

March 2018



Wind in the Willows

Message from the President Spring is getting closer!



As I get this edition of The Winds In The Willows out, I wanted to alert you to relevant information. At our next Willow Ridge Civic Association Board meeting, Alissa Shields will be addressing our neighborhood about the new proposals on the books regarding the Micro Cell Towers / WTFs. I really urge members to attend our meeting on March 13th in the downstairs room of the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 7:30.

I have given Brian Kulpa, Amherst Town Supervisor, an invitation to use one of our Membership Board Meetings for him to conduct a Town Hall style meeting.

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY! March 24th Once again WRCA and Amherst Baptist Church team up for a fun-filled morning for the kids! There will be Egg Hunting, Bounce House, Games, Snacks and of course, a visit from The Easter Bunny! Bring your camera and take as many pictures as you want. If you wish to help out, contact Cassandra via Email: children.events@wrca.us

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!! Not too late to join or renew your WRCA Membership. Only \$17 per year! Your dues support Children's Activities, Scholarships, Adult Activities, Monthly Newsletter and our voice in Local Government.

- H. Erich Krueger

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next WRCA Board Meeting March 13th
at 7:30pm to 9pm
at Ellicott Creek
Volunteer Fire Company
45 S Ellicott Creek Rd,
Amherst, NY 14228

**Snowflake Dinner
Dance
Saturday,
March 3, 2018**

**Easter Party
Saturday,
March 24, 2018**

Please check out
WRCA New
Website WRCA.US

Willow Ridge Directory Delivery

The 2018 Willow Ridge Directory will be delivered to all WRCA members the weekend of April 7, 2018 by Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173. Please be sure to look for the No Solicitor's window sticker that will be enclosed in the front of your directory.

Thank you for being a WRCA Member!

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Visit us on the web at

WRCA.US

Share your stories!

Do you know of a new neighbor or maybe a long time friend leaving Willow Ridge? Have you or your child made a significant achievement lately?

We want to know about letters of intent, National Honor Society honorees, special certifications, Girl Scout Gold Awards, Boy Scout Eagle Scouts, and much more!

Send your news and photos to 136 Dalewood Drive or email it to WITW@WRCA.US.

Follow us on Facebook
Willow Ridge Civic Association



WRCA Easter Party!

The Easter Bunny is coming to Willow Ridge!



Willow Ridge Civic Association & Amherst Baptist Church will be hosting our Annual Easter Party on Saturday March 24th at 10am at Willowridge Elementary!

To volunteer for this event please contact Cassandra Schwab at (716) 982-3984

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We value your community participation that is key to our community

Willow Ridge Civic Association.

We enjoy bringing people together, including neighbors, to capture the values and interests of our community.

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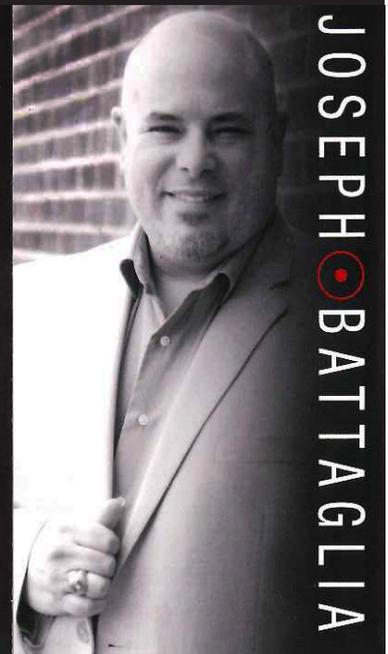
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WRCA Minutes

**WRCA MINUTES FOR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY, 13, 2018**

The February WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:41 pm by President Erich Krueger.

In attendance were President Erich Krueger, Vice President Ann Nichols, Treasurer Donna Mosteller, Secretary Jane Sieman, and Board Members Cassandra Schwab, John Radens, Marijean Nichols and Andy Annesi. Also in attendance Mike Trachtenberg.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

January meeting minutes should be amended to read "The January WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. by Erich Krueger." Motion was made to approve the amended January meeting minutes by Marijean Nichols and seconded by John Radens.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Mosteller submitted a treasurer's report. Income for the month of January was \$2,375.00. Expenses for the month of January was \$407.53. The balance for the end of January was \$9,401.14. A motion made to accept treasurer's report by John Radens and seconded by Marijean Nichols.

