



June 2018

Wind in the Willows

Message from the President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next WRCA Board Meeting June 12th
 at 7:30pm to 9pm
 at Ellicott Creek
 Volunteer Fire Company
 45 S Ellicott Creek Rd,
 Amherst, NY 14228

The WRCA Family Day
 at Fantasy Island
 is July 15th.

Please check out
 WRCA New
 Website WRCA.US

With warmer weather approaching, there will be more residents walking, jogging and cycling and children will be outside playing and walking to school, so I am asking drivers to please watch your speed through our neighborhood, come to a full stop at Stop signs and don't text and drive!

The Amherst Police will be stepping up, watching for speeders, and Stop sign runners.

Summer is approaching and WRCA has several great events coming up!

The WRCA Family Day at Fantasy Island is July 15th.

The WRCA and Amherst Police National Night Out is August 7th.

Jim Cwierley has once again worked with Town of Amherst Youth Board to have Movie Night in Willow Ridge on July 27th at Willow Ridge Park (Willow Ridge Elementary if it rains).

This year's movie will be Paddington 2. Look at the flyer in this month's Newsletter for all dates, times, locations and movies.

June 12th will be our last Board Meeting till September.

~ H. Erich Krueger



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Share your stories!

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

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**WRCA MEETING
JUNE 12th!!**
Guest Speaker Capt. Brown
of The Amherst Police Dept.
I urge Willow Ridge
Residents to attend!!!
June 12th at 7:30 PM
Location: Ellicott Creek
Vol. Fire Dept. Downstairs
Meeting Room

Wanted news and photos:

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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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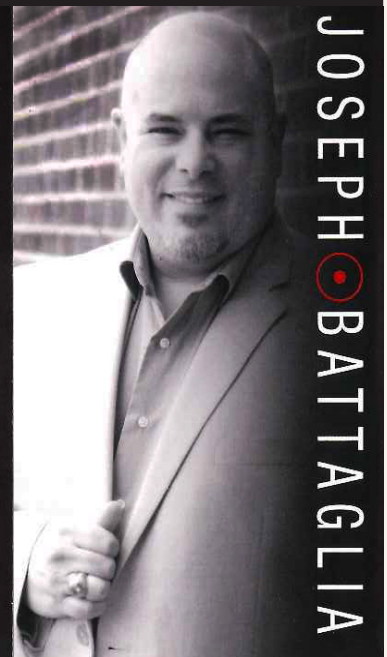
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Neighborhood News

Thank You To Brookpark Drive Neighbors From: Don and Janice DiBacco



Don and Janice DiBacco would like to express our thanks to all the neighbors on Brookpark Drive for their generosity and caring thoughts during the recent loss of our dear daughter Rosalind who passed away on April 2nd. Words cannot express how grateful we are to have such wonderful support at this time.

Thank you again for all you did for Don and I and also her sister Nicole.



Hi Willow Ridge neighbors!



My husband and I are in quite a pickle. We sold our house on Sweetwood and now have limited time to find another house. We would love to stay in this neighborhood and I just wanted to put the feelers out through Facebook. To simplify, we are looking for at least 1,600 sqft, 3+ bedroom, 1.5+ bath, 2 car garage.

If you or someone you know is interested in selling, please reach out to me via email: emichaels43@gmail.com. We are working with an amazing realtor, and she is willing to take a reduced commission to facilitate the sale.



Congratulations on Graduation

Congratulations to our daughter **Julia Cioppa** ! Julia is going to attend UB this fall studying Business Administration with an emphasis on graphic design. She is currently an employee at Wegman's on Niagara Falls Blvd. We are so very proud of you Julia! Congratulations to all the graduates class of 2018!

Love Mom, Dad & Joey

We would like to congratulate **Andrew Hall** on his 2018 graduation from Sweet Home Senior High School. Andrew will be attending Niagara Falls Culinary School in the fall. We are so proud of you and all you've accomplished. We wish you the best of luck in whatever the future brings your way!

Love, Mom, Dad, Erica and Kyle

We would like congratulate **Tyler Murak**, on his 2018 High School Graduation from Sweet Home High School! We are very proud of you! Best of Luck at University of Buffalo!

Love, Mom, Dad, Jacob and Amber



We would like to congratulate **Megan Pfalzer** on her 2018 graduation from Sweet Home Senior High School. Megan will be attending Buffalo State College and majoring in Criminal Justice. We are so proud of you and wish you the best of luck in whatever the future brings your way!

