



JANUARY 2020

Wind in the Willows

Message from the President

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I hope everybody enjoyed their Holidays!

***Great turn out on the
WRCA Tree Lighting for the
Fourth year in a row!***

The winners of The House Decorations are in this WITW. So many residents did such an awesome job doing decorations and we had so many nominations it was hard to pick winners! It was going to be only 5 winners but decided to go back to 10 Winners.

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When it snows 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.

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

Please check out www.wrca.us to renew your membership.

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**Erich Krueger**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Feb 14th, at 7:30 p.m. at Ellicott Creek Fire Hall.



## Contact Us

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949-2561

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Visit us on the web at

[WRCA.US](http://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](mailto:kristinpuff3@gmail.com).

Follow us on Facebook  
Willow Ridge Civic Association

# IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

## 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!

H. Erich Krueger

## **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 Volunteer Fire Company.

**Reminder to be sure to clear your sidewalks after it snows.  
If you are unable to do it please feel free to send us a message.  
When removing snow from your driveways do not put it in the street. If you  
have a plow service remind them NOT to block the sidewalks.**

H. Erich Krueger WRCA President 716-949-2561

## **WRCA 2020 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The 2020 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 2020 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, 2019.**

**Your timely membership payment ensures that you will receive the Wind-in-the-Willows monthly and that the 2020 WRCA Directory will be delivered to your house in April 2020.**

# Lock Your Cars

**ALERT!** Recent car break ins have been reported in our area. Please lock your cars! If you see anything suspicious be sure to report it. Looks like has happened between midnight and 3 AM. Amherst Police Chief John C. Askey wrote back to me in an email that "We will keep a heavy check of the neighborhood."  
 If you see something report it to the Amherst Police Dept.  
 716-689-1311 or for emergency 911.

Sincerely, Chief



Amherst Police Department  
 500 John James Audubon Parkway  
 Amherst, New York 14228  
 (716) 689-1311 FAX (716) 689-1310



## MEDIA RELEASE

**There was a local report of a fraud where the suspect identified himself as an Amherst Police Officer. In this case the initial call was automated and reported to be from a federal agency. A subsequent call did display the phone number of the Amherst Police Department on the victims caller id. The Amherst Police Department would like to remind the public that police departments or governmental agencies will NOT ask someone to purchase gift cards to settle debts or to avoid arrest. If you receive a call similar in nature please hang up and contact your local police department.**

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|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Authorized by: | Lt. Sean Shaver | Date & Time: | 01/10/2020 1800 hours |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|

THE ABOVE IS THE ONLY AUTHORIZED INFORMATION TO BE DISSEMINATED TO THE PRESS



**Boy Scout Troop 173  
is planning a fundraiser at Rob's Comedy Playhouse  
on Friday March 13th at 7:00 P.M.**

This truly unique fundraiser will raise funds to purchase replacement equipment and help fund trips. Every 4 years our troop attends a High Adventure camp.

These high adventure trips on average cost each person \$2,000 and events like this will help to offset some of the cost.

**Come out to support Boy Scout Troop 173  
with a night of comedy food and friendship.**

Event is for 21 and over. Tickets are \$25.00 a piece and you will receive entrance and 2 drink tickets. There will be a basket raffle and live auction items. Something for everyone. Tickets are limited.

Contact Jennifer Poydock at 716-418-3659 or via email [poydockgj@msn.com](mailto:poydockgj@msn.com)

**WRCA Tree Lighting**

**W**e want to thank Jim and Dawn Cwierly for organizing WRCA Tree Lighting for the Fourth year in a row! Barry Moir, Ray Fliss, and Chuck Malarkey, decorated the tree! Jamal Bacon and Dave Black helped assist Jim and Dawn with the set up. Amherst Baptist Church helped lead everyone with the Christmas Carols. Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company participated with one of their fire trucks. Huge shout out to Starbucks, Trader Joe's for donating Hot Drinks and Snacks!

**2019 Willow Ridge Christmas Tree**

Photo by - Barry Moir



# WILLOW RIDGE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY FOR THE YEAR 2020

**I**t is time to begin putting the Willow Ridge Community Directory together again and you are invited to place an advertisement in the 2020 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, 2020 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 2020 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 29, 2020.

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



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## WILLOW RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### 2020 Membership Invoice

#### -DUES-

DUES FOR 2020 ARE \$17.00. Please renew/join by December 31, 2019.

