



April 2018

Wind in the Willows

Message from the President Spring Believer



They say it is "Spring"...I am having a hard time believing it!

March was a very busy month! It started off with the WRCA Snowflake Dance on March 3rd. Carol Zaffram did a wonderful job putting this year's event together! I want to thank Donna for making the door prizes look so good!

WRCA, together with Amherst Baptist Church, put on a Children's Easter Party that was a absolute HIT!! All the children enjoyed Egg Hunting, The Bounce House, Games, Snacks, some enjoyed the Easter Grass, and of course, the visit from The Easter Bunny which is always a crowd pleaser! Cassandra Schwab out did herself! Once again a special shout out to Amherst Baptist Church for all their help and being such good neighbors!! BTW We had a record breaking turn out of 70 children!!!

I want to thank Jane Sieman for her hard work on the WRCA Directories!! Keep an eye out for them. John Miller and the Boy Scouts will be out delivering them!

~ H. Erich Krueger

2018 Willow Ridge Civic Association Directory Cover Contest Winner

The Willow Ridge Civic Association would like to congratulate Haley Starr, age 10 as this year's winner of the Directory Cover Contest.

Haley will be presented with a \$25.00 Walmart Gift Card and a complimentary 2018 Willow Ridge Directory at the WRCA Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall by President, Erich Krueger.

Congratulations Haley!!!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next WRCA Board Meeting April 10th
at 7:30pm to 9pm
at Ellicott Creek
Volunteer Fire Company
45 S Ellicott Creek Rd,
Amherst, NY 14228

**GARAGE SALE
WEEKEND
JUNE 7th - 10th**

Please check out
WRCA New
Website WRCA.US

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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



Haley Starr and President, Erich Krueger



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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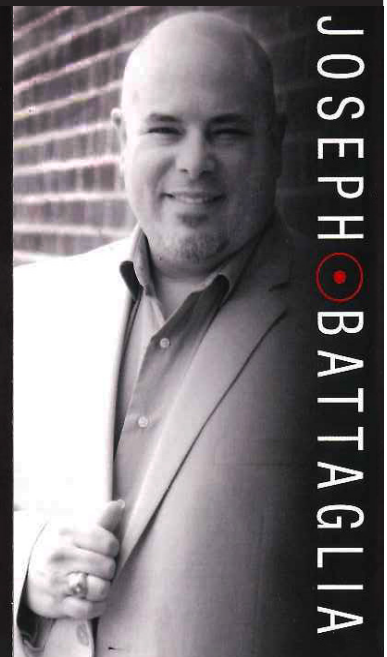
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WRCA Minutes

WRCA MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

The March WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:43 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 were Alissa Shields, Jeff Carlino, Ron & Corine Gilson, Thomas Page, Jerry & Judi Moran, Jim & Jane Steel, Gerald & Theresa Rivard, William Lisk, and Kelly Sieman.

Alissa Shields spoke about TED Part F Article-E A9508/S7508 "Small Wireless Facilities Deployment". Encouraged residents to write to oppose/reject this Article to NYS Governor Coumo, NYS Lt. Governor Kathy Holchul's Deputy Chief of Staff, Melissa Bochenski, State Senator Ranzenhofer and State Assembly Member Ray Walter. Both WRCA President, Erich Krueger and Alissa Shields encouraged residents to attend town meetings. Editorials encouraged for the WITW on this issue. A lengthy discussion was held among residents at tonight's meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion was made to approve the February meeting minutes by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Ann Nichols.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Mosteller submitted a treasurer's report. Income for the month of February was \$2,710.00. Expenses for the month of February was \$1,550.34. The balance for the end of February was \$10,560.80. Income for March as of today's date is \$ 3,429.00 and expenses is \$1,387.93 with a balance of \$12,601.87. Insurance payment has been made. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Cassandra Schwab and seconded by Marijean Nichols.

DISCUSSION

Membership Drive- Jane Sieman reported. Membership is currently at 476. A increase over last year. Memberships still coming in.

