

October 2018



# Wind in the Willows

## Message from the President

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# We have plenty of upcoming events

Mother Nature has turned off the heat! I cannot complain, as it was a nice, hot summer! We deserved that! Now comes the time to start closing swimming pools and finding the light jackets and sweaters. Soon the leaves will start falling and we will experience the fun of raking the leaves, then transporting them to the curb into nice piles for the town to pick up, only to watch the wind blow those nice piles down the street, or worse, back into your yard.

I'm working on inviting guest speakers for our monthly meetings, so please let me know whom you would like to hear from in local government, school officials, or business leaders.

Dawn Cwierley came up with a Halloween House Decoration contest for WRCA Members to enter. Check out the flyer in this newsletter.

We have plenty of upcoming events: Tree Lighting in December and a great fun adult event in February, The Snowflake Dance!

- H. Erich Krueger



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**WRCA Children's Halloween Party.**  
 Oct. 27, 10 AM to Noon.  
 Location Willow Ridge Elementary School.

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

## Contact Us

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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

October 9th!!  
at 7:30 PM

Location: Ellicott Creek  
Vol. Fire Dept. Downstairs  
Meeting Room

### Wanted news and photos:

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!

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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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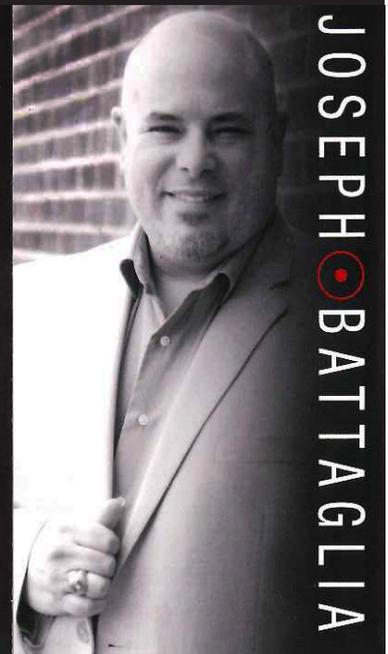
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## **WRCA MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

**The September WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:48 pm by President Erich Krueger.**

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

Also in attendance was David McMinn.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Donna Mosteller submitted a treasurer's report. Income for the month of July was \$0. Expenses for the month of July was \$1,168.40.

Income for the month of August was \$609.00 and the expenses were \$394.64. The balance as of today's date is \$9,292.88. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Ann Nichols and seconded by Marijean McNichols.

Also discussed and voted on was changing the fiscal year from July 1 thru June 30 to Jan 1 thru December 31 effective January 1, 2019. Motion made to accept by Marijean McNichols and seconded by Cassandra Schwab.

## **DISCUSSION**

Discussion was made to review the by laws and discuss recommended changes at the November meeting.

Children's Halloween Party - Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10 a.m - noon at Willow Ridge School. Set up will take place Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Lots of fun events (Trunk & Treat, bounce house, crafts, popcorn, games and DJ) and treats.. Looking for participants for Trunk or Treat. Amherst Baptist Church will be volunteering and assisting us for this event. Cassandra Schwab is contact for this event. Details this issue of the WITW, facebook and twitter.

Willow Ridge Halloween House Decorating Contest. Suggestion was submitted about holding a halloween house decorating contest by Dawn Cwierley. The WRCA board liked the idea and after working out details, will have info about our first Halloween Contest in this issue of WITW, facebook and twitter.

Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual fire prevention open house on October 13, 2018, 1 pm to 4 pm.

Religious solicitors. After some complaints and research with the Town of Amherst, it was found that religious solicitors do not require permits or vetting to knock on doors. If they approach to solicit after 8 p.m. it was suggested by the Town Board to call the Amherst Police. WRCA discussed attending a town board

meeting to present this issue to the board. (Soliciting hours by Amherst permit are 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.)

South Ellicott Creek Blvd is tentatively scheduled to be repaved next year.

Looking for guest speakers for WRCA meetings for 2018 - 2019. We had success with having guest speakers at meetings last year and we are looking to continue this opportunity at this year's meetings. If anyone, would like to be a guest speaker or has an idea of a speaker, please contact someone on the board.

Membership Drive for 2019.

Jane Sieman reported. Invoice will be submitted for the website and paypal by the end of October. Membership drive for 2019 will begin with the November issue (the next issue) of the WITW which will be a mass mailing to all residents in Willow Ridge.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business at hand, the meeting came to a close at 8:51 pm. Motion was made by Andy Annesi to adjourn and seconded by John Radens.

**Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Sieman – WRCA  
Secretary



## “Save The Date”

for WRCA & Amherst Baptist Church  
Children’s Halloween Party.

Oct. 27, 10 AM to Noon.

Location Willow Ridge Elementary School.

## Volunteers Needed!

Contact Cassandra at  
[children.events@wrca.us](mailto:children.events@wrca.us)

## 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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WRCA & AMHERST BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENT

# CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY OCT. 27TH 10 AM - NOON



BOUNCE HOUSE,  
CRAFTS, MUSIC,  
GAMES,  
GOULISH FUN!



LOCATION: WILLOW RIDGE ELEMENTARY  
FOR MORE INFO OR TO VOLUNTEER  
EMAIL [children.events@wrca.us](mailto:children.events@wrca.us) or Call Cassandra 982-3984

# Go Fund Me honoring Karen Richardson

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

## Karen Richardson GoFundMe Page

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



# WELCOME

A warm, but belated, welcome to Shannon Mahany and Kyle Kounski. Shannon and Kyle moved into 23 Rumson Rd in June. They are data analyst/IT support by profession. They moved to Willow Ridge from Amherst and will be married in September. We wish you happiness in your new home.

By: Nancy Mineo



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# ***Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company***

## ***Annual Fire Prevention Open House***

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

1 to 4 pm

Join us for exciting fire safety demonstrations, food trucks, games and activities for all ages. Door prizes and Contests.

Meet and greet with many of our community first responders.

View our apparatus, firefighting gear and equipment.



**Doors open at 1pm.  
Ellicott Creek Station 1,  
45 South Ellicott Road, Amherst, NY**

# Willow Ridge PTO News and Events

September was a great month for the PTO and it was just a taste of what is to come this year. Thank you for all of the volunteers that helped make the Book Fair and Open House Picnic a success! There are more exciting things coming up this month including the Cookie Dough sale fundraiser, a Skating Party at Rainbow Rink on Oct 3 and one of our biggest fundraisers of the year – the annual Basket Raffle and Silent Auction that takes place in the School Cafeteria on Friday, Oct 19 at 6:00.

The PTO would love to encourage anyone that has interest to please consider coming to one of the meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 (childcare provided) in the Willow Ridge Elementary Cafeteria. You can just commit to the time and events that you are able to – by joining you are not committing to participate in every event throughout the school year – just a few hours here and there whenever you can. It is all greatly appreciated and new ideas are always welcome! If you would like to get more information please reach out to us through the Willow Ridge PTO Facebook page or contact the Co-President Dawn Rydzynski at dawnrydzynski@yahoo.com.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The PTO would greatly appreciate any help with distributing the Basket Raffle Flyers to houses within the Willow Ridge community. If you are able to deliver some flyers, please reach out to Dawn Rydzynski at dawnrydzynski@yahoo.com. Also, to help make this Basket Raffle a success, if there are any parents or organizations that would like to donate a basket or a monetary donation for the cause, that would be greatly appreciated as well. These funds will go directly towards the Ninja Obstacle Course and Science Night later this Spring.

## 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.

- **SCHOOL SPIRIT** – Please make sure that your child wears Blue and Gold on Fridays for chances to win prizes with their classroom throughout the year

## Upcoming Events:

- October 3- 5:00 Skating Party at Rainbow Rink
- October 5 – Early Dismissal for Emergency Evacuation Drill
- October 8 – Columbus Day – No school
- October 9 - 6:30-8:00 PTO Meeting at the school cafeteria (childcare provided)
- October 9 – Cookie Dough Fundraiser starts
- October 19 – 6:00 Annual Basket Raffle and Silent Auction
- October 23 – Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends
- November 6 – No school Staff Development Day
- November 13- 6:30-8:00 PTO Meeting at the school cafeteria (childcare provided)
- November 16 – 6:00 Harvest Dance
- November 20 – 7:00 Elementary Gold Band Recital
- November 21-23 – No School
- November 27 – 29 – Winter Wonderland

**More Information on any of these events is also listed on the district calendar at [www.sweethomeschools.org](http://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



# Sidewalk Repairs

**A**s some of you have noticed, the town has been marking sidewalks in need of repair. Much of the damage to our sidewalks is due from the town's trees. I have reached out to the Town of Amherst (Highway Dept. and Building Dept.) regarding damaging tree roots. I will give you the answers I received.

According to Patrick Lucey, Superintendent of Highways, "If the sidewalk is removed where the Town tree roots exist, the Highway Department will go out and grind the roots. We need access to the roots in order to grind them out."