**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 2020 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-



# Willow Ridge PTO News and Events

**T**he 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 IS GOING DIGITAL** - the program that you know and love will be going digital! So now you don't have to worry about clipping the Box Tops anymore. Simply download the Box Tops app, input Willow Ridge Elementary as your school and scan your receipts using the camera on your smart phone. The name of the store and date has to be visible in the picture, but the program recognizes the Box Tops items and automatically credits our account. It will take awhile to get used to doing this, but once you do it once, it is EASY. Please reach out to Erin Kubiak with any questions (e: erinmurphy.remax@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

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

- January 2 – Back to School
- January 7 - PTO Meeting 6:30-8 (childcare provided)
- January 20 -No School
- January 29 – Skating Party at Rainbow Rink
- February 3– Candy Sale Fundraising Begins
- February 4 - PTO Meeting 6:30-8 (childcare provided)
- February 7 – February Frolics
- February 14 – Leadership Day
- February 17-24 – Winter Recess
- February 27 – Candy Sale Fundraiser End

## 2019-2020 PTO Board Members are

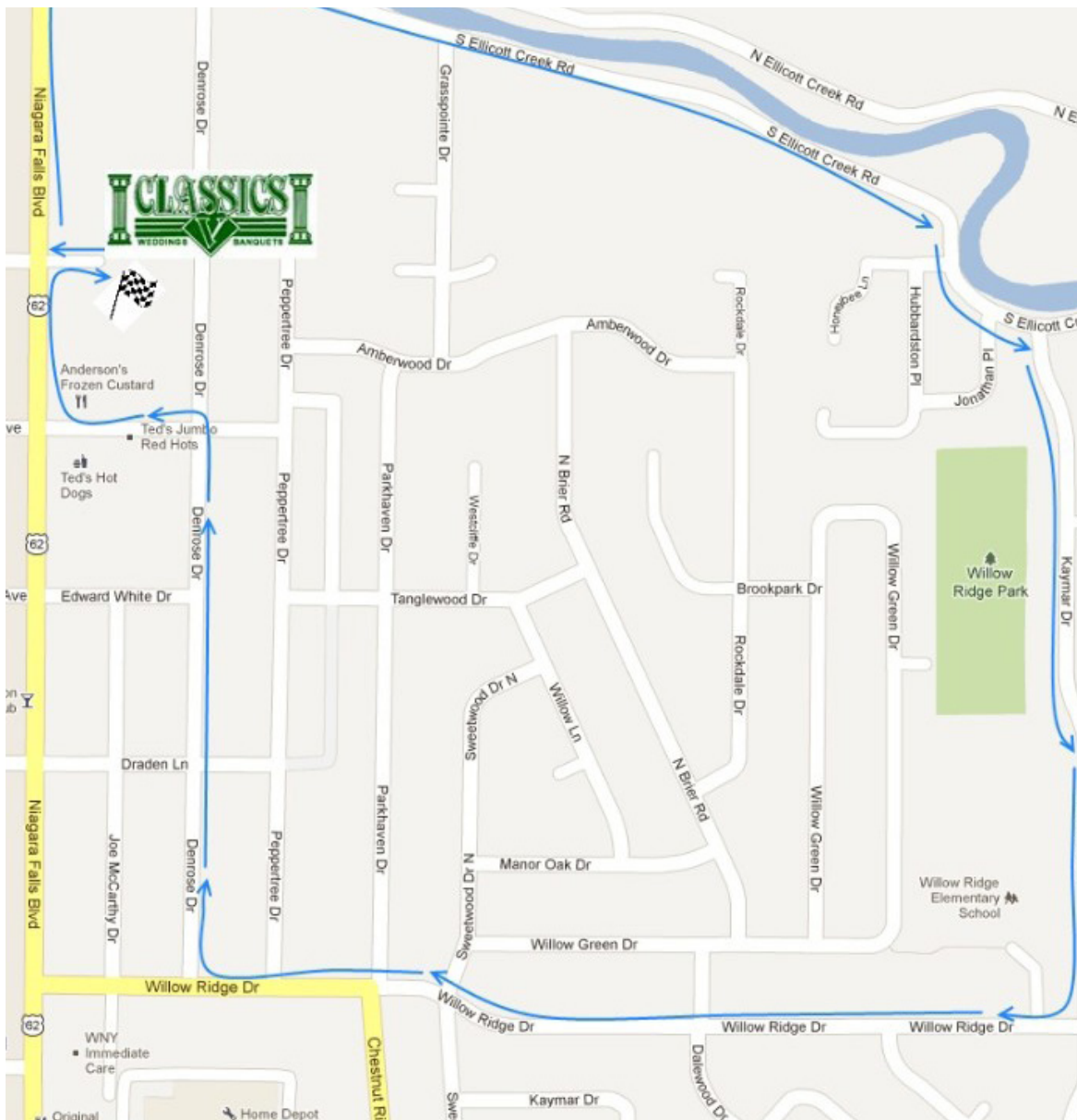
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Yovanna Vega e: yovannavega@gmail.com  
Treasurer: Jessica Kenney e: jkenney@bgcbuffalo.org  
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Volunteer Coordinator: Diane Olewnik e: dmstuffy5@gmail.com  
Hospitality: Erin Kubiak e: erinmurphy.remax@gmail.com

More Information on any of these events is also listed on the district calendar at [www.sweethomeschools.org](http://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

# Traffic Alert for the 26th Annual Penguin Run 5k January 26, 2020 9:00 am - 1:30 pm





# EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:

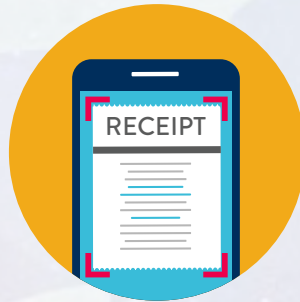


## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



### BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



### SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



### EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



## BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. **You can still clip these and send them to school.** Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



**BUY**  
BOX TOPS  
PRODUCTS



**CUT**  
OUT THE BOX TOP  
FROM EACH PACKAGE



**SEND**  
YOUR BOX TOPS  
TO SCHOOL

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](http://BTFE.COM)

THE ALL-NEW BOX TOPS IS HERE! DOWNLOAD THE APP:





**WRCA MINUTES  
FOR TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 17, 2019**

The December 12, 2019 WRCA meeting was rescheduled to December 17, 2019 and called to order at 7:40 pm by President Erich Krueger.