Love Mom, Bob, Matt and Marissa



WRCA DAY JULY 15, 2018

This is an event for Willow Ridge Civic Association Members and their families

(Including Grandchildren and Grandparents)

Picnic tickets: \$21.00 per person (cash payments or checks made out to "WRCA")

Season Ticket holders: only pay \$2.25/person, you must have your season pass with you!
Tickets must be purchased by July 1st, 2018.

WRCA Members can purchase your tickets through:

Erich Krueger
86 Sweetwood Drive North
716-949-2561

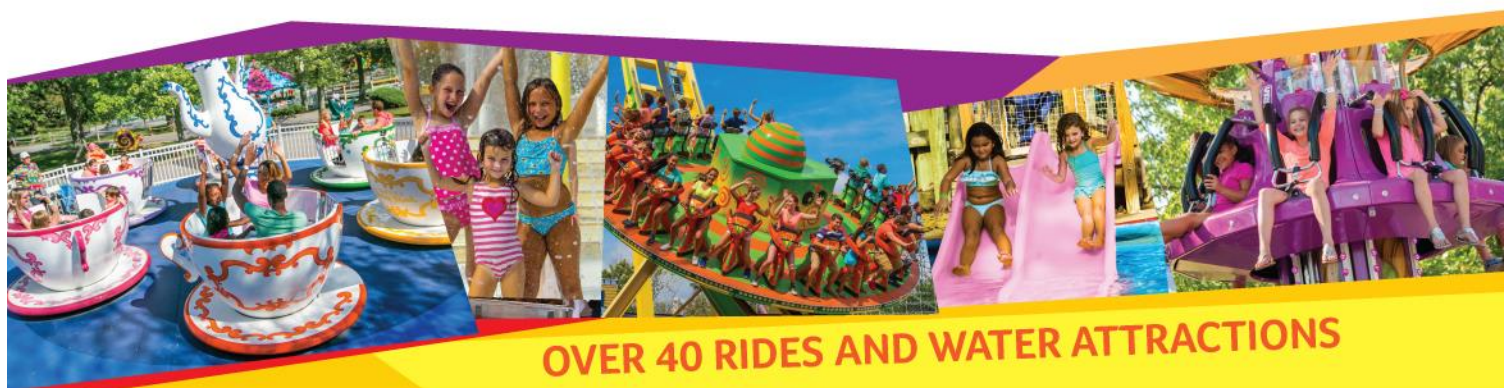
ADMISSION INCLUDES

- All rides, shows and Water Park (Water Park open 6/1-9/4).
- Children 2 and under are free.
- Re-entry privileges all day with your valid wristband

WRCA has reserved **DOME** pavilion and we will be cooking up Hot Dogs Noon to 3 PM

WRCA Members are allowed to bring in a cooler (your own food and drinks)

There is a parking fee of \$5.00 per vehicle.



WRCA Minutes

WRCA MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

The May WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by President Erich Krueger.

In attendance were President Erich Krueger, Vice President Ann Nichols, Treasurer Donna Mosteller, Secretary Jane Sieman, and Board Members John Radens, Andy Annesi, Marijean Nichols, Kristin Puff and Cassandra Schwab. Also in attendance were Barry Moir, Mike Trachtenberg, Bob Lannen, Lindsay Palmisano, Karen McMahon, Tony Marconi, Alissa Shields, and Pat Lucey, Amherst Highway Supt.

Pat Lucey, Amherst Highway Supt. was guest tonight. Mr. Lucey spoke and explained the various duties of the Highway Department such as garbage pickup, recycling, snowplowing, drainage issues, tree trimmings, street lighting, street cleaning and street repairs/repaving. The entire stretch of Willow Ridge Drive is planned to be redone this summer. Willow Ridge Drive is one of 52 Amherst streets scheduled to be redone this summer. Electronic drop off is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Eastern Hills Mall.

Karen McMahon, Endorsed Democratic Candidate for 146th State Assembly District introduced herself.

Lindsay Palmisano, willow ridge resident and member addressed concerns about lawn pesticide spraying with the emphasis of concerns of spraying on

windy days. Lindsay also addressed ideas that residents could use as an alternative to spraying pesticides.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion was made to approve the April meeting minutes as published in the May issue by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Cassandra Schwab.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Mosteller submitted a treasurer's report. Income for the month of April was \$873.50. Expenses for the month of April was \$3,124.00 The balance as of today's date 5/8/18 is \$9,735.59.

Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Andy Annesi and seconded by Marijean McNichols. Donna also presented a projected 2018-2019 budget to be reviewed by the WRCA Board and discussed at the June WRCA meeting.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Kristin Puff, was introduced as a new Board Member. John Radens made the motion to accept and Andy Annessi seconded. All agreed. Welcome Kristin.

DISCUSSION

Willow Ridge Cleanup Day 2018 was a success. WRCA extended their thanks to Jeff Carlino and Jim Cwierley on their work organizing this event. It was suggested that this event be added to the budget as a yearly event in the amount of \$200. WRCA will add this event to the list of events and to the list of committees/events in the 2019 directory.

WRCA requested to the Town of Amherst for extra garbage totes along Willow Ridge Drive in the hope of cutting down on trash on the ground in that vicinity. Mr. Lucey will review request and get back to WRCA President. Suggestion of a sign near Willow Ridge Map kiosk to 'Keep Neighborhood Clean'.

Traffic safety issues such as speed and stop sign runners were addressed. WRCA president has contacted Amherst Police Capt. Kevin Brown on this matter and Capt. Brown responded by saying that the Town of Amherst will have traffic units surveying the area and enforce any vehicle and traffic violations they see occurring. The addition of School Zone signs on Willow Ridge and Willow Green Drive were also discussed with Mr. Lucey.

Reminder that the Town of Amherst Planning Department, Ellicott Creek Neighborhood Forum Monday May 14th at 6:30 p.m. upstairs in the Ellicott Creek Fire Banquet Hall was discussed.

WRCA Members Fantasy Day at Fantasy Island, Sunday, July 15, 2018. WRCA will have a pavilion. Further details will be emailed to WRCA members and will appear in this issue of the WITW.

Willow Ridge Garage Sale June 7th through June 10th. All info is in the May's Newsletter and will be repeated in June's WITW.

WRCA Scholarship - Don Feldman from Sweethome High school will forward info to the WRCA board for review.

Go Fund Me honoring Karen Richardson

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

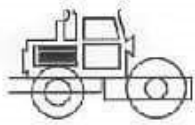
Karen Richardson GoFundMe Page

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Dog Pack Walker

Submitted by: Trish Brautlacht

Hello Willow Ridge Community!

I just wanted to introduce myself to the neighborhood and to all the furry friends that live here as well!

My name is Sarah DeMerle and I am a Certified dog trainer and Owner of a pack-walking business called 716 Dog Pack. I also volunteer in my spare time, as a behaviorist for Diamonds in the Ruff animal rescue.

Every afternoon, I pick up dogs to walk them in a specific neighborhood for an hour and then drop them back home in my company van. I have both large and small pack dog groups, but sometimes walk them all together for socialization purposes. The dogs get to spend time with their friends, expend energy and exercise with as many as 3 - 9 dogs at a time. I am currently servicing N. Buffalo, East Amherst and Tonawanda areas and would love to start a Willow Ridge Community pack, as well! One of my pack members, Macy lives right on Willow Green Drive and has been anxiously waiting for more neighborhood dogs to join the pack! You can view my Facebook page at 716 Dog Pack to see photos and videos of all the dogs walking around the neighborhood. Feel free to message me with any questions that you have or you can call me directly for more information at 716-479-1617.



When the grass isn't greener; controlling our weeds without harming our families

Submitted by: LINDSAY PALMISANO

There are many things that make the Willowridge community a superior place to live. For raising a family, I can't think of a better neighborhood! A unique nook of Amherst, with winding roads lined with beautiful trees, crowded with dog-walkers and children playing; enjoying the nearby amenities. With playgrounds and a bike path nearby, we truly have a lot to enjoy at our fingertips. It is a lovely place to call home and I'd like to offer a few ways to make it even better. One thing we see frequently as we walk our neighborhood, are yellow flags stuck in the grass alerting passersby of recent chemical spraying. What does this mean for our dogs and our children? Should we as a community be concerned, and if so, what can we do about it?



