

December 2020



Wind in the Willows

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on
Thursday,
December 10, 2020
at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Message from the President

I hope everybody enjoyed their Thanksgiving Holiday despite the current pandemic! Now on to the Holidays of December: Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice and topped off with New Year's so we can say Good riddance to 2020!

I was once again honored to sign the Charter for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from Troop 173.

The next WRCA Board Meeting I want to look at the future of Willow Ridge. What can we do for the upcoming year? What projects do we want to take on? We have started a FB Group for the Park. Coming Soon will be a Group for Neighborhood Watch Program

More than likely for the remainder of the Willow Ridge Civic Association's Membership Meetings will be through ZOOM. We did change the dates of our meetings to be on The second Thursday Night of the month with a 7 PM start.

Please remember to renew your WRCA Membership and spread the word to new neighbors about us!

H. Erich Krueger

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Visit us on the web at

WRCA.US

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 drop off articles/news/photos at Kristin Puff 55 Roundwood Court or email to kristinpuff3@gmail.

Eagle Scout Project

Hello, my name is Tyler Conhiser-Uy and for my Eagle Scout project I built 2 free little libraries and 2 picnic tables for willow ridge elementary. Where I hope these picnic tables and little libraries will bring joy and entertainment for years to come.



I went to Willow Ridge Elementary school from Pre-K to 5th grade and it's made me want to give back. The first thing I thought about when doing my project was trying to do something for the school.

The picnic tables are 8 foot long pressure treated l, I went with the pressure treated because it'll last for years and be there for countless families to enjoy.

The little libraries are set in the ground on 4x4 pressure treated posts, with a plywood box and Plexiglas door completed with wood shakes and silicon caulking to ensure they are water resistant and will last for years to come!

*I really wanted to do something for the school that's done so much for me!
Thanks for reading!*



SANTA RUN!!!

[Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company](#) Santa Run will be on 12/19 starting at 4:00. ECVFC is still working on plans to collect food safely. The new Covid issues are causing some problems and delaying our final decision. But we also know this year means more than anything for the food pantry. Details on collection will be updated later and will be broadcasted to Willow Ridge.

Classifieds

Willow Ridge senior couple seeks capable and dependable person for house cleaning once per month. Hours, day and pay negotiable Phone 691-7206.

Andersen aluminum screens available. all are in good working order with no holes or runs/tears, these are a good replacement option for broken screens for many Willow Ridge homes

Screen quantity & sizes (outer frame dimensions):

two - 48 5/8" x 21 1/4"

three - 43 3/4" x 25 1/8"

five - 36 1/2" x 21 1/4"

\$10 each or whole lot for \$50.

Also, we have Andersen window grids in the diamond pattern (white), all are in good shape.

grid quantity & sizes (outer frame dimensions):

four - 20 3/16" x 36"

five - 20 3/16" x 60 5/16"

\$5 each or \$40 for all 9 pieces

Call/text 716-465-1672

Classifieds
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Christmas Decorating Contest

Will you have a “Griswold” house in the Willow Ridge neighborhood this Christmas?

Willow Ridge Civic Association members, nominate your house or your neighbor’s house by December 18th for a chance to win. Entrants will be judged on the Weekend of December 18th on the following criteria: originality, classic, theme and /or “Las Vegas is jealous of your light show!”

How to Enter: Entrants can submit the form below via mail to: WRCA Christmas Decorating Contest, 86 Sweetwood Drive North, Amherst, NY 14228 or email to holidayhousecontest@wrca.us. For more information, call Erich at 716-949-2561.

Christmas 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 the Weekend of December 21st. Entrant’s homes will be photographed. The winners (10 Houses) will receive a Valu Home Centers gift card. Entrants are also encouraged to share photos of their decorated homes on our Facebook page prior to December 21st.



Kid to Kid (Tonawanda)

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✓✓✓ NOW HIRING 🛒🛒🛒

We are looking to fill several positions immediately. If you are looking for a job, come see me! My name is Michelle Talley and I'm the owner of Kid to Kid Tonawanda and Kid to Kid West Seneca. I would love to meet you!

