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WRCA

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 13, 2007

7:30 p.m Fire Hall

All Welcome!

- **DEADLINE FOR THE December WITW is November 12**
- **Holiday Card Del. (page 8)**
- **WRCA Renew EARLY and save \$ (page 6)**

From the Presidents Desk

Hello Neighbors:

Well, it's November and we will soon be starting our membership drive. I am asking that everyone please try to renew your membership by mail this year. Take advantage of the December/January early bird special and pay only \$12.00. This would save you money and reduce the stress and workload placed on our block reps.

We need more volunteers for our network and I urge you to become involved. If you don't want to be a rep, please try to keep the neighborhood informed. Send news or updates to the webmaster on our web page, and he will pass it on to the right person.

Thank you's to Clayton Cobb and John Cowden. Clayton was in charge of Oktoberfest and did a great job. John ran the children's Halloween party and had a lot of fun with the kids.

Also a special thanks to Bob Folandare for trying to make a difference. He is running for office and at the time this letter is out, may or to vote! may not have been elected. So if it is not too late, remember Thank you!

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 8

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Sympathy

Friends and neighbors on Black Spruce Ct. wish to extend our deepest sympathy to John and Maureen O'Brien on the passing of John's mother, Betty Jean O'Brien.

Friends and neighbors on North Brier Rd were saddened by the death of long time North Brier resident Art Petrella, who passed away on October 11, 2007. Our prayers and sympathy to Art's wife, Ricki (Marie) and the family.

Welcome

Residents of Sweetwood Dr. would like to welcome the Ziegler family to #26. John, Beth and son Jonathan come to the Willow Ridge area from Marilla. John works for Costanzo's Bakery in the research/development department. Beth and Jonathan travel together daily to Christian Central Academy where Beth is a teacher and Jonathan is a student. The Ziegler's can be reached at 652-3065.

Neighbors welcome James and Beverly Brooks to 233 Willow Green Dr. along with their children Erica, 6, and Angel, 5. They both have adult children living locally and out of state. James is a retired auto consultant and Beverly is a licensed

child care provider. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

Neighbors on Amberwood welcome back Juliet Alfonso, her mom, Sophie and her two children, Anthony and Anna Marie upon the completion of repairs to their home at 91 Amberwood following a fire in 2006. After many months away in temporary housing, they are now enjoying their newly refurbished home. We are happy to have them back home again!

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Sue and Josh Kapuszcak of Parkhaven Dr. on the birth of their daughter, Kendra. She was born on May 20 and weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. Big brothers, Jared, 5; and Ethan, 2, are very happy with their new sister.

Congratulations are in order for Ed and Barbara Skorka of 390 Willow Green Dr. who are thrilled with the birth of their first grandson. Drew Mitchell Kagan was born on September 17, weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz, and is the son of their daughter Kim and Michael Kagan. Drew joins his sisters, 5 yr. old Madison and 3 yr. old Lindsay where the happy family lives just outside of New York City.

Snowflake Dinner Dance

**Saturday, March 1
Classics V
Sit Down Dinner**

All the details will be in the December, January, and February issue of the *Wind-in-the-Willows*. If anyone is interested in getting involved with the dinner dance, we are looking for help in acquiring the door prizes that are donated every year by local businesses. Call Pam McNess, 691-5621; or Karen Galli, 564-1703 if you would like to help.

Mark your Calendars!

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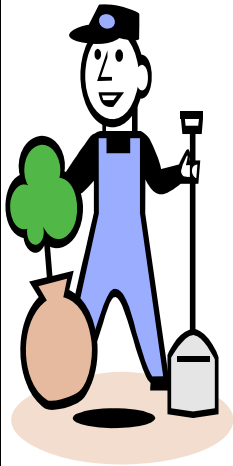
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NOVEMBER 2007

- 1 PTSA Mtg. 7pm, HS Library
 - 2 Superin. Luncheon, Noon MS
 - 5 NHS Info Night, 7pm, HS; ASVAB Reg. 11/5-11/7 HS; Alumni Mtg. 7:30pm @ NVCC; PTO Mtg. 7pm MS
 - 6 Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm HS; PTO Meeting, 7pm; Election Day/Kids Voting Day
 - 7 End of First Marking Period HS/MS; Gr. 7 Band & Girls Chorus, Gr 7,8 Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm MS
 - 8 Concert Orch, Symp.Band, Womens Chorus Concert, 7:30pm HS; School Picture Make-up Day, MS
 - 9 Variety Show, 7pm MS
 - 12 **VETERAN'S DAY NO SCHOOL K-12**
 - 13 BOE/Teacher Open Forum 5pm HS; BOE Study Session 7pm @ NVCC; Common Sense Parenting, 6:30-8:30pm HS
 - 14 Symphony Orch, Wind Ens, Concert Chorale Concert, 7:30pm HS; NYS Gr.5 Social Studies Test 11/14-11/15
 - 15 ASVAB Test, 8am HS; Gr 8 Girls Chorus, Band, Gr 7-8 Boys Chorus Concert, 7:30pm MS
 - 16 Bingo Party, 7-8:30pm, WR
 - 20 BOE Meeting, 7pm @ NVCC
 - 22—23 **THANKSGIVING RECESS**
 - 26 PTA Council Mtg. 7pm HS
 - 28 District Health & Safety Committee Meeting, 6pm MS
 - 30 Drama Production, 7:30pm HS; **Parent/Teacher Conference Day, NO SCHOOL K—5**
- Note: "School News" is taken from the District Calendar. Events subject to change. Please read school handouts and mailings.**



