



August 2018

# Wind in the Willows

## Message from the President

**I hope everyone is enjoying their Summer!!!**

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**W**RCA and Amherst Police National Night Out on August 7th was a Great success!! Once again John Miller put together a night to remember. I would like to thank all the volunteers: Amherst Baptist Church for the hot dogs, cotton candy and use of their bounce house. Anderson's Ice Cream for serving up their delicious ice cream!! Target for the Gift Card Prizes to give the Winners of the Bicycle Contest and the 2 Bicycles (1 boy's bike and 1 girl's bike), which we raffled off. I want to thank Jane Sieman for putting together the Buffalo Bill's Swag Basket that we raffled off. The Ellicott Volunteer Fire Company for leading the Bicycle Parade and letting the kids climb all over their equipment. Save the date of October 13 for the Ellicott Volunteer Fire Company Open House! A HUGE thank you goes out to the Amherst Police Department for their donation and their display of police hardware and information.

With school approaching, there will be students walking and cycling 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 September 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



## 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

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

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

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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](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

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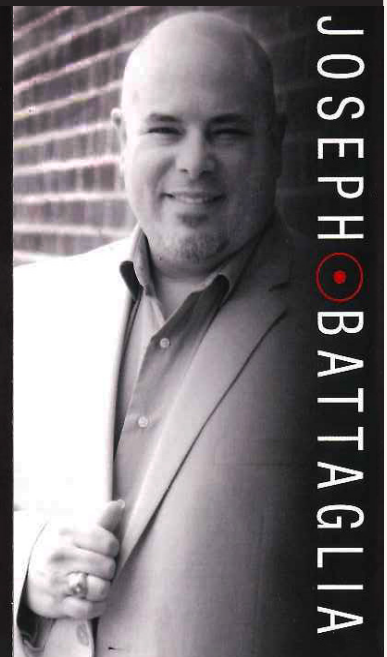
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# Neighborhood News

## WRCA and Amherst Police National Night Out on August 7th

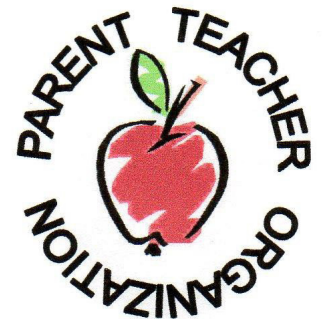




**L**ongtime resident, Joan M Robinson, of Willow Ridge Dr. Passed into eternal life on Saturday August 18th 2018. Joan and her husband Robert raised their six kids in their home. She enjoyed many family events and parties which included the addition of ten grandchildren and many devoted friends and neighbors. Joan loved to have neighbors over for coffee and conversation. She is a member of the Willow Ridge Garden Club and faithful parishioner of St. Christopher Church. Her legacy and memorial is one of joy as many will remember her smiling face! In her spirit smile and be a friendly neighbor to all you meet. The entire Robinson family expresses their deepest gratitude for your prayers at this difficult time. ~ Submitted by Nicole Therolf

## PTO Help Wanted!

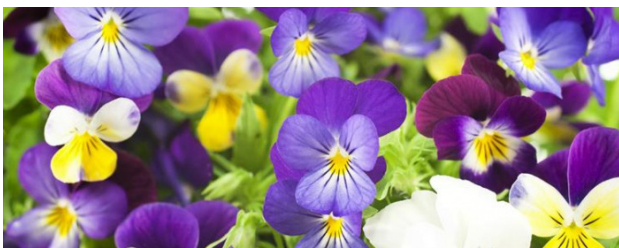
Willow Ridge Elementary Needs volunteers and we need some for our first big event, the Scholastic Book Fair!  
If anyone can help, they can email Jessica Stephens at [jesslynnstephens@gmail.com](mailto:jesslynnstephens@gmail.com)



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# WILLOW RIDGE WELLNESS

So often we hear people say they have certain health conditions or diseases because it's "in their genes" or their parents had it. However, it is interesting that research indicates our health or wellness is more a result of our lifestyle decisions than our genetic makeup.