I am looking for people with high energy, great personality, and who are willing to work part time and 1 day on the weekends.

Benefits of working at Kid to Kid include:

- Paid Training
- Flexible Hours
- 30% Employee Discount
- Small Staff with a Family-like Environment
- Closed on major holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Day, Easter, Mother's Day, 4th of July) and short hours on other holidays.

I am also looking to fill some gaps with temporary help over the next few weeks. If you have a couple of hours to spare here and there, I'd like to talk to you too!

Stop in at our Tonawanda location and pick up an application.

New Beginnings Food Pantry at Amherst Baptist Church

Our neighbors in need by providing gifts for Christmas. We have 61 children aged 15 and under who would be greatly blessed by a gift at Christmas through New Beginnings Food Pantry. We now provide food through a drive-up, touchless system.

Setting up the giving tree at church in the current and ever changing circumstances isn't a good idea. Therefore, we are asking for donations of gift cards to either Target or Walmart for \$25 each. We can also use donations of sugar, brown sugar, and pancake syrup to sweeten up our families' holiday goodie bags. We are asking that you drop off the gift cards and donations at church when food pantry is open on **Tuesday, December 1 or December 8 from 6:00-7:30 pm and Friday December 4 from 9-10:30 am.** Simply drive up to the church doors in the main parking lot and a volunteer will take your donation. If this option does not work for you, you can make a donation with your regular tithe to church and designate the amount that is for food pantry. We will then purchase the needed items.

**We will be distributing food, Christmas food bags, and presents from
December 1 to December 22 during our open hours.**

December Tuesdays : 1st, 8th, 13th, 22nd, 29th 6 to 8 PM (Arrive by 7:50 PM)

December Fridays: 4th, 11th 9 to 11 AM (Arrive by 10:30 AM)

December 19th 9:45 AM to 11:45 AM (Arrive by 11:15 AM)

January Tuesday: 5, 12, 19, 26 6 to 8 PM (Arrive by 7:50 PM)

January Friday: 8, 22 9 to 11 AM (Arrive by 10:30 AM)

January Saturday 16 9:45 AM to 11:45 AM (Arrive by 11:15 AM)



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Managing Anxiety and or Stress

We have 2 licensed social workers and they have experience working with families who have experienced trauma, working with children from preschool up to 12th grade and their families. They can help with community resources, anxiety, and immediate errands running for those who cannot leave their homes.

You can email them at anxietyandstresshelp@wrca.us



MEETING NOTICE!

Date: Dec 10, 2020

Topic: Willow Ridge Civic Association Monthly Zoom Meeting

Time: 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88492589617?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88492589617?pwd=WTVrZjFROUtrcmJjY0UwVHYvZDhYZz09)

[pwd=WTVrZjFROUtrcmJjY0UwVHYvZDhYZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88492589617?pwd=WTVrZjFROUtrcmJjY0UwVHYvZDhYZz09)

Meeting ID: 884 9258 9617

Passcode: 495786

Topics: General Business, Board Member Positions. WITW.

Get Involved! Don't Be A Spectator! This is Your Community!

WRCA 2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 2021 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 2021 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 \$20.00 and are due by December 31, 2020.

Your timely membership payment ensures that you will receive the Wind-in-the-Willows, Emailed Updates and that the 2021 WRCA Directory will be delivered to your house. April 2021 is our Target Date, but there may be delays due to Covid.

13 Pumpkins Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 13 Pumpkins of Halloween scavenger hunt

- Sarah Malczewski of Kaymar Drive and Willow Leto of Hubbardson Place.

Thank you to Dawn Cwierley for putting together this Contest!!

WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

2021 Membership Invoice

-DUES-

DUES FOR 2021 ARE \$20.00. Please renew/join by December 31, 2020.