Directory - Jane Sieman reported. 39 ads have been received for this year's directory. Proofreading was done the week of February 26th, 2018 and submitted in it's entirety today. Proof should be ready by the end of the week and all directories are expected to be complete for pick up by March 23rd. Asking for volunteers to help bag books w/solicitors stickers. John & Sandy Radens volunteered. Solicitor Stickers were received and reviewed. Stickers will be inserted in all books behind the cover page. Directories will be delivered the weekend of April 7th by Willow Ridge Boy Scout Troop 173.

Willow Ridge Cleanup Day - Tentative date of April 15, 2017. Asking for \$200.00 towards food/drink for volunteers. Motion approved to donate \$200.00

made by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Cassandra Schwab. More details to follow. Jim Cwierley and Jeff Carlino are the contacts 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. There will be 2 different age group Easter egg hunts this year. Also, a bounce house, cotton candy, popcorn machine, games, face painting and DJ Erich. Thank you to Amherst Baptist Church for their volunteers, bounce house, cotton candy and popcorn machines. There will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Cassandra Schwab is contact for this event.

Movie Night - Contact has been made with Town of Amherst Youth and Rec. Date moved to July 27th. Location will most likely be at Willow Ridge Elementary. Movie is yet to be determined at this date. Jim Cwierley is contact for this event.

Concerns about the vandalism on the playground at Bedford Park was discussed. Mary-Diana Pouli of the Rec board was contacted and will investigate and followup.

Concerns regarding the Penguin Run, a Camp Good Days charity 5K run, causing congestion in Willow Ridge along with notification to residents ahead of the date of run. Different ideas were discussed such as notifying all WRCA members ahead of the date via the WITWs and E-wind reminders.

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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.

A suggestion was made to change the subject line of monthly ewind sending the WITW. Subject line should indicate the monthly newsletter.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting came to a close at 9:19 p.m. Motion was made by Donna Mosteller to adjourn and seconded by Cassandra Schwab. Next Willow Ridge Civic Assoc. meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m. in Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Sieman - WRCA Secretary



To the Members of the Willow Ridge Civic Association

The Willow Ridge Directory for the year 2018 is done!!!

It will be delivered between April 7th and April 12th by Willow Ridge
Boy Scout Troop 173.

The directory lists the names, addresses and telephone numbers of more than 1,000 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. There is also a public service directory located in the front of the directory.

If anyone has a change over the coming year, (such as a birth of a child) please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing me at jsie44@yahoo.com.
I like to keep all this information as current as possible throughout the year.

I wish to THANK all the advertisers for supporting our Association. A great many of them generously contributed coupons in a special tear out section of the directory.

I would like to also like to thank Erich Krueger, Cassandra Schwab and Judy Kindron for your help proofreading the directory as well as Bob Sieman, and John & Sandy Radens for bagging almost 500 directories for delivery.

Don't forget to look for your "No Solicitor's" Window Cling sticker
in the front of your directory.

I hope the directory will continue to be a useful reference book and that the
contents are as accurate as possible.

**Jane Sieman
Editor, 2018 Willow Ridge Directory**



Help make a difference in your neighborhood!

Volunteer for Willow Ridge Clean Up Day

Don't limit Earth Day to just one day. Join residents and friends of Willow Ridge to clean up litter in the neighborhood and other concentrated areas. We welcome you, your family and friends to help us make an impact in our community.

SUNDAY, April 22nd at 1:00 pm

Location for Spring Clean Up is Willow Ridge Elementary School



Sign up to volunteer or stop by the day of the event. For more information, call (716) 255-4373 or (716) 697-9514. Email Jim.Cwierley@gmail.com or jcarlino926@yahoo.com.

We look forward to working alongside you!

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JUNE 7th - 10th
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May's Newsletter



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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, April 10 from 6:30-8 (childcare provided).

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!

SKATING PARTY – A PTO Sponsored FUNdraiser event will be held at Rainbow Rink in North Tonawanda on May 9 from 5-7:30

NINJA WARRIOR coming to the gym: Another great tradition is having a Ninja Obstacle course set up in the school gym. This year's event will be on May 16.

