

January 2019



Wind in the Willows

Message from the President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DISCO PARTY February 2nd

\$40/person that includes entrance to the Disco plus Food & Call Drinks and Bottle For Tickets

Send checks made out to "WRCA" to this address:

Willow Ridge Disco,
167 Parkhaven Drive,
Amherst, NY 14228

Any Questions email:
disco@wrca.us

Next WRCA Board Meeting
February 12 at 7:30pm
to 9pm at Ellicott Creek
Volunteer Fire Company
45 S Ellicott Creek Rd,
Amherst, NY 14228



I hope everybody enjoyed their Holidays!

The last 2 meetings I was honored to sign the Recharter for Boy Scout Troop 173 and Cub Scout Pack 173. The Scouts in Willow Ridge deserve the special recognition and the leadership has done an outstanding job!

February's WITW the winners of The House Decorations will be announce...Only then will it be reveled who is Willow Ridge's Griswold!

So far our Buffalo Winter hasn't been too bad. When we do get a snowfall, please try to keep your sidewalks clear and if you have a service clearing your drive ways please instruct them not to block the sidewalks with snow. If there are residents unable to clear their sidewalks please let us know and we will see what options there are to getting it done

Please remember to renew your WRCA Membership and spread the word to new neighbors about The Willow Ridge Civic Association.

Erich Krueger

Contact Us

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949-2561

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children.events@wrca.us

Visit us on the web at
WRCA.US

Share your stories!

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Send your news and photos to 136 Dalewood Drive or email it to WITW@WRCA.US.

Follow us on Facebook
Willow Ridge Civic Association



WRCA MEETING

January 8th!!
at 7:30 PM

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

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

Nobody Sells Willow Ridge Homes Better Than Joe!!!

If you need to sell, maximize your gain by getting advice from someone who has an active interest in our neighborhood's home values, 26 years experience, and hundreds of satisfied customers...

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WRCA MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

The December WRCA meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Erich Krueger.

In attendance were President Erich Krueger, Vice President Ann Nichols, Secretary Jane Sieman, and Board Members John Radens, Marijean Nichols, Cassandra Schwab, Kristin Puff and Andy Annesi. Excused was Treasurer Donna Mosteller. Also in attendance was Tracy Conhiser-Uy, Stephen Steinberg, Darleen Wawrzyniec, and Danette Black.

Tracy Conhiser-Uy presented the charter to WRCA President Erich Krueger for signature for Willow Ridge Cub Scout Pack 173. Tracy briefed the board on the scouting year so far, along with reminders about card delivery and can for cubs.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion was made to approve the November meeting minutes as published in the December issue by Marijean Nichols and seconded by John Radens.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Erich Krueger submitted a treasurer's report for Treasurer Donna Mosteller. Income for the month of November was \$561.00. Expenses for the month of November was \$1,901.34. Expenses to date for December is \$758.42.

Newsletter printing and postage for the membership mailing was included in November's expenses. The balance as of today's date, 12/11/2018, is \$3,828.78.

Motion made to accept treasurer's report by John Radens and seconded by Cassandra Schwab. Vice President Ann Nichols will call/meet with Treasurer to discuss taxes/tax exempt status before the next meeting.

DISCUSSION

Adult shop on Niagara Falls Blvd. Members have brought their concern about this shop to some of the board members recently.

Town Board public hearing for resolution 2018-1365 which is designed to amend the zoning ordinance related to this type of businesses. There will be public hearings in the New Year. Concerned residents are urged to attend these meetings.

Unfortunately New Zoning will not affect these types of businesses already established.

Trash in the wooded area on Willow Ridge Drive. Commercial property owners have contacted and it is being resolved by through the Town's Code Enforcers.

Concerns about single houses being rented out to college students etc which result in issues such as street parking issues. This has been discussed at town meetings in the past. The board will research town codes regarding this issue.

Numerous reports of cars parking in suspicious manners around the neighborhood. One instance of a suspicious person watching nearby children and taking off when approached. Always be alert and report anything suspicious.

Membership & Directory - Jane Sieman reported. Over 270 memberships have been received in less than a month. Paypal form thru the website for membership has been updated by Tom Amodeo. Advertiser letters for the directory will be going out by January 15, 2019 along with a form and letter in the January issue of the WITW.

Website Renewal was done on 12/2/18. Renegotiated pricing to keep website under \$10 a month.

Guest speakers for 2019. Erich will reach out to Joe Frese, Town Code Enforcer to speak at an upcoming meeting. Discussed petitioning the town for a safe access to the bike trails from Willow Ridge.

Sidewalks on Chestnut Ridge in sections where there aren't any were discussed. Putting sidewalks on South Ellicott Creek Road were brought up as an area we should address first.

WRCA board positions for 2019 were discussed. Nominations and elections will be held at the January meeting.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting came to a close at 9:07 pm. Motion was made by Andy Annesi to adjourn and seconded by Kristin Puff.

Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Sieman-WRCA Secretary.

