



Wind in the Willows

Willow Ridge Civic Association Members

November 2018

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Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on
Tuesday, November 13th, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

WRCA

Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 1st at 4:30pm.

Singing of Christmas Carols,
Hot Beverages and Snacks and so much more!
The tree lighting marks the official start of the
holiday season. This is an evening of fun for all
ages, not just those with little ones!
Please come out and join your neighbors for a
special way to start the holiday season.



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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.

Follow us on Facebook
Willow Ridge Civic Association



The Presidents Message

It is WRCA Membership Drive Time!

I want to send a huge "Thank You!" to our Willow Ridge Civic Association Board, Amherst Baptist Church, Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company and all the Helpers that came out to make The Children's Halloween Party a huge success!!

Thank you to the Trunk or Treat folks, even though we had to move it inside, you all did a wonderful job!!

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So you ask yourself "Why Join the WRCA?"

- Develop a cleaner, safer, healthier neighborhood and improve the quality of life for residents.
- Empower residents to have a voice and work toward, and achieve common neighborhood goals, a unified vision of who we are as a neighborhood.
- Promote friendship, and foster a sense of concern and caring among people in the neighborhood.
- Develop better awareness and access to the services and agencies of the school, city, and county governments.
- Solve problems which exist/arise within the neighborhood.
 - Protect youth, and support and strengthen neighborhood schools.
 - Children and Adult events.
 - Directory (of Residents, Baby sitters, Coupons from local vendors)
 - Monthly Newsletters (Wind In The Willows) Neighborhood News and Events

These are just some of the reasons to renew and join Willow Ridge Civic Association.

Willow Ridge is a Great Place to live! I look forward to welcoming back the renewal members and the Brand New Members!

I want to send a huge "Thank You!" to our Willow Ridge Civic Association Board, especially Cassandra Schwab who once again did a "spookatular" children's event! Amherst Baptist Church, Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company and all the Helpers that came out to make The Children's Halloween Party a huge success!! Thank you to the Trunk or Treat folks, even though we had to move it inside, you all did a wonderful job!!

H. Erich Krueger

WRCA Minutes

WRCA MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017

The October WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:39 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, Marijean Nichols, Kristin Puff and Cassandra Schwab. Excused was Board Member Andy Annesi. Also in attendance was Bob Lannen, Evelyn Hitchcock.

Guest speakers tonight were Joan Elizabeth Seamans, candidate for NY State Senate District 61 and Karen McMahon, candidate for NY State Assembly. Both talked about taxes, health care, cell towers and other issues.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion was made to approve the September meeting minutes as published in the October issue by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Ann Nichols.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Mosteller submitted a treasurer's report. Income for the month of September was \$467.00. Expenses for the month of September was \$350.00. The balance as of today's date is \$7,121.71 Due to a formula error in September's Treasurer's report, July had an income of \$51.00 and expenses in the amount of \$1,170.77.

Due to the same formula error, the correct balance from the September meeting is \$7,004.71. Motion made to accept treasurer's report by Marijean Nichols and seconded by John Radens.

DISCUSSION

Treasurer, Donna Mosteller, discussed her research regarding qualifications of reinstatement of 501c4 for WRCA.

Children's Halloween Party - Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10 a.m - noon at Willow Ridge School.

Set up will take place Friday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. Discussed budget for event. We are very grateful to Amherst Baptist Church which will be volunteering and assisting us for this event including the use of things such as the bounce house. Lots of fun events (Trunk & Treat, bounce house, crafts, popcorn, games and DJ) and treats. Looking for participants for Trunk or Treat. Cassandra Schwab is the contact for this event.

Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual fire prevention open house on October 13, 2018, 1 pm to 4 pm. WRCA will have a table at the event.

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. Contact was made with the printer for the November issue and deadlines have been discussed in order to get the issue out promptly during the first full week of November.

We are still looking for guest speakers for WRCA meetings. If anyone would like to speak or has a suggestion for a speaker/topic, please contact a board member.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the meeting came to a close at 8:54 pm . Motion was made by Kristin Puff to adjourn and seconded by John Radens. Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Sieman – WRCA Secretary



News Articles From Amherst Baptist Church

A free Sweet Home Christmas concert will be held at Amherst Baptist Church on Sunday December 16th at 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to this combined Chamber Orchestra and Chorale holiday concert put on by the talented Sweet Home students.

The church is located at 100 Willow Ridge at the corner of Peppertree. What a great way to enjoy the Christmas season & visit with your neighbors!

Jeri Bowden
Amherst Baptist Church

The youth from Amherst Baptist Church are on Mission: Possible!