DISCUSSION

Christmas House Decoration Contest. Winners are listed in the February WITW. They will receive their prize this month.

Membership Drive

Jane Sieman reported. Postcards were sent out to those who have not joined or

renewed their membership during the last week of January. Reminder letters to members in 2017 who have not renewed yet for 2018 will go out soon. We welcome over 80 new members this year to date. Memberships that are received up to February 28, 2018 will be included in the updates for the 2018 directory.

Directory

Jane Sieman reported. Proofreading will take place the week of February 26th. Directory scheduled to go to the printers on March 7th and will be delivered to all WRCA members the weekend of April 7th by Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173. Each book will contain a No Solicitors sticker for each member. Erich to order stickers this week.

Sidewalks - commercial.

Asian Market and Home Depot have been keeping the sidewalks on Chestnut Ridge and Willow Ridge clear of snow after being contacted. MJ Peterson has been notified about their upkeep of their rental properties through out the neighborhood and will take care of this matter.

Sidewalks - residential.

About 90% of Willow Ridge residents have been great in keeping their sidewalks clear of snow. We would like to remind all residents to clear their sidewalks.

Snowflake Dinner Dance -

Saturday, March 3, 2018. Cost of \$70.00 per couple. Dinner stations and open bar. Over 35 responses have been received to date. A couple more groups are expected to respond also.

Carol Zaffram is contact for this event.

Easter Party - Saturday, March 24, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. - Noon at Willow Ridge Elementary School. Set up at the school the night before. The Easter Bunny will be there! The gym has been reserved. Amherst Baptist Church will also be on hand to help with the Bounce House, games, etc. Easter party planning meeting will take place at Amherst Baptist Church at 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 1st, 2018. All those who want to volunteer are invited. Cassandra Schwab is contact for this event.

WRCA President Erich Krueger has invited Amherst Town Supervisor Brian Kulpa an invite to have a Town Hall type of meeting on of our board meeting nights. No reply yet.

Insurance renewal for WRCA should be arriving soon. Non-profit status was discussed.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting came to a close at 8:33 p.m. Motion was made by Marijean Nichols to adjourn and seconded by Andy Annesi. Next Willow Ridge Civic Assoc. meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13th at 7:30 p.m. in Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Sieman - WRCA Secretary





**St. Christopher's INDOOR Flea Market
Book Sale / Basket Auction**
Proceeds to benefit St. Christopher's
OUTREACH Ministry

DATE: Saturday, April 14, 2018
TIME: 9am - 3pm

LOCATION: St. Edmunds Campus
530 Ellicott Creek Road
Tonawanda, NY 14150
Plenty of parking - no stairs!

Admission: \$1 donation includes free coffee or tea

Many vendors!

Hundreds of books, jewelry, antiques, treasures!

Vendor Rentals: call Mary Ann 691-6352

8' Table \$15 or Booth: 3 Tables (11' X 10' area) \$25

NEW MICRO CELL INFO!!

Alissa Shields ask me to share this with Willow Ridge residents.

Gov. Cuomo amended his 2019Y budget with a small cell law that proposes to limit local control over municipal Rights-of-Way.

See attached budget.

The law language begins on page 14 of the document.

Direct link:

<https://www.budget.ny.gov/.../e.../fy19artVII/TEDArticleVII.pdf>

You can also read the Association of Town’s February 5, 2018 response. See attached doc. Association of Town’s Response on this issue begins at page 9.