Lawns serve as the primary play space for our kids and pets. Despite what Scotts®, Bayer, TruGreen®, and other corporations in the so-called green industry would have us think, lawns are far from green, environmentally speaking. In addition, the 24 hour window in which the lawns should be avoided (per the yellow flag cautionary statements) is also not necessarily



sufficient. **Studies have found that the residues can last 5-6 days after application** so there really is no telling which areas are chemical laden or safe to trot. Fourteen of the 30 most commonly used lawn pesticides are neurotoxins and are known or suspected carcinogens, and two-thirds of them may cause reproductive harm in humans. Here are some stats that you may find alarming: 53% of TruGreen ChemLawn's pesticide products include ingredients that are possible carcinogens, as defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. 41% of TruGreen ChemLawn's pesticide products include ingredients that are banned or restricted in

other countries. All 32 of TruGreen ChemLawn's pesticide products include ingredients that pose threats to the environment, including: threats to water supplies, aquatic organisms, and non-targeted insects.

As a concerned Willowridge community member, I reached out to one of these companies that were spraying on Friday May 4th, 2018; one of the windiest days of the season. If you can remember, that day we had wind advisories and gusts of up to 50-60 MPH. According to the company's protocols, spraying should be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather, yet there the company workers were misting the chemicals that were swept up from the wind- blowing anywhere but the intended grass. My concerned call was met with sarcasm; where I was labeled a conspiracy theorist, and ultimately hung up on. A few days later, the manager of said company called us and admitted that, yes, these chemicals do pose risks and that they shouldn't have been spraying during bad weather, but at the end of the day people want perfect lawns. Maybe instead of perfect lawns, we could shift to wanting perfect health, perfect harmony with the earth, and perfect respect of Mother Nature. Many of the chemicals we dump on our lawns are herbicides meant to kill "weeds" that potentially offer benefits. Clover, for example, fixes nitrogen that can support turf-grass growth. Violets can host rare butterflies like the regal fritillary. Up until the 1800's, dandelions were



seen as extremely beneficial. People would remove grass to plant dandelions! Despite labels that say these chemical products are safe for use around children and pets, ongoing scientific studies find many of them are anything but, which means we need to consider some alternatives.

Getting to the root (pun intended) of the problem does not begin with just swapping out harsh chemicals for safer herbicide products. Treating the weeds as a symptom of an unhealthy lawn instead of just an isolated problem will help you identify why they exist in the first place. For instance, a healthy soil for grass to grow is around a pH of 6.5. Adding lime if it is below 6.0 or gardener's sulfur if it is above 7.0 can help the grass flourish and cut down on the unwanted weeds. Over seeding can also encourage more grass to grow and is best done in the spring and fall. Mowing high (around 3 inches) to crowd out the weeds and create deeper grass roots will also help, which also leads to less need for watering. Seeding clover on your lawn fertilizes the soil naturally by taking nitrogen from the air and fixing it into the ground. Lastly, once you find that your lawn is healthier, use of organic, slow-release fertilizer and other organic and natural options like corn gluten can be beneficial; there are many helpful online resources for organic lawn maintenance. New herbicides have reached the market that contain vinegar, lemon juice, and other plant-based ingredients. Many DIY recipes for weed killers can be found online, using a mixture of vinegar and castile soap. The general ratio is as follows: 1 gallon vinegar, 1 cup castile soap (like Dr. Bronners); combine in a garden sprayer and spray targeted weeds.



Bringing about awareness is the first step to improving our environment. I am certain we can all agree that we want to keep Willowridge beautiful, thriving, and safe for generations to come. Please consider an environmentally "greener" landscape upon which our children and pets can roam and replace those pesky yellow flags with the yellow dandelions that nature intended.

MIRACULOUS BENEFITS OF DANDELION

FLOWER	LEAVES	ROOTS
Tastes like sweet honey and has antioxidant properties which help increase immune function. Eat in a salad or on their own!	High in Vitamins A, C & K and minerals like calcium, copper, iron, manganese & potassium Helps detox the liver & kidneys Eat raw in salads or juice it!	Cleanses & detoxifies the liver & gallbladder, and purifies the blood Helps ease upset stomachs Rich in iron, boron, beta-carotene & potassium Make into a tea!

Community News

Dalewood Neighbor Awarded for Nursing Excellence

By Dawn Cwierley

Congratulations to our Dalewood Drive neighbor Esther M. Sprehe, BSN, MSN, ANP-BC, RN, CNOR, CRNFA. She recently received the Nurse of Distinction Award from Kenmore Mercy Hospital. Esther's area of specialty is preoperative nursing, which means she



works closely with the hospitals' surgeons. Known for her smile and gentle voice, her peers refer to her as an exemplary nurse practitioner who works with both compassion and diligence to ensure her patients receive the optimal care and outcomes.