They have set a goal of collecting 1000 canned goods (and/or other non-perishable foods) for distribution to those in need locally... both through the Buffalo City Mission's Mission "Possible" and the New Beginnings Food pantry right here in Willow Ridge.

You can help!

Between now & Dec.4th, you can drop off donations at church @ 100 Willow Ridge Drive (generally, M-Th between 9 and 5; you may want to call before you come! 691-9456).

Suggestions for desired food items are: canned corn, peas, beans, potatoes, tomatoes/sauce, instant potatoes, boxes of stuffing, corn bread, cake or brownie mixes, frosting, canned tuna, soups, canned fruit, broth, peanut butter/jelly, pork and beans.

Thank you for whatever you can do to help! Together, Willow Ridge people can make a difference for our community.

**Looking forward to working with you all
as we encourage our community to be a community!**

Pastor Scott Gillette



WRCA 2019 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 2019 Membership Drive will again provide two methods for becoming a member of WRCA or for renewing your membership - an invoice system or on-line via PayPal.

This issue of the Wind-in-the-Willows contains your 2019 Membership Invoice along with an addressed return envelope.

The on-line alternative will be via PayPal, a secure method to make your payment via your computer. There will be a link via the WRCA website.

Membership dues are \$17.00 and are due by December 31, 2018.

Your timely membership payment ensures that you will receive the Wind-in-the-Willows monthly and that the 2019 WRCA Directory will be delivered to your house in April 2019.

Wind-in-the Willows and WRCA Directory - What's in it for my family.

Wind-in-the-Willows - our monthly newsletter - provides many details about the latest happenings in Willow Ridge and the upcoming free events for the children. It also contains neighborhood news, our own free "classified" section and notices of special activities.

WRCA Directory - our community directory - includes a neighborhood listing, money saving coupons, services and businesses in our community. In addition, there are important phone numbers such as listings for area schools and the Town of Amherst. You will also find a babysitter listing, a detailed map of our community, a guide to our annual events, and more!!

E-wind - Via your email address you will receive a copy of Wind-in-the-Willows electronically.

All members are invited to monthly meetings
September thru June,
every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m
at Ellicott Creek Firehall.

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Fall Leaf Collection

If you have leaves to be picked up from April 1 to October 31 you should put them in yard waste containers. The Highway Department will pick up loose leaves out at the curb during the month of November however pickup is NOT scheduled.

Leaf Pickup Facts

Here are a few commonly asked questions about the Town's Leaf Pickup Program.

Question 1: Can I rake leaves into the street?

Answer: NO. It's unsafe and illegal. Leaves plugs the receivers during rain events and it causes vehicles to swerve into traffic unexpectedly causing an unsafe condition. They are also hard to pick up after they are driven over repeatedly, which slows down the leaf collection process.

Question 2: How many times do you go through the town?

Answer: Leaf pickup will begin in late October as crews become available to switch to leaf pick up duties. We will do our due diligence to pick up large piles of leaves before our official November 1st start date. Leaf pickup will continue until all the leaves are picked up or until snow prevents us from doing so. We also keep a log of what streets we complete and on what date.

Question 3: Why can't you schedule leaf pickup?

Answer: Our town has over 1100 streets within 53 square miles. Leaves also fall at different times throughout the Town. We put our resources where they are needed most, and move throughout the Town as fast as we can.

Question 4: How much of the Highway resources are put into leaf pickup?

Answer: During leaf season it's "all hands on deck". We have 5 leaf districts. Each district is staffed with people and equipment each day of the season. Other jobs have to be put off until the leaves are picked up. Because of the Buffalo weather we try to have all the leaves picked up before the first snowfall.

Question 5: Should I call the Highway to get my leaves picked up?

Answer: Generally no. If you think you were missed, or if it has been more than 2 weeks between a pickup then call. Please remember we do sometimes have weather emergencies or equipment breakdowns that might delay pick up, however, our goal is to get all the leaves picked up by November 30th.

One last comment: Very small amounts of leaves should be put in your yard waste containers until November 30th. It takes an entire crew to stop and pick up small amounts of leaves. This slows down our pickup efficiency. We encourage residents to put out leaves at their earliest convenience. As stated previously we will continue to pick up leaves until they are all gone or the snow prevents us from doing so.