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 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
- May 1 - PTO Meeting in the school Cafeteria (childcare provided) 6:30-8pm
- May 9 – PTO Sponsored Skating Party at Rainbow Rink 5-7:30
- May 23 – Willow Ridge Elementary Grade 5 visit to the Middle School
- May 28 – Memorial Day – No School

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



NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM



Help Plan for your Neighborhood

MONDAY, MAY 14th, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Ellicott Creek Fire Hall Banquet Hall (Upstairs)

Economic Development Housing Community Character
Quality of Life Parks and Recreation Traffic and Transportation Public Services

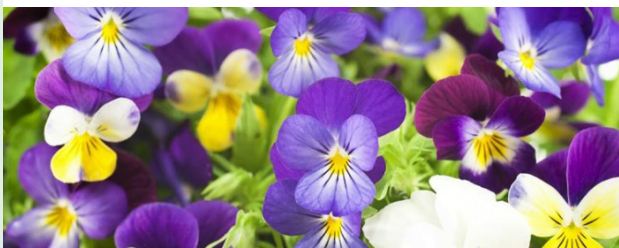
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Boy Scout Troop 173 Chiavetta's Spring Barbecue



\$10.00/dinner (presale)

\$10.50 day of event

Includes 1/2 Chiavetta's Famous BBQ Chicken, 2 salads, and Roll with Butter.

When: Saturday, April 21st 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (or until sold out)

Where: Parking lot next to Convenient on Willow Ridge Dr.
off Niagara Falls Blvd. Use the form below to
pre-order until April 10th.

FREE DELIVERY in Willow Ridge and Parkview!
Credit/Debit Cards taken the day of sale.



??? - Call Karyn at 545-6931 or email Troop173@roadrunner.com for more information.

Pre Orders - Return the coupon below along with a check payable to Troop 173
Drop Off @ Box or Mail to Karyn Johnson 134 Jeanmoor Rd, Amherst, NY 14228

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 Pick Up @ site _____ Time _____

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[Karen Richardson GoFundMe Page](https://www.gofundme.com/4tp0hts)

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Town of Amherst
Brian J. Kulpa
Town Supervisor

April 9, 2018

Dear Neighborhood Stakeholder:

Amherst's neighborhoods are the building blocks of our community. It is important to reach out to our residents and understand the valued characteristics and opportunities facing these areas; it is essential for effective community planning. In 1998, the Town conducted a series of meetings in many neighborhoods. An outcome of these meetings was a "to do" list for the Town, County, and State agencies. These meetings also became the impetus for re-envisioning the Town's Comprehensive Plan, a plan that was a guide for our community through its Bicentennial in 2018.

Over the last 20 years, the Town has matured and developed, our housing market has evolved, the way we shop for goods and services has changed, our community services have become more important and the costs to deliver these services has increased, and quality of life issues have come to the forefront. The Town faces the next decade as a mostly built out community that needs to invigorate and reinvent its commercial centers and business parks and build on its recreational and open space assets, while recognizing the importance of preserving and protecting community character.

Planning for our future is a dynamic process that never stops. As the new Town Board begins its journey in governance, it is a good time to return to our neighborhoods and our residents to understand where we are now and the direction we should be heading into the future. The Town also needs to recommit to the neighborhoods to ensure that it is keeping pace with changing community needs, as a whole, and making the best decisions for the Town. But, we cannot do this alone.

To help the Town identify important issues and opportunities in the neighborhoods, a series of ten (10) **Neighborhood Forums** have been scheduled. These forums provide a chance for Town representatives to meet with residents and property owners to discuss existing conditions, examine local issues and concerns, and to recognize opportunities for improvement. It is hoped that by conducting these forums, the Town can establish the foundational "civic infrastructure" for continuing conversations into the future and gathering the public input necessary to keep the neighborhoods in the Town strong, quality places to live. Additional information on these Neighborhood Forums can be found on the Town's website at www.amherst.ny.us.

We are calling on active organizations and stakeholders in your neighborhood to help us make these meetings a useful and worthwhile endeavor. We are asking you to help us spread the word by posting this information in a newsletter and online and bringing people out to provide their input. Without local input, land use planning efforts and decisions are, for the most part, left up to the Town. We want you to help us plan for your future.