PAYMENT METHODS:

-- Mail your check & form below payable to: WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 86
Amherst, NY 14226

-- Via PayPal at wrca.us ***IF PAYING VIA PAYPAL - PLEASE FILL OUT FORM THAT IS PROVIDED VIA PAY PAL FOR DIRECTORY INFORMATION***

**PLEASE FILL OUT FORM BELOW WITH ALL CURRENT INFORMATION
FOR THE 2021 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-

WRCA MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020

The November WRCA meeting via Zoom was called to order at 7:11pm by President, Erich Krueger.

In attendance were President – Erich Krueger, Secretary - Jane Sieman, Treasurer – Marijean Nichols and Board Members Cassandra Schwab, John Radens, Kori Cahill, Andy Annesi, Sharon Grogan, and Kristin Cangialosi. Excused was Kristin Puff. Also, in attendance were Stephen Steinberg and Marc Chaplin.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The October 2020 minutes were reviewed at the meeting. Motion was made to approve by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Cassandra Schwab.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no treasurer's report. The transition of the new treasurer, Marijean Nichols is currently taking place. Treasury report will be updated and available at the December meeting. A refund of \$131.00 was received from Insurance company due to canceled events due to covid-19.

WRCA domain has expired. It has been renewed for 3 years for \$59.97. Kori Cahill motioned to approve, seconded by Marijean Nichols.

Congratulations to our new Vice President - Marijean Nichols nominated Cassandra Schwab as our new Vice-President, John Radens seconded. All were in favor.

Congratulations to our new Board member – Marijean Nichols nominated Kristin Puff as a new board member, John Radens seconded. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION

(New and Old Business)
Membership Drive – Jane Sieman. Printer has reached out and expects to have membership WITW issue in the mail to all residents of Willow Ridge by this weekend.

Halloween Children's Event – Thank you to Cassandra Schwab, our Children's Event Chairperson, who made Halloween Goodie Bags and distributed them for children of WRCA members who responded to her per our email/ facebook post.

The 13 Pumpkins Halloween scavenger hunt throughout our Willow Ridge neighborhood also had a good response. Dawn Cwierley will be contacting and announcing the winner soon.

Neighborhood Watch – Communications with Amherst Police Department, WRCA President Erich Krueger, and Dawn Cwierley are still ongoing as there is a renewed interest to bring this back.

December WITW contents due November 23.

Complaints of old couches and carpets dumped at the corner of Denrose and Draden have been brought to the Town of Amherst's attention. We have been informed that Modern will not pick that up and it is up to the property owner to have it removed. The town will contact the property owner.

Lights in the parking lot of the Willow Ridge Elementary School is an ongoing issue for residents on Kaymar Drive as the LED lights shine into their yards/houses late into the night and early into the mornings. Building and grounds have been called by resident with no response.

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Minutes continued

Suggestion to reach out to the school district and/or town was made.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business at hand, the meeting ended at 8:07 pm. Motion was made by Marijean Nichols to adjourn and seconded by Sharon Grogan. The next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Sieman – WRCA Secretary



No Holiday Card Delivery or Cans for Cubs 2021

Due to Covid Cub Scout Pack 173 has asked me to send out this message to WRCA Membership

No Holiday Card Delivery or Cans for Cubs 2021

Scout Council has advised groups that they don't recommend in-person meeting due to the orange Covid designation. So we would not be able to meet and sort them. Not knowing how long we will be in this mode, we don't think it's wise to collect cards then not be able to deliver them, then sending kids to deliver them could also put them at risk. Same with cans. Out of caution we thought it best to cancel. If anything changes, we will announce it.



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 Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m at Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company. Due to Covid our meetings will be via Zoom or another Meeting Platform.



Classifieds

Christmas Blanket Contact by Text
716-550-0773

Looking to see if anyone in the neighborhood has a treadmill for sale or knows of anyone who is looking to sell one. Please text Krista at 704-839-9561 with any info. Thanks!!





