabriole legs, forest green, \$500. \* Wingback chair and ottoman, cabriole leg, green-beige-salmon striped, \$500. \* Dark wood oval end table, claw footed leg, \$200.

\* Dark wood beveled glass top, claw footed leg, \$200. Must see pieces, show room condition. Used 2 or 3 times. Mary @ 691-6830

**Household:** Antique Singer sewing machine (circa 1941) in cabinet, bobbins/manual, excellent condition. \$75. 691-7242

**Home Improvement:** Kohler awning, 11' x 21' with frame. Canvas used 2 summers, forest green and beige stripe color combo, \$1000. or b/o. 691-6830

**Household:** Vintage Christmas bulbs and lovely large nativity set from the '40's, \$70. for all. \* Beautiful honey maple spice or china cabinet, 28" x 12", brand new and made by local cabinet maker, \$40. 691-3599

# IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR WRCA MEMBERSHIP

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To renew or join for the first time to the WRCA, send the completed membership form and a check for \$12. made payable to WRCA to the treasurer by January 31, 2008. You may also drop off your completed form and check to the WRCA Treasurer, Ed Goetz, in a lock-box at 87 Grasspointe Dr. The *Wind-in-the-Willows* will continue to be delivered to your home monthly and a 2008 WRCA Directory will be delivered to you during the WRCA membership drive in February.

**Please Note: Direct Mail-in payments of \$12 will NO LONGER be accepted after January 31, 2008.**

**Renewing/joining after January 31 is \$15.**

The membership fee to renew/join after **January 31** is \$15. Payment may be given to your block rep, head reporter, or to Kerri Jasen, WRCA Membership Coordinator at 114 N. Brier. (The block rep and head reporter listing will be printed in the January 2008 *Wind-in-the-Willows*.) Your usual monthly delivery of the *Wind-in-the-Willows* will be suspended until payment is received. At the time of payment your Directory will be delivered..

**Wind-in-the-Willows and the Directory—What's Inside?**  
Parties \* Clubs \* Website \* Contests \* News \*  
Services \* Coupons \* Info \*

Your WRCA Directory includes a neighborhood listing,

money saving coupons, services and businesses in our community, and important phone numbers, such as the area schools and the Town of Amherst. You will also find a baby-sitter listing, a detailed map of our community, a guide to our annual events, and more! Also, our monthly newsletter, the *Wind-in-the-Willows*, provides lots of details about the latest happenings in Willow Ridge and the upcoming free events for the children. There is also neighborhood news, our own free "Classified" section, and notices of special activities. **These are just a few great reasons to become a member of the WRCA! Please RENEW/JOIN before January 31, '08. It GREATLY helps out our hard working neighborhood block reps and head reporters! Thank you!**

## WRCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amherst, NY 14228

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Before January 31, 2008, my check for \$12 is enclosed. Mail to: WRCA Treasurer, PO Box 86, Amherst, NY 14226**

**After January 31, 2008, I am dropping off my \$15 which is enclosed to my block rep, my head reporter or to Kerri Jasen, Membership Coordinator, 114 N. Brier.**

### To All Residents of Willow Ridge

By now you should have been contacted by a block representative regarding your listing for the 2008 directory. If you have not been contacted by anyone, and would like an addition or change of any sort in the upcoming directory, please call me at 564-0913 or drop off a note to 80 Sweetwood North Drive. I will be taking any changes until December 31, 2007 as the directory goes to print in January. My goal is to keep the contents of each year's directory as accurate as possible.

Thank you! Jane Sieman, Directory Editor

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**The Willow Ridge Garden Club** will meet on Dec. 5, 2007 at 6 p.m. at Vice President Joan Robinson's home for a holiday party. There will not be a meeting in January. Plans are being made for the February Garden Auction. Garden and floral related items are gratefully accepted. Call 837-4014.

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**Amherst Museum  
Mitten Tree**

**December 1–31, 2007**

It is the time of year to bring new hats, gloves, scarves and mittens to the Amherst Museum to decorate the Mitten Tree. In return for your donation, you will receive a complimentary admission to visit the museum. All contributions will be donated to the children at Buffalo School #45.

This year the museum is also collecting books for the library at Buffalo School #45. Books suitable for children in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade, or cash contributions, can be left at the mitten tree. The staff of the museum will deliver all contributions to the school after December 31, 2007. Open year round, Amherst Museum is located at 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, corner of New Road Amherst. Visit [www.amherstmuseum.org](http://www.amherstmuseum.org).

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7:30-9:00 Dinner  
9:00-12:30 Open Bar and Dancing  
10:00 Coffee and Danish Station**

**Music will be provided by our own Willow Ridge  
Resident, Erich Krueger—Beat Box Sound**

**Dinner Selections:**

**Soup, salad, rolls and butter along with carafes of wine  
Prime Rib, Chicken Cappellini, Poached Salmon,  
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**All Reservations must be in by February 23 with full pay-  
ment to Karen Galli, 104 Sweetwood Dr. N.**

**Sorry, but no exceptions!!**

**Call 564-1723 to reserve a table.**

**Snowflake Table Reservations** You may call anytime after Dec. 1 to make a table reservation. Each table will seat 10.

Table Captain Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of tablemates: Please circle dinner choice:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ B C F V

3. \_\_\_\_\_ B C F V

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**Cub Scout Pack 173**

***Holiday Card Delivery***

Once again as a community service for Willow Ridge, Cub Scout Pack 173 will be delivering holiday cards throughout our community. You can drop off your cards at the collection bin that will be located at 105 Sweetwood Dr. North. ***The bin will be available from Saturday, November 24 up to Thursday evening, December 13. All cards will be delivered by Wednesday, December 19.*** Please make sure your cards are clearly labeled with the recipients name and street address. For the safety of our scouts, we will only deliver to residential homes within Willow Ridge. We are sorry, but we cannot deliver to apartments, condos, the elder care facility or the street of Ellicott Creek Drive North.

**Annual Santa Run & Food Drive**

Santa and the Fire Co. will be coming to your neighborhood on Saturday, December 22 starting at 4:30 p.m. We will be collecting non-perishable food for the local food pantries. Your kind and generous donations will as always be greatly appreciated. Please remember that as it gets dark it becomes very difficult to see packages left on unlighted front porches, so please if you are home get our attention so we don't miss collecting your donations. If you will not be home during our run you can drop off your donation at the fire station at 45 S. Ellicott Creek Rd. beginning at 4 p.m. Last year we collected over 2000 lbs. of food, let's see if we can top that! As always we thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

**Cub Scout Pack 173**

***Cans for Cubs 2008***

Cub Scout Pack 173 will be holding our annual pop can/bottle collection drive on **Saturday, January 5, 2008 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.** Money earned from the returns will be donated to a charitable organization to be determined at a later date. On Saturday, January 5, please leave your returnable cans and bottles in a plastic bag on your front porch and our scouts and their parents will be coming around to pick them up between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. You can also drop off your cans at 42 Tanglewood Drive or call 691-7887 and arrange a pickup. Only NY stamped returnable pop/beer cans and bottles will be accepted (no recyclables or wine/liquor bottles.) Last year's drive enabled us to donate \$207 to the Buffalo Zoo to aid in the elephant house restoration. Our thanks to all of you who helped make this possible.