Disco Party info for WITW

\$40/person that includes entrance to the Disco plus Food & Call Drinks & Bottle Beers. GROOVY Contests throughout the night.

The Boogie starts at 7 PM
Feb 2nd at Classic V.
and goes to midnight.

Heres the skinny, don't be a spaz!

Tickets: Send checks made out to "WRCA" to this address: Willow Ridge Disco, 167 Parkhaven Drive, Amherst, NY 14228



WANTED NEWS AND PHOTOS:

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SPCA DONATION DRIVE

GFNC Troop 173



January 19th, 2019, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Amherst Baptist Church
100 Willow Ridge Dr, Amherst, NY 14228

* Curb Side Drop off at the Main Entrance

The SPCA is in need of the following items

Friskies wet (canned or pouch) cat food only

Gently used or new Cat & Dog collars

Pooper-Scoopers...long-handled, please!

Washcloths & Hand towels

Stuffed animals (6" or larger) No beads, hard eyes, or buttons. No batteries or noises.

Baby receiving blankets

Sheets & Pillowcases

Feliway Spray

Jacob Landers

Eagle Scout Project

*Visit the Amazon link at yoursPCA.org/donate/our-wish-list/ for additional needed items

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Karen Richardson GoFundMe Page

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



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Please Be A Good Neighbor!

I can't believe I need to post about this but there is an issue of someone in the Willow Green Drive area walking a large dog and not cleaning up after it relieves it's self.

Not cool.

Below is the Town's Code about this subject.



Town Of Amherst Code: Chapter 99: Dogs

E.

Feces.

[Added 8-16-1993] (1)

No person owning, harboring, keeping, walking or in charge of any dog shall cause, suffer or allow such dog to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance on any sidewalk, gutter, street, play area, park or other public area or on any private property without the permission of the owner of such property. This prohibition shall not apply to that portion of a street lying between the curblines or pavement edges where no curbs exist, which portion may be used to curb a dog, provided that any person who so curbs a dog shall immediately remove all feces left by such dog as follows:

[Amended 10-17-2011 by L.L. No. 24-2011] (a)

Individuals may place feces directly in a public or private sanitary sewer through deposit in a toilet on premises occupied by the individual owning or who curbs the dog. Plastic bags shall not be disposed of in a public or private sanitary sewer through deposit into a toilet along with any dog feces. Individuals may also dispose of dog feces contained in sealed plastic bags with regular household trash. Business entities must dispose of dog feces using a sanitary sewer system through deposit in a toilet on premises occupied by that business.

(b)

In no event shall any feces be deposited in any storm sewer or drainage ditch.

Repeated violations of this chapter are prohibited and may be deemed a public nuisance, which the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to pursue an abatement of in an appropriate court of law.

Willow Ridge PTO News and Events

December is always a fun yet chaotic month for anyone and the PTO is no exception. We wrapped up the annual Cookie Dough sale which was a huge success (Thank you!) and are getting things booked for 2019. In the upcoming months, there will be a lot of activities that are paid for and sponsored throughout all of your fundraising efforts all year. Look forward to February Frolics, SWAP Ninja Obstacle Course, Science Night and more!

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.

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:

Check out our Facebook page for more information.
As always, volunteers are always welcomed!

- January 2 – School resumes
- January 8 - 6:30-8:00 PTO Meeting at the school cafeteria (childcare provided)
- January 23 – 5:00 PTO Sponsored Roller Skating Party at Rainbow Rink
- February 1 – No school (Staff Development Day)
- February 4 – Candy Sale Fundraiser starts
- February 5 - 6:30-8:00 PTO Meeting at the school cafeteria (childcare provided)
- February 8 – February Frolics
- February 14 – Leadership Day
- February 18—22 – Winter Recess
- February 27 – Candy Sale Fundraiser Ends

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR WILLOW RIDGE

Resolution 2018-1365. Which is designed to amend the zoning ordinance related to “standards for sexually oriented business”.

This is the chance to once again let the Town know our displeasure of a Adult Shop being so close to our residential neighborhood.



Amherst Town Board
5583 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
www.amherst.ny.us

Jeffery C Zepelowitz
Town Clerk

Meeting: 12/10/18 07:00 PM
Department: Planning
Initiated by: **Dan Howard**
Co-Sponsored by:

12.N.9

DOC ID: 19681

RESOLUTION 2018-1365

Request to Schedule Public Hearing ZTA-2018-03

Request to Schedule a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Local Law to Amend The Zoning Ordinance, "Standards for Sexually Oriented Businesses".

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

none

January 22nd Town Board Agenda, the Board will be speaking about Rental Unit Registration which our neighborhood may be interested in.

We have houses being bought up in our neighborhood and being turned into mini dorms.

I think we need to let the town board know we do not want our Family Based Neighborhood homes turned into College Rentals.

January 22nd is the next Town Board Meeting; if the items are not up for discussion we can still voice our concerns during the Public Expression portion of the meeting.

That way it is on public record.