Outside of the operating room, she is an inspiration too! She acts as a nurse liaison and educator at her church and has led a mission team to Peru and taught people how to manage healthcare clinic.

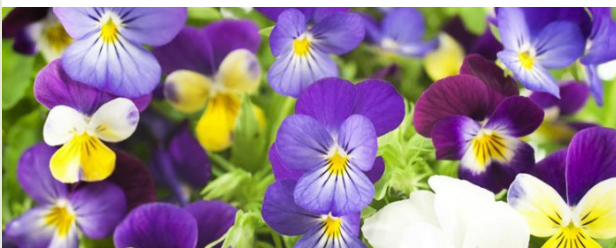


Thank you Esther for fostering a positive image of nursing.

For Sale

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off Dalewood.
Split level Brick front
2151 sq ft. 2 Car garage,
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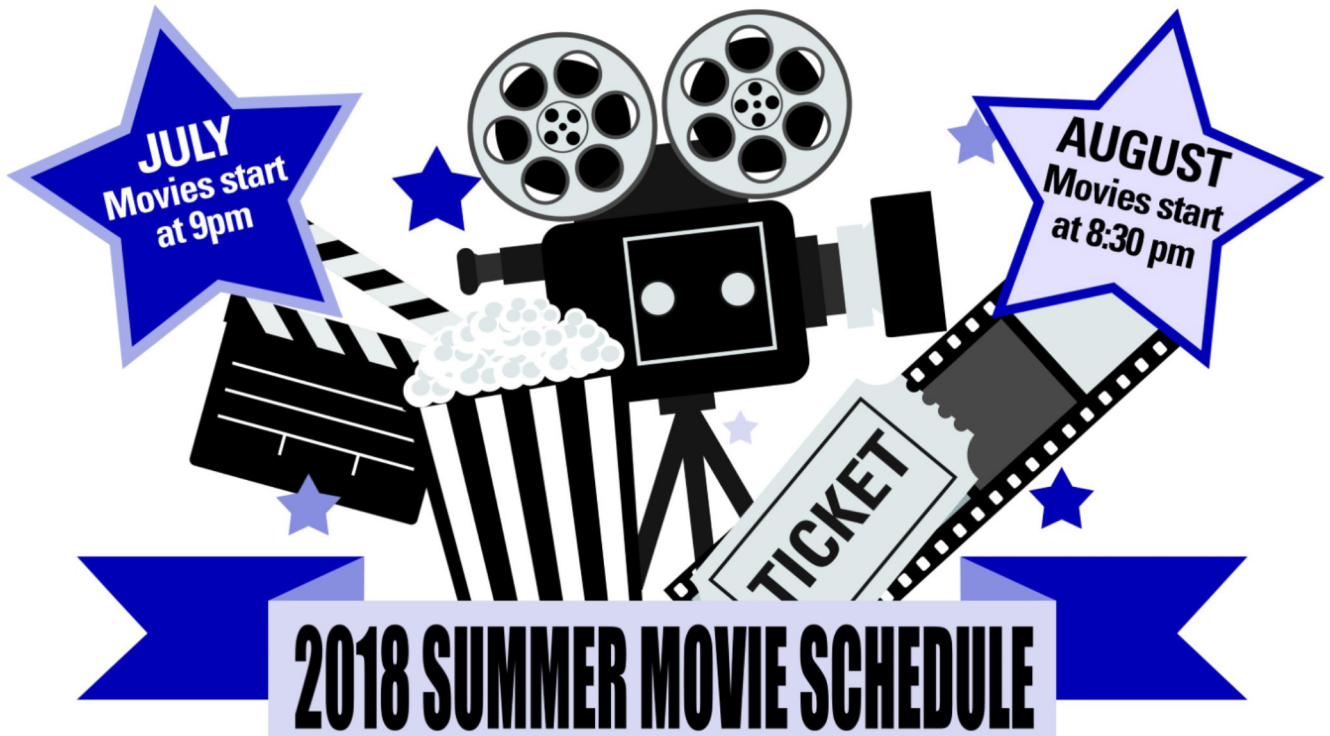


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DATE	MOVIE	LOCATION	RAIN SITE
7/6	Despicable Me 3	Bassett Park	Clearfield
7/13	Jumanji – Welcome to the Jungle	Bassett Park	Clearfield
7/20	Coco	Island Park	Meeting House
7/27	Paddington 2	Willow Ridge Park	Willow Ridge Elementary School
8/10	Wonder	Bassett Park	Clearfield
8/17	Sherlock Gnomes	Bassett Park	Clearfield
8/24	Beauty and the Beast	Island Park	Williamsville Meeting House