Furthermore, the answer I got from the Code Enforcer of the Building Department is more detailed.

NOTES regarding sidewalk repair when a town tree is involved:

The following information has been provided by the Town of Amherst Highway Superintendent regarding root grinding when sidewalks are scheduled to be replaced:

1. Tree roots must be cut out or ground when repairing sidewalk sections. By no means should the roots be removed by a backhoe or similar machine.
2. The root removal is the responsibility of the homeowner when replacing sidewalks. The resident must contact Underground Facilities Protection (UFPO 1-800-962-7962) before they dig.
3. If a large root is involved, please call the Highway Department at 631-7117 for safety concerns. A crew chief will check out these concerns.

**Here are two contractors in Willow Ridge that you can contact regarding sidewalk repairs:**

**Millennium Construction (716) 525-1433**

**APM OF WNY (716) 208-4633 or (716) 955-0534**

**When you do schedule sidewalk repairs and it involves town tree roots, consult with your contractor and call the Highway Department at (716) 631-7117 Fax (716) 631-8934**

Erich

## Info on "Phishing" Emails

William Lisk

In the past few days, I noticed a lot of emails claiming to come from LinkedIn. But they aren't from the normal LinkedIn web domain. Also, I received an email claiming to be from Citibank. All of these emails looked real, except for the addresses where they came from.

I am sure that these are all "spearphishing" hack attempts--hackers trying to get you to click a link in their email, which makes your computer vulnerable.

LinkedIn wants to know about hack attempts. They say to forward suspicious emails to them at: [phishing@linkedin.com](mailto:phishing@linkedin.com)

Citi also wants to know about hack attempts. They are grateful if you forward suspicious emails to them (without clicking anything) to: [spoof@citicorp.com](mailto:spoof@citicorp.com)

Perhaps this is related to the hack of Facebook. The email address where I am suddenly receiving these suspicious emails is the address I provided Facebook when setting up that account. ~ **Good Luck** ~





## Halloween Decorating Contest

Will you have the spookiest house in the Willow Ridge neighborhood this Halloween?

Here's your chance to prove it! Willow Ridge Civic Association members, nominate your house or your neighbor's house by October 27 for a chance to win. Entrants will be judged on October 31 on the following criteria: originality, sound effects/animation, theme and overall presentation.

How to Enter: Entrants can submit the form below via mail to: WRCA Halloween Decorating Contest, 740 Edgewater Drive, Amherst, NY 14228 or email to [spookyhousecontest@wrca.us](mailto:spookyhousecontest@wrca.us). For more information, call Dawn at 525-1893.

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Halloween Decorating Contest Entry for (circle one):      My House      My Neighbor's House

Home Owner Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amherst, NY 14228

Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Judging:** Judging will take place from the street on October 31. Entrants homes will be photographed. The winner will receive an Anderson's gift card and special skull glass. Entrants are also encouraged to share photos of their decorated homes on our Facebook page prior to October 31.

# 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



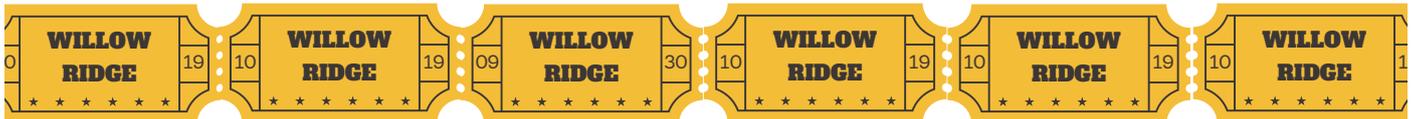
# Willow Ridge Elementary PTO Basket Raffle & Silent Auction Fundraiser



October 19, 2018  
Doors at 6pm  
Drawings Begin At 7:45pm



Location: Willow Ridge Elementary  
480 Willow Ridge Dr  
Amherst, NY 14228



- Free Admission
- Doors Open at 6pm; Winners will be called starting at 7:45pm
- \$5 for a Sheet of 25 Tickets (Plus 1 Door Prize Ticket)
- \$20 for 5 Sheets of 25 Tickets (Plus 5 Door Prize Tickets)
- Basket Raffle winners do not need to be present to win
- Silent Auction and Door Prizes
- Silent Auction winners must be present and pay to win
- Pizza, desserts, and beverages for sale
- Proceeds support the following PTO programs: Science Night (April 12, 2019), Ninja Obstacle Course, and an author visit
- Tickets available at the door (cash and check only)



For More Information Scan  
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