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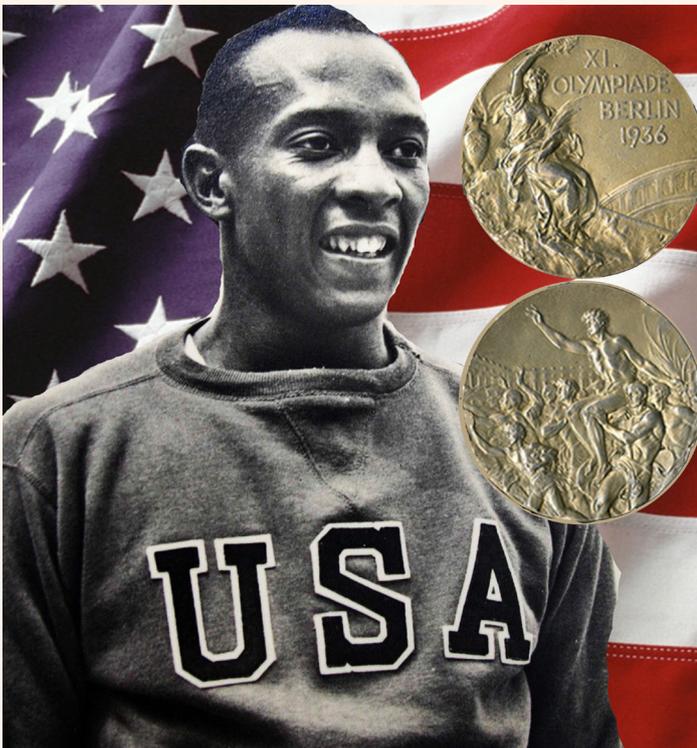
<http://www.nytowns.org/.../HomePage/2018%2019%20Budget%20Test...>

A week ago, NYS Town leaders (including board members from Amherst) were formally briefed by wireless representatives at the Association of Town’s meeting in Albany about this amended piece of Cuomo’s budget.

FYI: Industry wireless lobbyists in California attempted to pass something similar via SB-649 last year. However, Gov. Brown rightfully vetoed it.

Alissa Shields will be at our Membership Meeting on March 13th. To answer any questions.

<https://wrca.us/micro-cell-tower-info>



Billionaire Ron Burkle paid \$1.5 million for a gold medal won by U.S. sprinter Jesse Owens, who upset the Nazis and their leader Adolf Hitler, when he won four of the medals at the Olympic games in 1936.



March Neighborhood News

We extend our sincere, belated condolences to Elfi Heinze on the passing of her husband of 71 years and Bernie's father, Gunter Heinze. He and Elfi have been residents of Willow Ridge (53 Rockdale Dr.) for 48 years. Originally from Berlin, Germany, they came to the USA by way of Chicago, Cleveland and then to Amherst. Gunter worked for Bell Aerospace for 36 years and was responsible for an accelerometer which is used in space exploration. As a teenager, he served as a local guide for Jesse Owens in the 1936 Olympics and was reunited with him later in life. We miss Gunter's easy smile, gentle, kind manner, keen intelligence and wonderful work ethic.

Awarm welcome to John and Steph Ingersoll and their daughters, Belle and Olivia who live at 99 Rockdale Dr. John is retired from serving in the Navy for 33 years and works at the Williamsville YMCA. They moved here from Memphis, Tennessee and are originally from Alden and the Buffalo area. Steph is very busy homeschooling Belle, (13yrs) an eighth grader and Olivia, (10 yrs) a fifth grader. Belle is Red Cross certified for babysitting. The Ingersoll's also have a married son, Tyler, who is serving our country in Afghanistan. We are delighted to have them as our neighbors and they can be reached at 716-200-3286.

Jeanne Zimmerman and her children, Kara (22yrs) and Ryan (19 yrs) are a wonderful addition to the Willow Ridge Community. Jean is a Special Education teacher at the Edward Town Middle School in Sanborn, NY. In October, the family experienced a fire in their North Tonawanda home and they are temporarily residing at 106 Rockdale Dr. The family can be reached at 716-743-1607. We hope you enjoy Willow Ridge and we wish you a speedy, wrinkle-free renovation process.

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Snowman.sr.15@gmail.com

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tcblawncare@yahoo.com
*Servicing the Amherst/Snyder area near Main Street.