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

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

Motion was made to approve the November 2019 minutes as published in the November issue by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Kori Cahill.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

President Erich Krueger submitted treasurer’s report this month. Balance as of tonight’s meeting is \$8,463.10. Checks totaling 69.64

have been issued to date since last meeting. Deposits in the amount of \$2,358 for membership were also made.

Membership received by paypal needs to be added in to balance. President Erich Krueger is currently working on paypal/website issues and he hopes to have situation corrected by weeks end. Motion was made to approve by Marijean Nichols and seconded by Cassandra Schwab.

**DISCUSSION**

Membership/Directory 2020 – Jane Sieman reported. To date we have received approximately 280 members. Letters to renew ads in the directory will go out to advertisers by January 15, 2020. Jane will also be in contact with Boy Scouts to secure a delivery weekend and will touch base with the printer as well to set some deadlines for printing. Website – President Erich Krueger has been hard at work creating a new website mainly trying to get paypal up and running as we were having issues. As of tonight, paypal

should be up and running. Activities for 2020 for WRCA – Things discussed were a bowling night and Pedal Tours. Please contact a board member with any ideas you would like to share.

WRCA By laws. Secretary Jane Sieman will print out copies for the next meeting and we will form a committee to review and update them at a date to be determined.

**ADJOURNMENT -**

There being no further business at hand, the meeting ended at 8:15 pm. Motion was made by Marijean Nichols to adjourn and seconded by Kori Cahill. Next Willow Ridge Civic Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

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





These are the winners of the Christmas House Decoration Contest.

1. 80 Sweetwood Dr. North ---Most Creative
2. 20 Sweetwood Dr.
3. 20 Amberwood.
4. 733 Edgewater Dr.
5. 47 Roundwood Ct
6. 216 N. Briar Road
7. 36 Macintosh Pl
8. 73 Sweetwood Dr..
9. 197 Willow Green
- 10 7 Maricrest Dr. ---- Griswold Award.

Prizes will be distributed this month.

As always making the selection of winners is a very tough decision!

I would like to thank Jim Cwierley, Bob Sieman and Kori Cahill for being this year's judges.

H. Erich Krueger



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# RECYCLING EVENT

Have old electronics? Get rid of them for FREE



at Assemblymember Karen McMahon's  
**RECYCLING EVENT!**

Mark your  
calendar!  
**JAN 25**



“After a holiday season filled with gift-giving, the new year is the perfect opportunity to get rid of old and unwanted electronics. By working together, we can protect our environment for future generations.”

*-Karen M. McMahon*

5500 Main St., Suite 216  
Williamsville, NY 14221

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Permit No. 75

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Join Assemblymember McMahon for an electronics

## RECYCLING EVENT!

Thanks to our co-sponsors!



**SUNKING**  
an e-waste recycling company

**Spectrum**



University of Buffalo  
The State University of New York

**SAT. JAN. 25**  
9 am - 12 pm

**UB South Campus  
Main-Bailey Parking Lot**  
Entrance: South Campus  
Train Station Loop  
3435 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14214



### Recyclable items include:

- computers
- televisions\*
- tablets
- monitors\*
- cameras
- copiers
- fax machines
- scanners
- printers
- VCRs and DVD players
- cable boxes
- digital music players
- electronic or video game consoles
- cell phones
- audio/video (AV) equipment
- fitness trackers and smartwatches
- GPS devices
- rechargeable batteries

**NOTE:**  
\*Max of 2 unbroken tube TVs/monitors per vehicle  
\*\*Broken (glass/tube) TVs will NOT be accepted



### Items not accepted include:

- large kitchen appliances
- air conditioners
- dehumidifiers
- any liquids or powders
- yard equipment
- CDs, DVDs and VHS and cassette tapes
- fluorescent lamps
- smoke detectors
- alkaline batteries



For a complete list, visit [sunking.com/acceptable-materials](http://sunking.com/acceptable-materials)

**Hon. Karen McMahon** | For more information on this or any other community issue, please contact my office.

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## 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...  
Call your neighbor at 390 Willow Ridge Dr.

**Joseph Battaglia**  
Associate Real Estate Broker

**c: 863-4586**

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REALTY BUFFALO NORTH TOWNS



*Your Local Expert*



**Classifieds are FREE for  
WRCA Members**



### Description:

Youth Bedroom Set, solid oak and oak veneers, twin bed with 3 deep drawers underneath for storage, book case head board, 5 drawer dresser.

Asking \$350 (716) 691-9599

