



Wind in the Willows

Willow Ridge Civic Association Members

November 2021

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*Sunday, December 5th.
at dusk*

Wind in the Willows

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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 your community views/articles/news/photos email us at witw@wrca.us.

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Willow Ridge Civic Association

The Presidents Message

I want thank a number of people this past year on making Willow Ridge such a great neighborhood to live in!

National Night Out has returned! John Miller once again outdid himself in putting together this great event! I personally want to thank the people who donated their time and resources: Anderson’s Ice Cream for their delicious Ice Cream! Target for the Children’s Bicycles and other “Swag”. Amherst Baptist Church for Hot Dogs and Cotton Candy. Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company for leading the parade and demonstrating their equipment. Amherst Police for displaying their equipment and their donation to help pay for this event (would not be possible without them!) I know Sandy Radens has a fantastic write up in this issue!

I want to Thank Amherst Police and Anderson’s Ice cream for doing Sundaes In The Park this Summer! **A Giant Hit!!** Speaking about the Willow Ridge Park, this year, we put in motion plans to upgrade our park. We are grateful to Jim Cwierley and the WRCA Park Committee, Mary-Diana Pouli, the ToA Youth Board, ToA Parks Dept., ToA Engineering Dept., the Amherst Town Board and Erie County Legislator Jeanne Vinal for all their help and resources to push for this project! The Town Board approved the upgrades and Legislator Vinal secured \$15,000 to go towards this project! My hopes in the upcoming year are that these improvements will move from the drawing board into reality for the use of our Willow Ridge residents. We are excited about new picnic tables and a path that connects Hubbardston Pl, Jonathan Pl and McIntosh Pl so that the Willow Ridge Residents can have a safe and dry path to the park. A shelter and a new playground are still in the works!!

With the improvements to the park, we can do more activities there (Food Trucks and other Little Community Festivals).

I want to send a huge **“Thank You!”** to our Willow Ridge Civic Association Board, especially Cassandra Schwab who once again did a “spooktacular” children’s Trunk or Treat event! I want to thank all the participants who volunteered their Trunks, Time and Candy!! You surpassed the previous celebrations with your decorations and costumes!

Shout Out to Amherst Baptist Church, North Bailey Volunteer Fire Company, who stepped in because ECVFC had training and a limited force on hand, in case there was an emergency call, Willow Ridge PTO and all the Helpers that came out to make The Children’s Trunk or Treat a huge success!!

Stay Healthy - H. Erich Krueger

WRCA 2022 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 2022 Membership Drive will again provide two methods for becoming a member of WRCA or for renewing your membership – via mail-in or on-line via PayPal.

This issue of the Wind-in-the-Willows contains your 2022 Membership Application 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. If paying by PayPal, please be sure to fill out and submit the form on the link, to ensure that your information for the 2022 directory is accurate.

Membership dues are \$20.00 and are due by December 31, 2021.

Your timely membership payment ensures that you will receive the Wind-in-the-Willows, Emailed Updates and that the 2022 WRCA Directory will be delivered to your house. April 2022 is our target date for delivery.



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

Wind-in-the-Willows - our 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 7:30 p.m at Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company.

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 2022 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 February 15th 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.

Some ideas to add to our already growing list of advertisers are electricians, heating/air conditioning companies, dental, gardening, plumbing, personal care such as barber shops, hair salons and nail care.

If anyone is interested in placing an ad in our 2022 Willow Ridge Directory, please complete the following request and mail to me at WRCA, Jane Sieman, P.O. Box 86, Amherst, NY 14226. I will be accepting ads until March 15th, 2022.

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

ADVERTISING REQUEST FOR WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY YEAR 2022



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 February 15, 2022 **- 10%** _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

(Deadline March 15, 2022. Money and Ad due by March 15, 2022)

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.

Community Thank You Bedford Park

The early sunset catches the last colors of the falling leaves in Bedford Park. Although we have lived in Willow Ridge for the past 40 years, this summer was my first visit here. What a town treasure of green space we all can share in our community park. Knowing that my young grandsons will have more improvements to look forward to in the spring has me appreciating all the efforts that have helped to take Bedford Park from wish list to reality.

The first thank you belongs to those volunteers on behalf of the WRCA and our neighborhood who have worked so diligently on accomplishing this improvement project. From suggesting a plan and talking over ideas to formulating a presentable plan to submit to local jurisdictions, our volunteers will continue following through with both county and town governments throughout this process.

Our second thank you is to the Town of Amherst Youth and Recreation Board and their staff. They worked to ensure our WRCA/Bedford Park events were successful this past summer and fall. A special note of appreciation to Amherst Town Councilwoman Jacqui Berger who attended the many meetings and events in order to address any neighbor's concerns.

Another special note of thanks goes to Erie County District 5 Legislator Jeanne Vinal for securing the initial grant from Erie County to be used in Willow Ridge and also for attending our meetings and events to address any neighborhood concerns.

Our final acknowledgement of appreciation is to thank Amherst Town Supervisor Brian Kulpa. Supervisor Kulpa has budgeted additional town grant monies and other resources through the expertise of staff who have assisted our volunteers through the various stages of park improvements.

On behalf of our members and neighborhood, the Willow Ridge Civic Association is very grateful for all who have helped with our improving Bedford Park community green space.

Marijean Nichols

WRCA Board Member



Community News

JOIN CUB SCOUT PACK 173 / BOY SCOUT TROOP 173 RIGHT HERE IN WILLOW RIDGE AND DISCOVER SCOUTING!!

Camping – Community Service – Field Trips – Projects
– Activities – Fishing Hiking – Pinewood Derby –
Adventures Friends – Lots of Fun!