Lupke Landscaping
Chuck Lupke
716-832-4157
rlkcid@yahoo.com

Willow Ridge Landscaping, Inc.
Tony Cangialosi
716-531-3442
tonyswillowridge@yahoo.com
*24 hour notice will be required. We can provide seasonal quotes or per diem.

Milherst Construction, Inc.
James Collins, Jr.
716-688-9098
jimjr@milherst.com

WNY Seasonal Services
Michael Holmberg
716-908-8985
wnyseasonalservices@gmail.com
*Servicing Amherst near Transit Road & Clarence.

Razors Edge Lawn Cutting and Snowplowing
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razorsedgelawnsnow@gmail.com

Reinhart Enterprises Landscaping and Lawn Care, LLC
Nick Reinhart
716-207-2352
nick@reinhartlandscaping.com
*24 hour notice will be required. Main service area includes Amherst and
Williamsville (14221/14226 zip codes).

Spectrum Landscape Services, LLC
Paul Reamsnyder
716-580-3431
paul@spectrumservice.net



For any complaints about individual contractors on this list, please call Sarah Griebner at the Town of Amherst Engineering Department 716-631-7154.

Go Fund Me honoring Karen Richardson

Wife, Mother, Daughter, Neighbor, Friend, and Teacher

Karen Richardson GoFundMe Page

<https://www.gofundme.com/4tp0hts>





Snowflake Dinner Dance

March 3, 2018

7:00 PM to ?

It's that time to start thinking about warming up with some friends and neighbors. This year will be a little different, well drinks, bottle beer and great food, all for just \$70/couple. It will not be a sit down dinner or a buffet, but there will be lots of food, drinks and dancing. Call or text Carol to learn more and get your tickets 716-913-4980.

LOCATION:

**Classics Five Banquet and Conference Center
2425 Niagara Falls Blvd,
Amherst, New York 14228**

Music by DJ Erich

(Rock & Roll, Top 40, Retro 70s, 80's, 90's,
2000's and Country Hits!)

Call or text Carol for details (716)913-4980

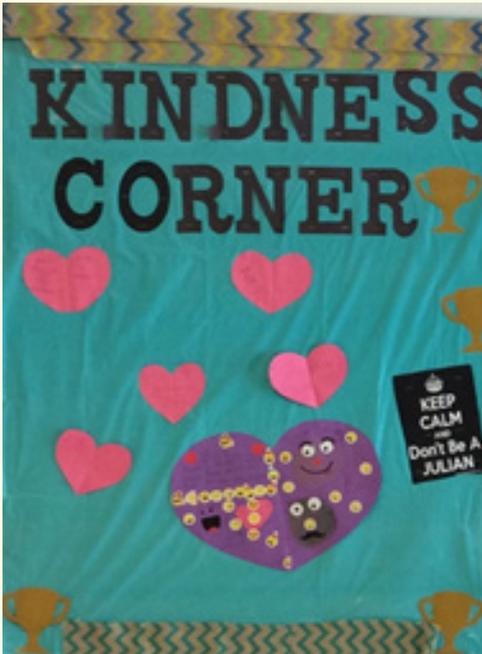
Facebook Events:

[https://www.facebook.com/
events/2064195623816576/](https://www.facebook.com/events/2064195623816576/)

Willow Ridge PTO News and Events

Every 2 years, the PTO holds elections for the following positions: (Co)President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Hospitality and Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in any of these positions, or just want to attend a few meetings to see where you can help out and not have the commitment of being an officer, please let us know. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6 from 6:30-8 (childcare provided).

Kindness Corner



The 5th Grade Student Council Kindness Club started a Kindness Corner. The 5th graders made large hearts and wrote on them what Kindness means to them and their families. Smaller hearts are put up for other students to write kind words on too. This is part of an on-going initiative of positivity in the classroom as well as a program for the older kids to show responsibility and care with their younger peers. The kids developed this on their own and have done a great job with it!

5th Grade Student Council Pet supplies drive: The 5th grade is collecting items for the local pet rescue operations: Buddy's Second Chance, Buffalo Cares and Pets Alive. Donations of cat and dog food, paper towels, trash bags, newspaper, towels, dish soap, unscented dryer sheets, hand sanitizer, plastic cat toys, Kongs for dogs, flannel material to make cat hammocks, collars, harnesses, stainless steel food and water bowls, puppy pads, laundry soap and baby wipes are all needed. These items will be collected until FRIDAY, MARCH 23.