Nutrition, exercise, sleep and stress are all critical pieces of our health's equation. The communities where we live, work, eat, and play also play a relevant role in our health. The neighborhoods we live in have a major effect on our health in many ways.

Being a resident of Willow Ridge for many years I have been able to take advantage of many of the wonderful opportunities it has to offer. We love the bike path that borders the lake and connects us to the University of Buffalo and other bike riding options. In addition to biking, there is safe walking on the sidewalks (be careful of uneven sidewalks! ).

The two playgrounds are areas where families can walk or bike to and enjoy the fun acrobatics they offer. The tennis courts are another option for adults or children and seem to be underused lately :-). However, there have been pickle-ball game sitings on the court recently.

If you live in Willow Ridge, you know the abundance of grocery stores in close proximity to us. It's a short car ride to Wegman's, Tops, Aldi's, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Price Rite, Target, or the North Tonawanda Farmer's Market where we can make healthy food choices. And most residents are within walking distance to either Convenient or 7-11. Make sure and walk on the sidewalk though.

Having wonderful neighbors and friends can contribute positively to our health and may even extend your life expectancy. Friendship isn't just about having fun but having great neighbors can improve your physical health. Hanging in your driveway or backyard with a group of neighbors can decrease your sense of isolation and improve the quality (and maybe quantity?) of your life.

I hope each of you take time this summer to walk or bike through Willow Ridge, enjoy the tennis courts and playgrounds, and most importantly, meet and greet your neighbors that just might turn out to be life long friends. These solid relationships you develop can contribute to your health and happiness.

SALLY GOWER  
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Sally Gower, Willow Ridge Resident and owner of Eat Well Buffalo, has always been a firm believer that we need to take responsibility for our own health as well as being a positive contributor to our WNY community. Our emphasis and direction should be on the prevention of disease and taking those steps to eat healthy (plant based, whole foods as much as possible), incorporating exercise into our daily lives, practicing mindfulness and meditation, as well as being committed to recycling, sustainability and making a difference in this wonderful community in which we live.