If these 2 items are a real concern to you let us know.

We can organize and meet at the Town Hall

Power in Numbers!

WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY FOR THE YEAR 2019

It is time to begin putting the Willow Ridge Community Directory together again and you are invited to place an advertisement in the 2019 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 15, 2019 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 2019 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, 2019.

Thank you,

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

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



For Sale
30 inch GE Gas Stove \$50
18 inch Frigidaire Dishwasher
- new in 2015 - \$275
Call 716-207-4116



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



2019 WILLOW RIDGE DIRECTORY COVER CONTEST

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____

AGE: _____

RULES:

All Willow Ridge Civic Association members up to and including the age of 16 are eligible.

All entries must have this form enclosed with the drawing
– DO NOT STAPLE....NO NAMES ON DRAWING PLEASE.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING on drawing. (this includes the year or WRCA Directory.)
Only drawings without writing will be accepted.

Drawing must be hand drawn – (not a computer image) and in color.

Drawing must be on paper the size of the directory (vertical 8.5" x horizontal 5") to avoid distortion when producing actual cover. (NO NAMES ON DRAWING PLEASE)

All drawings MUST contain at least one (1) willow tree to represent Willow Ridge.

JUDGING/WINNERS

Winning entries will be judged on originality, creativity and community spirit.

When entries are received, the entry form and drawing will receive corresponding numbers for judging purposes only.

There will be three winners (first place, second place and third place).
These winners will be published in the April issue of the WITW.

A winner from those 3 winners will be chosen for the 2019 WRCA Community Directory. This winner will receive a \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift card and their drawing in full color on the directory cover for 2019. Second and Third place winners will receive a \$10.00 Wal-Mart gift card.

Judging will be done by people associated with our community.

SUBMISSION / DEADLINE

Entry forms and drawings can be dropped off in the box in front of 80 Sweetwood North Drive.
Any questions, please call Jane Sieman at 870-3412 or email jsie44@yahoo.com

Deadline for submission is February 20, 2019.

HAVE FUN & GOOD LUCK!!!!

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 _____

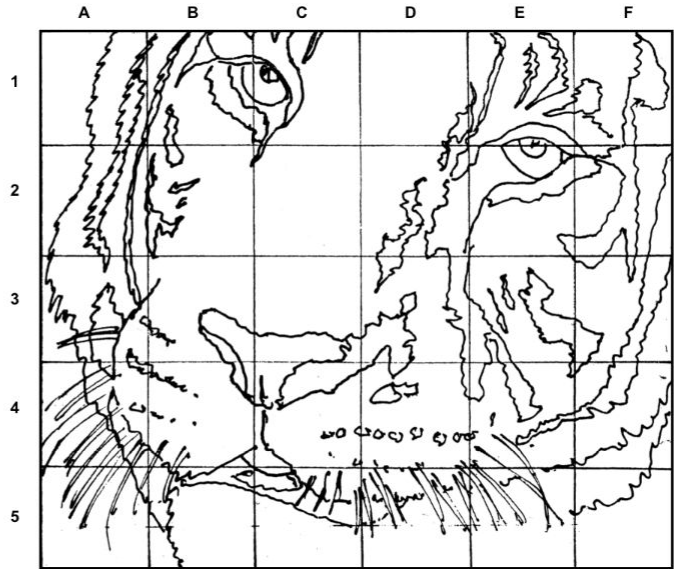
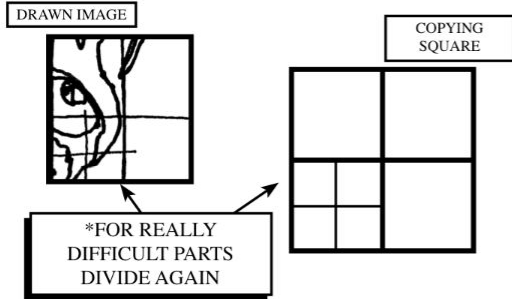
_____ I wish to volunteer to assist with WRCA activities such as Junior Recreation, Snowflake Dinner Dance, National Night Out etc.

- USE REVERSE SIDE FOR COMMENTS-

SQUARING UP

Your task:

Using the grid to give you a helping hand, copy the small picture into this larger grid below.



	A	B	C	D	E	F
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

Nature Facts:

- * The world's largest reef system is found in Queensland, Australia. It is called The Great Barrier Reef.
- * Due to the speed at which the moon rotates, the side of the moon that we see is the same every single time. This side is called the "near side", and the side that we are never able to see from Earth is called the "dark side" of the moon.
- * Strawberry is the only fruit whose seed grows on the outside.
- * There is an area around the Pacific Ocean where tectonic plates meet, called the Pacific Ring of Fire. It holds around 75% of the volcanoes on Earth.
- * A lightning strike can reach up to 54,000 degrees Fahrenheit (30,000 degrees Celsius). This is around six times hotter than the surface of the sun. While a lightning bolt may look huge, its size is only as long as that of a ballpoint pen.