SCIENCE NIGHT: Your PTO is working on a fun night filled with various science and technology exhibits, such as from Tift Nature Preserve, The Buffalo Zoo, The Niagara Aquarium and more. More information to come, but save the Date for the night of May 4th!

February Frolics: This fun event was held on February 9 and was a huge success due to the help from the Willow Ridge faculty & staff – specifically Mr. Polino, Mrs. Johel and Mrs. DeLaPlante who volunteered to go in the Dunk Tank! Thank you to all who volunteered their time and came out to support this annual event!

Candy Sale: Candy can be picked up in the school Cafeteria on March 14th from 3-6

On-Going School Programs:

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION – Non-expired box-tops help us get free money for items we can use in various school activities. These can be dropped off at the school or contact the PTO thru the school or our Facebook Page and we can arrange a pickup.



Upcoming Events (for more information visit the sweethomeschools.org)

- March 5 – Kindergarten Registration starts
- March 6 – PTO Meeting in the school Cafeteria (childcare provided) 6:30-8pm
- March 14 – Candy Pick Up in school cafeteria 3-6
- March 16 – Staff Development Day (no classes)
- March 20 – Board of Education Meeting
- March 30-April 6 – Spring Break – No School
- April 10 – PTO Meeting in the school Cafeteria (childcare provided) 6:30-8pm
- April 16 – ½ Day – School Dismissal at 11:15
- April 19 – Kindergarten and Grade 1 Chorus Concert and Art Show
- April 24 – Willow Ridge Chorus Concert

More Information on any of these events is also listed on the district calendar at www.sweethomeschools.org

We are always looking for more members and volunteers. If you would like more information on how to get involved, please stop into one of the meetings or reach out to us on our Facebook page Willow Ridge Elementary School PTO.

–Erin Murphy-Kubiak, PTO Member



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Sweet Home Middle School Meat Raffle!



On Friday, April 20th, Sweet Home Middle School is hosting a meat raffle to raise money to fund various events at school such as activity night, field trips etc! It's a great chance to get out of the house, without the kids, and enjoy some laughs and fun with your friends and family.

Not to mention, a chance to win all sorts of meat!

Support the meat raffle, support OUR school!

Date: Friday, April 20th, 2018

Time: doors open at 6 pm, first spin at 7 pm

Price: \$5 per person, drinks included (bring your own snacks!)

Place: Sikora Post, 950 Payne Ave, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

18 and over only, please

Bring your **\$1 bills** for a chance to win a Variety of Meats!

Grand Finale of "Winners Choice" Me
50/50 Raffle!

Enter the cooler raffle to win *A COOLER FULL OF MEAT!*

Not able to attend the raffle? You can still support your school!

Purchase tickets for the Cooler Full of Meat- \$5 each OR 3 for \$10!

You don't need to be present to win!

Contact: Dawn Rydzynski @ 310-6899 for event tickets and Cooler Full of Meat tickets