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WRCA Meeting Minutes Meeting October 9th

A call to order was made by Jim Prentice at 7:39 pm to start the second meeting of the WRCA for this year. In attendance were Jim Prentice, Ed Goetz, Clayton Cobb, Pat Land and John Radens of the board. In the gallery were Jack Baker, Jim McCormick, Doreen Notaro and Erie County Clerk Kathleen Hochul.

The secretaries minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes by Pat Land 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. Mr. Goetz reported that all directory ad income had been realized and that the balance sheet was up to date and the directory showed a modest profit. Ed communicated to the board that the budget for 2008 would be addressed at the next meeting to finalize his projections. Ed also reported early spending for the Octoberfest party and also expenses related to newsletter printing and mailing had been paid for October. A motion was made by Clayton Cobb to accept the report and a second was delivered by Pat Land and the report was approved.

President's Report:

WRCA's president Jim Prentice reported that he had not received any new correspondence this month.

Membership Report:

Doreen Notaro, Head Reporter delivered the membership report for Kerri Jasen. The report consisted of an overview of concerns and ideas that the membership committee had discussed in recent weeks. The body of the report consisted of the need to find a way to still attract new membership, but do it with less people if that was the circumstance. On many blocks there are less "block reps" than in past years. Through Doreen's presentation the board made a motion to extend the membership deadline until the end of January and promote the mail-in membership response. The membership report was accepted into record.

Old Business:

An update was given by Clayton Cobb on the progress of the upcoming Octoberfest party. Clayton reported that all permits were acquired and the event was set to take place at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall on October 20th at 8:00 pm. The Halloween party was also announced for the date of October 27th.

New Business:

President Jim Prentice informed the board and spectators that the nomination committee for this year's elections would need to bring updated information to the next meeting. It needs to be determined which board member terms are up and who will be nominees for these positions.

It was also delivered to the board that there will be an Advertisement
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Wind-in-the-Willows

WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY FOR THE YEAR 2008

It is time for the Willow Ridge Community Directory again and you are invited to place an advertisement in the 2008 edition. Our directory will carry your advertising message into the homes of the community you serve in a handy 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 booklet that is kept, read, and used for a full year by our Willow Ridge residents.

The directory (published in February of each year) lists the names, addresses and telephone numbers of more than 1,200 families who live in the Willow Ridge area. Residents rely on it to contact neighbors and committees and to locate local goods and services. The directory is especially useful to those who are just moving into the area.

Prices are based on "camera-ready" copy (clear, black and white copies of a previous ad or one from another publication the same size as the one you wish to place in our directory. Typesetting will be extra. Minor changes are free. You may obtain quotes or help in setting up your ad by calling the Directory Chairperson. Full page ads are \$150.00, half pages are \$85.00, and quarter pages are \$55.00.

We will continue our policy of 10% discount for prepayment of an ad received by November 15, 2007. Ads will be placed in the directory in the order of receipt from front to back.

Many advertisers find our coupons to be helpful in generating business. We offer a coupon free of charge with any half or full page ad. (Quarter page advertisers can place a coupon in the directory for a \$4.00 fee). By offering a discount or special price for your goods or services, you draw attention to your advertisement. Coupons appear in a special tear-out section while your paid advertisement remains in the directory throughout the year.

If anyone is interested in placing an ad in our Willow Ridge Directory for the year 2008, please complete the following contract and drop it off to me along with your ad at 80 Sweetwood Drive North. I will be accepting ads until December 31, 2007. Thank you.

Jane Sieman, Directory Editor, 691-0913

ADVERTISING REQUEST FOR WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY YEAR 2008

Name of Company _____
Point of Contact & Phone _____
Address _____

Email Address _____

We would like to purchase the following:

Inside front cover (first choice to last advertiser)	\$200.00	_____
Inside back cover (first choice to last advertiser)	\$200.00	_____
Back cover (first choice to last advertiser)	\$250.00	_____
Full Page (V-7.5" X H-4.5")	\$150.00	_____
1/2 Page (V-3.7" X H-4.5")	\$ 85.00	_____
1/4 Page (V-3.7" X H-1.5") or (V-1.75" X H-4.5")	\$ 55.00	_____
Discount: Paid in Advance by November 15, 2007	-10%	_____
Total Enclosed	\$	_____

Coupon (text below) Please note: coupons are free with 1/2 or full page ad; \$4.00 with 1/4 page ad.

