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Willow Ridge Civic Association Members

November 2020

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Tentative date:
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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.com.

Follow us on Facebook
Willow Ridge Civic Association

The Presidents Message

It is WRCA Membership Drive Time! *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!

Due to Covid we are trying to reimagine Children Events!

Stay Healthy!

H. Erich Krueger

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.



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.

WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY FOR THE YEAR 2021

It is time to begin putting the Willow Ridge Community Directory together again and you are invited to place an advertisement in the 2021 edition. Our directory will carry your advertising message into the homes of the community you serve in a handy 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 booklet that is kept, read, and used for a full year by our Willow Ridge residents.

The directory (published in the spring of each year) lists the names, addresses and telephone numbers of more than 1,200 families who live in the Willow Ridge area. Residents rely on it to contact neighbors and committees and to locate local goods and services. The directory is especially useful to those who are just moving into the area.

Prices are based on “camera-ready” copy (clear, black and white copies of a previous ad or one from another publication the same size as the one you wish to place in our directory. Typesetting will be extra. Minor changes are free. You may obtain quotes or help in setting up your ad by calling the Directory Chairperson. Full page ads are \$150.00, half pages are \$85.00, and quarter pages are \$55.00.

Ads that are purchased and paid by January 31, 2021 will receive a 10 % discount. Ads will be placed in the directory in the order of receipt from front to back.

Many advertisers find our coupons to be helpful in generating business. We offer a coupon free of charge with any half or full page ad. (Quarter page advertisers can place a coupon in the directory for a \$4.00 fee). By offering a discount or special price for your goods or services, you draw attention to your advertisement. Coupons appear in a special tear-out section while your paid advertisement remains in the directory throughout the year.

If anyone is interested in placing an ad in our 2021 Willow Ridge Directory, please complete the following request and mail it or drop it off to me along with your ad at 80 Sweetwood Drive North or mail to me at P.O. Box 86, Amherst, NY 14226. I will be accepting ads til Feb 28, 2021.

Thank you - Jane Sieman-Directory Editor
Telephone: 870-3412 or Email: jsie44@yahoo.com

We welcome our new neighbors to 3 Button Bush Court.

Brian And Melanie Swartz and their three children Parker, Nolan and Alexandria moved to Willow Ridge from South Buffalo and already love the neighborhood of convenience and are building relationships with neighboring families.

Welcome to Willow Ridge!



Shoe Box of Hope

I'm trying something new this year just in case things change due to Covid for the holidays. I would like to have all donations by November 7th.



2020 has been a crazy year. My hope to shine some light on these agencies that have been hit hard by this pandemic. I understand this has been a tough year for all but any donation will be helpful.

This is not an event. I'll be collecting donations from now until November 7th. The donations collected could be placed in a shoe box if you have it or a bag and I'll place them in shoe boxes. If you don't have time to shop you can Venmo me money and I'll purchase needed items. Any help is greatly appreciated. The website listed below are the needed items for the agency. I can pick up donations or you can drop off. The charities will be the same as last year.

Ronald McDonald house, my kids and I love, so we're going to continue to help.

<https://rmhcwny.org/how-to-help/m-wish-list/>

And pinnacle house, they were extremely grateful last year and like to continue to help.

<https://www.pinnaclecs.org/ways-to-support/wish-lists/>



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Who are we? Cub Scout Pack 173, chartered by the Willow Ridge Civic Association (WRCA)

How old do you need to be? Scouting is for youth of all ages. Cub Scouts is for boys in Kindergarten through 5th Grades. (Boys in 6th -12th grade can join our associated Troop 173, also chartered through the WRCA)

How often do we meet? Scouts typically meet 3-4 times per month, on Monday evenings.

Where do we meet? Due to social distancing protocols and COVID guidelines, our Pack will be meeting at the Amherst Baptist Church on Willow Ridge this year.

Ready to join us? We will be holding an informational meeting and registration night, Monday, October 19th at 6:00pm, at the Amherst Baptist Church. Pack leaders will be present to answer your questions and show you what Scouting is all about!

More question? Please contact Tracy Conhiser-Uy 691-6780

Willow Ridge PTO News and Events

Since this year will be very different for our students (some fully remote and some in school daily) the PTO is working on ways to bring many of our activities and fundraisers back this year. We recognize that this will be a challenge with the COVID 19 restrictions and the various hardships that Willow Ridge families have experienced – so it is still a work in progress. It is our full intention to do as many activities as we can once we see how the school year would look, including a virtual Scholastic Book Fair, figuring out the annual Harvest Dance & February Frolics, etc. Some activities like the Ninja Obstacle Course are just not possible this year, but we hope with time and proper planning that we can still have things like Science Night and Multicultural night as well as other options for the kids.

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 Thursday of the month from 6:30-8 by Zoom (until further notice). If you are interested in attending, please look at the Willow Ridge Elementary PTO FB page on the day of the meeting for the link or email us at willowridgepto@gmail.com. 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!

Upcoming meetings (start at 6:30 via Zoom):

Check out our Facebook page for the link or email one of the Board Members below).

As always, new members are always welcomed!

- October 1
- November 5
- December 3
- January 7
- February 4
- March 4
- April 1
- May 6
- June 3



2019-2020 PTO Board Members are:

Co-Presidents: Jessica Stephens e: jesslynnstephens@gmail.com

Deepa Saini e: deepa.t.saini@gmail.com

Treasurer: Jesica Kenney e: Jesicakenney@gmail.com

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Secretary: Kristine Strible e: kstrible@gmail.com

Volunteer Coordinator: Diane Olewnik e: dmstuff5@gmail.com

Hospitality: Dawn Rydzynski e: dawnrydzynski@yahoo.com



On-Going School Programs:

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Community News

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More Information on any of these events is also listed on the district calendar at www.sweethomeschools.org. Follow the PTO on Facebook at “Willow Ridge Elementary PTO” or on Twitter @PTOWillow. 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



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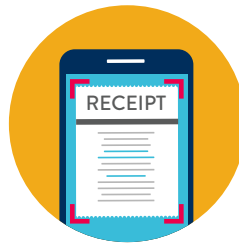


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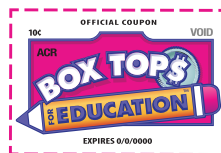
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WRCA MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020

The June 9, 2020 WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm by President, Erich Krueger.

