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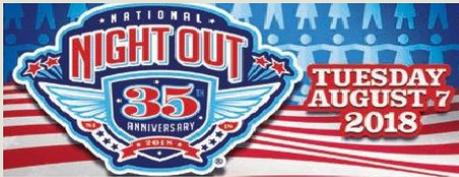


# Wind in the Willows

## Message from the President

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next WRCA Board Meeting Sept 11th**  
 at 7:30pm to 9pm  
 at Ellicott Creek  
 Volunteer Fire Company  
 45 S Ellicott Creek Rd,  
 Amherst, NY 14228

**WRCA and Amherst Police National Night Out August 7th.**

Please check out  
 WRCA New  
 Website [WRCA.US](http://WRCA.US)

Whoever ordered the Hot Weather...  
**THANK YOU!**

*We have a Busy Summer here in Willow Ridge!! Please enjoy!!*

**The WRCA has a great event coming up!**

\* WRCA and Amherst Police National Night Out August 7th.

Thank you everyone who participated in the first WRCA Family Day at Fantasy Island!! Thank you Bob Sieman for doing the Grilling!! We hope to do this again next year!

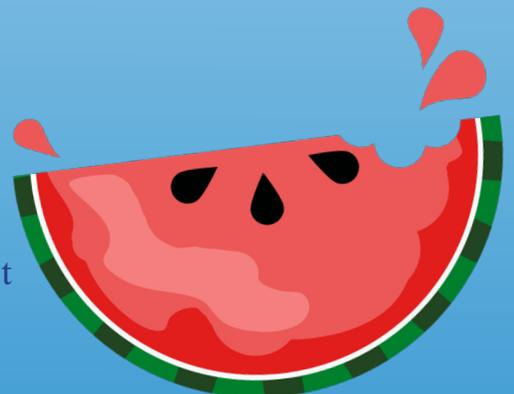
Jim Cwierley has once again worked with the Town of Amherst Youth Board to have Movie Night in Willow Ridge on July 27th at Willow Ridge Park (Willow Ridge Elementary, if it rains) **This year's movie will be Paddington 2.** Look at the flyer in this month's Newsletter for all dates, times, locations and movies.

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!* Amherst Police will be stepping up to watch for speeders and Stop sign runners.

June's Minutes will be in the August Newsletter.

September 11th will be our next WRCA Board Meeting. See you there at 7:30 pm at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

- H. Erich Krueger



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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 more!

Send your news and photos to 136 Dalewood Drive or email it to [WITW@WRCA.US](mailto:WITW@WRCA.US).

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Willow Ridge Civic Association