H. Erich Krueger

WRCA President president@wrca.us 716-949-2561

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



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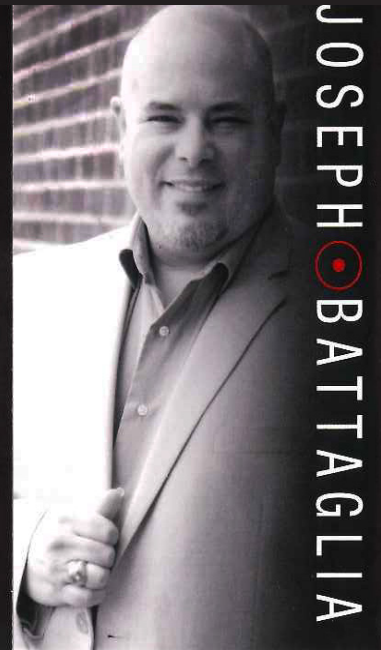
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Cans for Cubs 2019

Cub Scout Pack 173 will be holding our annual pop can/bottle drive on Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 10am-12pm. Money earned from the returns will be donated to a charitable organization. On Saturday, January 5th, please leave your NY stamped returnable cans & bottles in a plastic bag on your front porch or driveway. Our scouts and their parents will be coming around to pick them up between the hours of 10 and 12. You can also call 716-777-2466 to arrange a pickup (leave message, be sure to include your address). Only NY

stamped returnable pop/beer cans & bottles will be accepted at our redemption center (no recyclables or wine/liquor bottles).

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Holiday Card Delivery

As a community service for Willow Ridge, the Cub Scouts of Pack 173 will be happy to help deliver your holiday cards to your neighbors. Drop your cards into the collection bin that will be located at 69 Rumson Road and we will take care of the rest!

The bin will be available from Friday, November 23rd up until 5pm on Friday, December 14th. Weather permitting, all cards will be delivered that weekend. Please make sure your cards are clearly labeled with the recipients name and street address. For the safety of our scouts, we can only deliver to residential homes within Willow Ridge. We regret that we cannot deliver to apartments, condos, the elder care facility or Ellicott Creek Drive North.



Willow Ridge PTO News and Events

A giant thank you to all of the parents, staff, volunteers and neighbors that came out to support the 3rd annual PTO Basket Raffle and Silent Auction fundraiser that happened on October 19. Because of your generous contributions and donations, this has been our most successful year yet and will help fund many projects throughout the year-including an Author Visit this month, the Ninja Obstacle Course and Science Night.

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 to 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.

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:

Harvest Dance, November 16: The annual Harvest Dance is a great way for students to come and enjoy a fun night out with friends. DJ Eric will be playing music and food will be available for purchase. Check out our Facebook page for more information. As always, volunteers are always welcomed!

- 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
- December 4 - 6:30-8:00 PTO Meeting at the school cafeteria (childcare provided)
- December 6 and 7 – No school (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- December 24-January 1 – Winter Recess 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



DISCO PARTY

SAVE THE DATE
FEBRUARY 2nd 2019

Thank You Willow Ridge Volunteers & Amherst Baptist Church for a very successful 2018 Halloween Event!

“Trunk-or-Treat”, Bounce House, Face Painting, Craft Table, Games & Treats!

Fun was had by all!



If you would like to volunteer for any children's events contact Cassandra Schwab at children.events@wrca.us

WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2019 Membership Invoice

-DUES-

DUES FOR 2019 ARE \$17.00. Please renew/join by December 31, 2018.

PAYMENT METHODS:

-- Mail your check payable to: WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 86

Amherst, NY 14226

-- Via PayPal at wrca.info (directory information gathered via PayPal)

***PLEASE FILL OUT FORM BELOW WITH ALL CURRENT INFORMATION
FOR THE 2019 WILLOW RIDGE DIRECTORY.***

THANK YOU.

Adult Last Name _____ First Name _____

Adult Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

Phone Number _____

Children's Names _____

Babysitter Directory Listing:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Telephone: _____

******* Please provide email address used for E-Wind and Newsletter only. *******

Email address will NOT be published in WRCA Directory.

E-mail Address(es) _____

Interest/talents you wish to share _____

_____ I wish to volunteer to assist with WRCA activities such as Junior Recreation, Snowflake Dinner Dance, National Night Out etc.

- USE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS-



Vegetables Word Search

Search the puzzle for the words shown in the word list.
Circle each word that you find until you find all of the 24
vegetable-related words.

Word List

brussels sprouts	potato	cucumber
pumpkin	lettuce	
alfalfa	parsley	
artichoke	pepper	
asparagus	rhubarb	
avocado	carrot	
broccoli	radish	
cabbage	beans	
cauliflower	spinach	
celery	zucchini	
corn	yam	
	pea	

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C	Q	O	P	N	A	L	E	T	T	U	C	E	L	M
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