# Go Fund Me honoring Karen Richardson

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

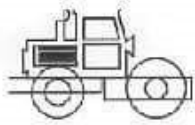
## Karen Richardson GoFundMe Page

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



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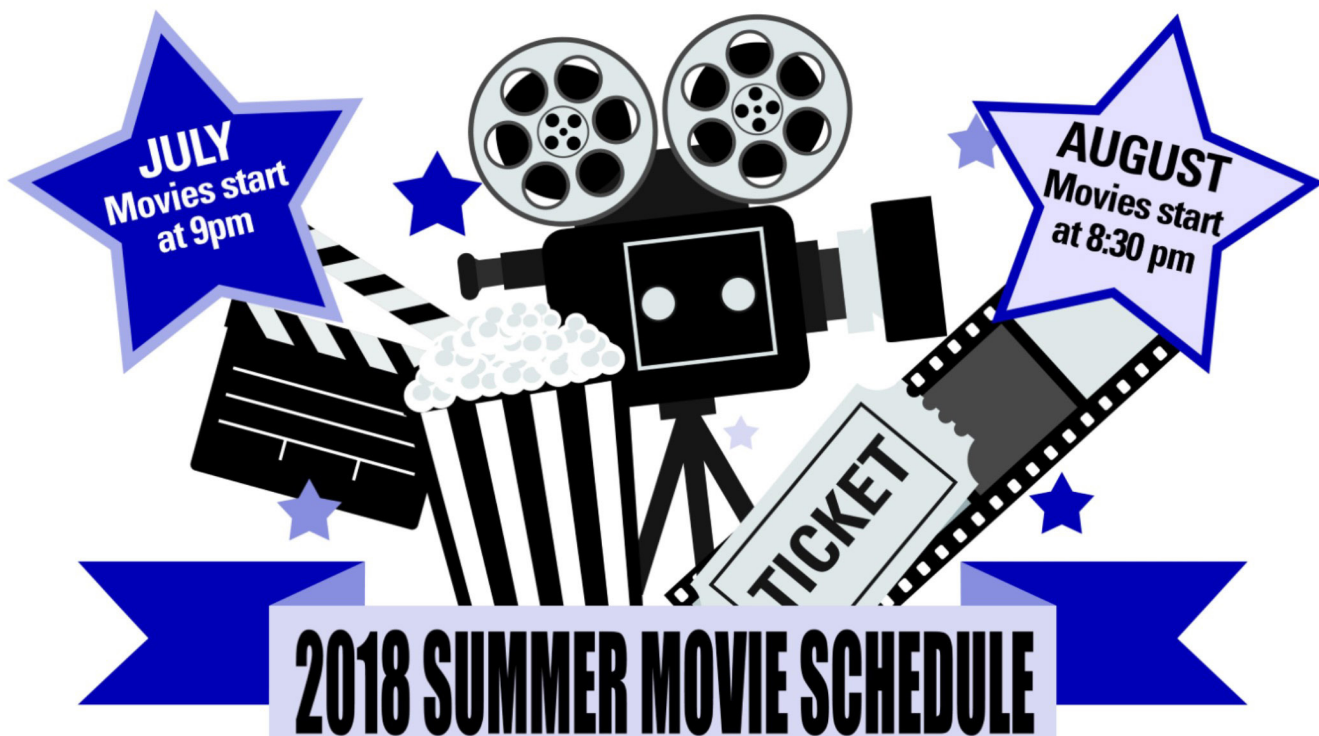


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DATE	MOVIE	LOCATION	RAIN SITE
7/6	Despicable Me 3	Bassett Park	Clearfield
7/13	Jumanji – Welcome to the Jungle	Bassett Park	Clearfield
7/20	Coco	Island Park	Meeting House
7/27	Paddington 2	Willow Ridge Park	Willow Ridge Elementary School
8/10	Wonder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





## TTFA Cheerleading Meat Raffle!



On Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> , TTFA Cheerleading is hosting a meat raffle!  
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 Team!

**Date:** Friday, August 24, 2018

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

**Price:** \$5 pre-sale, \$7 at the door 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".

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

Not able to attend the raffle? You can still support your squad!  
Purchase tickets for the Cooler Full of Meat- \$5 each OR 3 for \$10!  
You don't need to be present to win!

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



# Willow Ridge Elementary

## 2018-2019 Calendar of Events

### September

9/5 - First day of school  
9/10-9/14 - Book Fair  
9/11 - PTO Meeting  
9/14 - Open House and Welcome Back Picnic  
9/18 - Board of Education Meeting  
9/21 - Community Day/Homecoming



### November

11/6 - Staff Development Day  
11/12 - No School  
11/13 - PTO Meeting  
11/16 - Harvest Dance  
11/19 - Elementary Gold Band  
11/20 - Board of Education Meeting  
11/21-11/23 - No School  
11/27-11/29 - Winter Wonderland



### January

1/2 - School Resumes  
1/8 - PTO Meeting  
1/12 - All County Auditions  
1/21 - No School  
1/23 - Skating Party



### March

3/2 & 3/6 - Elementary All-County Rehearsals  
3/4-3/5 & 3/11-3/12 & 3/18-3/19 - Kindergarten Registration  
3/5 - PTO Meeting  
3/11 - Grade 4 Band Recital  
3/15 - Staff Development Day & Parent-Teacher Conferences  
3/15 - Second Trimester Ends  
3/18 - Grade 4 Orchestra Recital  
3/19 - Board of Education Voting Meeting  
3/21 - Parent University  
3/28 - Grade 5 Parent Orientation