ADVERTISING REQUEST FOR WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY YEAR 2021

Name of Company _____

Point Of Contact
& Phone No. _____

Address

Email Address _____

We would like to purchase the following:

Full Page (V-7.5" X H-4.5")	\$150.00	_____
1/2 Page (V-3.7" X H-4.5")	\$ 85.00	_____
1/4 Page (V-3.7" X H-1.5") or (V-1.75" X H-4.5")	\$ 55.00	_____

Discount:

Pay by January 31, 2021 **- 10%** _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

(Deadline February 28, 2021. Money and Ad due by February 28, 2021)

Make checks payable to **Willow Ridge Civic Association** and mail to: WRCA
Jane Sieman
Directory Editor

P.O. Box 86
Amherst, 14226

Coupon (write text below)

Please note: coupons are free with 1/2 or full page ad; \$4.00 with 1/4 ad.



WE ARE AMHERST

Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative

TO: Stakeholder of the Town of Amherst

**FROM: Brian Kulpa, Supervisor
John Askey, Chief of Police**

RE: “We Are Amherst” NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative

DATE: November 23, 2020

The Town of Amherst Police Department and Town of Amherst Supervisor have partnered to create the “We are Amherst” campaign, a NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. The mission of “We Are Amherst” is to proactively review, evaluate, modify, and modernize the Town of Amherst’s current policing policies, procedures, and practices to better address the needs of its citizens and stakeholders, and to improve and promote public safety, community engagement and trust.

The Town of Amherst, along with its police department, will work with the community to create and recommend a plan which better addresses the needs of the citizens and stakeholders of the Town of Amherst. Implementation of this plan is to promote fair and just policing, enhance community relations and engagement, and to foster trust and mutual cooperation.

We would like to invite you to participate as a Stakeholder Group member for the Homeowners Association community group. Your primary function as a group member would be to attend a virtual meeting to discuss issues and topics which affect your network, community members, and past, present, and future experiences with the Amherst Police. Also, we’ll ask you to deliver feedback and concerns from individuals and groups within your network back to our community facilitators. This will involve talking with your own organization and other organizations within your networks/communities to gain their perspectives and input. Some of the key focuses that we will work through include:

- Review and evaluation of current police policies, procedures, and practices.
- Open discussion on plan development to improve such policies, procedures, and practices.

The responses we gather through our Stakeholder Groups will help the Town address past and present issues and concerns, and help to drive reform and reinvention policy changes.

If you are willing and able to participate with this critical next step of reform and reinvention with the Town of Amherst Police Department, please RSVP to weareamherst@apdny.org. We plan to coordinate a meeting with all of the interested members of this group to further explain details and to address any questions you may have. If you are not able to participate, please consider delegating to another individual within your organization. If you are in need of, or would like to have, an ASL interpreter made available for this meeting, please include this request with your RSVP. Thank you.



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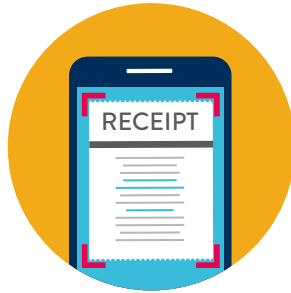
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Christmas Word Search



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Your Local Expert

WRCA needs Block Reps!!

Block Reps are an essential part of the Willow Ridge Civic Association! They serve as an intermediary between residents and the Civic Association Board, help with directory distribution on an annual basis, and reach out to new residents to inform them about the civic association.

Block Reps are needed in the following areas: (large blocks will be divided)

Edgewater drive (775-993)
Elderwood Court (ALL)
Grasspointe Drive (74-119)
Jonathan Place (ALL)
Kaymar Drive (109-487)
North Brier Road (205-248)
Red Maple Court (ALL)
Rockdale Court (ALL)

Rockdale Drive (6-50; 113-193)
Roundwood Court (ALL)
S. Ellicott Creek Rd. (ALL)
Willow Lane Court (ALL)
Willow Lane (ALL)
Willow Green Drive (113-481)
Willow Ridge Drive (130-218; 282-316)

Anyone interested in becoming a Block Rep can contact Kori Cahill @ blockreps@wrca.us