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Cub Scout Pack 173 and Boy Scout Troop 173,
both chartered by Willow Ridge Civic Association
are looking for youth to join them.

Scouting is for youth of all ages and no longer just for boys!

Cub Scouts is available to youths in kindergarten thru grade 5 and Boy Scouts is available to youths in grade 6 thru the age 18. Scouting provides a program for young people that builds character, citizenship participation and personal development.

If you would like more information on joining Cub Scout Pack 173 or Boy Scout Troop 173, or if you have a girl that is interested in joining, please call Tracy Conhiser-Uy at 716-860-3921.

Cans for Cubs 2022

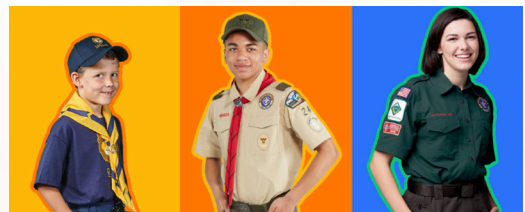
Our annual Cans for Cubs is currently still in the planning stages. As soon we finalize our plans for our pop can/bottle drive, we will get all the details out.

Thank you once again for your continued support.



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 Rd., and we will take care of the rest! The bin will be available from Friday, November 26th up until 5pm on Wednesday, December 8th. Weather permitting, all cards will be delivered the weekends of December 11th and December 18th. Please make sure your cards are clearly labeled with the recipient's 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.

READYSETSCOUT



Letter to the Community

Dear Willow Ridge,

Do you realize how special your neighborhood really is? For example, did you attend the National Night Out celebration at the elementary school? It is a national program to get people outside with their neighbors to establish a relationship that promotes friendliness, awareness and pride in where you live. It is a national initiative, but YOUR Civic Association works to coordinate many aspects to provide a great night out for adults and children.

Are you aware that Andersen's donates Ice Cream so everyone can enjoy the refreshing treat? The Amherst Baptist Church brings their Bounce House for the little ones enjoyment, along with donating the Hot Dogs, Cotton Candy and Popcorn. Target is very generous offering 2 children's bikes as raffle prizes. As always, DJ Erich (otherwise known as the Association's President) spins his tunes and fills in as the Master of Ceremonies without compensation. There are some costs accruing with such as undertaking, such as the pony rides from Shenandoah Acres, Face Painting, printing signs and purchasing gift cards for the bike decorating prizes.

The Amherst police financially donate, as well as being a big part of the festivities. Our Ellicott Creek Fire Department brings out the fire trucks and demonstrations that the children love so much. Sweet Home opens the building rest room facilities and grounds for our use free of charge. How many other neighborhoods provide such a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet?

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the planning and executing of this annual event. This is why people love living in Willow Ridge.



Sandy Radens ribbet48@gmail.com 716 868-2865

Wind In The Willows Classifieds Nov 2021

HOUSE FOR SALE:

Beautiful updated and move in condition 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath front entrance colonial house for sale by owner. 161 Willow Green Drive.

Please call or text 716-510-7418 for more information and to set up an appointment.

HELP WANTED:

Looking for someone who could shovel my sidewalk for the winter.

Linda McCausland

716-691-7865 LMC@buffalo.edu

Community News

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!

Stay Healthy - H. Erich Krueger

JOIN OUR WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION TEAM!!

Are you looking for a way to volunteer a few hours a month to your community right here in Willow Ridge? We currently have two positions we are looking to fill. Our Treasurer position is open on our WRCA Board, and we need to fill the position of our Wind In The Willows Coordinator. If you are interested in either position, please contact President, Erich Krueger at 949-2561 or 691-9952 or Vice President, Cassandra Schwab at 982-3984.

Next Meeting is Thursday November 18th

Community Photos

Trunk and Treat



Amherst Police Sundae in the Park



*"Erie County
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Vindl 'Check' to WRCA
towards Willow Ridge
Park Improvements"*



Cottage for Rent

Quiet, private home (ranch), on creek, TOTALLY FURNISHED, all furniture/ kitchen equipment, linens. Includes: water, winter plowing, garbage pick-up. Spotless! Wooded lot, on creek, with plenty of deer and other animals visiting in yard. Near SUNY @ University of Buffalo (North Campus), Ellicott Creek Park and bike trails. One bedroom home on large lot (almost 2 acres), near Denrose and S. Ellicott Creek Rd, Amherst, NY 14228 (about 3 miles from UB, North Campus). Available from January 2022 until the end of May, 2022. Lease required.

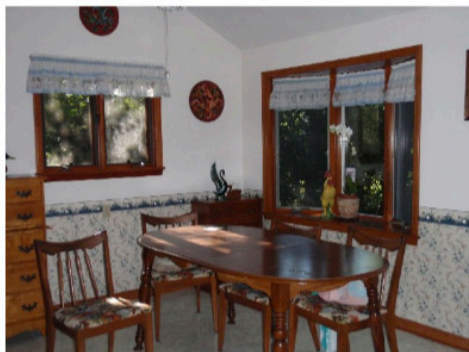
Includes: Ceiling fans, TV (antenna), furniture, stove, pots and pans, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator, off-street parking, storm windows, water, utensils, towels, sheets, etc..., **Totally Furnished!**

Not included: gas (about \$150 during worst cold) and electric (usually less than \$20. per month). No extra storage for furniture is available. You must set up your own internet access (Time Warner or Spectrum) or phone hotspot.

Landlord references and quiet people preferred. Non-Smokers, No pets. Please contact us and make an appointment. Please do not show up unannounced.

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