**WRCA MEETING  
September 11th!!**

**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.

## JOIN TODAY

**I have buyers for Willow Ridge, call me to find out what your home is worth!**



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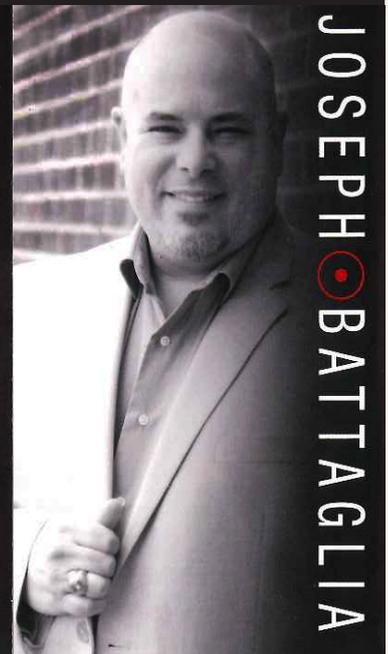
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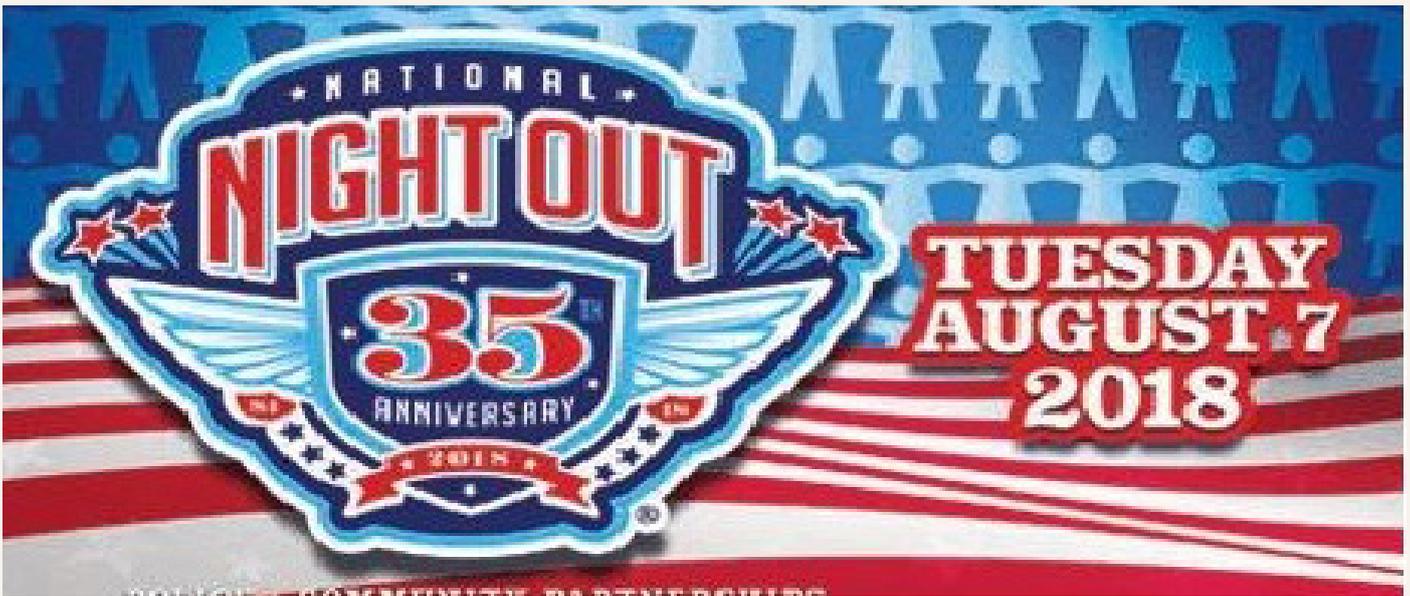


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## Neighborhood News

### **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](mailto:rlippold@aol.com)



### **WRCA & Amherst Police Dept. Present National Night Out Tuesday August 7th. 6 PM to 9 PM**

at Willow Ridge Elementary

A annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Demonstrations by Amherst Police Dept and Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company  
Bounce House, Pony Rides, Bicycle Decoration Contest, Prizes, Music by DJ Erich,  
Self defense demos, and so much more!!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDERS!!!**

# Congratulations



## *WRCA Dollars For Scholars Scholarship Winners Julia Cioppa and Jonathan Miller*

## Congratulations Donn Scherer!

The Brook Park neighbors would like to congratulate Donn Scherer for winning six medals at the Empire State Senior Games at Cortland State College in June. Don walked away with four gold, one silver and one bronze medal.



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## 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!!

Wednesday, August 8  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Nature's Supermarket  
Beaver Island State Park  
Join a walk along the lagoon to learn the unique things wetland habitats offer. We may be greeted by belted kingfishers, common terns, and great blue herons, and see the osprey that nest in the lagoon. *For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.*

Tuesday, August 14  
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Critters of the Night  
Beaver Island State Park  
Come join us for a stroll and an afterhours exploration at the park in search of night critters that call the park home. Maybe we'll hear an owl calling or catch a glimpse of some bats in pursuit of their next meal. *For information and registration call (716) 282-5154.*

# Go Fund Me honoring Karen Richardson

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

## Karen Richardson GoFundMe Page

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



# Congratulations

Max Wopperer of Brookpark Drive graduated from St. Joseph Collegiate Institute on May 17. Max will be attending John Carroll University in Cleveland to pursue a degree in Accounting.