A Neighborhood Forum has been scheduled for the Ellicott Creek community at 6:30pm on Monday, May 14 2018 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall upstairs in the Banquet Hall (45 South Ellicott Creek Road). We hope you will attend and find this event a valuable way for the Town to establish a stronger connection with your neighborhood and a better means for identifying local concerns. We are excited to have the opportunity to meet with residents and others, so we hope that you can assist us with our outreach to make these Neighborhood Forums a successful endeavor.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the Neighborhood Forum in your community, do not hesitate to contact the Amherst Planning Department at (716) 631-7051. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Brian J. Kulpa
Town of Amherst Supervisor

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Don't let your spring fever derail your summer

With the snow finally melting, Buffalo runners are ready to lace up. But, before you hit the pavement, Jeanmo0r neighbor, Matt Clemens, Cert MDT, a physical therapist at Kenmore Mercy Hospital's AthletiCare, reminds us to avoid overdoing it early on.

Before you start with the first run, hike or extended walk of the spring season, follow these tips to avoid painful injuries and get the most out of your springtime workouts.

Stretch warm up and cool down

Try a mix of static stretches and dynamic stretches helps warm up and loosen your muscles, tendons and ligaments so you can avoid common injuries like plantar fasciitis and shin splints.

Wear the right shoes

Old shoes can be uncomfortable or show signs of serious wear. Slowly break in those new shoes too.

Don't do too much too soon

If you haven't jogged in a couple of months, start slowly. Consider walking first, then increase your running intervals. Don't run two days in a row when you're just starting out.

Watch out for puddles mud and ice

Be on the lookout for unexpected patches of ice in shadowy areas and slippery puddles of mud, both of which can lead to scary slips, trips and falls that cause bruises, sprains, bone fractures and other painful symptoms.

Listen to your body

If you feel pain, your body is telling you to stop. Don't push through the discomfort or ignore it.

Clemens notes that, "ankle sprains, patellar tendonitis, hamstring strains and low back pain that result from doing too much too soon will only get worse if they go untreated."

Whether you jog a few miles, tee up for a round of golf, shoot hoops with your kids, or tackle yard work, too abrupt of a transition to full-throttle activity after a more or less sedentary winter can increase the risk of getting hurt.

WRCA Snowflake Dance



Dance door prizes



Paul and Patty



Barry and Kay



Sandy Radens



Eric Mullins



Julius and Crissy

Spring

Word Search



FUN FACT:
Butterflies weigh only as much as two rose petals but can fly for thousands of miles!

Test your word-hunting skill with this springtime word search.

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(THEY CAN BE ACROSS, DOWN, DIAGONAL, FORWARDS, OR BACKWARDS):

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WORD LIST:

- ANIMALS
- ANT
- BIRDFEEDER
- BLOOM
- BUGS
- BUMBLEBEE
- BUTTERFLY
- CATERPILLAR
- FLOWERS
- GARDEN
- PETAKIDS
- RAINBOW
- SPRINGTIME
- SUNSHINE
- WILDLIFE



FUN FACT:
Bees communicate with each other by dancing!

Remember to be kind to all the creatures who come out in the spring!



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

Sound the Alarm Campaign

In cooperation with the Red Cross' "Sound the Alarm" Campaign, Amherst Baptist Church is offering free assistance to supply and install up to 3 Kidde Lithium battery operated smoke detectors per household. These batteries and detectors are good for 10 years. All homes in our neighborhood can sign up for this assistance.

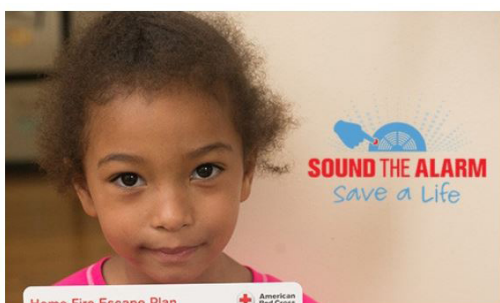
Just call Eric at 984-2265 to set up a time for a team of 2 or 3 to come and assist you in this way.

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**Thanks for your time.
Happy Easter!
Eric Napoli**



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