LOCATIONS:

- Bassett Park** 359 Klein Rd. @ Youngs, Williamsville
- Island Park** 5577 Main St., Williamsville
- Clearfield** 730 Hopkins Rd., Williamsville
- Williamsville Meeting House** 5658 Main St., Williamsville
- Willow Ridge Park & Elementary School** 480 Willow Ridge Dr., Amherst



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, June 5 from 6:30-8 (childcare provided).

BIKE RODEO - This annual event is going to be held on Friday, June 1 (rain date June 8). The kids will be completing various obstacles to help learn about bike safety. Awards are given to the top boy and girl with training wheels and without for each grade level (no training wheels past 1st grade). It is a fun event that the kids look forward to each year.

SPRING BOOK FAIR – Just like the Fall Scholastic Book Fair, except this time the PTO gets more money donated back as well as additional discounts on books. This will run the week of June 4-8.

FLAG AND FIELD DAY- June 14. A tradition at Willow Ridge Elementary where the students honor the flag as well as participate in various individual and tram building activities outside.

School Supplies – This is the first year for this program and we hope that it will alleviate some of the stress for parents when it comes time to buy school supplies. The PTO is teaming up with SchoolKidz School Supply Kits to make this a one-stop shopping experience for parents. Order forms should have come home with the kids and incoming Kindergarteners will get a packet with their Registration. All of the child's required school supplies will be ordered and sent to the school for pick-up the week before school starts. (There may be additional materials needed if teachers modify their request list). Orders are due May 31, 2018. Any questions, please contact Dawn Rydzynski at 310-6899 or dawnrydzynski@yahoo.com

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](http://www.sweethomeschools.org))

- June 1 – Bike Rodeo
- June 4-8 – Scholastic Book fair
- June 5 - PTO Meeting in the school Cafeteria (childcare provided) 6:30-8pm
- June 14 – Flag and Field Day
- June 18 – Grade 5 Moving Up Day
- June 19 - Half day-dismissal at 11:15
- June 20 – Last Day of School – half day – dismissal at 11:15

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

Common Point Violations in NY

In New York, the number of points assigned to your driver record depends upon the violation for which you have been convicted. Here are some examples of common infractions that may result in points being added to your driving record:

3-Point Violations

Failure to recognize a stop sign or traffic signal: 3 points.

Failure to obey child safety restraint regulations: 3 points.

Fleeing the scene of an accident when resulting in property damage or the injury of an animal: 3 points.

4-Point Violations

Failure to keep a safe following distance: 4 points.

Speeding 11 to 20 MPH over the designated limit: 4 points.

5-Point Violations

Texting while driving: 5 points.

Reckless operation of a vehicle: 5 points.

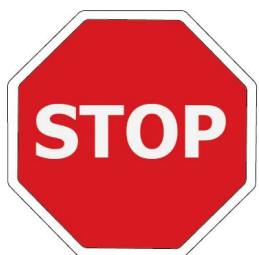
Passing a school bus when stopped: 5 points.

6-Point Violations & Above

Speeding 21 to 30 MPH over the speed limit: 6 points.

Speeding 31 to 40 MPH over limit: 8 points.

Speeding more than 40 MPH over limit: 11 points.