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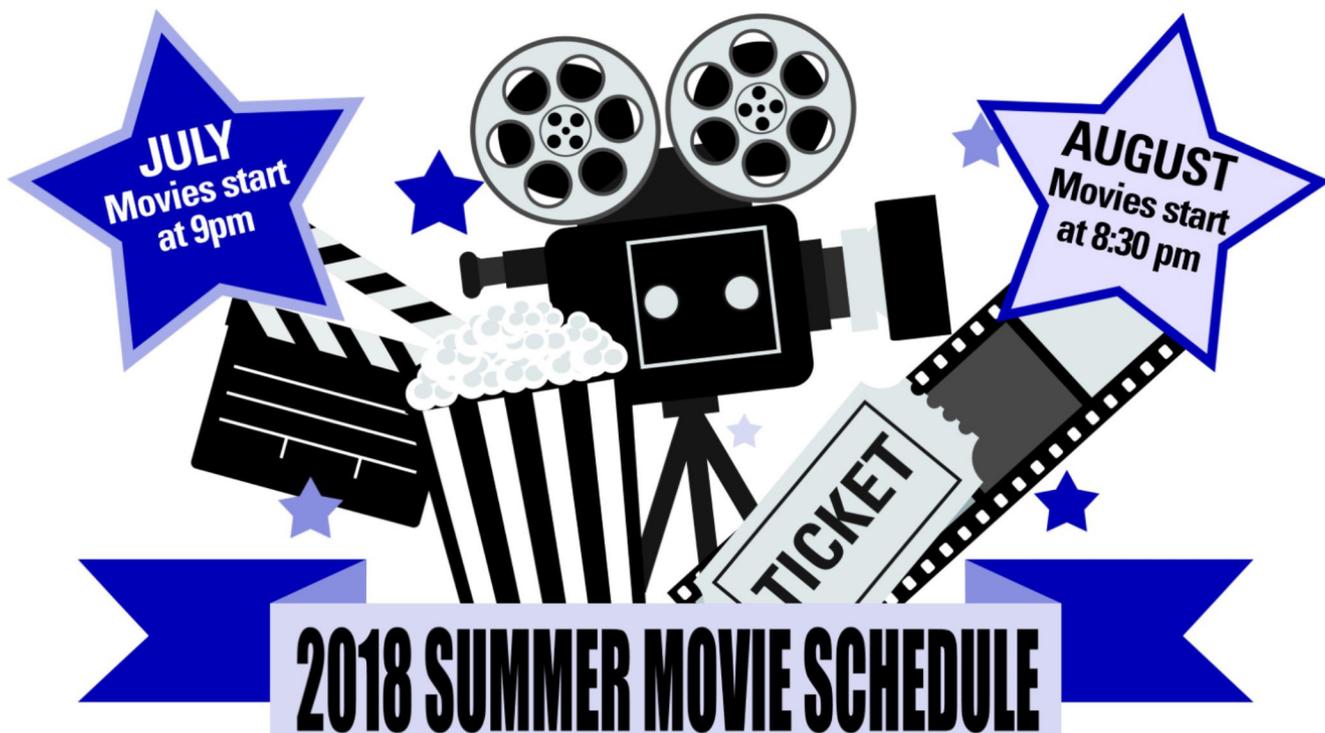


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DATE	MOVIE	LOCATION	RAIN SITE
7/6	Despicable Me 3	Bassett Park	Clearfield
7/13	Jumanji – Welcome to the Jungle	Bassett Park	Clearfield
7/20	Coco	Island Park	Meeting House
7/27	Paddington 2	Willow Ridge Park	Willow Ridge Elementary School
8/10	Wonder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