### May

5/1-5/3 - NYS Math Assessments Grades 3-8  
5/6-5/7 & 5/8-5/9 & 5/13-5/14 & 5/20-5/21 - UPK Registration  
5/7 - PTO Meeting  
5/7 - Annual District Budget Meeting & "Meet the Candidates Night"  
5/8 - Willow Ridge Chorus Concert  
5/13 - Elementary Gold Orchestra  
5/14 - Board of Education Voting Meeting  
5/15 - Elementary Blue Band and Blue Orchestra Concert  
5/21 - Annual District Budget Vote  
5/21 - Elementary Gold Band  
5/22 - Grade 5 Middle School Visit  
5/24-5/27 - No School  
5/29 - Grade 4 & 8 NYS Science Performance Assessments  
5/31 - Bike Rodeo



### October

10/1 - District PTO/PTA/PTSA Meeting & Volunteer Celebration  
10/2 - PTO Meeting  
10/3 - Picture Day  
10/3 - Skating Party  
10/5 - Early Dismissal/Emergency Evacuation Drill  
10/5 - Influenza Shot Clinic  
10/8 - No School  
10/9 - Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins  
10/19 - Basket Raffle  
10/22 - Picture Retake Day  
10/23 - Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends



### December

12/3 - Chorus Concert  
12/4 - PTO Meeting  
12/6 - No School  
12/6 - End of 1st Trimester  
12/6 - Parent-Teacher Conferences  
12/7 - No School & Parent-Teacher Conferences  
12/10 - Elementary Gold Orchestra  
12/18 - Board of Education Voting Meeting  
12/24-1/1 - Winter Recess/No School



### February

2/1 - Staff Development Day  
2/4 - Candy Sale Fundraiser Starts  
2/5 - PTO Meeting  
2/8 - February Frolics  
2/12 - Board of Education Voting Meeting  
2/14 - Leadership Day  
2/18-2/22 - Winter Recess  
2/27 - Candy Sale Fundraiser Ends



### April

4/2-4/4 - ELA Assessments Grades 3-8  
4/2 - PTO Meeting  
4/8-4/12 - Book Fair  
4/12 - Science Night  
4/16 - Board of Education Voting Meeting  
4/18-4/26 - Spring Recess



### June

6/3 - Grade 4 & 8 Science Written Assessments  
6/4 - PTO Meeting  
6/7 - Bike Rodeo Rain Day  
6/14 - Flag and Field Day  
6/18 - Board of Education Voting Meeting  
6/24 - Early Dismissal  
6/25 - 5th Grade Moving Up  
6/25 - Last Day of School/Early Dismissal