COUPON TEXT: _____

**DEADLINE DECEMBER 31, 2007—ALL
PAYMENTS DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2007**

**Make checks payable to
Willow Ridge Civic As-
sociation and mail to:
Ed Goetz
87 Grasspointe
Amherst, NY 14228**

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WRCA Meeting Minutes (cont.)

ing committee formed this year to consolidate all aspects of newsletter and directory advertising. Paul Tyno of Dalewood Drive has offered his services to this committee.

Erie County Clerk Kathleen Hochul gave a presentation about the need for Erie County residents to do all Auto Bureau business through the county offices. She communicated that when residents use the state website or send in their business using the state provided envelope, Erie County loses their portion of the money. There will be more information on the WRCA website pertaining to this matter.

Committee Reports:

No reports given.

A call to adjourn the meeting was brought by Ed Goetz and a second was offered by Pat Land. The board adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clayton Cobb

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.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR WRCA MEMBERSHIP

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* Obtain your 2008 WRCA Directory

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.

WRCA WEB PAGE www.wrca.info

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 neighborhood. Get involved with your Civic Association through the WRCA Web Page. www.wrca.info

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Block Reps Breakfast plans are being finalized. Check the December issue for the details

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Appliance: Ariens 5 hp snowblower, \$200.00. 691-8929

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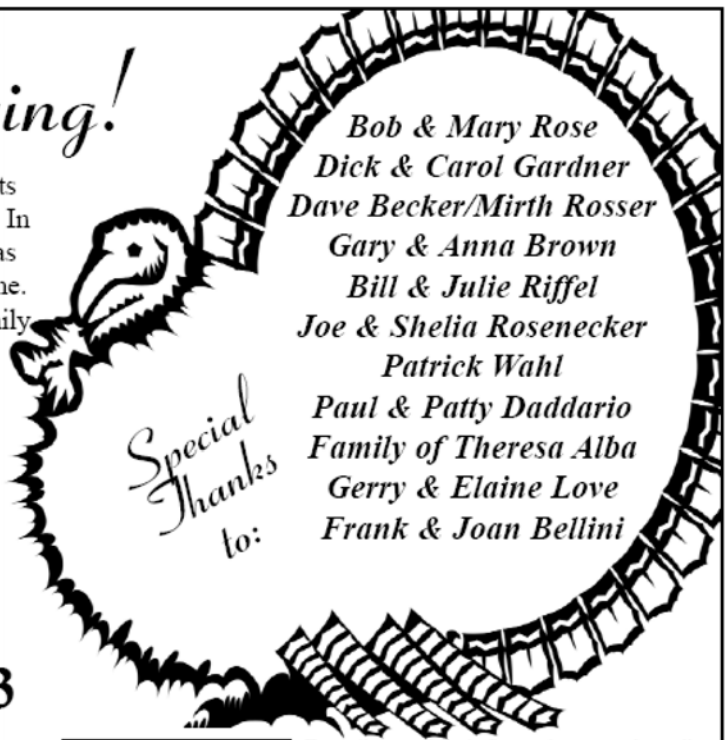
Happy Thanksgiving!

Now is the perfect time to express thanks for the benefits and good fortune we've experienced throughout the year. In that spirit, we thank everyone in our community who has called upon us for advice or help buying or selling a home. Thanks too, for the neighbors who referred friends or family to us. Best wishes for a memorable holiday season!
-Connie & Dave Holovics



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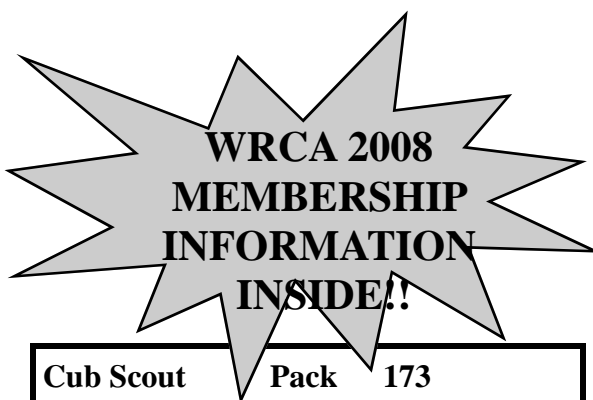
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Cub Scout Pack 173
Holiday Card Delivery

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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!!!