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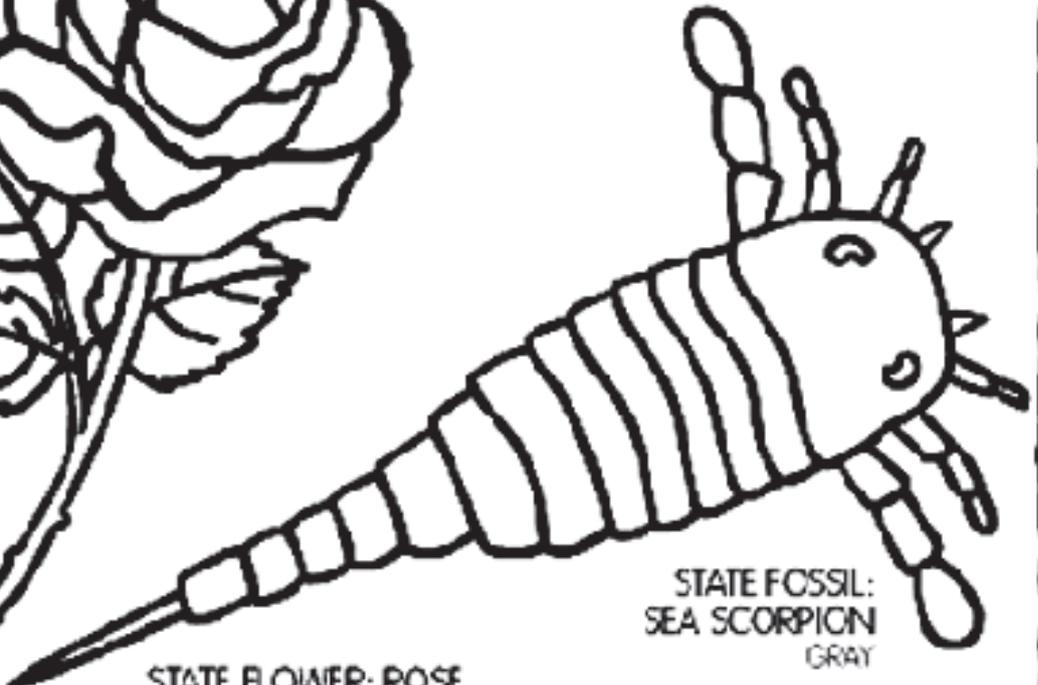
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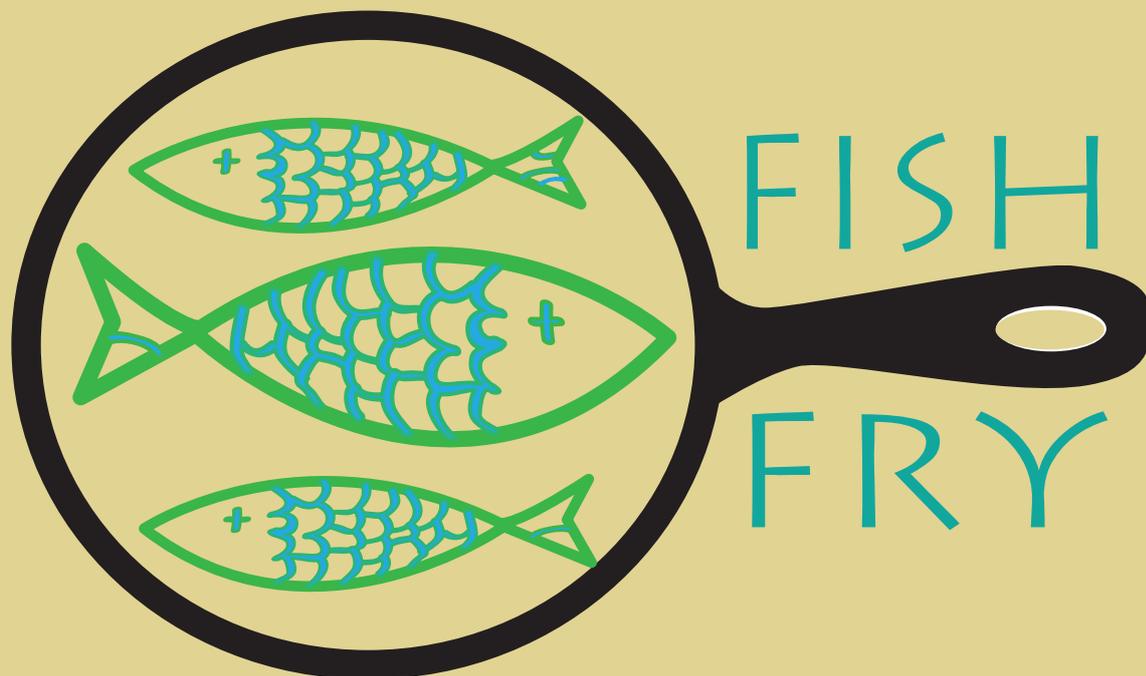


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