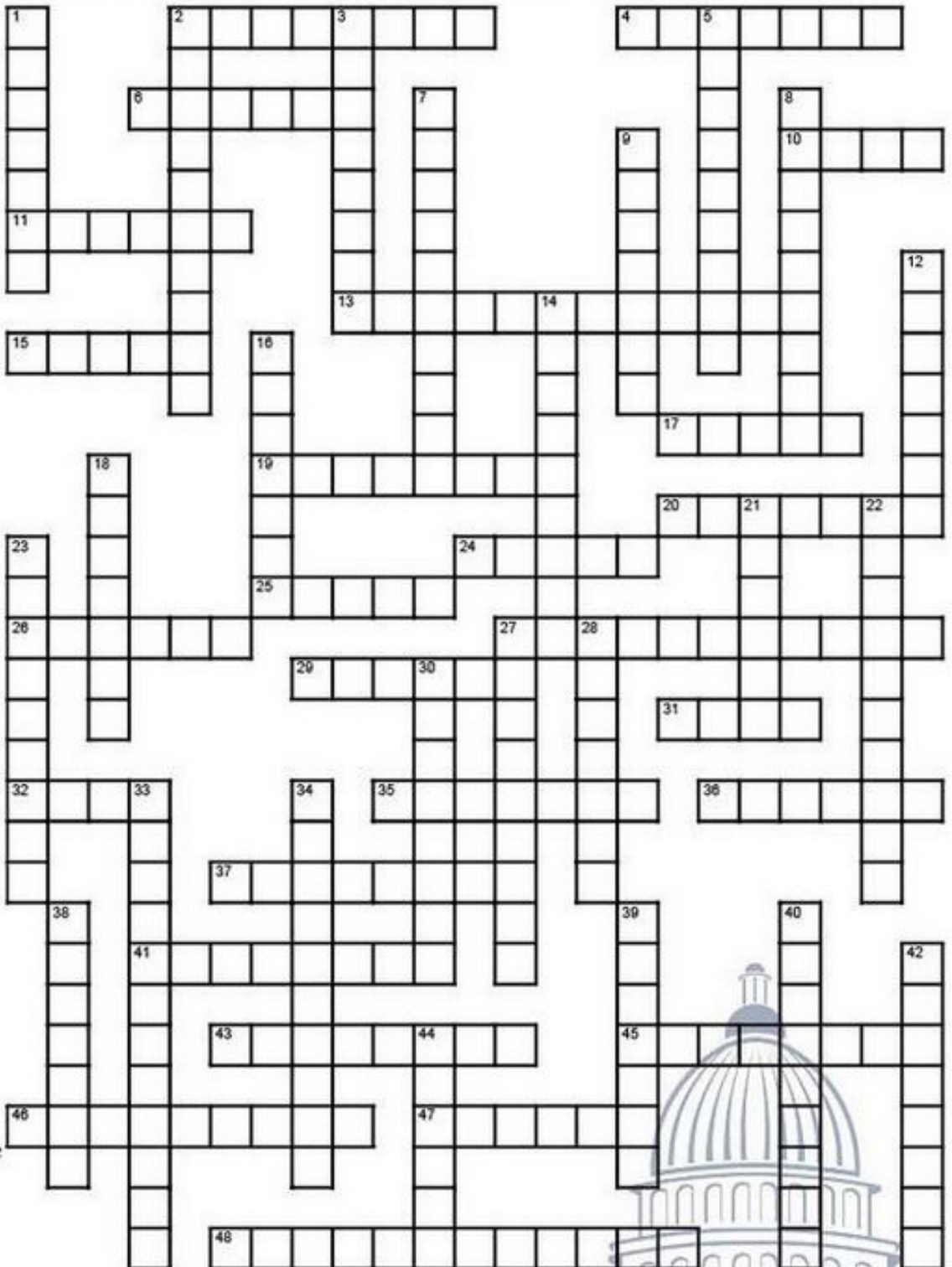
# STATE CAPITALS

## ACROSS

- 2. South Carolina
- 4. Helena
- 6. Topeka
- 10. Des Moines
- 11. Colorado
- 13. Indiana
- 15. Boise
- 17. Austin
- 19. Wyoming
- 20. Nebraska
- 24. Augusta
- 25. Delaware
- 26. Juneau
- 27. Bismark
- 29. South Dakota
- 31. Salt Lake City
- 32. Columbus
- 35. Arizona
- 36. Salem
- 37. Springfield
- 41. Connecticut
- 43. Annapolis
- 45. Lansing
- 46. Madison
- 47. Massachusetts
- 48. Harrisburg

## DOWN

- 1. Tallahassee
- 2. West Virginia
- 3. Jefferson City
- 5. Tennessee
- 7. Rhode Island
- 8. St. Paul
- 9. Washington
- 12. Mississippi
- 14. Santa Fe
- 16. New Hampshire
- 18. Montgomery
- 21. Carson City
- 22. Arkansas
- 23. Kentucky
- 27. Trenton
- 28. North Carolina
- 30. Virginia
- 33. Oklahoma



- 34. Sacramento
- 38. Atlanta
- 39. Montpelier

- 40. Baton Rouge
- 42. Hawaii
- 44. New York