There were no meetings in April and May due to Covid-19.

In attendance were President – Erich Krueger, Vice President – Kristin Puff (via Zoom), Acting Treasurer – Donna Mosteller, Secretary - Jane Sieman and Board Members Ann Nichols, Cassandra Schwab (via Zoom), John Radens, Marijean Nichols and Kori Cahill. Excused was board members Andy Annesi.

Also, in attendance was Sharon Grogan.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The March 2020 minutes were handed out and reviewed. Motion was made to approve by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Kori Cahill.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Donna Mosteller submitted the current treasurer's report: The current balance as of today is \$10896.62.

There was no income or expenses for the month of April. Income for May was \$399.50 and for June to date is \$843.00. Expenses for May was \$606.00 and for June to date 3026.33. Motion made to approve by Marijean Nichols and

seconded by Kori Cahill. Budget for 2020-2021 was presented and reviewed.

Motion was made to approve by John Radens. All voted in favor..

DISCUSSION

New Board Members - New board members Sharon Grogan and Kristin Cangialosi were voted in as new WRCA Board Members. Motion made to approve by Marijean Nichols. All voted in favor.

Thanks to Jane Sieman for putting together the WRCA 2020 Directory.

We appreciate our members for being patient as the directory was published later than normal this year due to Covid-19.

Thank you to Ann Nichols for her service to the WRCA serving as past vice-president and most currently as board member. Ann will continue to be on the Town of Amherst ZBA, and we wish her success being the Town of Amherst Prosecutor.

Thanks to Donna Mosteller for her time as WRCA Board Treasurer. Although Donna resigned and stepped down in March, we appreciate Donna continuing the treasurer's responsibilities until the close of this fiscal year (June 2020).

A committee is being formed to update the WRCA bylaws. More info, details, and contacts to follow in upcoming WITWs, and emails.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the meeting ended at 8:35 pm. Motion was made by Cassandra Schwab to adjourn and seconded by Kori Cahill. The next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jane Sieman – WRCA
Secretary**



WRCA MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020

The October WRCA meeting via Zoom was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Erich Krueger.

There was no meeting in September 2020.

In attendance were President – Erich Krueger, Vice President – Kristin Puff, Secretary - Jane Sieman and Board Members Cassandra Schwab, John Radens, Marijean Nichols, Kori Cahill, Andy Annesi, Sharon Grogan, and Kristin Cangialosi. Also, in attendance were Kristine Strible, Stephen Steinberg, Tim & Jamal Bacon, Linda McCausland, Susan Goudy, Anthony Atallah, and Krista Greco. If I missed anyone, because of the Zoom format, I apologize.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The June 2020 minutes were distributed ahead of meeting and reviewed. Motion was made to approve by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Cassandra Schwab.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no treasurer's report. Treasurer's report will be submitted at the November meeting.

A huge thank you to Marijean Nichols for volunteering to be our new WRCA Treasurer. President Erich Krueger will be in touch with our former treasurer to meet with Marijean and go over the books and make a smooth transition.

WRCA Board Member Sharon Grogan volunteered to research and look into our current tax-exempt situation.

We have a credit of \$131.00 towards the next renewal of our insurance renewal due to canceled events due to covid.

DISCUSSION

Halloween Children's Event – Cassandra Schwab, our Children's Event Chairperson, will be making Halloween Goodie Bags for children of WRCA members as we have had to cancel this year's Halloween children's party due to covid. Details will follow in an updater email / facebook post on WRCA Member's only page.

Another fun event for Halloween this year will be 'The 13 Pumpkins of Halloween' scavenger hunt through out our Willow Ridge neighborhood. Details will follow in an updater email/ facebook post on WRCA Member's only page. Thank you to Dawn Cwierley for this fun idea.

Neighborhood Watch –

Email communications with Amherst Police Department, WRCA President Erich Krueger, and Dawn Cwierley are ongoing as there is a renewed interest to bring this back. Reminder-See Something – Say Something. President Erich Krueger has reached out to APD to do an occasional pass by at the school and Bedford Park which seem to have continued issues.

Creation of Park Committee Park Pavilion Explore, to get one built and other ideas. Jim Cwierley to chair this committee. Kristin Cangialosi suggested contacts if needed.

November's Wind In The Willows Membership Drive Issue is being put together. Please forward all articles etc. for this issue to Editor Kristin Puff no later than October 21, 2020.

Annual Membership Drive for 2020 will begin in November. Membership is \$20.00 and can be paid via pay pal or mail-in invoice. All information will be in the November WITW which will

be mailed to all residents in Willow Ridge. Information can also be found on our website www.wrca.us A reminder to those paying by pay pal, the form attached to the pay pal option must be filled out in it's entirety when submitting payment. Thank you in advance.

Advertising for the 2021 directory will begin in January but information will be published in November for those who would like to take advantage of doing so earlier. Our target date for directory distribution is mid-April 2021.

Contact for membership and directory is Jane Sieman – 870-3412 or jsie44@yahoo.com

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the meeting ended at 7:39 pm. Motion was made by Cassandra Schwab to adjourn and seconded by Marijean Nichols. The next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jane Sieman –
WRCA Secretary**



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