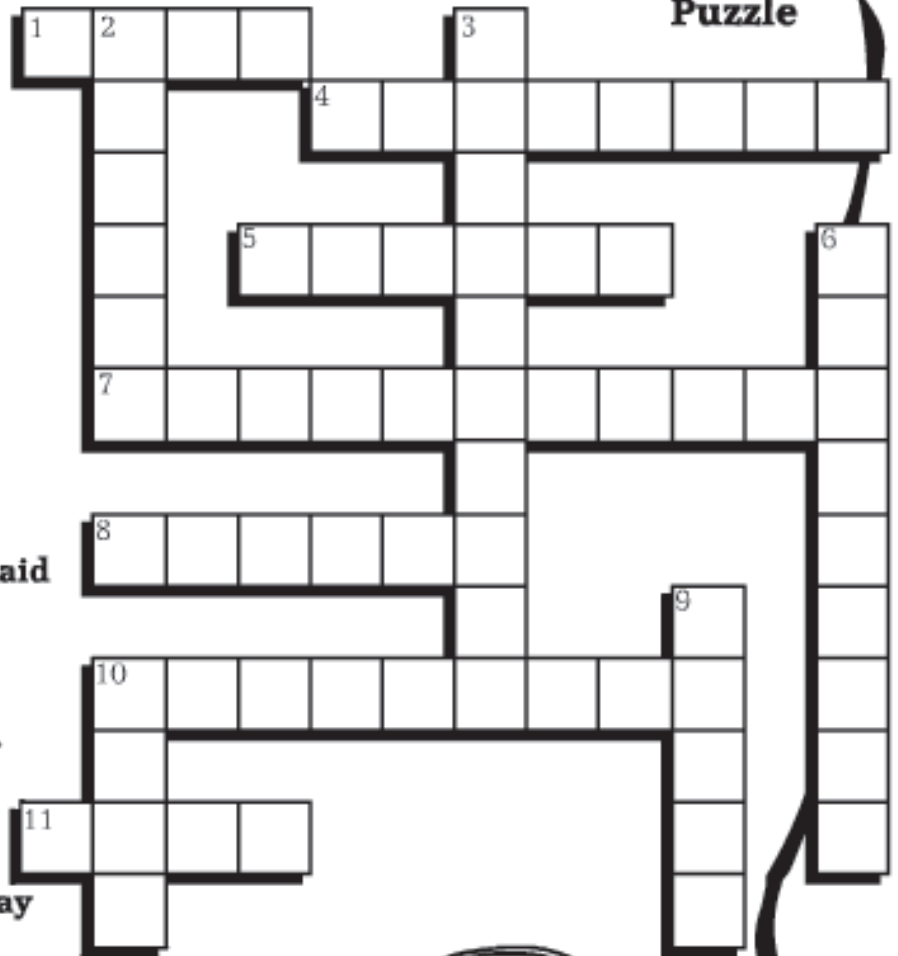
For the complete list of point violations, please see the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles' website.

<https://www.dmv.org/ny-new-york/point-system.php>



Fairy Tale

Crossword Puzzle



Across

1. The ____ Prince.
4. The _____ and the Pea.
5. The Goose Who Laid the _____ Eggs
7. The _____ Man (cookie)
8. _____ and Gretel.
10. The Elves and the _____.
11. Creatures led away by the Pied Piper of Hamelin.

Down

2. Little Red _____ Hood.
3. The girl who lost her glass slipper.
6. Cinderella's Fairy.
9. What was baked by the Little Red Hen?
9. The Ugly Ducking was really a _____.



the **Kidz** Page

JUNE

- 5 World Environment Day
- 6 D Day, WWII
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day - third Sunday
- 19 Juneteenth Day
- 21 Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year.

- The Continental Congress adopted the Flag of the United States on June 14, 1777.
- The Ford Motor Company was founded on June 16, 1903.
- Congress adopted the design for the Great Seal of the United States on June 20, 1782.

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.

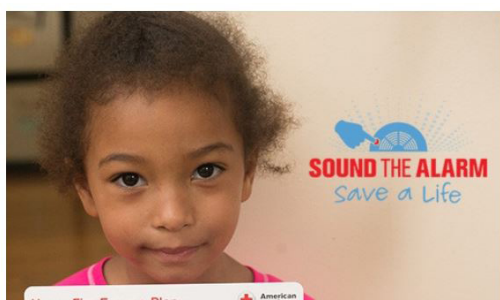
Just call Eric at 984-2265 to set up a time for a team of 2 or 3 to come and assist you in this way.

There are no strings attached. There is no charge and no money will be accepted for the work done.

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



American Red Cross



FREE SMOKE DETECTORS

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NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

CALL US AT: 691-9456

FOR MORE INFO, GO TO: www.REDCROSS.org/SOUNDTHEALARM

SET UP YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

W.O.W Paddlefest

What?

Second annual Wear it on the Water
Paddlefest



When?

Saturday August 4th
11:00am—4:00pm



Where?

Wilson Tuscarora State Park

Come and enjoy kayak class (all equipment provided),
food, and demonstrations on different paddling techniques
and rescues!

See you there!

For more details call (716) 282-5154



**Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation**

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the meeting came to a close at 9:11 p.m. Motion was made by Andy Anessi to adjourn and seconded by Donna Mosteller.

**Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on
Tuesday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.**

Respectfully submitted, Jane Sieman – WRCA Secretary

Janet Archer wanted to convey this message that Dr. Fred Archer loved our community and was a resident of Willow Ridge for almost 50 years.

Dr. Fred D. Archer Jr., 88, first African-American president of Dental Society

Oct. 20, 1929 – May 3, 2018



Dr. Fred Douglas Archer Jr., the first African-American to serve as president of the Erie County Dental Society, died May 3 in his

Amherst home. He was 88.

Born in Reidsville, N.C., an only child, he graduated with honors from Booker T. Washington High School there in 1946 and earned a bachelor's degree in 1950 from Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C., where he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and played the role of Cassius in "Othello."

Drafted into the Marine Corps, he served in Puerto Rico during the Korean War. Following his discharge, he came to Buffalo to join his mother in 1953 and worked at Bethlehem Steel.

A cousin, Dr. James E. Moore, who was a dentist in Washington, D.C., invited him to come take a look at the College of Dentistry at Howard University. Impressed, he took the entrance exam and was accepted.

While there, he met Janet Craig, an elementary school teacher who was the sister of his cousin's wife. They were married in 1957.

After earning his degree in 1960, Dr. Archer was invited to join the dental college faculty. He taught for two

years, then decided to move back to Buffalo to be closer to his family. He opened a practice above a bank branch at Fillmore Avenue and East Utica Street with a focus on fixed prosthodontics, providing crowns, bridges and dentures.

He became an instructor in dental materials in the dental assistant program at the University at Buffalo Urban Center in 1968. The following year, he became one of the first African-Americans to become a clinical instructor in UB Dental School's Department of Restorative Dentistry. He later became a clinical associate professor in the Department of Oral Medicine's emergency clinic.

Dr. Archer retired from teaching and his private practice in 1997 and joined the staff of the Western New York Dental Group, where he worked alongside some of his former students. He continued seeing patients until 2009.

"He was an excellent dentist," his wife said. "He loved dentistry. His patients loved him and his students loved him."

The first African-American to serve as president of the Erie County Dental Society and the Eighth District Dental Society, he was a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. He also was a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society chapter at the UB Dental School.

Dr. Archer also was a member of the Shaw University Alumni Association and the Howard University Dental Alumni Association and was the first president of the Greater Buffalo Howard University Alumni Association.

Selected as one of the Uncrowned Kings of Buffalo, he received the Outstanding Member Award and a Man of the Year Award from the Upstate Medical Alliance. Dr. Archer received the Howard University Alumni Achievement Award, was honored by the S.E.N.S.E.S. Foundation for contributions to health education and received the Frank Stone Memorial Award from the Erie County Dental Society.

He was a member of the Buffalo Chapter of the NAACP, the Urban League, the College Fund (UNCF), the Willow Ridge Civic Association and the board of directors of Beechwood Continuing Care. He also had been a member of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church since 1962.

In addition to his wife, who became a Buffalo school administrator and helped establish the Early Push program, survivors include two sons, Dr. Fred D. III and Richard C.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Monday in Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, 641 Masten Ave.

BOWLING LEAGUE OPENINGS AVAILABLE

The Willow Ridge Bowling League has openings available for the next bowling season beginning in September at Airport Bowling Lanes. This is a fun couples bowling league which is scheduled to bowl once a month on Friday evenings beginning in September through early May 2019. Whether you are a beginner or more seasoned bowler, come join us – two couples per team.

For further information or sign-up, call Dick Lippold, current League President, at 691-7080 or send an e-mail message to rlippold@aol.com.

Willow Ridge resident, Kelly Sieman, has put together these Free Events as part of her internship with New York State's Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

With kids being out of school why not take advantage of free nature tours with Kelly!!

Sunday, July 1

12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Shrubs, Trees, and Wildflowers, Oh My!

Earl W. Brydges Artpark State Park

Artpark offers not only man-made art, but also natural masterpieces. Take a walk and learn about the flora of the Niagara Region. *For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.*

Wednesday, July 11

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mother Nature Makes Everything Better

Niagara Falls State Park

When did you last sit back and enjoy the wonders our area has to offer? Join a stroll in the gorge, with stops to relax in the sunlight and listen to the flow of the water below. *For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.*

Monday, July 16

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Time Traveler

Beaver Island State Park

Take a walk through the history of the grounds at River Lea. Enjoy the picturesque view of the Niagara River and Strawberry Island. *For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.*



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