# 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



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and Historic Preservation**

# NYS Fun Facts

## State Facts:

- Counties: 62
- Dimensions: 310 miles (North-South), 440 miles (East-West, including Long Island)
- Highest mountain: Mount Marcy, 5,344 feet
- Highest waterfall: Taughannock, 215 feet
- Lakes and ponds: 4,000
- Land area: 47,224 square miles, ranks 30th among states
- Largest city: New York City
- Largest lake: Oneida, 79.8 square miles
- Longest river: Hudson, 315 miles
- Longest toll superhighway in the U.S.A: Governor Thomas E. Dewey Thruway, 641 miles
- State Canal System: Extends over 524 miles and connects with hundreds of rivers and lakes
- State capital: Albany
- State motto: Excelsior which means Ever Upward
- State nickname: Empire State
- Tallest building: Empire State Building, 102 Stories
- Towns and villages: almost 1,500

## Fun Facts:

- The Adirondack Park is larger than the Yellowstone, Everglades, Glacier, Grand Canyon parks combined
- New York was the first state to require license plates on automobiles
- Kingston was the first capital of New York State
- The first Saranac Lake Winter Carnival, still popular today, was held in 1897
- Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua has nine formal gardens and one of the largest displays of roses in the state
- It took 31 years, from 1867-1898, to build the State Capitol Building
- New York State has 1,300 museums and galleries, 64 performing arts centers, and 230 theaters
- There are more than 400 golf courses and 55 downhill ski areas in New York State
- The New York State Canal System is 524 miles long and has 57 locks
- The Seaway Trail covers 454 miles along scenic vistas of Niagara Falls and the Thousand Islands, along with grape-growing vineyards and apple orchards
- The Hudson River was named an American Heritage River by the U.S. government in 1998
- In 1885 New York State acquired property around Niagara Falls and established the first state park in the U.S.
- In 1892 Ellis Island opened in New York Harbor as the primary immigration depot in the U.S.
- The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor on October 28, 1886

# Kids Page Quiz

1. What historic New York military base was the site of the colonist's first victory in the American Revolution?

- Fort Knox
- Fort Ticonderoga
- Fort Montgomery
- The Alamo

2. The Dutch settled permanently in 1624 and ruled over the colony of:

- New Hampshire
- New Holland
- New Netherland
- New England

3. Which city was the first capital of the United States?

- Washington D.C.
- New York City
- Philadelphia
- Kingston

4. What president, born in New York, was the first American to receive the Nobel Prize?

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Millard Fillmore
- Martin Van Buren

5. New York declared its independence from the British in:

- 1492
- 1609
- 1776
- 1976

6. The Turning Point of the American Revolution was the:

- Battle of Saratoga
- Battle of the Bulge
- Battle at Bunker Hill
- Battle of Trenton

7. Who was the first elected Governor of New York State?

- DeWitt Clinton
- George Clinton
- John Jay
- Grover Cleveland

8. What canal system was completed in 1825?

- Suez Canal
- Erie Canal
- Panama Canal
- Lake Champlain

9. How many United States Presidents were born in New York State?

- One
- Two
- Three
- Four
- Five

10. Who was the European Explorer to visit what would later be known as New York Harbor?

- Amerigo Vespucci
- Christopher Columbus
- William Blithe
- Henry Hudson
- Giovanni Verrazzano

11. Where is the inscription "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free"?

- The Empire State Building
- The Statue of Liberty
- The Metropolitan Museum
- Central Park

12. Which Governor of New York State was once New York State Secretary of State?

- Hugh L. Carey
- Mario M. Cuomo
- George E. Pataki
- Averell Harriman

13. What county's name is an Iroquois word meaning "the outpouring"?

- Oswego
- Seneca
- Nassau
- Steuben

14. What county's name is a Seneca Indian word for "bad smelling banks"?

- Chemung
- Montgomery
- Rensselaer
- Cattaraugus

15. Who earned her medical degree in Geneva, NY, making her the first female Doctor in US history?

- Susan B. Anthony
- Elizabeth Blackwell
- Clara Barton
- Joyce Brothers



# NYS Facts & History Quiz